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Philadelphia March 3^d 1860.

Hon S A Douglass.

Dear Sir,

I take
the liberty of congratulating you upon
the victory already won in Penna.

I think you will not fail to perceive
that the whole tenor of the proceedings
of the Reading Convention, though not so
designed from certain quarters, was
eminently more Douglass than either
or all of the Three B's so much &
so long boasted of here -

I am very certain that Penna,
will be heard at Charleston, and that
the people will have there, in Montgomery
& others, honest Representatives.

Put down for Douglass & Foster
20000 as the minimum majority
in the old Keystone -

Very truly yours

W. J. Baer

Somerset, Penna.

W. G. Baer

March 3-1860

Somerset, Pennsylv.^a

In reference to the general
topic of Penn.^a Dem. Conv.ⁿ,
& the delegates to Charleston.

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S. G. Bowden

March 3-1860

Martinsburg, Virginia

Announcing the election
of Elisha D. as an honorary
Member of Young Men's
Debating Society; asking
his acceptance - reply.

Accepted March 7/60

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Mrs Gay Pujinay
March 3^d 1860.

Hon S A Douglass
Washington
D C

Sir

As Corresponding
Secretary of the Young
Men's Debating Society
I have the agreeable
duty of informing you
that you were unanim-
ously elected an Honor-
ary Member of our Society
on Friday last.

Hoping at an ear-
ly date to receive your
acceptance. I remain

Respectfully
S G Bowden
Secretary



[Faint, illegible handwritten text, possibly bleed-through from the reverse side.]

L. D. Broughton
Phil.
March 3. 1860

Wants to know
to the minute
hour of Judge
L. D.'s birth

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No 353 North Tenth St
Philadelphia Pa.

