

"Hilliard," Feb. 12. 1860

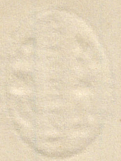
Hon. Stephen A. Douglass

Dear Sir:

Joseph C. Potts, an active Democratic politician, and the most effective stump speaker of Keokuk, is in the city, and I have invited him to go with me to-morrow, to make your acquaintance. I think he will be a delegate to Charleston, and if so, will be a controlling delegate. His name was freely canvassed for the nomination of Governor, previous to our last Convention, and I have no doubt he would have run much better than Wright did, if he had received the nomination. I have known him for years, and I unhesitatingly pronounce him the keenest politician in our State. Being in comfortable circumstances with a lucrative business, he is not likely to be after an office of emolument, and being sound sense he is not ambitious of small honors. I have conversed with him on the "Brockenridge and Alexander" dodge - started by the "Keokuk Evening Journal" owned by ex Senator Wm. Wright. Thus ticket we will block by designating it the "Presbyterian combination," and the adopted citizens will set it right in the Convention.

Yours truly

J. T. Crowell



J^{nr} Crowell
Willards
Washington City
Feb'y 12. 1860.

proposing to
introduce
Joseph E. Potts.



Clarksburg Va. Feb 12th 40
Sir

Will you please
send me a copy of your
late Speech

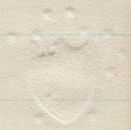
Yours friend

D T Hewes

N B When ever you make
a speech please send me
a copy

D T H

Feb 12, 1860



A. V. HOFER,
Attorney at Law,
AND NOTARY PUBLIC.

Private.

Dayton, O. Feb'y 12th 1860

Hon. S. A. Douglas

U. S. Senate, Washington City.

Mr. Sir,

From the course things are taking at present I have no doubt that the Charleston Convention will abide by the decision already made by the voice of the people and present you to the Country as an Candidate. To aid the party and yourself to a successful termination of the contest, you know, has always been my determination. It remains and will remain unchanged. - With this object in view I intend to publish, within four weeks of the nomination, at my expense and in German, your biography, calculated to be used for the German votes exclusively. I would prefix a good likeness. To make it cheap, the size would be about 100 pages. -

All the assistance I ask of you would be to put me in possession of such data and facts as to make it a cor-

rect narrative of your life and to furnish
me with a photograph for the engraver.
What I particularly desire is the speech
before the Supreme Court of Illinois made
by you some time in 1836 or '38 in support
of the suffrage clause of your then Constitu-
tion and an intimation where I can find
some of your remarks upon the Homestead
question. -

I have not thought proper to inform
anybody of my intention to do this and will
not communicate it to the National Executive
Committee, - for whom I am now publishing
a German pamphlet on the Massachusetts
Amendment, - until after the nomination.

I am still an invalid, having
broken my leg early this winter. I am con-
fined to my room unable to walk and this
fact enables me to follow my inclination
for literary labors. Please honor me with
a reply, giving me your view upon my plan.
Should you say no, I will, of course, abandon
it. Otherwise I will prepare for the task and
publish it in due time.

Very respectfully
Yours Abol. Servant

A. V. Hays

A. V. Stopen
Dayton, Ohio
Feb. 12, 1860

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for Biography

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University of Virginia
Feb. 12th 1860

