

Clarion Penn<sup>a</sup>

April 16<sup>th</sup> 1856

Gen Stephen A. Douglass  
Washington  
Dear Sir

As the  
Kansas Nebraska issue, will  
be the all absorbing one in the  
Ensuing Campaign, particu-  
larly so in this State, in Conse-  
quence of the Union of all  
Shades of the Opposition Against  
the Democracy, We feel impu-  
lsed to Confront our Opponents  
with the Authenticated facts  
of the Kansas Struggle And  
believing them to be Embodied  
in your recent Report, I  
should feel indebted, if you

will forward me a copy  
after its publication, as well  
as a copy of your recent  
and very able speech on  
the same subject.

Assuming  
you of the strong interest man-  
ifested by our Democracy in  
your zealous and earnest  
efforts in behalf of the doc-  
trines of "Popular Sovereignty"  
as annunciated in the Kansas  
Nebraska Bill, I remain

Very Truly  
Yours Respectfully

C. L. Lamberton



Sept april 26/56

Richmondall Prop Co Ohio

Hon Stephen A Douglas  
Sir

Apr 15 1850

Will you please send us a copy  
of your late speech in the Senate of United States, by so  
doing you will greatly oblige us  
Yours Truly

W H Elliott

John Griffis

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Hon Stephen Douglas {  
Washington DC }

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Coshocton, Ohio

15<sup>th</sup> April 1836

Honl. Stephen A. Douglass

10<sup>th</sup> Mass. St.

I am as a matter of course to you, but if you will look at the list of Electors for the State of Ohio you will find my name opposite to the 15<sup>th</sup> Congressional District, which gives Kent. Pierce over 3000. At present

The object of this Epistle is, to inform you, that I am informed by our Post Masters throughout the County, that the Opposition is pouring in Crumbles Speeches, on the Kansas matter, by thousands.

It is done through Caffé their Session members from this District—

We have suffered everything here, we were unfortunately enough to have three Candidates in the field against Caffé & the result is, that we have him posed before us— And when we make appeal to our friends at the City of Washington a deaf ear is turned towards us—





Burns Cochester



100 Reports  
50 Speeches

Sent

Chas. John A. Nichols  
of the W. S. Senate  
Washington City  
D.C.



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See Office Records

Chicago April 16. 1856.

My Dear Sir: Cook's application for injunction against Sheahan & Cameron came up this A.M. before Judge Wilson, and his bill was dismissed upon Technical points. A new bill is in process of preparation, and the matter will be pressed with increased bitterness. Personally to its being called up I went to Cook and made him a most liberal proposition to settle the matter amicably, and urged every possible consideration upon him, but in vain. He will have none and I swear he will have possession and control of the Series or stop its publication.

I trust you will forward your affidavit at the earliest practicable moment, if you shall not have done so before receiving this. Please do not forget to "entitle" it of the Suit - (Isaac Cook vs James J. Sheahan and Daniel Cameron Dm.)

I trust also you will no longer hesitate to do what you own instincts and that of the Democratic part of Illinois has long indignantly demanded - have Cook removed from our List of officers. He was sufficiently anxious before to the party to make his retaining that office a reproach to the administration, and since his late conduct he is universally discredited by the Democrats here



and elsewhere, and as long as he is continued in office the Democratic party of this City can never attain to the position to which it is entitled. He now occupies about the same relation to the party that John Wentworth does - commends with us one-cut with us one - and abuses all who will not be subservient to his dictation. For long already have you endured the odium of an intimate association with him - too long have you suffered him to interpose his selfishness between you and them who would like to be your friends, and you owe it to yourself and to the Democratic party to disolve a relation that produces such results. I write you no personal intaint of advice, and only express the unanimous views of the Democratic party here. If I have written too plainly upon the zeal I derive for your own sake and that of the Democratic party.

It is commoned here from friends that Doctor Berckholt Mr. Vickar will be the best person to have appointed successor to Dr. Cook, and Sherman has telegraphed to you to that effect. It will certainly be a happy change. Dr. Mr. Vickar is not only highly qualified intellectually to discharge the duties of the office, but his unquestioned integrity and

high personal character and qualities will at once challenge the respect and confidence of the entire business community, and winning strength you and the Democratic party in this City and District. He will bring to the office the most sterling energy and a scrupulous attention to all its details, and infuse order and regularity into its now erratic and confused operations. For those reasons on all sincere trust you will have him appointed immediately.

Believe me, most sincerely  
Yours friend  
E. R. Hooper

By  
Hon. S. A. Douglas.

E R Hooper  
Chicago Ill  
april 10/56

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Belleville April 16. 1836

Now I A Douglass

My Dr Sir

When in Washington I told you I had written a letter to the editors of Randolph Co. I expected every day to see it published whilst I was absent, but as it declined running for Congress my friends here refused to allow it to appear until I came back and qualified it slightly - I now send it to you with the comments of the Belleville Advocate upon it - Neither of the German papers have noticed it - their friends say that they are unwilling to appear and dare not condemn - a few days more will show their course - Its effect here is very fine, and although I say it n<sup>o</sup> should not - it has had a magic influence upon our German population - They received it in Monroe County Sunday and to day the Sheriff a German Shentifur Anti-Slavery man called upon me with a letter inviting me to speak there on Monday the first day of Court - I will come down on all the "isms" like the Devil - Kooner I am told is very much surprised at my course

and regards it as an abandonment of  
Anti Slaveryism &c. &c. - I told a friend of  
his the day he said upon that subject the  
letter, for at the very time he was abusing  
Douglass & the Nebraska bill at Springfield  
he was urging me to vote for Shields - who  
was as deeply implicated in the Nebraska  
little paper as any one else - clearly showing  
that personal motives rather than principle  
was influencing his action.

My allusion to the old Whig party is well  
received in this county & I think will  
be throughout the State - The conclusion  
of the advocates article is making a Devil  
of a job to day, in the streets where the prohibi-  
tory law & H. A. is styled "temperary" - every  
thing is now conspiring in one favor - there  
is a solid Abolition, Puritanical preacher here  
lecturing violently in favor of the "prohibitory  
law" and you may rest assured we make it  
tell - St. Clair will be heard - Underwood is an-  
nouncing to act with us - there isn't a corporal  
guard of the Republican party left in St. Clair  
at the Presidential Election of some great fan-  
tasy is not made at Springfield - The only  
danger we have to fear is that the Republicans  
will nominate Triple, in which Scott one  
German who may be endangered - He cannot  
persuade them that Triple is not a Democrat

and with a Catholic wife than nothingism  
won't take a good hold upon him - I will remain  
here until after the 1<sup>st</sup> of May and then leave for  
Europe - We have a fine delegation to the state con-  
vention of solid substantial men - If harmony pre-  
vails there which I hope it may and a good state  
ticket is selected you may rely upon the 8<sup>th</sup>  
district being all right - Even the county of Adams  
is right and I would stake my life in carrying  
it against the "cons."

Truly Yrs friend  
J. K. Overman



Col J S Morrison  
Welleville Ills  
April 16/56

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P. C. Simmons  
St Charles,  
Mo

April 16. 1856

Has resigned the  
P. O. - L.

