

A D Banks -
Hampton Va -
15 July 1860

Politics

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Hampton

Va July 15-16/1860

My Dear Judge

I am still in Va
You can have no idea of the
embarrassment and difficulty
in our work here. but it goes
on well. notwithstanding. Homan
& Rives dissenters ^{on conference} have called
this Convention of our friends at
Hampton on 16th Prae. Blount
who is with us united in
the funeral call for
Charlottesville. He is tired
and wants to leave. He
promises however to act
with us.

Leaders are alarmed and
propose terms already. The only
way our friends will listen to

is proposition to take one
ticket instructed to vote for
the candidate who gets most
electoral votes at the North
This Fletcher Ritchie & others
advise and agree to

our convention next same day
and can review all their
propositions.

If it is possible we should
see Va & North Carolina

Write to me at Washington
in this week early.

The London will come out
in a day or two for you.

We have just issued a

Paper at Richmond

We shall also have one
at Petersburg

Our minds are getting active
spirits and confidence all

over the slave. Shall see you

in a few days at New York
or New York.

Remember me warmly to
Mrs Douglass.

Very faithfully
Wm L. A. Douglass

I have written Louis' son Brook
Johnson & others to address our
mass convention 16th Nov.

Arlington July 15, 1860
Hon S A Douglas

My Dear Sir allow me
to say to you that your nomination is
hailed here by the People with the greatest
enthusiasm and I only claim to be
one of the people. The nomination of
Breckinridge by the "Polters" we hold is an
outrage and none can support him but
such as have sold their Liberty for a price

I am no public speaker but in my
own way I shall do all in my power
to secure your Election and if not your
election to secure you the popular vote
as you are the Peoples man

Now Sir if you will be kind enough
to furnish me such documents as set
forth the principles of the True Democratic
Party. The policy of the present Adminis-
tration has been & is so adverse to the

to the interests of the North West that it is
hard to make the less intelligent citizens
here believe but that all Democrats hold
the same policy — Any thing that
will show your position on the Home
Steak Bill will do much more here than
any thing else (I believe it was you
that secured the passage of the Oregon
Homestead) The North West is more indebted
to you for favors done than to any
other man in the Union, and the people
need but to be reminded of the facts
when that will rally to the support
of their benefactor Any thing
that I can do in the way of circulating
True Democratic Documents or other wise
I shall be happy to do

Allow a stranger to you to
Subscribe himself Your Friend

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

W. S. Beatty
Arlington
Libbey Co. Minn.

W S Beatty
Arlington
Libby Co
Minn^a
15 July 1860

Spuches —



Augusta July 15th

Dear Sir //

Yours of 10th inst
 reached me yesterday.
 I have "caused to be writ-
 -ten" a letter (from my
 office) pursuant to your
 suggestion. It will ap-
 -pear in the N.Y. Herald
 signed "Adze", and
 will be followed by others
 on the same line. You
 will also see in the
 Herald, about wednes-
 -day or Thursday next
 a communication signed
 "A Conservative", also
 emanating from my
 office, in which is set
 forth the programme

of a Union or fusion,
of Bell & Everett conser-
vatives with the
Douglas democracy in
Georgia. The arrange-
ment is in a satisfac-
tory state of progress.
The article will be pub-
lished simultaneously
in Georgia in all the
Douglas papers, and nearly
all of the Bell papers.
This movement if it works
as I believe it will, most
certainly deprives Brecken-
ridge of all showing for
the North of Georgia. The pro-
posed Union & Democratic
ticket will get from 2/3ds
to 3/4th of all the votes in
this State. It will, besides,
operate most favorably in

other States, North as
well as South, for
Douglas. The advan-
tages of this Coup d'état
cannot well be over-
rated.

As Chairman of the State
Executive Committee, I
will postpone the as-
sembling of our Conven-
tion, from the 24th Inst. to
the 1/3th of August. This
last is the day for the Bell
& Everett Convention to meet.
When the Sackboms and
head chiefs of both par-
ties get together on that
day at Milledgeville,
we will organize a tick-
et which will carry Geo-
gia with a stormy enthu-
siasm. // A few days

will make all this
apparent.

In speaking of
this matter, do not give
any name any prominence,
or quote me. I do not
wish the Breckinridge men
to know whether the blow
comes from a Bell or
a Douglas man in the first
instance. They will denounce
it sharply as a plot - an
unprincipled coalition &c. &c.
But "it is lawful to fight
the Devil with fire"
"Har est ab hoste doceri".

Cobb got the whip hand of us
in our June Convention but
I think we will beat him at his
own game. Our coalition with
the Bell party will be of no use
- our show his with the Free States.
Josh Sanders Esq Youngs & Gardner

A.B.

If You should desire my daily, tri-weekly, or weekly paper during the campaign I will send it to you, or any address you name. It will only cost the postage, & may be useful.

I take the liberty of sending to a your address, for the perusal of your daughter - two, any literary paper, the Southern Field & Fencer. Please present our respects to her, with the expression of the hope that I may thus contribute to each with some thing to beguile her idle moments.