March 3rd 1860

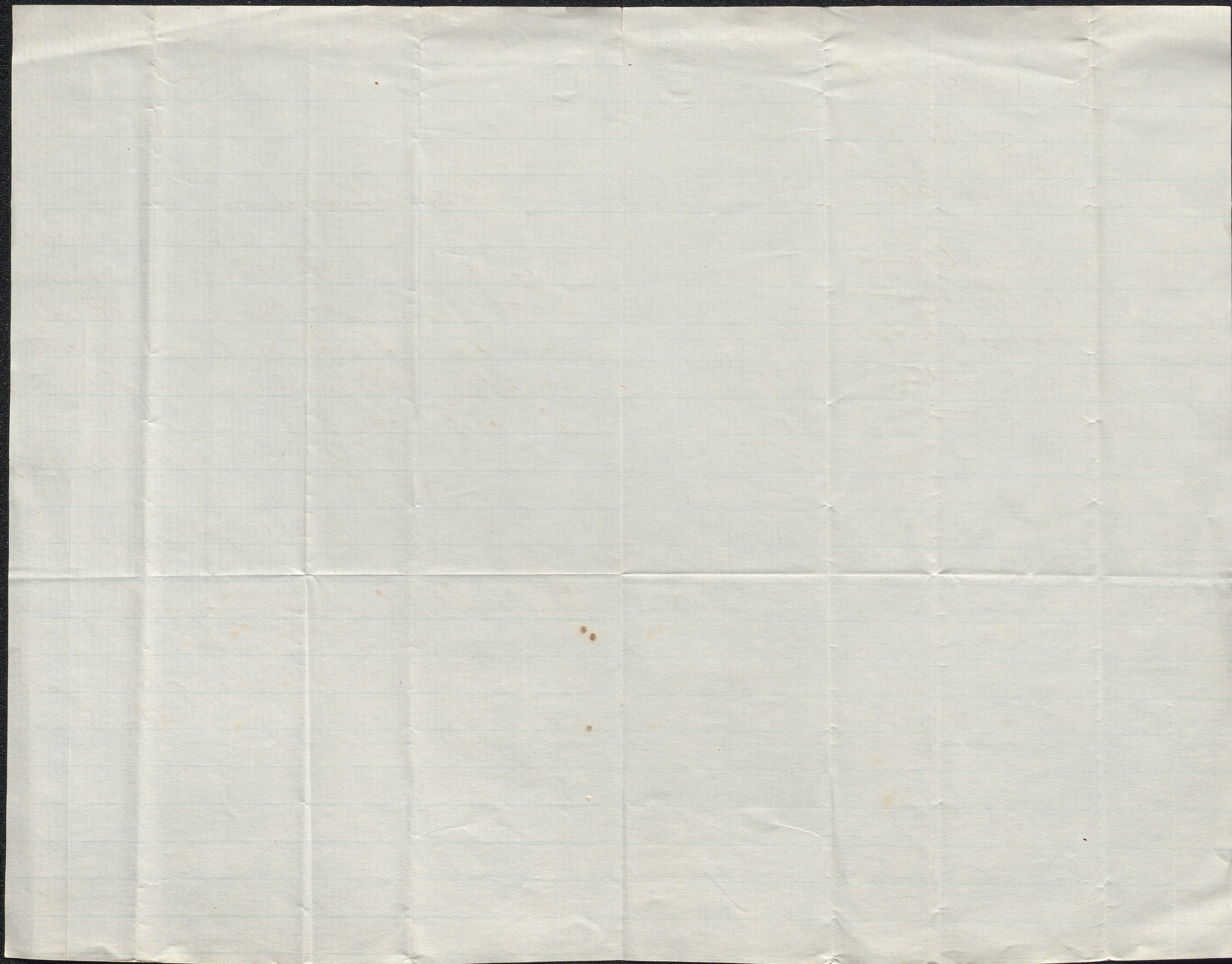
Respected Sir

If you would
favour me with the time of your
birth, as near the minute as
you can find out you will
greatly oblige and confer a
favour on

Yours most Respectfully

L. D. Broughton

Hon Stephen A. Douglas
U. S. Senator
Washington City
D. C.



Peter Byrne
Harrisburg Pa
March 3. 1860

Political

Ans March 4/60



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H. R. Harrisburg March 3^d 1860

Hon S. A. Douglas

My Dear Sir

Although against the strict rules of interchange of communication, which generally require a response to an epistle, before a second takes wing, still at my age, over sixty years, and in all the enthusiasm of my native land I fling etiquette to the winds, and proceed to give you what never will appear in print regarding our late Democratic Convention at ~~Harrisburg~~ Reading.

That a Democratic victory was had there is not saying much. The papers give all that; the prevalence of the wildest enthusiasm at that meeting is well known, but it is not so well known, nor so much spoken of, that the great body of the people have said, "give us Douglas the nominee for president."

I told Senator Bigler, with whom I am long & well acquainted, that if he got Senator Douglas, nominated for



President, we should in Luzerne County,
give an additional thousand votes in favour
of Mr Douglas.

On this point I have not ceased
since I came to this conclusion, about the ^{trials} ~~troubles~~ of the
troubles. I have been over twenty years a member of
the Bar in Pa. and before I came hither, I had
a pretty fair Mathematical (Classical & French
education and withal pretty glib; and I now
find the first masters of our County and others
who shrink from expression, now come out in your
favour in Old Luzerne and elsewhere.

I shall make another attempt to see you
and I have now, only one request, viz, that if you leave
Washington, before the first of April next, and be
absent, your Secretary will please let me
know, by a line to Your Dear Sir.

Devoted Servant

Peter Byrne

J. H. Campbell
Schoharie N.Y.

March 3. 1860

Asks particulars
of Judge's life
for publication
As



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Schoharie March 3. 1860

My Dear Sir

I am engaged in the preparation of a sketch of your life & public services, It will be a twelve mo volume of about 250 or 300 pages & is intended as a Campaign work in the event of your receiving the nomination of the Charleston Convention for President.

Will you have the kindness to furnish me the names of your parents the time & place of your birth & such other facts relating to your personal history Education, professional career &c &c as will be of use to me in this matter in a word any material you may furnish me will be thankfully received

& the favor duly reciprocated
If you can furnish
me any public documents
of affairs at the Capital
relating to the time within
which you have been prom-
inently before the public
in a representative capacity
they will be of much service

I have the fullest
confidence in the success of
the Nomine of the Charleston
Convention if he receives
the unanimous endorsement
of the Convention.

The result in this State
however depends (in my judgment)
upon whether you receive
the nomination. If you do,
the victory is insured
to the Democratic party. If
you do not the contest
will be a doubtful one

at best

I am Sir with the highest
respect Your Obedt Servant

Hon S. A. Douglass { J. C. Campbell
Chⁱⁿ Schobarie Co,
Dew' Committee
Schobarie C. C.
N. J.