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April 16, 1856

To, the Hon Stephen A Douglas

Sir

As I have tendered  
my resignation to the  
Post Master General of our  
Postmaster at St Charles

Rane County Mo  
and recommended

Albert Hayden Esq  
Mr Hayden is an old resident  
of this town and has ever  
been a consistent National  
Democrat his appointment will  
secure the constant approbation  
of his fellow citizens he is in  
favour of the principals  
contained in the Nebraska  
bill converse with Mr S. P.  
Jones on the subject and  
use your influence to  
secure his appointment and  
Oblige yours truly  
April 16<sup>th</sup> 1856 P. C. Simmons Roll





To the Hon S. A. Douglass.

Member of the United States

Senate at Washington D. C.

Sir - Please Pardon me for taking the  
liberty of asking your Hon. ~~and other~~  
Distinguished Democratic ~~Members~~ -  
~~Members~~ to send me and other Democratic  
Abolition Citizens in this place some and  
as many of your speeches and other ~~interesting~~  
interesting ~~Members~~ speeches on the same side  
of the question as you and the friends on the  
same side conveniently can and you will  
confer a great favour on us in this place  
for we get nothing but ~~McDonnot~~ Proviso  
S. A. Grouse speaks & Abolition papers  
and Sacraments till I and Green we  
very many of us have got tired and  
heart sick of them we want to hear  
both sides of the question - Mr Grouse  
may tell you that we are all anti  
Abolition men here but we will tell  
a different story next fall - try now and  
remember us and we will not forget it  
next Fall - - Please direct to -  
Elisha Griffin, Forest Lake Postoffice  
Susquehanna Co. Pennsylvania

I keep the Postoffice and will  
gladly and faithfully distribute to my  
neighbours all that comes to hand and as  
soon as received so to me

This from Elisha Griffin  
Forest Lake Sus. Co. Pa  
April 17th 1856



Regents on  
documents & speeches

Just Rept & Speeches  
April 26/56



3 From Philadelphia Ap. 17/56  
2 Tuscarawas Co. Ohio

To the Hon. S. Douglass:-

Sir:- You may think  
it strange, yea! more than strange, to  
receive a letter from an individual  
with whom you have no earthly acquaint-  
tance, yea! even no knowledge whatso-  
ever, but I hope, all that phantasm of surprise  
will vanish from your mind when I  
tell you that I am a Democrat of old  
standing, and one who has been battling  
in the Democratic ranks since 1821.  
and in no once instance have I wavered  
or failed fire— And as John A. Bingham's  
speeches has been circulated by the d— n-  
b— l faction of every damnable ism  
under the sun, from Dan to Beersheba  
for political effects, <sup>and</sup> William R. Lapps  
speeches of last year came flying  
all over our congressional district as

thick as flies on a dead carcass - I want  
you, (If I am not asking you to much)  
to send me a few of your speeches whereunto  
I can meet these Colosseumians - I want  
once more God willing to meet this corrupt  
of corruption party, and that too in an  
open, stump field fight, on liberal principles.  
And if the Democracy does not strip it from  
their corrupt and foul plumes, I mistake  
the signs of the times -

Please send me your speeches, and some  
other good Democratic documents  
that will be of Democratic service to me  
for the cause of democracy.

May I live to see yourself the standard bearer  
of our glorious Democracy - and may I be  
there to see you, in the Presidential chair.

May your life be prolonged,

Permit me merely to suggest the names of  
Peter K. Shuttler, D. E. B. Haug, James Magee,  
Jacob Friend, and Louis M. Collins, to send  
one of your speeches -

As have no Dem. in either house from  
our part of the State of Ohio.

Let me hear from you soon

I am fraternally,

Your obt. Servant

D. H. Haug.

Direct New Philadelphia, Lucas County  
Ohio.

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(12 Reports  
order filled



Deersville, Harrison Co. Ohio  
April 18<sup>th</sup> 1836

Wm. L. A. Douglas  
Sir,

I would be  
glad to receive a few copies  
of your Kansas Spectator  
I sent to the Union Office some  
short time since, but have  
not received any.

Very Respectfully,  
Yours obt. Servt.

A. McNary Junr

A. M. Kary  
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Harrison Co  
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San City Cal Apr 19<sup>th</sup> 1856  
Hon A. A. Douglass

I send you by this mail  
a report of the Surveyor Gen<sup>l</sup> of  
California there are many in-  
accuracies in it but there may  
be some matters that would  
interest you. I am well pleased  
to see with what favour your  
name is mentioned in connection  
with the Presidency. I have no doubt  
if it had not been asserted that  
you had declined allowing your  
name being used in that con-  
nection that you would have re-  
ceived the united support of the  
Dem Convention. You will see by  
the report of the proceedings of  
the last Convention that the Kel-  
logg doctrine was the main issue  
in selecting a suitable person to  
present to the Democracy of the  
United States. There are many per-  
sons who have heretofore acted and  
voted in opposition to the Democracy  
who would support you in the  
next contest

The people here been imposed  
upon long enough with avail-  
able Presidents. If Mr. Fillmore ~~is not~~  
does not accept the nomination  
no other person can receive  
the same amount of votes in the  
Apperition. I will keep you apprised  
of the movements of parties in  
this State

I remain yours  
Wm B. Hoovel.

P.S. My residence is Stockton Cal

1854



Wm B. Ford  
Sacramento City Cal  
April 19/56

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College Corner

Butler Co Ohio

April 19<sup>th</sup> 1866

Reverend S. M. Douglas

Sir

I would  
be greatly obliged to you for a  
copy of your late report on  
Shand's affairs.

I know that confidential  
courtesy is most numerically  
taxed by demands of this  
kind. The only excuse which  
I can offer for doing the  
same thing is that I know  
of no other way to obtain the  
report in question.

Very Respectfully

J. J. Shand



Order filed  
One of each

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What I believed the wrong. You were in Europe during  
this Controversy, so detrimental to the best interests of the  
Party & the Country. When you returned you found  
the great Democratic Party, which you had ~~found~~ left  
so united and harmonious, distracted, not only, in  
New York, but to <sup>a</sup> greater or less degree, in every  
State of the Union, because, of what they believed to  
be ~~the~~ an outrage upon the spirit & letter of the  
Constitution, and a full resuscitation of the free-soil  
Party throughout the Union. The result has  
proved, to your satisfaction, I apprehend, that  
it was <sup>no</sup> unmecessary alarm. I became a candidate  
for the Senate Printing & was strongly urged by the  
leading & most prominent men in that body of  
our own party, & never dreaming <sup>but</sup> that to the  
your principles & your personal <sup>relations with</sup> ~~friends~~ <sup>for me</sup>  
would justify me in expecting your support, I rested  
quietly in the conviction that I should receive it.  
Nor, did I as you well remember, doubt its having  
been accorded me, for ten days after the Election!

