

North San Juan,  
March 28, 1860.

Dear Sir:

Several months since I took the liberty of writing you a letter to which you vouchsafed a very gratifying response. As I have already explained to you, I am utterly, but of politics and wish to have nothing to do with politicians, yet I can not shut my eyes to the fact that your chances for the next Presidency are infinitely better than those of any of your fellow aspirants. I am neither an Optimist nor a Terrorist — I abominate northern Abolitionists and detest southern Disunionists — I am simply an American, a devoted worshiper of the American Union, and I honestly



think that, unless the Democracy adopt you as their standard bearer, not only the Democracy but the Confederacy will suffer.

I do not pretend to guess how the California delegates will vote at the Charleston Convention — they are queer customers and the wire-pullers that nominated them are not among the most sensible of God's creatures — but, one thing I know, and that is, if you receive the nomination at Charleston, all the powers of darkness can not prevent you from receiving the four electoral votes of California. The Republicans are much stronger now, in California, than they were in 1856, but they are not strong enough to crush the Union sentiment with which a majority of Californians are animated. You, if nominated,

will be the candidate of all the Union-lovers in California, and the Union-lovers, thank Heaven, vastly outnumber the Sectionalists, whether of the North or the South. We Californians are devoted to the Union; but if your northern and southern blockheads succeed in dismembering the Confederacy, we shall set up for ourselves and establish a Republic on the shores of the Pacific that will rival, in fame and grandeur, the glories of Athens and Rome in their palmyest days. I mingle with the mountaineers — the gold-diggers of California — and know what I am talking about.

You, I have strong reason to believe, will be our next President; and, as I have no claim of my own to urge and shall never ~~be~~<sup>solicit</sup> an office of you, I



Consider myself entitled to  
again beg you not to forget  
my friend, John Rollin Ridge,  
when you reach the throne. He  
has battled for you, manfully  
and effectually, and if you  
neglect him I shall be obliged  
to look upon you as one of the  
most ingrateful of men. Of  
this letter and its predecessor he  
is profoundly ignorant; for, in  
such delicate matters, I should  
not dare, much as he likes me,  
to take him into my confidence.  
He is the very soul of honor and  
has the pride of a thousand Chem-  
kee chiefs in his bosom. He  
will never worry you, in begging  
for office, and, therefore, it is  
that I wish to see if you will  
think of him, when you come into  
power, without prompting.

Very respectfully,  
Your friend & friend.

Hon. D. A. Douglas

James Allen



James Allen Esq,  
North San Juan, Cal?  
March 28-1860

Political &c, &  
recommending John  
Rollin Ridge for  
officer. &c.



James Allen Esq  
North Main Street  
Boston 22 Mass

Bellevue N. Y.  
Dear Sir  
I have the honor  
to acknowledge the  
receipt of your  
letter of the 10th  
inst.



Polk City, Iowa,  
March 28th - 1860.

Hon. S. A. Douglas,

I enclose  
you a private letter from our  
mutual friend, General Dodge, by  
which you will see that he is of the  
same opinion as myself as to the  
effect of your nomination on Iowa.  
All of our best and ablest men  
are decided for you - such as  
Dodge, Samuels, Baker, etc., etc.,  
and the people will rend up a  
shout that will astound the Nation.  
Your friends here are as true as the  
needle to the pole. Be of good courage,  
my old friend, for God is with us.

Yours, truly,

John C. Bennett

I very unexpectedly received a  
communication from Governor Kirkwood,  
as Assistant Surgeon-General of State,  
to-day. It greatly surprised me, that  
any office should be tendered to a  
Democrat by a Republican Governor  
during these exciting times, and I  
have no improved this opportunity.

B

Please write me a few lines  
as to your opinion in regard to  
the action of the Charleston Convention?  
Don't fail.

B



J. C. Bennett, P. M.  
Palk City  
Palk Co. Iowa

March 28 - 1860

Encloses letter from A. C. Dodge.  
(See within). The Delegates  
true; the Judge can carry  
Iacros, & a shout will  
go up upon his nomination  
that will astonish the Country.  
Dodge is true &c.



Burlington March 24<sup>th</sup> Mo.

My Dear Sir,

I am at this moment in receipt of your kind note of the 20<sup>th</sup> inst. and beg to thank you therefor. I am glad to receive your assurance that my name was not unacceptable to the Convention. I had told my friends that if there was any opposition to immediately withdraw my name. Like you, I regret that my good friend of the "Bugle" should have seen fit to notice in a serious manner that which was



evidently a mere accidental  
result.