P.S. This County is the only one
among the rural districts
in the state that cast her
vote for the Democratic
Electoral Ticket in 1866
please reply early if possible

Kansas March 3rd/60

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To the Honorable S. A. Hughes Dear Sir
The Request of many of your friends in
this Co itak the liberty of writing these lines
to you in Refalle of to Poor old veterans
Who fought in the War of 1812 under general
Jackson and know is in Avery Pore state
one of them is 92 years old His Name is
hise trumblay He enlisted in st loose
Mo under Capt Moore and fought in
The Batel of Rock River under Major cambel
He Served four years in all And is now
so old that he cant make living He got a
land Wrent But was cheated out of
it Those that fight our Bales should
Not be forgot

The other Man his Name is Mitchel Mahan
The Are both finch men Mahan listed in st
Luis Ma to under Sargent ~~Brauna~~ and
Went to Vincinatio Ohio The first Batel
that He fought was Motta Next Rock
River This Man is 79 years And never
got As much As land Wrent Now
if you can do any thing for them wish
I you would

You must excuse me for taking the
liberty of writing to you on such business
but if you have not forgot me you
must know me as a friend of yours
while in Chicago Ill. which I have lived 6
years yet the weekly times every week
have I ever sense left there I am living
near for the last 3 years and I assure you
that there is not a good democrat that
wonts Kansas to come in under the
Wendell constitution this is now a democrat
country and there are old soldiers lives in
it no more at present but
remains a true friend to you and
personal sovereignty C. W. Clarkson
Rock-bick Pa. Pattersonville Co. Kansas.

Respectfully

P.S. if you have any idea that they can
get any thing & and to drop me at line
you would much oblige me and
a good many others

C. W. Conklin

Rock Cr. Pa. Pottawatomie

County, Kansas T^y

March 3^d - 1860

In favor of two old veterans
of the war of 1812.

Jose Trumbly - 92 years old
enlisted in St. Louis in Capt.
Moore's Co. & fought at the
battle of Rock River under Maj.
Campbell.

Mitchel Mahan - 79 years,
enlisted in St. Louis under
Sergeant Brown.

Cannot they get a pension
or land warrants?

Caleb R. Daw

March 8 - 1860

Atkinson - New Hamp^s.

asks for speeches for
circulation.

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1860

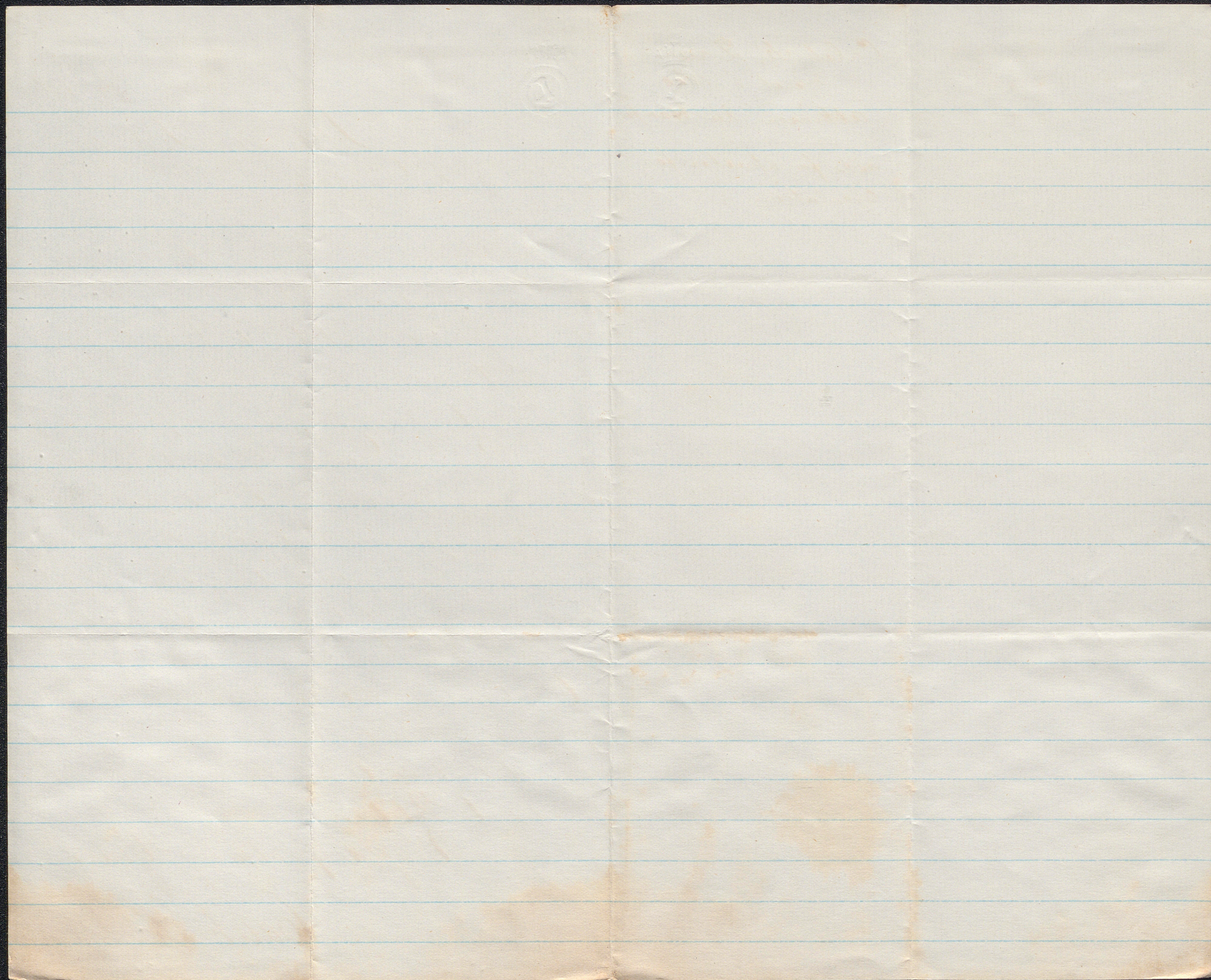
Atkinson N.H. Mich^l
Hon S A Douglass -
Sir -