Grieved at this most unexpected course on your part  
which you never intimated to me before,  
and smarting, wherever I turned, <sup>under</sup> ~~at~~ the frowns of

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of those who had predicted otherwise, I opened  
 not my mouth in murmur or complaint. At  
 your own invitation, he had an interview of several  
 hours, in which you attempted to justify your course,  
 by asserting your apprehension that a support of me  
 & my paper, would be making a "Cane through the  
party". Not satisfied with this reason myself, but  
 believing that you thought it sufficient, I agreed  
~~temporarily~~ to have no farther feeling about it,  
 but to write at once (which was your own sugges-  
 tion) to such of our mutual friends throughout the  
 Country, as had written & expressed to me, their  
 indignation, of what they termed, your desertion  
 of a political & personal friend, & explain to them  
 the reasons for it. This I did & thus you thanked me  
 for & then came up from our relations were restored.  
 Then came up your Territorial Bill, which found  
 in me at once, a ready & earnest, if not an able  
 advocate. My paper was open <sup>now</sup> to its advocacy, but  
 to a most untiring defence of you, from the attacks  
 which showered upon you. For months my columns  
 were devoted to nothing else but your defence &  
 the advocacy of that bill. Indeed up to the last month  
~~my~~ the sincerity of my support of Mr. Buchanan  
 has been questioned, publicly & privately, because of my  
 continuance to render you & your efforts full justice in  
 my columns. This then is a brief & I think you will admit  
 a faithful statement of our political & personal relations  
 in the past. I now bring you to incidents connected with



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the present Presidential contest. First, you will remember that you came to me & told me that you were not only not a candidate for the Presidency in '56 but that you would not consider it kind in your friends to urge your name. ~~And~~ the more effectually that this result might be produced, you asked me through the columns of the "Centinel" authoritatively to decline you. This declination so peremptory in its terms, you will remember; & you will not forget I am sure, that you even complained to me that it was not sufficiently strong, and urged upon me to avail myself of the first opportunity to make it more so! I do not mean to admit any rested right <sup>that you had</sup> in my support of you for the Presidency, nor am I to be understood as making any explanation for my support of another. But I state this fact to show you how unjust your complaints are that I have done so. Nor will I be so uncandid, as to withhold the expression of my belief that but for this peremptory declaration, I should never have been found again in your support. A whole year ~~has~~ passed, without my having had one word or line from you, indicating the least change of determination on your part, with reference to the Presidency in '56! until your arrival in Washington a few weeks ago! Now in common fairness and courtesy, who should have been the first person next to yourself, to have ~~had~~ been advised of a change in your views upon this subject? Surely, I should. Still consistent with my usual habit of frankness and fairness with you I went at once to see you, & was never more surprised in my life than to learn for the first time, that you would allow your name to go before the Cincinnati Convention.

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My position was not even then taken, and not until you expressed the opinion, "that a contingency might arise in which you might be called on to support Franklin Pierce as your second choice, because of his being, next to yourself, <sup>the</sup> man who was more identified with the Nebraska Kansas fight, did I feel shaken in my inclinations as far as you were concerned. ~~After so apparent a view~~ - I could not help feeling shocked at such a sentiment from you, after the oft repeated denunciation (not "private" or to me alone) of Genl. Pierce's administration and of his personal bad faith. The latter you have illustrated by an anecdote, which has become well spread & general & which I have heard told repeatedly.

With this acquaintance with your opinions of the administration and particularly of Frank Pierce, I thought when I was attacked by a paper in my own State, by the assertion <sup>of the Editor</sup> ~~that~~ of his own knowledge that the course I was pursuing was "utterly repudiated" by Douglass, Sumner, Mason, & Butler" it was a fair opportunity for you, if all these gentlemen, to me the justice - the common justice - to say that you had done ~~no~~ such thing & especially had authorized no such assertion. But again, although for Mr. Buchanan myself, I was really anxious to see you ~~had~~ not subjected to the weakening process, which I believed to be ~~the~~ <sup>the</sup> result of your connection in any way, whatever, with the Pierce dynasty, & not even to gain strength for my own candidate would I have submitted to the charge, believing as I did that it was groundless. Is Rich? during the late State Convention I had many and signal occasions to express my belief that it had no truth in it. I knew then, & know still, that you

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you have not a friend in Virginia who is in favour of Pierce  
or who endorses his administration. ~~My friend~~ ~~George~~  
In this spirit and with these feelings I  
write you, simply asking you to protect me against  
the charge made of your utter repudiation of me &  
my course, for it is worthy of note, that in none of  
our several frank & free conversations, have you ever  
intimated any disapproval of it whatever.

In these letters you have chosen to write me a reply  
which but for the manner of your addressing me, would  
have been almost offensive. You first say you have  
not seen the Southside Democrat - this I could not have  
doubted, as its article was copied approvingly in The  
Union - also was produced in the Sentinel in my reply - &  
in nearly all the Virginia papers.

You next say, that you "do not perceive how Mr. Banks  
& I have contrived to make you a party to a controversy  
with which you have no concern"! How Douglas is this  
just to me? It would have been just to Mr. Banks for he  
did make you a party to the controversy - I never, but  
on the contrary, endeavoured to keep you out of it by showing  
that you did not authorize <sup>or justify</sup> any such representation of your  
opinions of me or of my course. But is it a matter of



"No Concern to you", to see yourself represented publicly as "repudiating" a friend whose past services to you might at least have presupposed your silence, even if ~~you~~ he was so unfortunate, as not to have been approved of in a course which had at least sincerity in it. "No Concern to you" to be advertised as deserting a friend & upon a question with which you not only once agreed with him, but did much to form his opinion upon!

It has always been a matter of "my concern" when you have been attacked or misrepresented, & I have ever been found in the front ranks of your Defenders! If however I am to have so poor a return, be it so.

Again, you say you do not know what right ~~you~~ either of you proper to know or speak your private opinions" when we are each in favour of another person for the Presidency, in opposition to yourself. Now when have I professed to speak ~~for~~ your private opinions? You in the contrary, according <sup>to</sup> Mr Banks, have expressed your "private" opinions upon my course. You have permitted that advertisement of your "private" opinions to go to the world ~~as~~ to my detriment & injury. You have, according to Mr Banks expressed "private" opinions with regard to my course towards Genl. Pierce, which of



they do not positively conflict with the "private opinions" you have expressed to me, at least are in opposition to all the views I have ever heard you utter in connection with this administration. If therefore you can express private opinions, which are not your public opinions, you should not complain if they are used against you publicly. But I repeat, my shirt is clear from the charge. I have never undertaken to speak for you - another has - and this publicly too, and you permit it to go uncontradicted, thereby tacitly admitting his right to do so. As to your "authority" to allow me to speak for you, I have never asked it and shall never ask it of any man. I do not admit your right to complain of, or to check me, in speaking as I believe of my conviction of the private or public opinions of you while your name is up for the Presidency, where those opinions relate to public matters. I admit that you are "in a position to speak directly to the Country" - so am I - and upon this point we are equals at least.

But you speak of the "injustice in attempting to force you into a controversy, between two editors both of whom have pledged their papers to persons representing interests antagonistic to you & yours". There seems to me but one construction to be placed upon this passage. It is one however that I will not <sup>allow</sup> myself to place upon it, for it seems to charge upon me a discreditable thing. You certainly do not mean to say that I am a party to any attempt to force you into a controversy, for the purpose of gaining an advantage for my Candidate. And yet it bears too fully

this interpretation. I am, and none should know it better than myself, incapable of such a trick, I told you frankly my object - my only object. You have so singularly misconstrued my letters that I can really at a loss to account for it. They were dictated in the spirit of frankness good temper & fairness & I had hoped would have been differently understood and appreciated.

