

Mr. Lj. —

Dec 14th /57.

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Dec 14-

Dear Harvey-

Will you make
it a point to say
one word to Col
A - upon receipt
of this? I have
seen him and he
appears O.K. One
word from you (and
I will decree your
pains) will fix the
flint before I see
down -

Arnold Harris
and Ship, I had a.

long talk with yes-
terday - They are with
you - The North
is with you 10 to 1 -

The South will
hereafter show a
large conservative
majority in favor
favor - Let the
thing come to the
test - // Faithfully -

J. G.

— J. G.
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Rockford Illinois
Dec 14th

Hon L. A. Douglas
Dear Sir

If your speech of
the 9th inst is published in full, will
you have the kindness to send me a
copy and much oblige

Yours very truly
Richard H. Laggim

Richard H. Daggins
Rockford Ill.
Nov 14/37
Wants Sale Speech

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My dear Mr. [illegible]
[illegible]

For [illegible]
[illegible]

The [illegible] of [illegible]
[illegible] to [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible]
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Alma, Page Co. Va.
Dec. 14, 1857

Sir,

I have seen, with admiration, a sketch of your speech, in the Senate, on the Kansas policy of Pres. Buchanan's message.

I take the liberty of soliciting a copy of that speech. I believe that 29 out of every 30 voters, in this vicinity, fully endorse the course you have taken and I hope you will continue to defend the right and to defeat the wrong.

With the greatest respect
I am yrs

Jas. L. Gillespie

Das S. Gillespie
Alma Page Co
Va

Dec 14/37

Rel to Kansas Affairs

Sent Same Speech

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Aranda, Kankakee Co, Ill. Dec. 14, 1857.

Dr. L. D. Glazebrook,

To Hon. S. A. Douglas;

Dear Sir; As Congress is now in session, with a fair prospect of a very exciting and interesting time; I should like very much to know how matters and things are progressing in our halls of national Legislation from time to time. Therefore Sir, in distributing Pub. Doc's, if you have anything very interesting, you will please remember, an humble constituent and ardent supporter like me. I have been persecuted here for my Democratic principles, for the last 18 months, but things are now beginning to change - fusionism is on the wane, ^{so} to my certain knowledge, several Democrats in this section, have prodigal like "returned to their father's house" since the late election. True Jeffersonianism shall, will and must triumph. Put it to 'ens on the Kansas Constitution; give us a "mint drop" - currency etc, etc, and the future will tell in your behalf - the people will rise up and call you blessed.

Respectfully,

Farewell.

Dr L. T. Glascock B
Kaukaui Ily
Dec 14/57
Mats Speddes

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Concord, New Hampshire,
Dec. 14. 1852

Hon. Stephen A. Douglas

Sir:-

Please send
me some half dozen or
more ^{copies} of your speech recently
delivered in Congress, and you
will much oblige

Yours Obdt. Servt.

W^m H. Goddard

Wm. F. Gordon in
Concord
N. H.

Wm. F. Gordon in
Concord, N. H.

Dec. 14th

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Jonesboro Ill Dec 14, 1857
Hon J. A. Douglas

My dear Sir,

I beg
leave to introduce to your favorable notice
and Consideration Cyrus Shick Ely of
this place who visits Washington for
a few days. He is a gentleman
every way worthy of your kindest
attentions.

Your social recognition in the
premises will be worthily bestowed and
add a motive to the respect with which
I herewith beg leave to subscribe myself

Yours friend

Wm A Hacker

Wm Hacker
Jonestown, Va.
Decr 14. 1857,

Introducing
Cyrus Slick
of that place,

Chicago Decr 14/57

Hon S. A. Douglass
Sir

Marcus C. Stearns &
Margarette E. his wife Contemplate a visit
to Cuba this winter & have asked me if I
could through you procure a pass for them
If so please forward to him & oblige

Yours most truly
E. A. Haddock

All our Douglass men here don't be
alarmed all will come right

Chicago, Ills
Dec 14th 1857
E. R. Haddock.

Wants a passport
for M. C. Stearns
wife - - -

Washington City

W. J. Stearns



John J. Douglass

Office Bull^d Md
Dec 14th 1857

Wm L. A. Douglass
Esq

Your enemies are using their best efforts, to make Capital out of your present positions on Kansas affairs. As a friend of yours, I would be much obliged, if you would, send me a few copies of your remarks, on that part of the President's message relating to Kansas affairs.