If you will name, or at

any time furnish
me a list of names
to whom it is desirable
to send the Constitution-
alist, during this Cam-
-paign I will have it
done with great plea-
-sure. It will do good
for Southern Brethren ~~perhaps~~
to be seen in some quar-
-ters in the North by our
friends

Yours
G.

James Gardiner
Augusta ^{Geo}
15. July 1860.
to Geo N Sanders
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Snaps Lake July 15th 60
Jackson Co Michigan

Hon S. A. Douglas:

Dear Sir:

Allow me us
a "Douglas National Democrat" to
congratulate you on your nomi-
nation as the democratic candidate
for the highest office in the
gift of the American people.
Sir, the democracy of the "Volun-
tary" state are in their glory in
the names of Douglas, Johnson, & Berry
strikes like a thunderbolt in the ears
of the Black Republican Party.

I am happy to state to you
that the democracy of Michigan are
all of one sentiment in regard
to the regulation of commerce - non-
intervention is the cry! and the
"Little Giant" is just the man that
the people want at the head of gov-
ernment to carry out and estab-
lish the principle of popular sov-
ereignty in commerce.

The "Republican party with Lincoln

as these leaders make a confounded
poor show here in Michigan.

The fact is they have lost their
man (Secrest) and we have got
our man Douglas for Gap attempt
to establish a Breckinridge paper
in this State has proved a failure
and Breckinridge stands about as much
chance of receiving votes at the coming
election as does John Bell.

I wrote you previous to your
summoning and received from
your hands your last great speech
and which document I am happy
to inform you has been the
means of bringing 3 Black Repub-
licans to these secesses in this my
neighborhood.

It is my sincere desire that
the slave energy of Michigan may
prove victorious and drive back
the fineries and sectional passion which
if not resisted will ultimately
destroy our great confederacy.

I yesterday visited Galesburg
Gen. Julius Livornese placed
up residence (one of the elderly

to the National Convention) and by the
way one of your warmest supporters.
We have commenced the battle in this
county in earnest and have every
hope of success if we but cleave it.

Now there is one favor that
I should be pleased to have you
grant me, an article that I saw
not very well procured from any
other source - It is ~~of~~ a negative
on glass for your Photographic.

This would be a very desirable
thing for me to get at the present
time so that we may have them
to distribute at our club and tracts
meetings. If you should be good enough
to accede to my wishes please send
whole size negative - My means are
not very extensive and I shall not
ask I can master to pay my expenses
during the campaign in fighting
for Douglas and slave energy.

Under these circumstances I could
not conveniently send you the
pay for the negative I consulted
Mr. Livornese on the matter he

advised me to write you and
thought that any thing I might
write would meet with your hearty
and entire approval

I am a young man and I
am sorry to say that my pecuniary
affairs are not equally balanced
with my ambition - I have suffered
a long time from an acute disease
of the eye which has as a conse-
quence put me back in regard
to my financial circumstances
therefore you will excuse me for
not sending you the same regard-
less of the negative
Please be kind enough to answer
my email and oblige

W A Harrington
Grass Lake

La Crosse
July 15
Mr. Rogers

Yours truly

W A Harrington

P.S. A Lincoln Photographs are being ex-
tensively circulated throughout the State
and why can we not have the "Little
Giants" If you cannot send the negative will
you make arrangements with some establish-
ment so that I can procure them

Camden Ark July 15th 1865.

Hon Stephen. A. Douglas.

Dr Sir
Although a stranger to you, I am
an intimate and particular friend
to Hon. W. V. Johnson of Georgia
to whom I refer you. And all that
I wish to say to you is that I want
you to send me forthwith to this
place all the Patetical Document
that will tend to advance your
cause. There will be no Electors in
this State for your Ticket if the
right kind of work is not
done at once.

Yours Respectfully
B. C. Hattox

B D Hallow
Camden
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Panthe Boston Halifax Va July 15th

Wm S. A. Douglas

Dear Sir

I am very much gratified
gratified you were nominated by the National
Democracy. But regret that we disgraced
himself. ~~by~~ The majority of his Delegation.
And misrepresented their people. They were
pledged to the Cincinnati Platform. all the
Papers except the Engineer. The Examiner
was with us. But that paper turned traitor
to his people. The Hunter men to secure your
friends; in the event your name was withdrawn
and advocated the Cincinnati Platform. And then
to secure the Seceders abandoned their position
and caused all the mischief and disgrace
to the Democracy of Va. They acted as I
predicted and as I wrote to you they would
do. I wrote to you their course was policy.
They never were for you. But wanted your
friends to nominate Hunter. But your friends
acted right. By standing by you. Let the con-
sequences be what they may. The Hunter men
in Va are generally extreme Southern men. And
Mr. Olden the Editor of the Examiner. And
Lewis E. Harvey his half Brother are ^{for} secession.
They have no love for the Union. They are also