I shall work hard for  
the nomination of the "Little Giant"  
and if successful I have an abiding  
confidence that we will redeem  
Iowa.

I do not know whether our  
mutual friend Gen. Jones knew of  
your rejection prior to his departure  
or not. But as I mentioned I  
read a letter from him to Mr.  
Hemen written from Logansport in  
which he spoke of it as a  
matter which had caused him  
the most poignant regret.

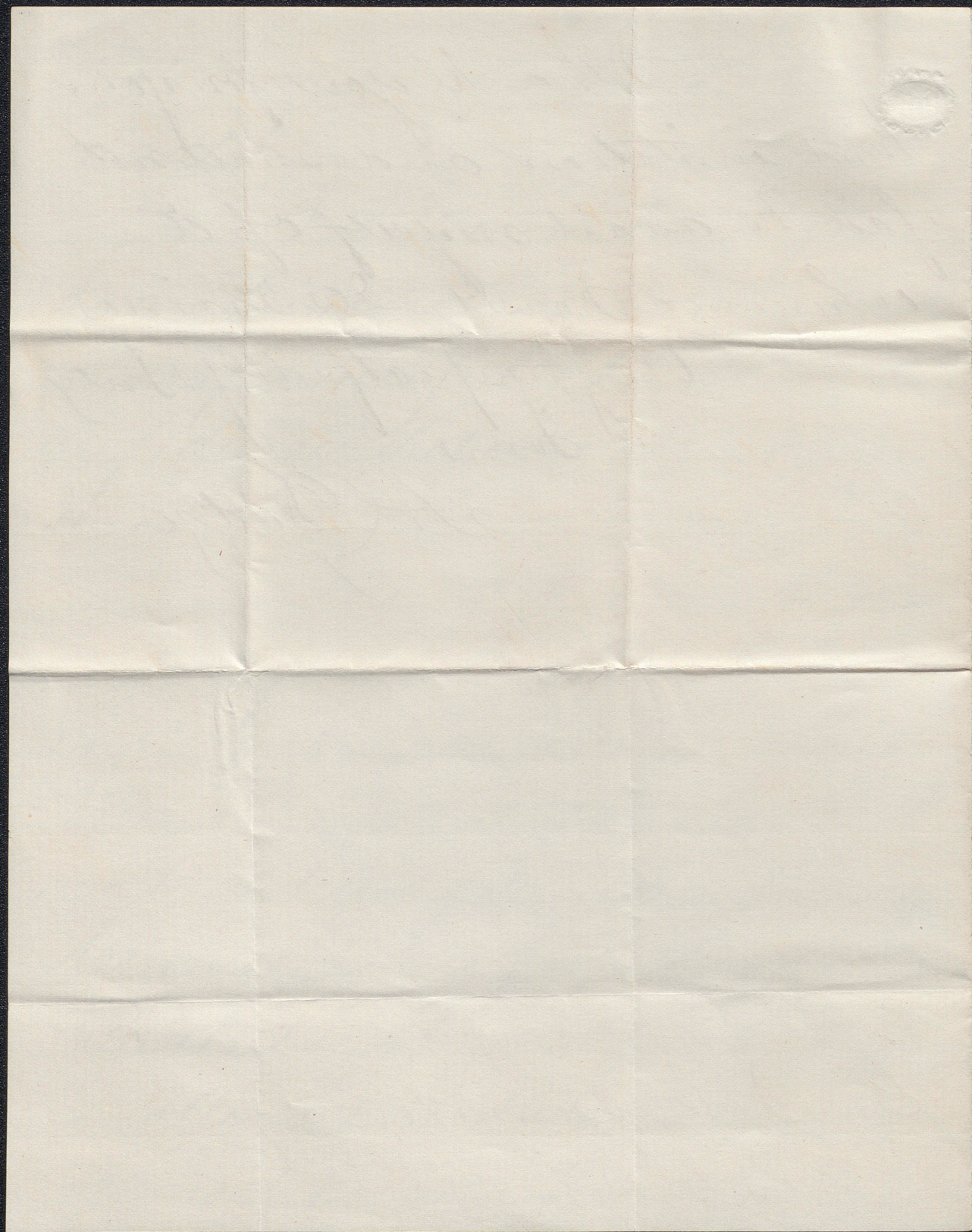
I thank you for your  
kind invitation and shall not  
fail to avail myself of it  
whenever I visit Des Moines