As we have
no Democratic Members in your Honorable
Body, from our state, I take the
liberty to ask you, if you will be kind
enough to send me some Speeches
and Public Documents as they may
come out. I should like a package of
your own Speeches to circulate in our
vicinity, hoping that they may help to
redeem the state, and speeches of
others on the Democratic side -

Our Election (state) is on the 13th of the
present month, we are in hopes of bringing
the state back to her former position in
relation to Politics.

Very Respectfully Yours

Caleb R. Daw.



Washington City.

March 3d, 1860.

Hon. S. A. Douglas.

Dear Sir: Having just arrived in the city, and desirous of leaving for home in the morning ^(Thursday), I have not had an opportunity of calling upon you, as I should be pleased to do, and making my application in person.

Inasmuch as the present, or coming, campaign, will be of a very malignant and bitter character, and as I am very much pressed for funds to enable me to prosecute vigorously the good cause in our State. I have thought proper to apply to you for aid. If you can conveniently spare

me two hundred dollars,
for 12 months, I shall take
it as a great favor. I have
property enough but no money
and in our section money
at present is not to be had.
With this sum I can stem
the current, but if I am
not assisted my paper
must either go down or
into the hands of the oppo-
sition. I have now a prop-
osition for my office from
a Committee of Republicans
in my town, one of whom has
a "mortgage" upon it, and
therefore considers me in
their power, but it can ne-
ver be converted to such an
unholy cause so long as
I can manage to keep out
of their clutches.

With a little aid from

my political friends at
present I can retain the
proprietorship of the office
and consequently control
it in favor of "Popular
Sovereignty." And as it
was the first paper in
Ohio to expose the Kan-
sas Nebraska bill and
your position on the Le-
compton question it at
least has some claims
to your favorable re-
gard and good will.

Perhaps your ^{com} friends
and some others to
contribute \$25 or \$50
each for a time to aid
me in saving my prop-
erty. I ^{have} worked hard for
the party for years and
to lose now what little
property I am possessed

of is too hard, and is a sacrifice which I ought not be permitted to make.

I make this appeal knowing that others have been thus aided who are less worthy than myself, and as it is the first favor of the kind I have ever asked of any one, I hope it will be favorably regarded.

If you should do me the favor to answer this note, address me at Piqua, Miami county, Ohio.

Yours truly

D. M. Fleming,

Ed. "Engineer,"

Piqua, O.

10,699

Hamilton Mar 20

Wm S A Douglass
Dear Sir

Please send me a copy of your
speech recently delivered in the Sen

And oblige

E. P. Hulbert

Hamilton

N. Y.

E. B. Hurlbert
Hamilton, New York

March 3^d - 1860

asks for speech lately
Delivered in Senate.

5 Sent -

Wilmington N.C.
March 3rd 1860.