I wish I could know the cause their friends
is to persevere in Va
G 13. Major -
clerical
young lady

But he said he ~~would~~ would meet any
man or sett of men. who would ^{to} try and put
a great rational man ^{down} who had done more
for the South and Union than any living man.
Stovall is the most popular man in Halifax.
He has more strength than any man in the County.
Granville L. C. Medley denounced the Orators and
denounced the disunion move. went for
fighting in the Union. And told them it
was idle to talk of dissolving this Union. He
is our present Member to the House of Delegates.
He speaks well. He will unite with Stovall
and Hawthorn in canvassing this County.
You know G. L. Medley. He was at your
house in Worthington last winter. We went
to the celebration ^{to} put the people right; you
had ^a ~~had~~ ^{magazine} for you there. We done all the
talking we could; it had its effect; we have
nearly all the speaking and leading men for
you in Halifax. If Boock would join us
we could carry the District. We will make
a bold fight for you and the cause. Boock
has been sending your speeches all over the District.
I have circulated a number of your Speeches, and
every man that received them are for you. The most
intelligent men are for you. J. R. Edmunds
was for you! But since the nomination, I have

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I have not seen Mr John R. Edmunds: But saw
 Col L. Edmunds he says he ^{is} still inclined to go
 for you. Col L. Edmunds is decided for you.
 Col R. M. Kerby of the Post office in Brooklyn
 Halifax. Kerby was the delegate to House of delegates
 1855 from Petersburg County. He has since moved
 to Halifax his native County. Dr B. R. Fanning
 is for you
 Petersburg P.O. He represented the County several
 Terms: you have 6 members of the House
 of delegates warmly for you. Mr Thos. Thomson
 of Mount Laurel for you: A strong man
 we mean to stand by you and your cause.
 I think we can carry the County: you see the
 Executive Committee have called a Convention to meet
 in Charlottesville August the 16. The Douglas men
 have some idea of call a Convention at the
 same time. Dr J. B. Stowell went to Richmond
 with Edmunds who is a member of the Executive
 Committee. To see what we would do. We
 thought by calling a Douglas meeting at the same
 time would be best we could determine what
 to do. we want to present to the people of Va.
 the Issue of Intervention & nonintervention. We
 are determined to have an Electoral Ticket
 unless they will give us a fair chance. we are at
 a loss to know whether to vote for ^{abolition electors} but one

I never shall forget you. What does he want with a slave to do
 you have my best wishes for your success
 up to the top

I mean how can we make a decision? I don't know of how to do it. But we will keep them from doing anything.

If there is but one sett; they must give us a fair chance in the Electoral College. And the Douglas men voting for Wendenbury and Garrison. Those for Intervention for Backus. We want the Issue: If we run two Electoral Tickets Bill will carry Va. We want to act with Douglas's friends. Throughout the Union; I see a number of states are for Union. I suppose we will be able to make the fight in Congress between Lincoln Douglas & Backus. As to the Engage saying Backus will carry Va. If we run a separate Ticket is all judge, If we make no compromise Charles Irving will be our Elector and there is not a man in the District who is Democrat who would not stand before him. You have ^{seen} R. Glasgow. Admire to the people of the Lynchburg District. He was a Delegate ^{to Glasgow}. It is a good letter which gives all the important facts in the Convention. It is a letter that will have its effect in Va. He charges all the treason to the Delegates of Va. He is correct in my judgment. We had but few men from Va of any talents ^{there}. It was the weakest delegation we ever had. Had they have nominated you at Charleston all would be well. And success certain. And peace would have been restored to the Union; For men to be lead off by ~~men~~ those scoundrels.

The Road to Freedom is in the East. The East is the only place where we can find it.

Those who desire Union. whose aim is that and nothing else. If Lincoln is elected they are then for Union is their cry. I am against Union if Lincoln is elected. If he administers the Government upon Constitutional principles I am not for Union. But If they are for usurping power and denying us our rights then its cause for Union. And not before. There can be no peaceable dissolution of this Union. In a good cause of Northern Union & Southern Union must aid us in preserving the Union. One or the other sections must safely subgate the other section. I hope and trust we will succeed in this struggle. You are bound to succeed finally. Your position is right.

You have been endorsed by a majority
of the votes in the Convention, and by more ~~than~~
than $2/3$ of the vote at Baltimore.

I think if ^{is} throughout one set of Electors run,
In Virginia Pennsylvania Maryland
Massachusetts Ohio Indiana ~~to~~ Iowa
Illinois Wisconsin Michigan & Delaware
which ~~will~~ ^{will} carry you in the House of Representatives
And your chance will be equal for success
with the balance of them. I think the South
will regret their course, which she has taken. I must
condemn Cushing as President he acted as badly as any
man in the Convention. He will be ~~condemned~~ by all sensible
and correct men. He to decide parliamentary Rules ~~etc~~.
Rules; It ~~was~~ showed a weak head or a bad heart - any
man who knows anything of parliamentary law knows he was wrong.

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S B Major
South Boston
Halifax Co Va

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