Very respectfully  
Yours

A. Dodge

Gen J. C. Bennett  
Des Moines Ia







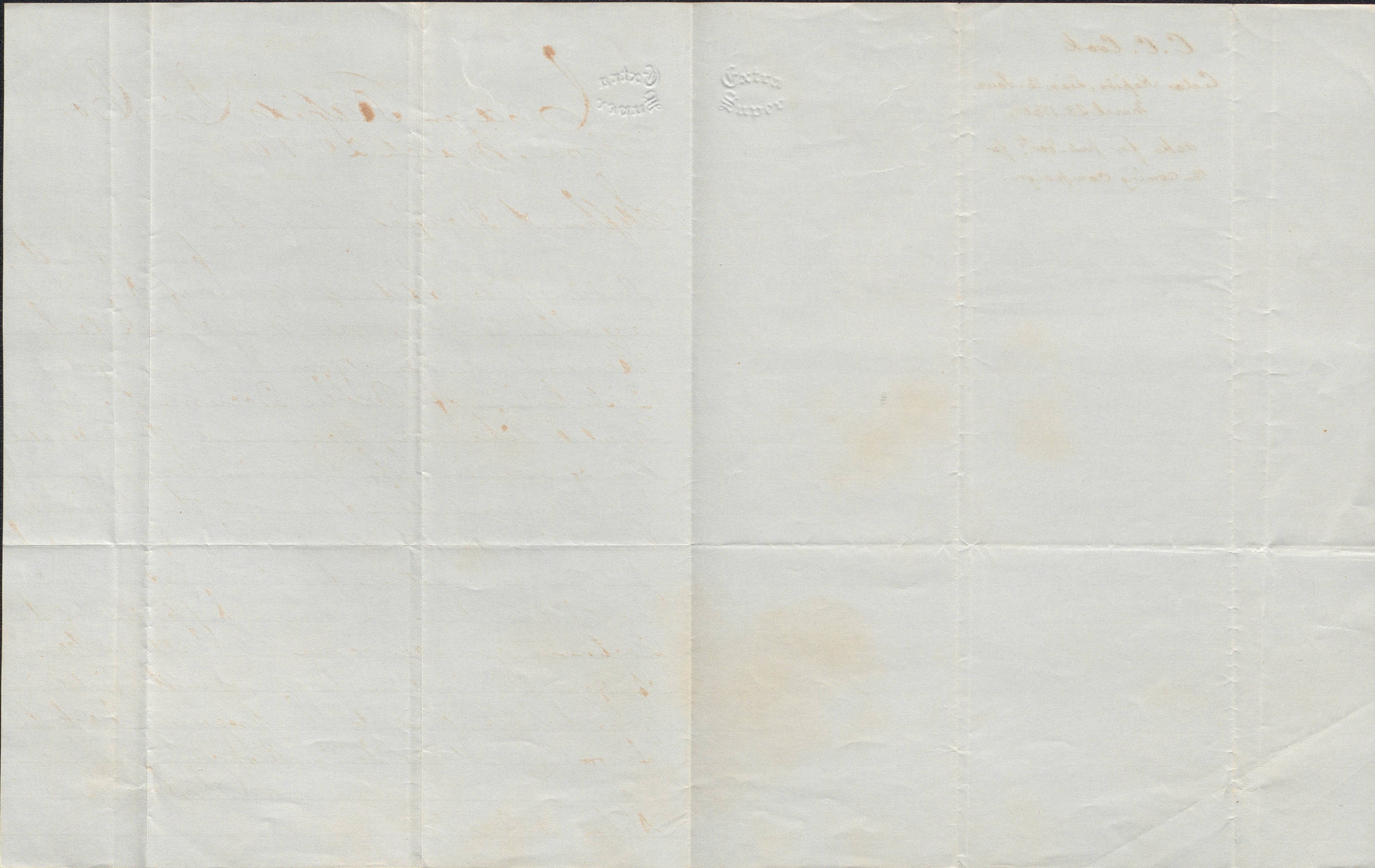
Extra  
Super  
Cedar Rapids Minn Co  
Iowa. March 28<sup>th</sup> 1860

Stephen A. Douglas Dear Sir

permet me the  
Baldnes to addres you, if Sir it be  
ageable to you, I would ask to be  
Remembered By your Honor, in your  
Distributions of Public Documents. I  
would like any Document that would  
Be of use in the Carrying campaign  
We Democrats look forward to the National  
Convention as the time when you will be  
put in nomination for the Presidency and  
as I have been a warm Supporter of the  
Doctrines you advocate I shall in case  
of your nomination be found in the field in  
your behalf and to be prepared I ask this  
favor  
Yours With Respect  
C. C. Cook

Stephen A Douglas







C.C. Cook

Cedar Rapids, Linn Co. Iowa

March 28-1860

asks for pub. doct. for  
the coming campaign.