You close by "believing" <sup>to submit</sup> under either banner" by which I suppose you mean, that you are unwilling to do justice to a friend, & prefer to have your opinions of him, misrepresented, to incurring the risk which you seem to apprehend would ensue to your fortunes, by any disclaimer at all.

In conclusion Douglas, the whole sum & substance of your position, now is, that you have allowed to go & ~~shall~~ <sup>is</sup> untraced, & still refuse to correct, the misrepresentation of your opinions of my course towards the administration & of your own private & public opinions of the same administration! You are welcome to the position, but let me tell you, you will discover when it is too late the mistake of ~~not~~ permitting yourself to be connected with Pierce & his concern - & also that simplicity, which seems lately to be characteristic of the public men of the Country, of making placing too small a value upon friendships.

I am still truly yr friend  
B. F. Foster

Rev Tucker  
New York  
April 19/56

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Kingston R I Apr 21<sup>st</sup> /56

Dear Sir

Will you be so kind  
as to send me the names of your  
Father & Grandfather Douglass. I  
am inclined to think that you are  
of Rhode Island origin - that your  
mother was a daughter of Stephen  
Arnold who formerly lived in the  
town of Exeter in this State but who  
moved to the State of New York

Stephen Arnold was a -  
descendant of Benedict Arnold  
who was appointed the first Governor  
of the R I Colony by Charles the 2<sup>d</sup>  
He (Stephen Arnold) had eight  
brothers & five sisters who all lived  
to have families. They were highly  
respectable

His brother Oliver was  
my Mother's Father. Mother says that  
between fifty & sixty years ago a -  
Cousin from Vermont visited her  
father His name was Stephen Douglass  
She thinks he was either your father  
or Uncle - Says he came here in  
consequence of ill health



He taught School in this region -  
about two years & returned to Vermont  
with improved health. He was highly  
respected by all

I am going to spend  
my leisure time for a few weeks in  
tracing out my Mother's Ancestry & if  
you will comply with request as  
soon as you can conveniently you  
will very much oblige me. I will  
send you the result of my labor  
should I find that my opinions,  
relative to your having originated  
in R I, are correct -

Be assured that  
I shall be happy to claim as of  
Rhode Island one so distinguished &  
who has so nobly defended the -  
Constitution & the Union against the  
attacks of the fanatics & disunionists

Wm L Douglas  
US Senate Truly Yours

Washington E L Champlin

PS Please inform me your Mother's  
first name

E H Champlin  
Kingston R I  
April 21/56

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Waynesboro April 21<sup>st</sup> 58

Le Hon L A Douglas

Sir will please send

me a half dozen copies of your Spectator  
Kansas Editorial Affairs for distribution

Respectfully Yours

Geo W Boone

Waynesboro

Franklin Co

Virginia



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G. W. Besore

Waynesboro

Franklin Co

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Alton, Ill. April 21, 1856.

Hon. S. D. (Douglas),

Dear Sir;

I have been urged, by some of the people of Chicago, to abandon my present position, as President of Shurtleff College, Upper Alton, and undertake to set in motion "University at Chicago." It has been intimated that you have made certain liberal proposals for such an object, in the form of a donation of lands. Of the true state of the case, however, I am not well informed. Some have intimated that the offer was made to the Baptist denomination. Will you be so good as to inform me if such a proposal has been made, and on what conditions.

I am not permanently engaged in the Baptist College, here, but am only a locum tenens, until the Baptist people can get a man of

their own denomination. I would  
not think of starting an institution  
at Chicago under ecclesiastical  
control, were it offered me, as we  
have a Church College, (Episcopal)  
and do not want another. Hence,  
if your proposal is made for a  
Citizens College, and is such an  
one as I have understood, I should  
be much disposed to take hold  
of it. This, however, is not a matter  
to which I have given much attention.

I am well, or abundantly employed,  
having charge of the Episcopal Church,  
and also of Smith College. I write  
simply to learn the true state of  
the case at Chicago, thinking that  
your proposals may have been rather  
indefinite, or not generally under-  
stood, and wishing to know a  
little more of them.

You will, I doubt not, excuse  
the liberty I have taken with you,  
and the informality of my introduction.

I am known to George Trumbull  
and the Hon. Robt Smith.

Yours truly,

J. J. Mc Masters



S. D. Mc Masters

Alton Ills

April 21/06

Rel to Building a  
University at Chicago Ills

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Laurence K. Fy  
 Ap. 21. 1856

Wm S. A. Douglas  
 Sir:

In the report of the debate in Senate of the 4th instant you are reported as stating that the first intelligence of the Kansas election of Mar. 30. 1855 was made known by the way of Boston and through the agents of the Emigrant Aid Company

Without undertaking to express any opinion as to the objects and operations of that Association, it is plain that if I had communicated to them such intelligence of my official action in advance and withheld it from our people I should have ~~been~~ committed a gross impropriety and exposed myself to deserved censure

I assume as I have a right to do that no man occupying the distinguished position of a Senator of the U. States would give currency and endorsement to such a charge by assenting it from his place in the Senate and much less against one who has hitherto sustained the kindly personal relations which I have toward

you without strong clear and definite evidence of its correctness; and I would respectfully request to be informed whether you are correctly reported and if so what evidence you had to induce you to believe this charge.

Very Respectfully  
Yours

W. P. Reeder



A. H. Reader.  
Lawrence H. J.  
April 20/56

Political

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Executive Office - Ten. Wash.  
Olympia April 29. 1853.

Hon. S. A. Douglass,  
Senator in Congress,  
Washington D.C.

Dear Sir,

My friend Secretary Mason has I doubt not conferred with you in relation to our Indian war, and Gen<sup>d</sup> Tilton has written you, I am advised, quite recently.

It is almost impossible for men at a distance to realize the condition of our suffering population the last five months. On this side of the Cascade, matters have been assuming a better aspect. Col. Casey in command of the Regular troops in the Puget Sound District is an officer of excellent sense, of energy and conduct and there have been very cordial relations between him and myself. We have cooperated throughout and the consequence is that we occupy nearly the entire hostile country on the Sound, have broken the enemy up into small parties, have captured and got in our one half ~~their~~<sup>his</sup> numbers and notwithstanding the incessant rains of the last twenty days, have pursued him vigorously and shall continue to do so whilst the passes are closed.

The spring will be open in about four weeks.

and it is indispensable that in the interval of time we occupy the principal trails and points of concentration with Block Houses, and get the traps into such a position as to make it impossible for the Indians East of the Mountains to cross over to this side and make a foray on the settlements.

From the Dalles of the Columbia to the Mouth of the Snow-bow-river on Puget Sound, we have an extended frontier of over three hundred miles. The Indians occupy a central position - the mountain ~~region~~ and wooded region about Mts. Rainier, St. Helens and Adams - When the snow passes away, they will have abundance of food - and secure retreats.

Their plan is by false movements to effect a concentration of troops and then to strike an unguarded point.

With a proper use of the friendly Indians, we hope to be able to ascertain their plans and to anticipate their movements.