I would also like, if you have any copies, of the Kansas bill, to have a few copies of it, together with the bill you propose to offer to day when printed

Wm L. A. Douglass
Washington
D. C.

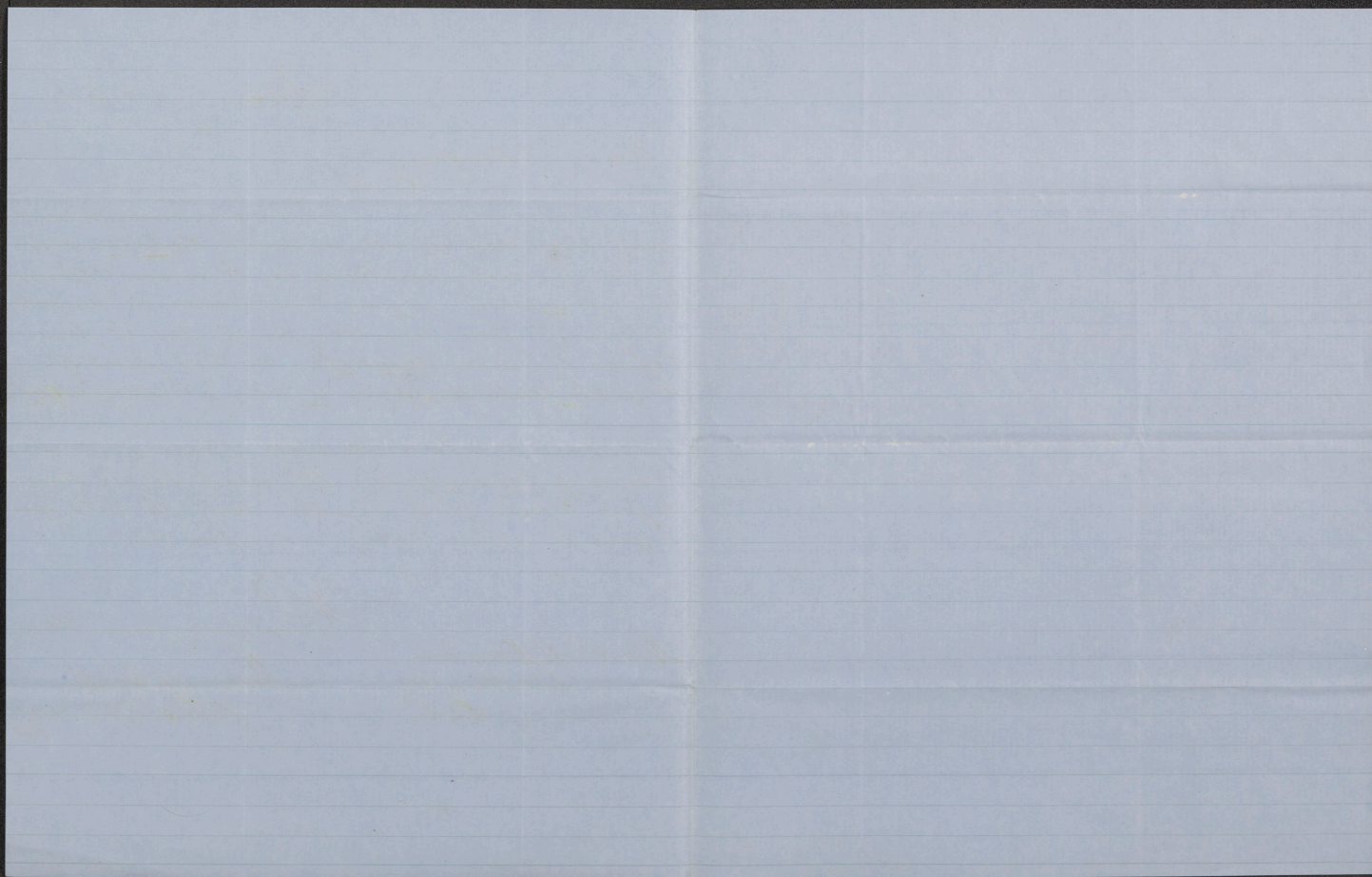
Respectfully, Yours &c
James A. Hook
Off^r Bull^d Md

James M. Keen

W^h Baltimore Md

Dec 11/87

Prints Copy of Speech
and Abras Rat Bill



Boston 14th December 1857.