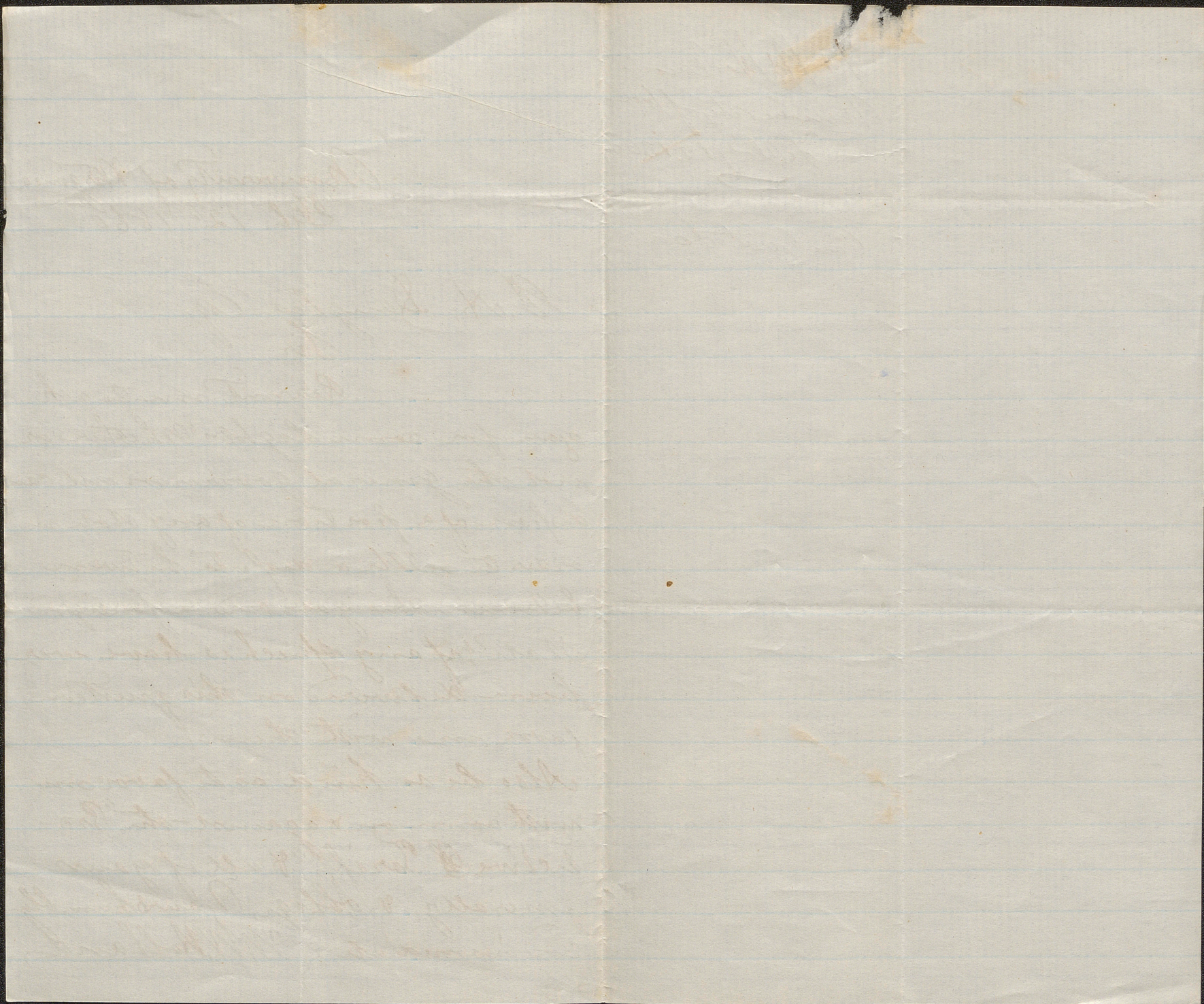
S. A. Douglas Esq
Sir

Permit me to ask
you for some light - "Whether or
not the General government can
dispose of a portion of any state in
order to settle a dispute between
between this gov. and a foreign
State"; if any speeches have ever
been delivered on this question,
favor me with them.

Also be so kind as to favor me
with some ~~on~~ & against - the "Pro-
-ective & Tariff," & all of yours
generally, & oblige, Yours humbly
and immediately - W. W. Holland
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W. W. Holland.
University of Va.
Feb'y 12, 1860.