I have been greatly indebted to the gentlemen in the frontier office for services in the prosecution of the war and more especially to Surgeon General James Tibbets, who not only has displayed conduct and efficiency as Asst. General, but has furnished from his office some of the most efficient officers of my personal staff.

East of the Cascades, nothing has yet been effected, except by the Oregon Volunteers, who have shown that it is practicable to wage a winter campaign in the Indian country, and who by their signal defeat of the enemy in December and subsequent occupancy of the country have contributed materially to arrest the extension of the hostile combination. Their terms of enlistment will soon expire, and I am afraid the regular force will not be able to effect much till another winter, unless a very considerable mounted force is associated with them. Even then, though the country generally may be occupied, the war cannot be closed till winter comes again, and the field of operations is circumscribed and the means of subsistence diminished by the season.

The people of the Territory look with confidence to Congress for a proper appreciation of their condition and for relief in the way of appropriations.

I make no personal appeal to you, for you are the champion of the Territory and will see that their interests are not neglected.

Yours sincerely,  
Israel T. Stevens  
J. W. Ter. Wash



Geo. J. D. Harris  
Olympia W. Territory  
April 21/86

Relative to the Office of the  
Territory

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Williamsport April 22<sup>nd</sup> 1856.

Wm. A. Douglas

Dear Sir

Occupying the position you do, before the Republic, I can well understand, the thousand and one daily calls, upon your time and attention, and hence it is, that I beg you will excuse this intrusion upon my part. My purpose however carries its own apology. I know that yourself, more than others will appreciate it. Will you oblige me by forwarding to my address, all speeches - reports - documents - facts, & testimony of every description, within your reach, bearing upon this negro-question which is the real & only battle question, in the coming presidential campaign. When I was first introduced to you in Philadelphia some 6 or 7 years since, I was acting then as the president of the Semimocratic Association of the City & County of Philadelphia. My residence now is in Williamsport, Lycoming County Pa bearing on David Wilcox's District, (of Prior's Memoirs)

Here we will have a pinching contest, & it is of much importance that we, should be well braced up for that contest. The trouble, therefore that I impose upon <sup>you</sup> these above requests, is simply nothing more, than acknowledging you the special Representative of the great Constitutional doctrine on that subject. - Myself a standard bearer, asking



you (as our opponents) for arms, to strike for that cause before the people, which you sustained in the Senate.

Pennsylvania will be a sharply contended field, we profess to have amusements among ourselves, but we want the aid of your way of thinking - and all other facts, within reach of our friends. I shall write to my old <sup>friend</sup> Lewis Cap, also, to furnish me with such materials as are within his reach.

I am one of the original Cap men of our state, I brought the Algonks for him in 1848 from the City & County. I cannot (without my friends) support James Buchanan, the convention will run the risk of losing Pa in case they nominate him, his Conservancy is questionable & with good reason, he is too timid & diplomatic, to gain a hearty support to any question about which there is angry dispute. - You, have assumed the attitude of defiance, to the foes of the Union, you have grasped the Constitution fearfully, & have staked your future upon your present position. And trust in God, our great party will put you in nomination, at the Cincinnati Convention in June next, that the masses may answer to the spirit & courage evinced by yourself - & which you (of all others) are most cognizant of. You as our Candidate, - the platform, the principle - the substance & the mass, because identical, one & the same - no dodging as in the "Shiloh letter", a semi-approval of the Kansas-Nebraska bill = & urging, as a Credit & merit, the support

he (Buchanan) gave to the Missouri Compromise line & wishing, & laboring to extend it to the Pacific = forgetting at this time he was in the bosom of, and acting with, the Old Federal party, in full pathos & well accented. - In the same manner he dodged Fremont on the tariff of 1846 - He & Farny always opposed it, & immediately after its passage & before the bill took effect, he wrote a letter in opposition to the bill, which the Pennsylvania (Gorney elite) announced but did not publish.

I called on Farny for the publication, he refused, the object was merely to announce the letter - Then suppress it, & wait to see the effects of the bill - If successful destroy the letter, if a failure, then publish the letter, & show that this wonderful Statesman (who has never yet produced anything) declared this bill a failure before it went into operation - He of course to be made the Minister Statesman of the Republic, - such contemptible backing & filling is unworthy to such <sup>an</sup> extent, & renders the character so doubtful that it utterly precludes the possibility of my giving any sort of support to Buchananism.

If yourself, Cap Price & others permit such a nomination, the Democratic party has a right to censure you. This man cannot carry this state (his own state) remember I tell this now, Give us yourself first - after you are boldy except Buchanan - Genl. Cap can tell you whether



myself or friends, can handle the weapons of  
political warfare - again I ask you for  
arms - & in the name of my country I pray  
that your name shall be upon our banner  
in the approaching combat //

With profound <sup>regard</sup> I am Sir yours  
Very Respectfully

Ellis B Schnabel

Williamsport  
Lycoming County  
Pa

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Ellis B Schnabel  
Williamsport Penn  
April 26/56

Political

Clyde - Ohio :

April 22<sup>nd</sup> 1856.

S. A. Douglas, Esq.,  
Washington D. C. :

Sir :

I would gratefully thank you  
for one or more No's. of your  
Kansas Report. Also, for a  
copy of your Reply to Mr. Colburn.

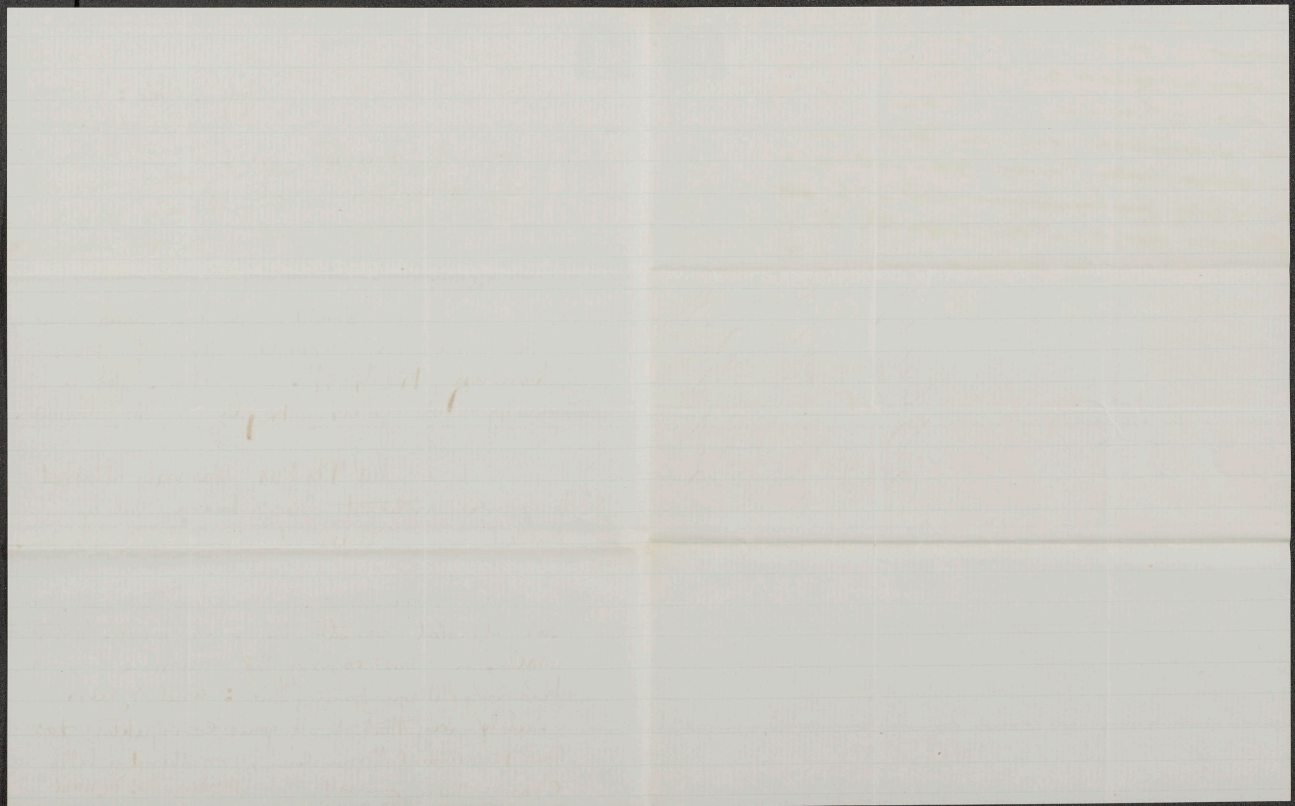
A New Paper warmly attached  
to your interest has been lately  
started in Fremont, Sandusky County, Ohio.