Geo. A. Cruikraft

Philadelphia, Ohio Co. Va.

March 28-1860

District Convention app<sup>d</sup>

Russell of Wheeling, and  
Brown of Preston, Delegates.

Montgomery knows  
them both well &c.

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Philadelphia Ohio Co. Va.  
March 28 1860

You Stephen A Douglas  
The Natl President

My Dear Sir

Allow

me to Thank you kindly for  
the speeches you sent per  
my order some time since  
they were made by many persons  
and pronounced by all to  
be "the doctrine".

Our district Convention was  
held a few days ago Mr  
Russell of Wheeling & and  
Hon W G Brown of Preston were  
appointed delegates to Charleston  
uninstructed. I was told  
that Mr Russell - altho in  
feeling for Mr Winters, admits  
that Douglas will be the man



So you will see he will  
not be hard to manage  
Mr Montgomery knows them  
both well, and can  
have great influence with  
them—

Trusting you will be  
our standard bearer for 1860  
believe me to be.

Truly your friend  
Geo. A. Crafts

I recd a letter a few  
days ago from my son  
in Alabama, who says the  
opinion among the masses  
are booming up strong for  
you as the most  
available man—

Please remember me kindly to  
Frederic Montgomery



New York March 28. 1860

Hon S. A Douglass Esq  
Sir

Although you need not despair of friends in the approaching contest, in our City as well as throughout the Country, I have thought it expedient to drop you a line to state what I hear every day among friends & lodges of my acquaintances, which is, that if you or our party & your friends to advocate & bring to final consummation Mr Loomis' Free Bankrupt Act, it would be an achievement that <sup>would</sup> produce us more than thousands of votes. Although I am not one, yet we have one fourth of our business population, of most worthy & deserving men, under embarrassments, most unexpectedly & in many cases unjustly brot upon them during the two past years, who never can even hardly support their families unless some early relief, under such an act is afforded.

We are promising many of our friends such relief through your influence & that of our leading friends in Congress & if they should be disappointed over & by end this Session we shall lose more friends than by any other cause. Hoping & believing that you & all will look closely to this matter I am very Sincerely Yours  
A. P. Douglass



A. P. Douglass  
New York City  
March 28-1860

urging the passage of  
Loombs Bankrupt law.

Its passage would be  
of great political benefit,  
rc



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Dated Leavenworth 28th Mch 1860

REC'D, Washington, 29th 1860, 8 o'clock, 40 min. A.M.

To Hon Stephen A. Douglas

Kansas sends a solid  
Douglas delegation to Charleston

Jns. A. Balderman

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Telegram from  
Geo. A. Walderman  
Lawrence, Kansas  
March 28<sup>th</sup> 1860

Kansas sends a solid  
Douglas Delegation.





Shamokin

March 28. [1860]

Hon. S. C. Douglass -

My Dear Sir - The Ratification Meeting to which reference in my last will probably not be held in Scrubey -

A few days since a friend of mine in New York, who from the beginning knew my convictions as to the necessity of my nomination at Charleston wrote to me, requesting me to



To go to Charleston in  
the belief of his favor-  
able Candidature, if  
you should be defeated  
there - I declined  
saying him, that I could  
have no second  
choice. That my motto  
is: Douglass first,  
Douglass last, Douglass  
always, & no one but  
Douglass". That I would  
greatly prefer supporting  
you as an independent  
candidate, rather than

the nomination of a  
convention no mat-  
ter or no reckless  
as to reject you -

I regret that pri-  
-vate business of an  
indispensable na-  
-ture, in which the  
pecuniary interests of  
others are deeply in-  
-volved demands  
my attention from  
the Middle to the  
close of April, or 2  
months go to Charleston



to contribute my  
mite to the only  
nomination, that  
can save the Dem.  
Party from defeat &  
the Country from great  
trouble, produced by  
the insane policy  
of Mr Buchanan &  
his Aes.