Wm L. Douglas
Senate Chamber
Washington City

Dear Sir / I

to day received the Detroit ~~Press~~
Press, for which accept my thanks.
I had before receipt of it seen the
proceedings of the Convention - I am
glad that the Baltimore delegates
are for you, though it is not possi-
ble for any Democrat to carry that
State, and I think Tennessee
lost to the Democracy, no matter
who may receive the nomination
of Charleston - Your nomination
I begin to look upon as a fixed
fact, and with the exceptions
I have named every Southern
State will support you. Tenn
would, too, if there should be

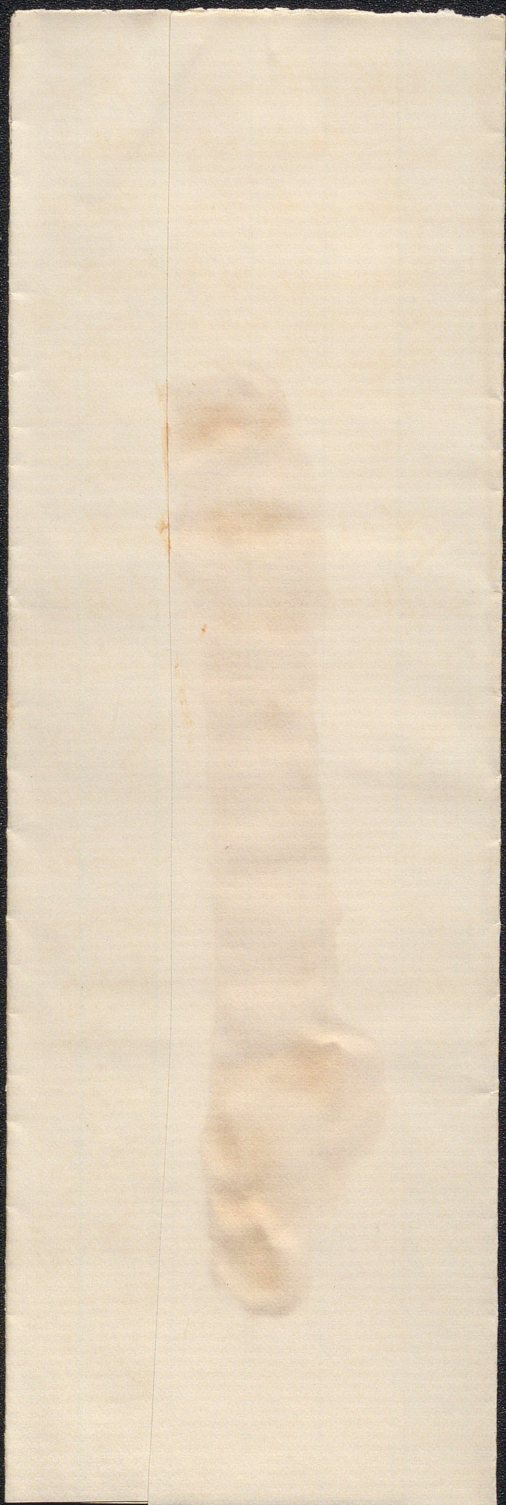
no Union party ticket in the
fields - But you will ~~of~~
Camp Vermont, New Hampshire
Michigan, Indiana Illinois,
and ^{of Minnesota & New York,} Pennsylvania, and I think
Ohio, too, - California & Oregon
you may be sure of ~~Edw~~ I. B.
Meller will lead, (I am con-
fident, as the matter has been
caused by the present legisla-
ture there) ^{as representative of} both wings of the party,
hitherto so hostile to each other,
in the Convention at Charleston
The State Convention there assem-
bled on the 29th ult. - Last advice
from my brother stated that he would
leave on the 30th March with the
delegation ~~for~~ Charleston -
The Pennsylvania Convention by
electing Bigler delegates, have
virtually declared for you -
Bigler is not in the field him-
self, and they were chosen as an

indorsement of the President, &
for a ~~nucleus~~ for the second
term pretensions, if chance favors.
Failing to avail any thing for the
President, H., they will go for you.
Considerations of this sort with
different delegations in favor of
particular men, induced me to
alter my opinion a little, that
you would be nominated on the
first ballot, but after a few
have been had - when the com-
plimentary votes have been given,
and they begin to see how the
^{you would be chosen - If the balloting}
can ~~chime in~~ in Venice - I do
^{should be protracted, your chances will decrease}
not know what those Connecticut
people will do - they are hardly
trust worthy any more. If the
Charleston delegates should favor
you, the votes of the people can
not be counted on - however it is
my opinion you will receive sup-
port from that State when nominated