Your proceedings, the season last past, has  
has operated greatly in your favor, partic-  
ularly, in increasing the number of your  
friends throughout Ohio; and I can  
safely say that of all your competitors for  
the Presidential Nomination, none stand a better  
chance than yourself. Yours, Shos W. Ward

Thomas W Ward  
Clyde Ohio  
April 22/56  
Sergeant  
Nant Kansas Reports

Sent May 6/56





Permit me, dear Mr Douglass,  
 to recall myself to your me-  
 mory by sending you the  
 address written by me upon  
 the occasion of laying the cor-  
 ner stone of the Monument  
 to the honour of our venerated  
 friend Ch. Clay. The Chairman  
 of the Committee knowing the  
 deep reverence & affection I bore  
 him, and the parental and  
 tender attachment he had always  
 evinced for me, wrote and asked  
 me to send a brief address.  
 You can well imagine it was  
 to me the "Labour of Love", and  
 I joyfully complied. But it was  
 truly difficult to make it brief.

Like an Alpine torrent dashed  
 over my mind a flood of  
 beautiful thoughts and radiant  
 images. From all these I must  
 select a few. I fear some-  
 times the selection was not wise.  
 It seems cold to the glowing gen-  
 eration which swells my bosom  
 when I think of our precious  
 and ever honored friends.  
 Petula sends you her love. She had given  
 up a beautiful creature and had  
 resigned of "Lovers" but her young  
 heart had not yet spoken. She  
 tells you she is waiting for you.  
 Please send the message to her. I  
 don't know his address.  
 I wrote to you from Spain but  
 never having received a reply, I  
 thought it was lost. As many of these  
 were, I don't know. I always think of  
 me, as your appreciative friend.  
 Maria Walton LeVat.

By Stephen Douglas  
 AN ADDRESS  
 Upon Laying the Corner Stone of the Monument of  
**HENRY CLAY,**  
 Written by M<sup>rs</sup>. Octavia Walton LeVat  
 [At the request of the Clay Monumental Association.]

While the patriotic sons of our country are uniting in a testimonial to the memory of Henry Clay, shall not woman be allowed to place the flowers of gratitude and affection upon the altar of his time?

To none were the genius and services of the illustrious statesman and orator more dear than to his country-women: with all those lofty and commanding qualities which sway senates, and guide the course of empires, he had a heroism of heart, a chivalry of deportment, a deference of demeanor, which, while fortifying the soul and secret of his impassioned eloquence, were irresistible talismans over the minds of the gentler sex.

Great as he was in the "form of nations," or before multitudes of men, controlling them by his "gleaming finger," as with the wand of an enchanter, it was in the home circle, by the domestic fireside, that his character was seen in its true grace and loveliness; there his voice, that lately rang like a trumpet amid his assembled peers, and whose undying echoes (the richest symphonies of patriotism) are still reverberating from the white hills of New England to the parapets of the Pacific, was attuned to all the softest endurances of social and intellectual intercourse. How delightful it was then to listen to the playful repartee, the general anecdotes, the sparkling *bon mots*, the vivid reminiscences of European and American society, the always elevated sentiments of one who had mingled in the most prominent scenes of his time in both hemispheres, without losing in the least the lofty manliness, sincerity and purity of his nature.

Rousseau once said "there were no compliments like a king's;" but how much more fascinating and even royal than all the perils of a Bourbon or a Hapsburg were the graceful praises and felicitous commendations of such a man as Mr. Clay, an unquestioned king of mind by the true right divine, when, with eyes beaming

radiant with benignity, and encircled by his silvery locks by a crown, his aged lips wreathed by the gentleness of smiles, he stood in full stature in the majesty. At such times he seemed to blend the graces of Sheridan with the dignity of Washington. Thousands and thousands of his country-women will long thus recall him to mind.

But not alone in this, his more private character, does woman appreciate the excellence of Mr. Clay. His public life, in many of its aspects, had all the romance of chivalry. He stood among the orators and

statesmen of his time as Philip Sidney amid his cotemporary knights and barons. History has already placed his statue in the pantheon of immortality.

Our country's records, from the purchase of Louisiana (this lovely land of the sugar cane and magnolia) to the great pacification of 1850, are vitalized by his glowing words. The mighty Mississippi, whose margin we now stand bears in all its waters a full remembrance of his early efforts to give freedom to its commerce and to build its million streams into a mighty band of union and prosperity for our glorious country.

The fame of Henry Clay can never die. As our most gifted Southern poet has said:

Long mid our gallant great and good  
 Like Washington he nobly stood;  
 While trembling on his burning tongue,  
 Truth, justice, peace and freedom hung.

Three when our stern-toss'd ship of State  
 Seemed sinking with its priceless freight,  
 His guardian spirit, firm and free,  
 Walked o'er our troubled Gallies.

Through all the world his glorious name  
 Is whispered by the lips of fame;  
 For long in every kindling zone,  
 His voice was freedom's bugle tone!

The Greek girl, kneeling by her sea,  
 Decried him a new Demosthenes;  
 And young Bolivar's patriot ray  
 Was light-like caught from Henry Clay.

How appropriate then is it that a memorial of this model statesman, patriot and orator, should be erected here in the crescent bend of the Mississippi.

Not far off rises the sculptured image of his great rival compeer; the one was the sword and shield, the other the mind and the tongue of the country. Side by side they stand in the temple of fame.

Glorious in their lives, let the noblest of the fine arts here place their sculptured forms together, that future generations may gaze in love, gratitude and veneration upon them, and be nobly stimulated in the path of duty. Let them feel the refining influence which the beautiful in art always exerts upon its votaries.

The statue of Themistocles long greeted from a promontory in Greece the home returning voyager, and fired afresh his love for Attica and Athens. So may the statue of our patriot orator inspire with exulting fervor the citizens of this land of Liberty, and especially of this prosperous city of New Orleans.