Hon Stephen A. Douglass

Honored & Respected Sir

Will you please
send me in Enclosed Envelope your Autograph
and confer a great favor on

Your Most Obedt servant
& Well Wishes

Edwin Brown Houghton

P.S.

You will also confer a great favor by
sending me a copy of your late great
speech on the President's message (if con-
venient.) and any other speeches or documents
you may see fit to favor me with during
the session will be thankfully Received by

Your Admirer & Friend

E. B. Houghton

Care Converse Harding & Co
Boston

Boston, Mass.
Dec 14th 1857.

E. B. Houghton
wants yr Autograph
& speech ———

Speech sent.

N. P. IGLEHART
C. W. CLAYTON.

N. B. Secured Notes, bought and sold.

22 South La Salle Street

N. P. Iglehart & Co.

36 LA SALLE ST.

DEALERS IN REAL ESTATE, COUPON - BONDS, &c.

My dear sir

Chicago, Ill. 14 Decr. 1857

I had occasion to day, to give my Cousin Jno W. Iglehart now of New York an introductory letter. - He has been connected with the Army & thinks of a Captaincy - in some Regiment, that may be formed - he will come well backed from various sources & I feel quite an interest in his success. - I should not have thus notified ^{you} of this - did it not afford me an opportunity to say a word, on your present position. - So far as it effects parties here - who have been previously hostile to you. - I will name such as Arnold, Darned, Doct Evans & all of that ilk - tho' not to say loud in your praise - Get back you in the present position & declare most positively they are for you - either as Senator or higher. While the old line Democrats, Esq. Munford, shasts of others - who never work against ^{any} President before - all say the whole Constitution must be submitted - & they back you in it. - Of course I know you have your political friends, advising you in these matters - but as I never write political letters - and as most of your friends who do - cannot reach a

class, that I can, in my daily intercourse -
I therefore say, without hesitation - that
whether you are defeated in your present plans
or not - that Illinois, in this region, is
with you - The Egyptian nations -
were always safe. -

Don't consider
this an intrusion - but as
your position will naturally call
out the venom of some - I thought
it not amiss to show you that
our friends are supplying the place
of those disposed to be unkind.

I pray you, do your duty -
stand by the right - and the
people - who are just, in the
main, will not forget you.
With kind regards
to Mrs D - I am

Hon. S. A. Douglas
Washington.

Yours truly
N. S. D. Glehart

P. S. - Don Evans - whom I have named
above - (whom you have met in my office,
of course you know him) goes to Washington
shortly - you have not cultivated him in
past times - but he is a leader among a host
of methodists & others - and suitable civilities
would not be thrown away on him.

N. G. Jones.
Russellville
Ky.

Wants. Pub. Docs.

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Russellville Ky Dec. 10th 57

Hon S. A. Douglas,

I will thank
you to send me such documents
of a public character as you
may think useful or interesting.

W. S. Underwood having
forgotten that there lives within
the limits of Logan County a
democrat, is the only ^{apology} I, as a
stranger, have to offer for thus
troubling you.

Y^r Respy

N. M. Jones

C. H. Weyman
Washington D.C.

Dec 14/57

Says that Chas & James
want 500 Copies of your
Late Speech sent to him
by Express