That you may see what the opposition South
begin to admit about your nomination,
I send you a clip from an
old Whig descendant paper
that has passed through every
phase of that party - It was
founded in Federal days and
has been Whig, Know Nothing,
American, and is now Strong
Union Party - It is the fate
as well as the privilege of men
in high position to be abused -
in fact they can not be great
without abuse, it being their
best advertisement - The tendency
of human nature is to read ^{hear} things
against one rather than for him
I believe if it were noised about
that an angel had arrived in one part
of the city, and the Devil in another,
people would run to see the Devil
first - He would have advocates to
contend that he was not half as black
as he had been painted, while many
would deny the angel and say they
would not believe ⁱⁿ him, or that he
was not much of an angel after all
Yours &c Sir, very truly R. H. Longdon

J. M. Langdon
Wilmington, N.C.
March 3. 1860

Political



W. G. Lewis

Framingham, Mass.^{ts}

March 3^d - 1868

Delegate to Charleston.
from Middlesex District.
Very friendly, & asks for
200 speeches for distribution
among manufacturers.



My dear Sir

I have again carefully
read the brilliant speech
you made on the "Invasion
of State" - and as you were
kind enough to forward
me a copy will give you
a word or two of friendly
advice.

You are aware that
B. F. Butler & I are the
delegates to Charleston from
our (Middlesex district). We
are at work for you, and
trust you will receive the
unanimous nomination there.

Do not allow Howard
or Adams to drag you
into any small debate.
Do not write any letters.



in answer to petty party
 organizations, which you know
 have been so fatal to the
 prominent political men in
 this country. In their anxiety
 to be elected, they murder
 any clique or gang club,
 which their opponents get
 hold of & make capital out
 of. I addressed Mr Buchanan
 as I now do you before he
 was elected. I he rarely did
 not write. - let our glorious
 party who now know you
 well take you as you are
 the Democratic candidate for
 the whole country.

I will speak in Pennsylvania
 I manage that with others.
 do not be anxious. We will
 show you at Charleston who

I only whom we can & will
 write on. My dear sir
 send me about 200 of your
 speeches & I will place them
 in New England among our
 Manufacturing districts & make
 a mark there.

How is your health?
 When shall you leave for
 Charleston. I must see you
 a day or two prior if possible.

With much I am yours
 very Respectfully,

J. L. Davis
 Birmingham March 3/1860

Hon J. A. Douglass
 Washington D.C.

Geo M Lannan
Reading, Pa
March 3/60

→
Penn^a Delegates
— their complexion
See.