April 12, 1856.



*My Dear Mr. West*  
*Dear Friend*  
*Chas. L. West*

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April 12, 1856.

Madame Le Vert

Mobile Ala

April 23/56

Tray Post Office Bradford Co  
Pa  
Apr 24/56

Hon S. A. Douglass  
Dr  
Sir

Having recd a few  
copies of your Speeches for  
which you will please  
accept my grateful Thanks  
I would say. I wish you would  
send me a few more, as  
I think good can be done  
here in this district altho<sup>gh</sup>  
we are living in W<sup>m</sup> Wilmore  
District who is the acknowledged  
leader of the "Black Republican  
party" of this County — Anything  
which you should see fit to send  
which would have a tendency to



to strengthen the Democratic  
party I should take  
pleasure to distribute —  
as there is a good many  
Administration men living  
in this Town — You will  
pardon me for this request  
for the reason we have no member  
from this district — who will  
distribute any Democratic  
documents of any kind  
for my position upon the  
great question at issue for so  
I would refer you to A.  
Edward, Esq of Concord this County  
also D. M. Bull, who is in Washington  
hoping to hear from you

I remain your  
Obedient Servant —

J. A. T. Ballard

Past Master

Tray Mayford

Co Pa

John A. Ballou

✓ Troy N. C.  
Bradford Co  
Pa

Paris Starkie this <sup>(36)</sup> Apr. 24  
Senator Longfellow Sir

Permit me to request  
of you a copy of your late  
Report as Chairman of the com-  
-mittee on Kansas together  
with your speech on the  
same occasion as it is  
impossible to obtain them  
here except in so disconnected  
a condition as to be unfit  
for either preservation or  
reference.

Yours respectfully  
H. S. B. Greenwood

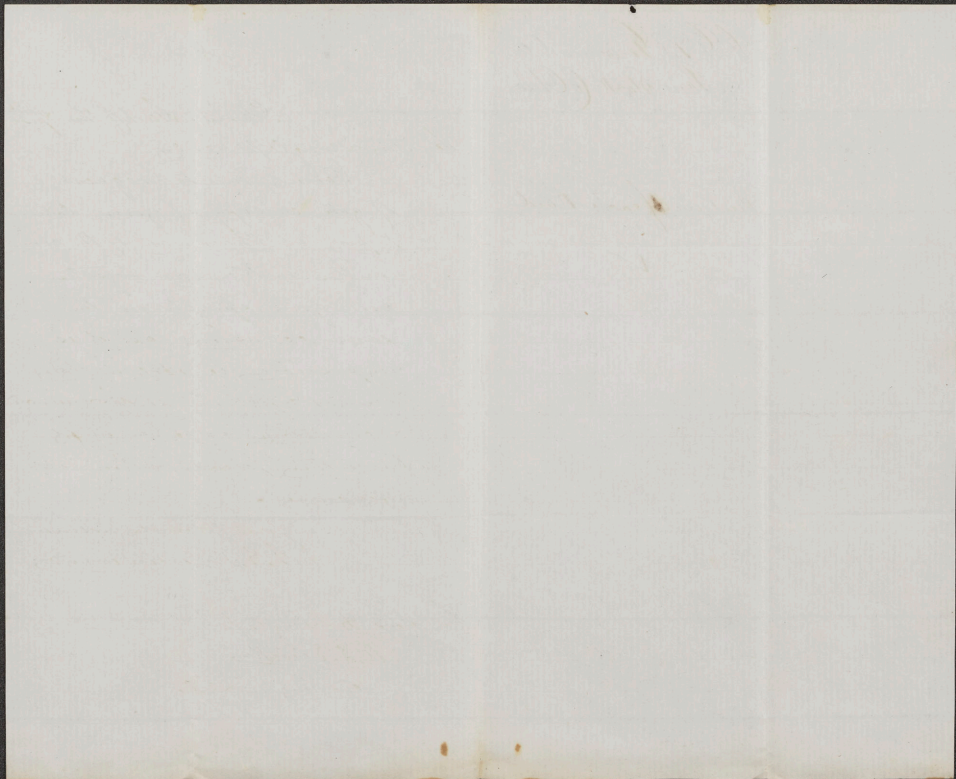
Rev. Sir  
W. S. Longfellow  
U. S. Senator  
Washington D. C.



G. G. W. Greenwood  
Paris Stark Co Ohio.

Send one of each kind

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New York, April 14<sup>th</sup>, 1856.

Hon Stephen A. Douglas,

Sir,

Relying upon  
Your courtesy and generous appreciation  
of our motives we the undersigned take the  
liberty of thus addressing you.

During the Presidential  
campaigns of 1852, a body was formed in the  
City of New York under the name of the <sup>Young Men's</sup> Dem-  
ocratic Association, the object of which was by  
combined and systematic effort to insure an  
efficient support to the nominee of the Democratic  
party. A short time since, that organization  
was revived, for the same purpose, but with  
the understanding that until the nomination  
to be made by the Cincinnati Convention  
our labors are to be directed mainly to the  
securing of the nomination of Yourself by  
that Convention. We have therefore determined  
for the intervening time to adopt the title of  
"The Douglas Democratic Association", provided



such use of your name shall receive your  
approval. It seems it unnecessary to express our  
high admiration of one whose name we seek  
to inscribe upon our banner; and our earnest  
hope that by the popular suffrage he may be  
placed in that distinguished position for  
the discharge of the duties of which he is by  
his marked ability and enlarged experience  
so eminently qualified.

Awaiting a reply at your earliest conven-  
ience we remain

Your Democratic fellow Citizens

Byron G. Daniels

President

Thos Jones Jr

Vice President

It is proper to say that publicity is not to be given  
to any correspondence that may take place  
in relation to this subject.

Please address your reply to Byron G. Daniels  
New York City

Thomas Jones

New York

April 24/66

Political



Saint Louis

April 24<sup>th</sup> 1858

Dear Douglas

I arrived here last night at 10 o'clock  
 p.m. from Jefferson City. You will see by  
 the papers in a day or so what has been done,  
 but you cannot understand the whole thing  
 till you see the proceedings of the Convention  
 in full. I was forced to positively refuse the  
 proffered nomination for Gov. in order to enable  
 me to carry out my wishes as to our platform  
~~in fact~~, To enable me to act on the Com. on  
 platform, and prevent any expression of opin-  
 -ion in favor of any one for Pres. by the Con-  
 vention, I took the position of refusing any  
 thing at the hands of the Convention, I go to  
 the "Cinc." Convention as a delegate and you  
 may rest assured that your interests will  
 not be made to suffer from the action of our  
 delegation. Several of the best Douglas men  
 in the U.S. are <sup>among</sup> our delegates, and not one who  
 is opposed to you. The simple matter as to  
 who it is best to go for, is all that prevents  
 an unqualified expression of the whole dele-  
 -gation in your favor. I shall not be idle with  
 the delegation between this & June, ~~in haste~~  
 To. one of my children is sick and I - / ~~Yours friend~~ J. Kennett  
 hurry on home this morning



H. Kennett

Saint Louis  
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Private

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Hon. D. A. Douglas  
Donat Chamber  
Washington Dc