My Sincerely  
Yours  
Wm. W. Claiborne.



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Wm S Helfenstein

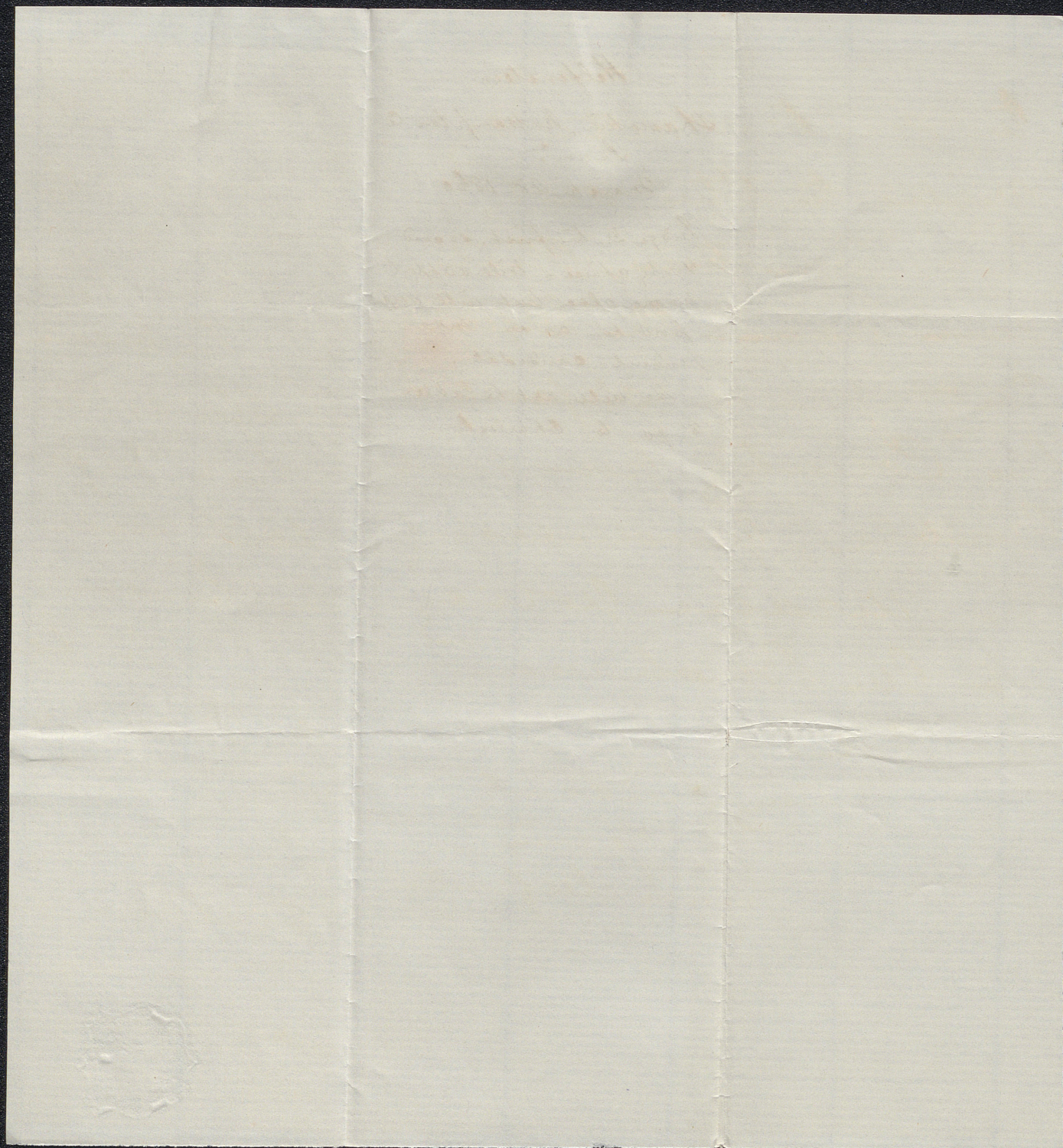
Shamokin, Northampton Co.  
Penn.

March 28-1860

Judge D. his first, second  
& only choice - will support  
no one else, but will sup-  
-port him as an inde-  
-pendent candidate.

He will not be able  
to go to Charleston.







Assembly Chamber Madison, Wis.,  
March 28<sup>th</sup> 1860.