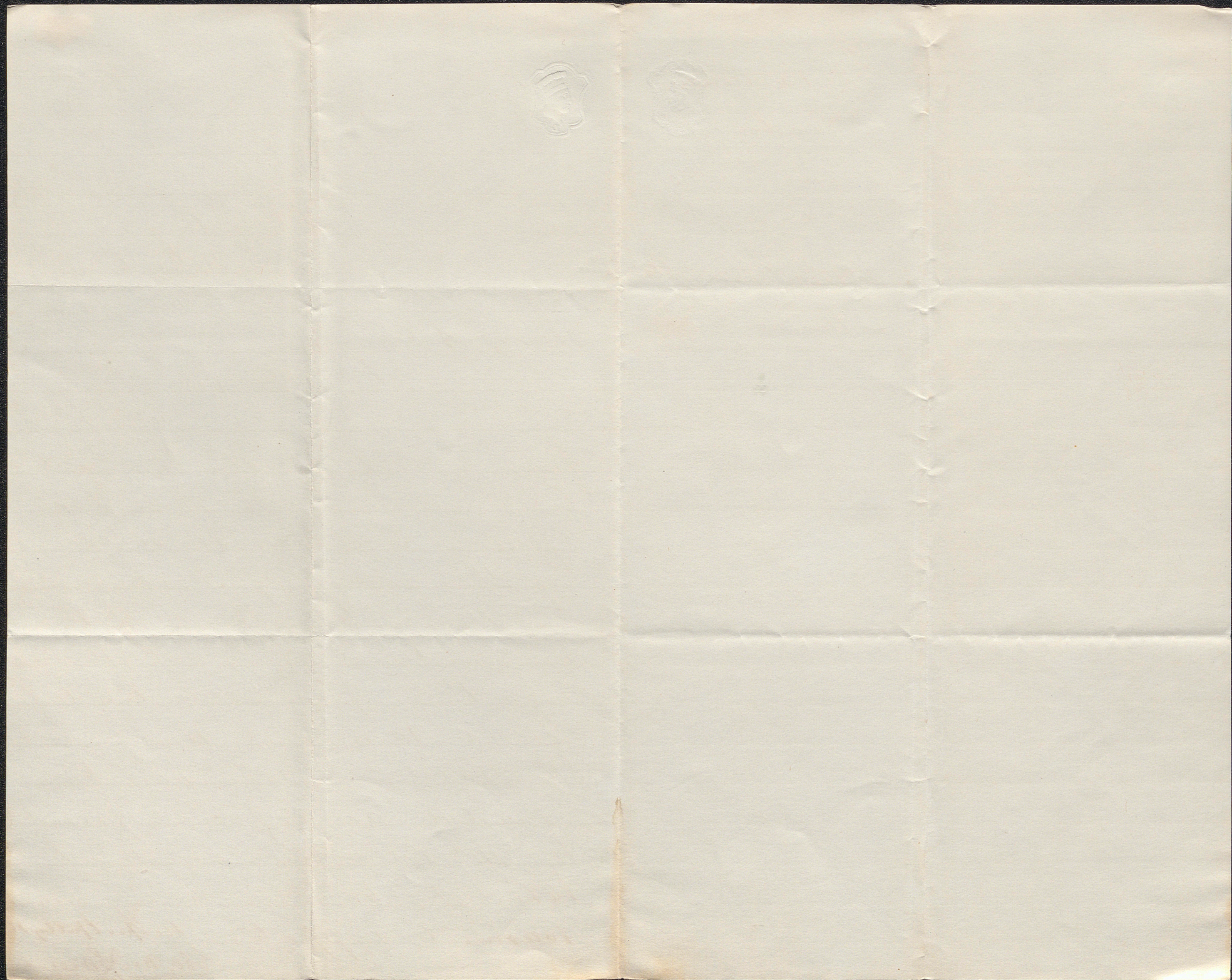
10,703
Reading
March 3/60

Hon. S. A. Douglas

Dear Sir

Enclosed
find a list of the Delegates
to Charleston, with their Post
Offices — I enclose it on account
of the address of each man.
Nearly two thirds of these
men are for you, notwithstand-
ing their former antecedents,
for instance, C. L. Ward, and
R. Haldeman, who have been
regarded as Especial friends
of Mr Buchanan, will at
Charleston, be found among your
warmest supporters. Respectfully

Geo. M. Lannan



Mr James Will

Chamberlayne

March 3 - 1860

Unrecord

March 11th 1860

V. H. D.

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Chamberlayne March 3^d 60
Hon. S. A. Douglas

Esteemed Sir

Having

had an introduction to
you at Reading in 1852
I at this time venture to
address you - I have just
returned from the Conven-
tion at the same place -
I was not there as a dele-
gate but as a manager
to promote your nomination
to the Presidency as far as
my humble efforts would
go - I am one of the delegates
to the Charleston Convention
where it is my intention
to spare no honorable ef-
forts to effect your nomina-
tion - I can with great
pleasure state that in this

the County the Democrats
are daily coming over to
your cause. our forces are
constantly on the increase.
The newspaper here is edi-
ted by a clerk in the office
of attorney General Black
named Cooper, who appeared
at Reading to challenge a
guilt you. He is a bitter
and corrupt Editor. It, on
that account, would be well
for you to have some of your
speeches and documents
distributed through this County.
our paper publishes all of
the publications of Judge
Black and declines giving
any of your arguments on
the question of territorial Legis-
lation or Slavery. ~~in the future~~
~~times~~ some of your writings
or of the Hon. R. W. Johnson's
on this question would be very

acceptable to many. I
have enclosed you a list of
prominent men in different
districts of this County (Memb-
ers, to which I request you
to send some documents
speeches &c. either Judge
Black or Senator Biggs
pay our people any atten-
tion and receiving fa-
vors from ~~you~~ you will
add to our strength. Ho-
ping that all will go
right I remain your
friend James Mill

A. B. I refer you to the
Hon. William Montgomery
for a knowledge of me. He
enclosed you important
substance at Reading -

N. W. a ~~and~~ C. Smallerberg

March 3 - 1860

Keokuk, Iowa

Friendly - wants no
office &c.

[Mar. 3, 1860] 10.704

Thos. C. A. Douglas
Washington. D. C.

Having exchanged my home in
Buffalo, for one in the West, the
only place in my opinion for a
homehead for foreign born citizens,
I must kindly thank you for
documents recd a few days ago, directed
to Buffalo. N. Y.

Soliciting your kind remembrance
for such favors, I must state, that
leaving many of your friends in
Buffalo, the Democracy of the
Gate City of Iowa, seems to be a
perfect Unit in that direction.