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Thos. Stephen C. Douglas

Presist

Washington Dec 14th 57

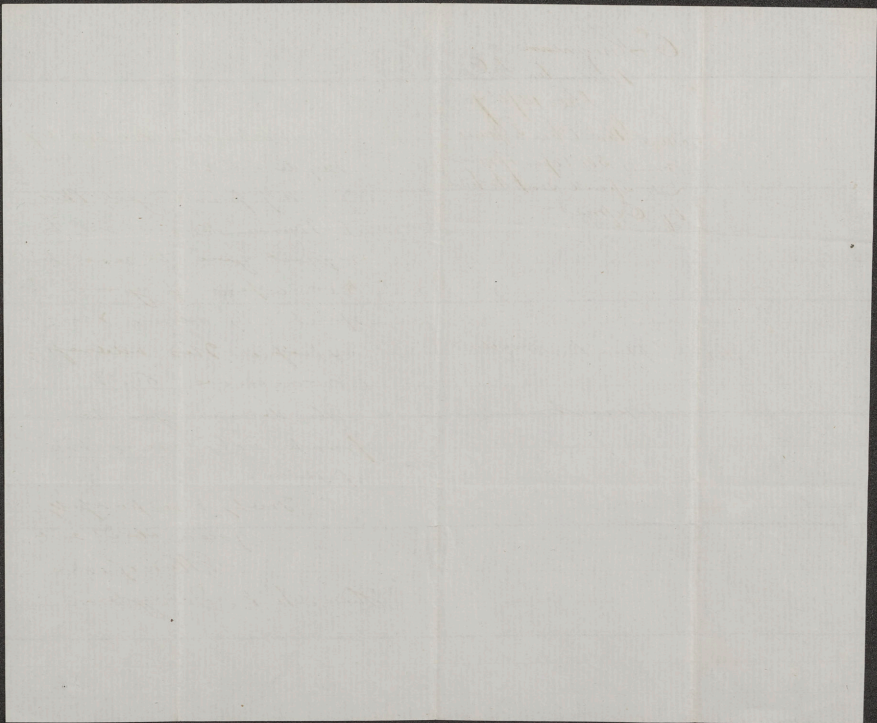
My dear Sir

My friend, Jere Ross
T. James desired me to
request you to send him
500 copies of your
speech by Adams Express
Ex/press. His address is
Providence R. I.

He desires you to
forward only one or two
of them.

Truly & respectfully
Yours obedt servt
C. H. Weyman

Thos. S. C. Douglas.



Chas H. Lumsden
Wisconsin

Dec 14/53

Says Go ahead
You are Right
No Consent will
Stand by you

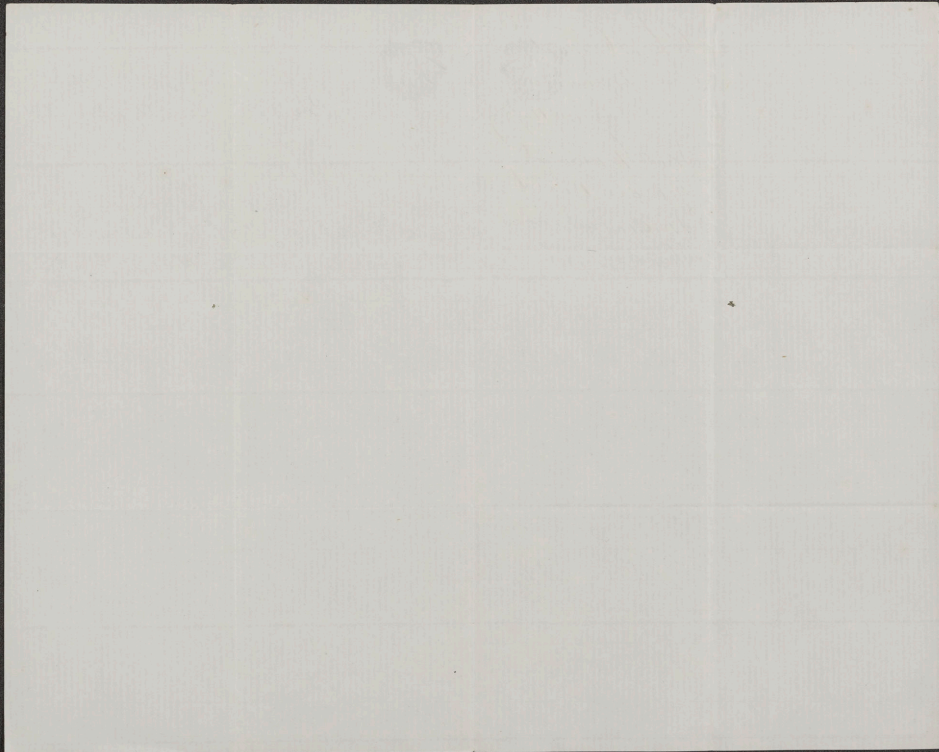
Honoree Dec 14, 1857

Wm L. A. Douglas

Go ahead. You
are right & that's enough,
Wisconsin shall stand by you
to the last.