Hon. S. A. Douglas  
Washington

Dear Sir - I take great pleasure  
in introducing to your acquaintance  
Col. D. H. Richards of Milwaukee.  
Mr. R. is one of the oldest dem.  
Editors in Wisconsin although not  
now engaged in that line -  
He visits Washington on business  
relating to the Rock River  
Canal lands and any favor  
you can do the Col. will be  
thankfully acknowledged.

Yours obed<sup>t</sup> serv<sup>t</sup>  
Freel. M. Howe,



Conticuere omnes intigne ora tenebat

Conticuere omnes intigne ora  
tenebat tenebat tenebat tenebat  
tenebat tenebat tenebat tenebat  
tenebat tenebat tenebat tenebat

Fred. W. Horn  
Madison, Wisconsin  
March 28-1860

Introducing Col. J. H.  
Richards of Milwaukee,  
one of the oldest Dem. Editors  
in the State &c.



Wisconsin  
Wisconsin

John C. Breckinridge  
John C. Breckinridge  
Vice-President of the  
United States.

William  
Steward

United States  
United States of America  
America  
American American  
American American

Steward  
Steward

Washington City  
Washington  
Washington City



Mr. A. Jones  
Wyandott, Kansas I.  
March 28 - 1860

Hopes that Kansas may  
be admitted into the Union  
in order that the Kansas  
Delegates to Charleston  
may be allowed to vote  
in Convention.

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Wyandott March 29 1/60

Hon J M. Douglass  
Dr Sir

Our democratic  
delegates have just  
returned from  
Atchison, all the Charla-  
ton delegates are your  
friends, and they  
will all get seats if  
Kansas is admitted  
as a state into the  
union previous to that  
time. your friends here  
expect you will be able  
to bring this about so  
as to ensure the Kansas



vote in said Conven-  
tion. We are intimidated  
that the vote will be  
a close one and all  
may be lost unless  
our delegates obtain  
seats

Your most obt servant  
M A Jones



Wm M. King  
West Point, Missouri  
April 2<sup>d</sup> - 1860

Friends - In relation to a  
mail route; Pacific R.R.  
& settlers on public lands.

at Leisure

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West Point Mo. March 28<sup>th</sup> 60

Hon S. A. Douglas  
Dear Sir: -

Please accept my Thanks  
for the documents sent.  
Your political position  
pleases me. I think your  
prospects are very fair  
in this section of Missouri.

And my impression is,  
that true Democracy is on  
the ascendency in Kansas.

We want the Tri Weekly  
mail route (petitioned for)  
established from - Kansas  
City, Mo. to Sherman, Texas.

In reference to land  
grants for Rail Roads -  
The Pacific Rail Road - &



think: or rather would  
suggest that Congress  
grant - to actual settlers  
a strip of Territory - so - miles  
wide - on the most practicable  
route to the Pacific - to let  
the settlers thereon build  
their own road as the  
necessity of the case dem-  
anded. As to the settlers  
on the Reserves - especially  
those on the Miami Reserve  
They are a good citizenry  
many good democrats - &  
were invited to settle there  
on by the Land Officers -  
Please see that they have  
fair play. The settlers are  
willing to pay \$1.25 ~~per acre~~  
for their land - But 5 -  
five years to pay it in  
at the present time would  
be to them a "Godsend" -

My information in  
reference to the movements  
of your friends or enemies  
in this section of country  
which you may desire -  
or any questions you  
may be pleased to ask  
in confidence - I will  
give, and answer to the  
best of my ability.

Yours very Truly -  
Wm. M. King.



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T. R. Sargent  
Commautrie, Pa  
March 28-1860

asks for answer to  
Seward.



Commautrie Pa  
Mar 28 1860

Hon S. A. Douglas  
Sir

Will you have the  
kindness to send me your reply to  
W. H. Seward in the Senate Feb 29  
and much oblige

Yours  
T. R. Sargent







Townsend T. Whipple, the County Schoolmaster March 28, 1860  
 Stephen A. Douglas Esq  
 Dear Sir