Understanding also the German language,
I have found here a large field to work
as well amongst them, as amidst a large
population of Hollanders, and as I
am General Knott to work on principles

never asking for any office whatever,
and which I never will do as long as
I can provide the necessities for my
family in any other way. I have
always found great relief in what
I wrote of Spoke about politics.

I merely state the above, as my
writing to you, might lead to believing
that I am after some particular
favor from the next President of
this glorious country, but this
is not the case. Being able
to enlighten others, left favored by
education, I always thought it
to be my sacred duty to teach
them the principles of true
Democracy, dear to me as life
itself.

Excuse me for taking so much
of your precious time.
Your obed^t Serv^t

N. W. A. S. C. Smallenburg
Keokuk. Iowa March 3/69

Nicksbury Miss March 3^d 1860
Thos. A. Douglas

I received your kind letter in answer to my own, in New Orleans early in January, for the kind wishes you manifest for a pleasant and profitable trip in the South. For me allow me to return my sincere thanks as my other letter written you from Illinois was a congratulatory letter upon the restoration of health to both your self and Lady; so I propose this to be, congratulating you upon the good success which attends you, with the people ever where in sustaining you in the glorious principles of Self Government, as I have commenced writing you this character of letters, I hope and expect within the next fifty or sixty days to have the pleasure of writing you another congratulating you upon your nomination at Charleston and then it will necessarily follow that I shall have to write you another in remembrance upon your elevation to that position permit me to say you so richly merit, do not think I am presuming too much in occupying so much of your valuable time. If an error attend, it is an error of the head and not of the heart, I do then honorable sir with all my heart congratulate you and my country. The the dark clouds which have been of disunion which have been hovering

around our glorious Country, under the auspices
of your legislation and patriotic course, and
the doctrine of Popular Sovereignty, are daily being
dispelled as the light of truth and principle
breaks through their misty veils, since I have
I have been in many places in Louisiana and
Mississippi, during which time I have been a constant
reader and close observer of public sentiment,
and I can truly say that every where since the
delivery of the able and patriotic speech delivered
by you in the senate, upon the bill to give
conspirators their best dues, I have heard
among the people but one theme which has
been in laudation of your able and patriotic course
upon that occasion let that speech be spread
broadcast over the south, being a correspondent
for two Democratic papers in Ill. I have watched
its effect minutely and have had the pleasure of
witnessing the good effect upon the masses, I spent
two weeks at Baton Rouge while the legislature
was in session, with most of whom I became acquaint-
ed, with whom I found many warm friends and
admirers of yours although I found some opposed
to your nomination. I have not met a single gentle-
man in the south but what said he will support
you if nominated at Charleston, the glorious
news which daily greets us from the North

Central and western States, of your strength
with the people is striking a death blow to your
enemies and filling your friends with hope and redoubling
it has emboldened your friends and they have
gone to work in earnest, so that all that is
now needed is for the east and west to stand
firm at Charleston, demand their rights, in estab-
lishing the platform or reestablishing the Cincinnati
platform, and there is nothing can defeat you either
before the Convention or the people.
My address during the remainder of this month
will be Memphis Tennessee in care of John W. Bell
should you think this scroll worthy your attention
enough to answer it. if there is any way I
can serve you command me and I with pleasure
will be at your service

With the best wishes for your health, happiness
and triumph at Charleston and before the people
I have the honor to subscribe myself your
Obedient servant

G. A. Smith

J. A. Smith

March 5. 1860

Political



West Fairlee Vt. March 3^d 1860

Wm Stephen A. Douglas

Sir.

Please find herewith
enclosed a slip from the Journal of
Commerce which I think is being
distributed in this form to the Northern
Delegates to the Charleston Convention,
and perhaps also to the Southern
Delegates. The object is to advance
the chances for the nomination of Mr
Dickinson, // thinking it may be of
service to you to be advised of it
I have taken the liberty to enclose it to
you -

I Am Truly Your friend

And Obt Servt

Stephen Thomas



Stephen Thomas
March 3^d 1860
West Fairlee -

Enclosing circular from
Office of "Journal of Commerce"
giving the relative available
chances of Presidential
Aspirants; distributed to
Charleston Delegates.
Circular within.

✓

Rochester NY
Mar 3rd 1860

Stephen A. Douglass Esq
Sir
I am

getting a small collection
of Autographs, would be
very much obliged if
you would honor me
with yours

Yours Very Respectfully
D. M. Walbridge