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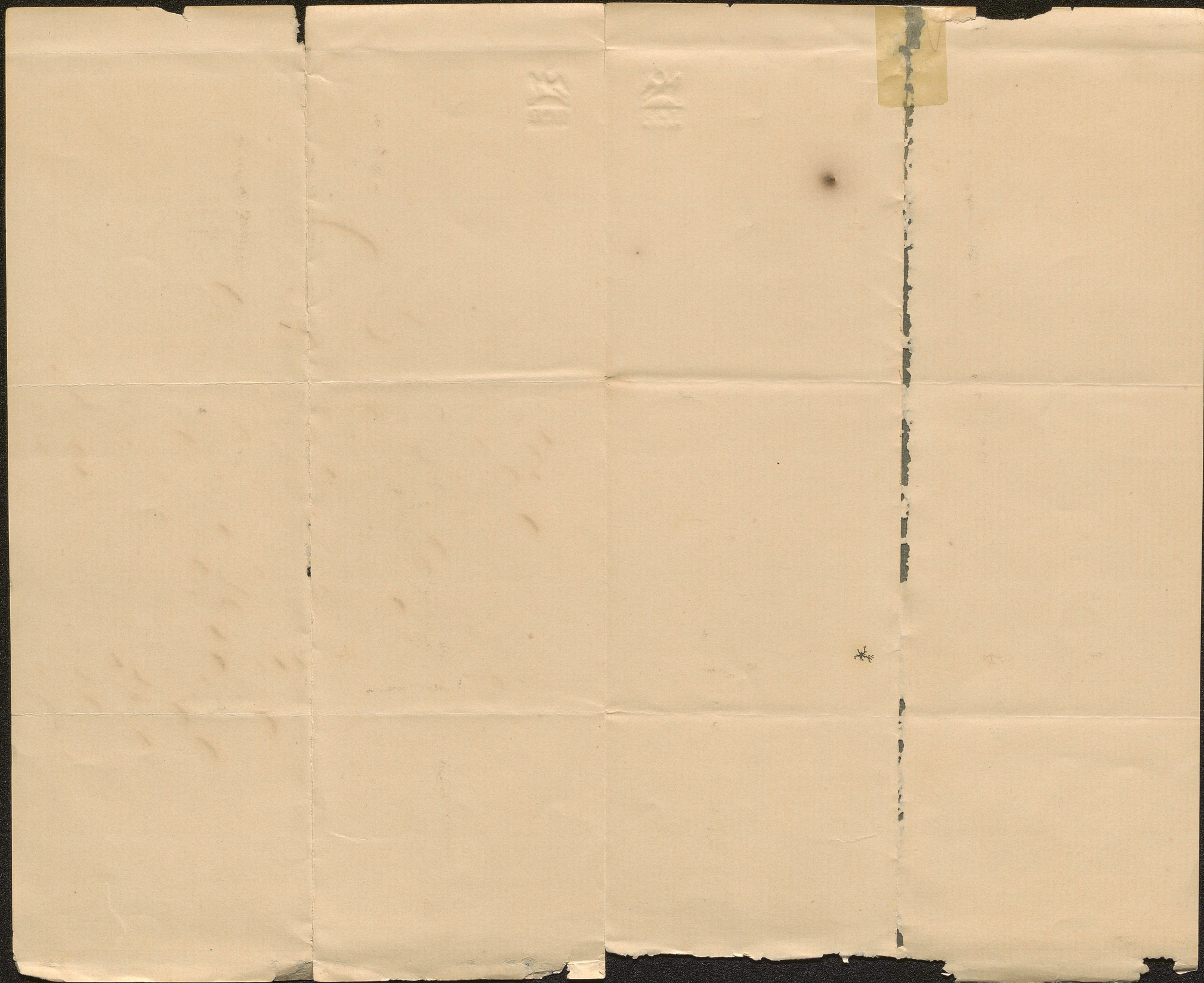


[Linn Union H.S.]