Yours as ever

Chas H. Lumsden



Cranfordsville Dec 14th 1857

Hon James Wilson Dear Sir I received
your letter of the 29th of November for
which you have my thanks, for it is inter-
esting to receive your impressions of the
great game of Politics from your
high standpoint of the National
Capitol, I was not disappointed in
Mr Buchanan's course that was
sufficiently foreshadowed in the silly
editorials of the Union, I have not
yet heard one single man here
I defend the President's view of the
Leecompton Swindle all are against
him of every party the Democrats
are as outspoken in this matter as
the Republicans, indeed I cannot
see how sensible men having
any regard for the honor or
interests of the Country, or any knowl-
edge of the first principles of free
Government can sanction the Leecom-
pton outrage, it is the very essence
of despotism to force an odious
form of Government on an un-
willing people, if Congress shall
consummate this great wrong,
it is beating Kansas worse than

the Romans ever treated their subjugated Provinces, for these things in Kansas are done under the name of Liberty & the Constitution. The Arbitrary will of imperial Rome was the only Law, applicable to Conquered Countries, & disappointed formed no part of their punishment, every one here supports Douglass in his position, whatever his motives may be, his actions, seem to be right. I did not think a few days ago that I should ever sympathize with the Little giant, but he has in the Kansas matter forced me to pray for his success in the Democratic party he is Lord of the ascendant, & if he maintains his position firmly he will grind the fire eaters to powder & murder his hell for he has truth & the popular sympathy of all honest politicians with him. The President & the whole Democratic party are committed fully to the very doctrine Douglass now avows, the Nebraska Bill the Cincinnati Platform Buckelean instructions

to Governor Walker & every Democratic speech during the last Census denied their only vitality, from the doctrine of Popular Sovereignty in the territories, & Fremont in effect but it does not become Democrats to say so. Douglass in the organization of Congress has rather got the better of our worthy & Bogus Senator Bright. I hope you will write to me very often your letters will always be received with great pleasure. Present my kindest regards to friend Colfax & all others who may enquire for me, all your friends & relatives in town fare well. I am with high regard & great respect yours

A. S. Lane

This image shows a blank, aged, cream-colored page, likely an endpaper or flyleaf of a book. The paper has a slightly textured appearance with some minor discoloration and faint smudges. A vertical crease is visible down the center of the page. The text from the reverse side of the page is visible through the paper, appearing as a mirror image of the original text. The text is written in a cursive script and is mostly illegible due to the fading and the way the ink shows through. The overall tone of the page is warm and historical.

Resident Physician's Office,
BLACKWELL'S ISLAND,
NEW-YORK CITY.

December 14 1857

Wm. L. Douglass,
U. S. Senator, Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir,

I have read your speech delivered in the Senate Chamber on the 9th Inst on the Leecompton Convention matter. I have also read all that has been said, pro and con by our local press, and have heard the sage remarks of many of our democrats concerning yourself and said speech.

So far as I can understand the question, and I think I can pretty well comprehend it, I stand with you, heart, body, soul and breeches, and I am not afraid to "say it boldly," even if Mr Buchanan is the President of the United States. I need not say to you that there are many, very many, here that can see in you nothing now but the incipient disorganizer, the ambitious politician over leaping himself, the would-be breaker down of the present administration, &c. It is however a singular as well as a very (to me) significant fact that all these people in the same breath admit the soundness and impregnability of the position you have taken, they agree that is the soul of our form of government and the very essence of the Nebraska Kansas Bill, and the quintessence of the Cincinnati platform on which Buchanan was elected, but Mr Douglass ought not to have said what he did say; — it was the wrong time to say it, he is putting himself in opposition to the administration; — why make a fuss about the

"matter:—Kansas can do as she pleases when she is a State (as if the people should not act for themselves until they are included within the bounds of a State!) and the present Constitution will let them do so in 1861, provided other clauses in it do not bind them hands and feet!" and there is no use in "Mr Douglas acting as he does, giving aid and comfort to the enemies of the Democratic party": others say that "Douglas is merely trying to be President, that he is making Northern capital, cutting his own throat &c." Pretty much such talk as you hear in Washington, I suppose. I only mention it that you may truly understand us here. It is right to say that much of this talk comes from those bound to the present administration by holding an office, or the want of holding one, and of course has its effect all down through the various ramifications of office holding. Then there is the vulgar herd, that portion of the masses who never think or act but as the seemingly popular portion of the whole act. //

Then there are those who have been of Mr Douglas men who are now opening one of Dickens' characters, who always "wanted to know, you know" before he could decide. Some don't understand your position exactly, they want to wait and see what you are going to do further; want to see that Democratic constitution first or so."