After I saw you at your house on  
 the 22 of February, I talked again with Salis-  
 bury, hoping of course from <sup>him</sup> what I desired. But on  
 he promised me he would vote against any  
 Platform <sup>Democratic</sup> ~~the~~ Senators in caucus or in the Senate  
 might attempt to lay down. I should have called  
 on you afterwards and informed <sup>you</sup> if it had not been  
 that some friends were anxious to get away ahead  
 of the rush of passengers, I have seen Salisbury  
 since on his way home, he is one of the delegates  
 to Charleston, and will no doubt throw the vote  
 for this State, as he has two of the three counties  
 with him, Bayard but one, if Salisbury had  
 a little more force, and was not so peculiarly  
 situated, he would proclaim himself openly  
 your friend, the lower portion of this State  
 where he comes from is ultra Slavery, and Bayard  
 panders to that feeling to such an extent, that Salisbury  
 is afraid he will supplant him or weaken him, and  
 it is the fixed determination here in Delaware  
 with your and Salisbury's friends, that James A  
 Bayard never shall go to the Senate after his Pres-  
 ent term. I am urging it on our friends to  
 hold a meeting and request Salisbury in  
 the Charleston Convention to throw the vote for  
 you, as soon as you have a greater number  
 than all the other candidates, we hope to get him to  
 do that much, if Bayard is impotent to cast the vote  
 he would all the time vote for any opponent of yours,  
 however I hope to head him off from casting the vote.



Samuel Townsend Esq

Townsend P.O. New Castle Co.

Delaware

March - 28 - 1860

Senator Salisbury will cast  
the vote of State; he promised  
to vote against Census Reas-  
-utions; and as soon as the  
majority of votes is given  
to Judge at Charleston, he  
will be made to give the  
State vote for him.

Townsend has caused the  
Delaware Engineer to take  
down the name of Breckinridge,  
& put up Stephen A. Day  
-las - Ve. He will come  
on & see Salisbury again,  
if necessary.

we shall write Salisbury <sup>Min</sup>urging to help you  
as soon as he can without incurring himself in success,  
if you think it necessary or best, I will come  
on to Washington and then to Salisbury, he  
is under great obligations to me, and a friend  
of mine, and he knows me to be your first friend  
and to have fought against all odds for the Princi-  
ple of Popular Sovereignty, I have succeeded  
in <sup>in his Delaware Engineer</sup> getting men & money in Wilmington to take  
Breckinridge's name down and putting yours  
up, we are gaining rapidly here in Delaware,  
and I sincerely hope the National Convention  
will have the good sense to nominate you,  
and lay down a good liberal Democratic  
Platform, then would feel certain we  
could elect you in spite of all opposition  
from whatever quarter, yours very respectfully

Samuel Townsend



Hon. S. A. Douglas  
Dear Sir.

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[Mar. 28, 1860]

I wish to go to Charleston  
- I wish to go now - in order to contradict  
the report the reports of ~~impious~~ prices  
to be imposed upon those who may be  
at the Convention. This I can do by  
writing a half dozen letters to northern  
papers.

The direct object of those reports  
is, to bluff the northern Democracy, and  
keep back the postage. I require \$100.  
Forney has partially promised to furnish  
that amount; he has the ~~small~~ matter  
under advisement. A word from  
you will decide the thing in my favor,  
and I shall be off. You are not  
required to advance anything.

As Ever

J. Albert Underwood

March 28<sup>th</sup> 1860.



<sup>my</sup> Wm. Herbert Underwood

March 28 1860

suggesting that he should  
go to Charleston, & write  
~~before~~ letters to Southern  
papers, contradicting the  
reports about prices &c.

Wants too, to carry his  
plan in execution, not  
from Judge D. but from  
his friends.



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Sentinel Office  
Fort Dodge, Iowa, March 28, '69

Hon. S. A. Douglas  
Washington, D. C.