Chas





Antioch College Yellow Springs  
Greene, Ohio Apr 24/56  
Hon A A Dayles Esq

My Dear Sir My former  
Residence was Morrow County Ohio  
That Co was represented in Congress by  
Gen Linsey aided by John Sherman the  
Unionist formerly of Aid a General  
Supply of Congressional Documents from  
Honorable Charles Swetser Member  
from Licking & Delaware after his  
Return home Gen Linsey furnished  
Me But I took the Stump against Mr  
Sherman and done active service  
against him benevolently he does not  
know me now - My stay will  
be here at the College untill the first  
of July - after that time I shall Return  
to Morrow County for the fall Campaign  
and expect to take the Stump for the  
Democracy - I have never cast any  
other vote nor associated any other  
Cause - benevolently feel that I am  
now to old to try a new Party being  
46 years old and being well settled



with the Principles now advocated by the  
Democratic Party

I Stumped Morrow Co over  
one year ago Last fall for the Democracy  
and then have written me to come  
and stump it again this fall

I want all the Documents that  
is of General interest to the Population  
I wish your Report upon the Causes  
Question and all other Documents  
that will be of General interest

Judge Harlan is the Member  
from this District but I do not  
feel safe calling on him for the  
consequently you will do me a favor  
by putting my name on your List  
My Making Enquiry you will  
find that I was the first man in Morrow  
Co to sustain the Cause and I shall  
be and still stand ready to  
Defend it on all all occasions and  
in all Places as the true Democratic  
Doctrine and the only National Policy  
that will stand the test of investigation  
when the smoke & fog of passion & faction  
shall have passed off

you may think strange that I should  
call upon you my being an Entire  
Stranger to you which I am it is true  
but Sir Morrow Co will attest to you  
that you have had a true friend there  
one who has defended you and the Cause  
Vehemently on all occasions for the  
Passage or Report of the Bill up to now  
all tho a stranger to you

I do not blame any thing from  
you on that account - but approach you  
as a Democrat in confidence knowing  
that whatever favors you can bestow  
in this way will be cheerfully received  
My address will be Yellow Springs, Geor-  
gia Ohio untill the first of July after  
that Cardington Morrow Co Ohio  
where Mr Property Lies where I own and  
keep a Publick House (but am engaged  
at this place at antioch college untill  
the first of July

Yours truly in the Cause of Democracy

G L Salisbury

G. S. Salisbury  
Antioch College, Ind. Ohio

Said one of each Doc



Wendell H April 24<sup>th</sup> 56.

Hon D A Douglass

Pr Please to send us some  
of your speeches as we would like to  
have them on my kind of documents

|                    |                   |
|--------------------|-------------------|
| George Smith       | Levi Manderbach   |
| Joe Weighman       | John Gray         |
| John B Smith       | Daniel Manderbach |
| Martin Manderbach  | Mr Green          |
| Levi Seltzer       | Mr Bowen          |
| John Balun         | Geo Bowen         |
| Charles Clous      | John Re           |
| Henry Clous        | Richard Re        |
| Mr Phetty          | Dan Sokel         |
| John yost          | John Gilbert      |
| Charles Cot        | Sam Gilbert       |
| Andrew Storch      | Mr Pellada        |
| Jacob Responders   | Mr Gilbert        |
| Mr Schaffner       | Frank Zerk        |
| all good Democrats | Con Clous         |
|                    | Yours Truly       |
|                    | Jacob Weighman    |



Jacob Weeghaman  
Womelsdorf Penna

Enclose list of names

Sent Report to Each

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Cleveland April 25 1856

Wm L Douglass

Dear Sir

I have often wished to write you but have foreborne to do so as I know you are overburdened with correspondence. You have heard how Bowman, Fithian, Allen, & that Galphm crew have triumphed over right & ~~no~~ in our Post Office Location. It has gone east of the Square, Clear out of all business latitude & longitude. He fought it Clear up to the President & has his pledges that our wishes should be gratified, when Guthrie, instigated by Bowman Allen & Co made it a matter for Cabinet Core Sullivan & poor Pierce was overruled. ~~He~~ no doubt did all he could & we ought to be Satisfied; but we feel mortified & humbled beyond degree to think with the merits of this case all on our side & our friends in power; that we should be overruled by a Clique of Unionists & Land Speculators, hearty despisers of this Administration. Our secret hope now is that there will be a change in that Department of the Administration before the building shall get too far along when we shall propose to take that Lot off the Govt's hands & donate another <sup>where</sup> ~~where~~

the people & not Miss Borsman Case & Willson  
may want

11 To day I have seen Merchand, the  
Proctor delegate to Cincinnati, the same who  
wrote me when you was here. He is out & out  
a Douglas man. While we were talking, in  
came Glick from Rosemont another delegate  
& who we had counted for Buchanan.  
He says he was for Old Buck three weeks ago  
because he believed his district was so, but  
he says your Remond Report & his  
recent speeches has completely turned the  
tide & he is now for you & says his colleague  
Bean is too. This makes quite certain the  
Douglas votes in this State twenty six, enough  
to control the balance if the State is to be a  
unit I believe the whole North West would  
they do as the South probably will do,  
that is, caucus their nominations, could  
be brought up to a Douglas unit vote.  
There are three of us who are personally  
acquainted with the Connecticut & Mass  
delegates to Cincinnati. We have  
invited them by letter to take Cleveland  
in their route & we have tendered them  
the freedom of the city. We do not yet  
know the presidential proclivities of  
any of them but we mean to know  
before they reach Cincinnati.

We are busy & things brighten every day!!  
I wish we could get posted from Washington  
by some quasi friend about prospects  
by Chapman I fear is to be undated.  
Wonder if he still holds to the usage "ad for  
the best."

Of course you will read & know  
the letter

Respectfully &c

J. M. Gray



J. M. Gray  
Cleveland Ohio  
April 25/56

Political &c

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Central P.O. Columbia Co. Penn. Apr 25/36

Hon. S. A. Douglas: Dear Sir,

We have seen a number of extracts  
from your speeches, with which we were much pleased. We  
would like to see the entire report and your speech on that subject,  
and any other "Democratic" documents which you might see fit  
to send.

Yours Respectfully

William B. Peterman  
J. F. Massey

N.B. Please direct as above

Wm J Patterson &  
J H Massey  
Central PC  
Columbia E River

Send Report & Speech to  
Each



Wm J Patterson &  
J H Massey



Wilmington N.C.

April 25<sup>th</sup> 1855

Hon. S. A. Douglass

Washington D.C.

Dear Sir,

Will you have the kindness to send me  
your report & speeches on the Kansas Nebraska question  
if you have copies of them.

A very large and enthusiastic Democratic  
meeting was held at the place last evening to ratify  
the nomination of Geo. Briggs. Col Allen of your State  
made an able and eloquent address. which produced  
a very happy effect on all present. It is now perfectly  
manifest that the principles contained in the Kansas  
Nebraska bill will become the platform of the entire  
Democratic party. "It is the law which will be the salvation  
of this Union" All honor to the author of the Nebraska  
bill!

Very respectfully  
Yrs &c &c

Robt. Strange

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Wilmington N.C.

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