Linn Ohio Feb 12th 1860
 W. J. H. Douglas *Dw. Dir*

I have the
 pleasure (as Corresponding Sec^y
 of the Philosphian Society of the
 Linn Union High School.)
 of informing you that we
 have chosen you an honorary
 member of said Society
 We shall be happy to hear from
 you

Geo. M. Meigs
 Cor. Sec^y
W. A. Shaw Pres





La Mitchell Co, Feb 12/60

Ludyr Longlap

Dear Sir

I received
a line from your friend
the Hon J A Lagan stating that
your prospects in the Charleston
was flattering

There are no doubt
aware that delegate was —
appointed by a convention of
only a portion of the members
of the last legislature for
the purpose of subscribing
the wishes of Gov Cobb
I W Sumner & Daniel Coxsen
The 2nd & 4th Congressional
district departing at the time
in a word the whole affair
was an unjust usurpation
of power not delegated by
the Democratic party
The Executive Committee of the
State has disavowed I think

the first Monday in March
to be represented by another &
fair delegate to meet at
Milledville to send a suitable
delegates to Charleston.

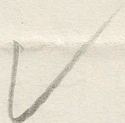
There is now a
zealous effort now going
on to send men to the conven-
-tion at Milledville to do
the daily work of ratifying the
Form on North Carolina
at least 3 at least of the
Form delegates have publicly
repudiated the untimely action
of that body. I hope however
that you may be able to defeat
this unjust ~~act~~ ^{action} what would
be even degrading in the
extreme.

John said in the Kansas
& Nebraska act. That is
susceptible of so many varied
constructions. I asked the
favor of Mr. Logan to send
me others a No. of documents

which I hope he will do
Judge Comfort with whom
I am personally acquainted
can render you important
service in Ga. There is no
man of his age in our State
that has equal influence
& I am gratified in a man
I need from him giving at least
a very broad outline that he
was ready to do so. I share
under my best wishes to that
gentleman & that I desire him
to be rendering a helping hand
just ~~the~~ now to accomplish
an object of no small magnitude
to the American people.
rest assured that I will do
all that my humble position
will warrant to promote your
best interests. Very Truly Yrs
C. S. Tatello

James P. Hattelle
Camilla, Ga
Feb/12, 1860.

The Georgia Convention
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Newark, Feb 12th 1860
 Hon J. A. Douglas

Dear Sir

Yesterday we held our county
 (Lee) Convention to select
 delegates to attend the State
 Convention at Des Moines on
 the 2nd of inst. It was a
 mass Convention, & the National
Office helders were out
 in their strength.

As it happened I was chairman,
 on resolutions & we cut down
 them passed on the 4th of Jan,
 by the N. State Convention
 & added strong instruction
 resolutions for Jan 1st &
 they were adopted.

Then came the appoint-
 ment of 25 delegates.

The committee appointed by
the Chair to report names
set on Col. Wm. Patterson
Post-Master of N. York &
Mayer Glaid - the Demain
Rapid Improvement agent
It was proven that Patterson
would obey instructions
& go for you under the
circumstances & his name
was retained in the report

Glaid had told me that he
wished to go to Demain &
then to Charleston, but said
he would not support you, that
he would be you in the
first. I stated this which produ-
ced a direct issue & he
was displaced by a very
large vote & the name of
Judge J. M. Linn added

in his place who is an officer
helden but as you know
a friend yours,

Col. Patterson is also a friend
and you know that his Post-
office feet must be packed
a little longer & all of us
are intently watching for him a
good man.

I am a delegate to the Demain
& I think since Dodge came
out for you in Burlington
that we will send him to
Charleston. It is certain that
this State will be a unit
in the National Convention

Can you send me your speech
delivered in Chicago in April
1858? I have loaned the one I had
& lost it. If you have your reply
to Black in pamphlet form

Can you send one?

Your position in Congress
upon the matter of protection
of States against invaders &c
is received with intense
dissatisfaction here. Mr. Rep.
fear, you will be nominated

Let the Northern democracy
be true to themselves and
all will be well,

Your Friend

J. Reddington