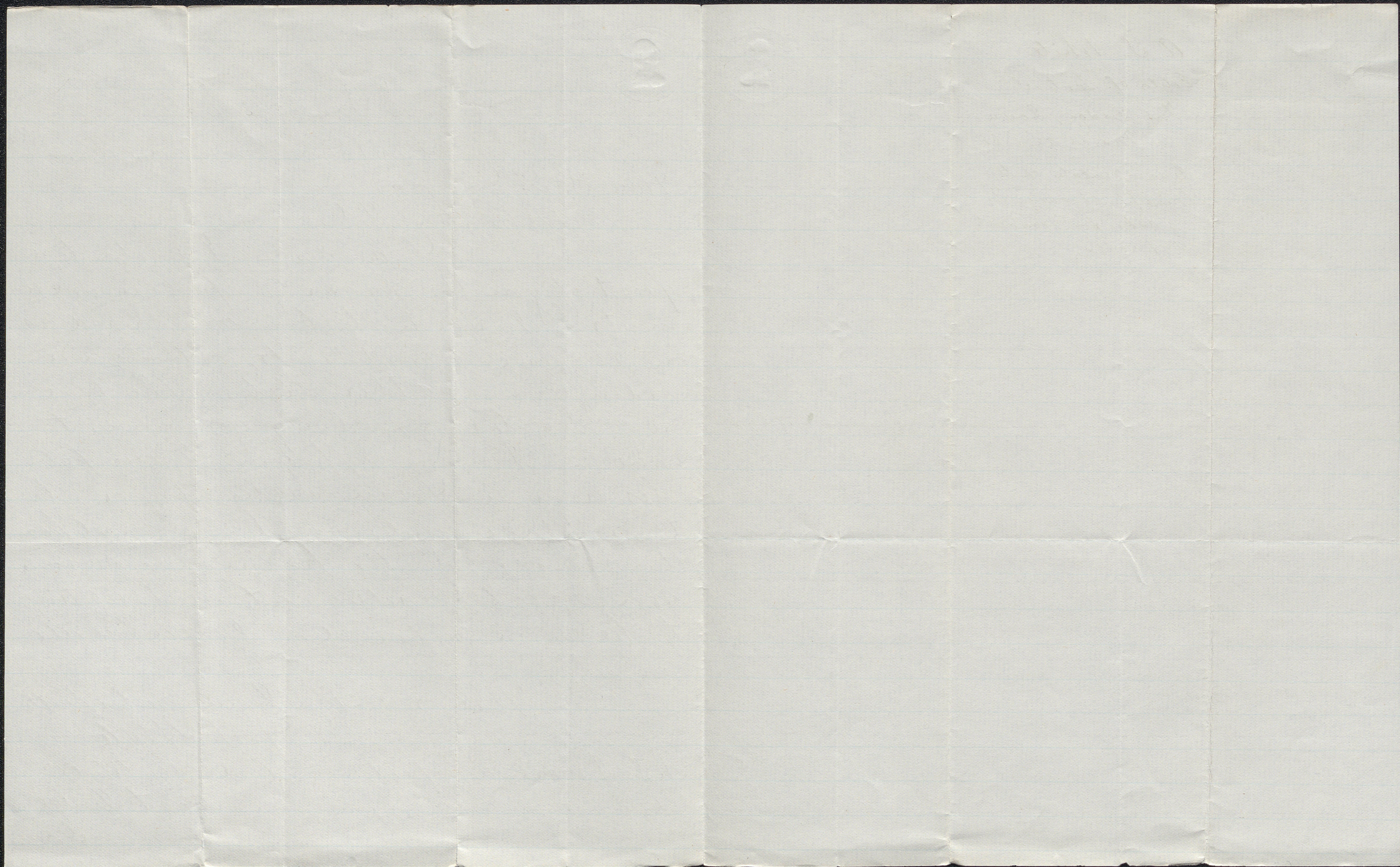
Dear Sir:— I write to re-  
quest of you the favor of public docu-  
ments. I wish to be considered as  
one of your constituents, although re-  
siding in another State. We have  
no Senator in Congress now, to  
whom I can apply. I am pub-  
lishing a Democratic paper at  
this place and working hard for  
the success of the principle which  
you so ably advocate. Trusting  
to be remembered, I subscribe  
myself

Yours in the Democratic faith  
A. S. White

P.S.—I mail a paper to  
you regularly

Ed. Sentinel  
Fort Dodge  
Iowa







A. S. White  
Editor of "Sentinel"  
Fort Dodge, Iowa  
March 28 1860

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Is an advocate of the  
principles of Judge D.  
asks for documents  
& speeches.



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Chicago Mar 28 1860

Hon S. A. Douglas

Mr Sir a few  
days since I addressed a letter  
to You requesting You to obtain  
and send to me a copy of the  
Report of the Smithsonian Inst.  
for 1859. also the Potent Office  
Report. I made a mistake in  
the Year of the Smithsonian Report  
it is 1858. I want the one that  
contains instructions for the Collection  
of insects. Hoping You will  
pardon me for troubling You  
over on the subject. I remain  
Yours Respo

Leopold J. Ward

P.O. Box 1840



Cyrus J. Ward

Chicago, Ill<sup>s</sup>

March 28-1860

asks for Report of  
Smithsonian Institute of 1858,  
or the one containing in-  
structions for the collection  
of insects.

Sent Smiths. 1857