I met West on Saturday at a dinner table surrounded by friends and acquaintances, and we enjoyed the luxury of expressing our views freely and boldly for Douglas and his speech. I don't know how the Thorepote felt to day, but I feel better for saying what I did, as much as as Susan Kipper went to do after blowing up the Pinkney.

The deduction I draw from all these flutterings, sayings, actions, arguments, and dodgings is that the shaft hurled from your seat in the

Senate on the 9th inst ant, has pinned many of these fellows to the wall; that the seed thus sown will increase many fold. The present incumbent, if he violates the great principle of popular sovereignty, or sanctions its violation, will be a dead cock in the pit. You have, in my opinion, harnessed him, and you can select his driver notwithstanding his shawl of pluck. I did not work for him at Cincinnati, never liked him, don't like him now.

I consider that he is indebted to the very principle he and his friends are now attempting to violate or evade for his present position, and the fact that he proves an alibi on all the questions that have the past few years agitated the people of this Country. I honestly believe that in less than twelve months you will have a regiment of friends where he will have but a corporal's guard, and from the fact of having made that speech they now so fondly dream and hope has misled you. Whether it makes or unmakes you at the present time, Sir, you are right, and sooner or later the American people will give their verdict in your favor. You will have no necessity, in my opinion, to prove a la Buchanan — an alibi. I verily believe that below the surface of matters and things in this City, there is a deep, growing feeling for you. I think that I am not mistaken on this point. I believe that I understand the character and feelings of New York City people. Interest, policy, fear, and other considerations may for a time keep them still, but they admire boldness, plain speaking, and pluck, and so long as you maintain the position of the Democratic constitutional exponent, the condition of sooner parting with life rather than principle and honor, you will not, cannot lose ground in New York. So I think. When I use the term people I of course wish to be understood as meaning the Democratic party more particularly. So far as the other parties here are concerned

as well as with the no party men, you have I think gained immensely. So long as you maintain your fair position in our party this favorable speech and feeling will be of advantage to you. Some of the opposition and their presses are probably only glad and praise you because they wish to see distraction in our camp, but there are many others who have been greatly prejudiced against you who are now and will continue to be your friends. I also think this is true. Per contra you may have lost grounds with some of our party that will continue lost. You of course understand all about this much better than I do and very likely all this talk of mine amounts only to a long drawn out specimen of frozen impertinence. One thing however is a fact. I am your friend as you now stand. I believe that you are right. I believe that so far as the future is concerned you have made instead of killed yourself. In common parlance I believe that you have made a "ten strike", that you have thrown head upon the water, and that many months will not elapse ere it will return with compound interest. I believe that by your boldly standing by the principle of popular sovereignty without fear, favor or affection, or the slightest bending to expediency you have touched a spot under every man's jacket in the land that will not quit smarting until the same principle is carried out as bravely as it was boldly asserted. Fear not, therefore, there are stout hearts even now with you, many of them. Be not driven from the Democratic party by a set of nigger drivers aided by Northern puffy heads. The people will, ere long, see that in this last contest you was the true exponent of Democracy, and not your opponents. Be cool, be manly. Do not let your enemies accomplish their hearts' desire. Stay

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Resident Physician's Office,
BLACKWELL'S ISLAND,
NEW-YORK CITY.

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them right and left in the Senate, but don't let them throw you off your guard and cause you to utter things that will destroy you before the people, and thus accomplish their hellish wishes. In my opinion, you are the biggest Roman of them all. Many anxious hearts are beating in favor of a successful termination to yourself of the fight you are now in. Repose God! I believe that the people will be with you if you be but true to yourself. Amen. So mote it be.

Now I wish to say a few words on local matters to you. I think that you heard, read, or saw a letter or two I wrote last winter to Major Harris concerning Fernando Wood, and his and others figuring on the political chess boards. If so you have probably come to the conclusion that my prophecies then made have been pretty well fulfilled. Major Harris, when here this summer or fall confessed that there was more truth than poetry in what I then wrote.

You of course know all about our last Mayoralty election, and the course that rumour here says that Buchanan will pursue towards all who did not lovingly embrace and support Fernando Wood for Mayor. If Mr Buchanan really intends to do as they say he will, - commence cutting off heads and grossly interfere with our private local affairs in the support of as superlative a rascal as ever walked, it seems to me that he is in a fair and positive way to make a greater ass of himself than Pierce did when he undertook the same game here four years ago. Mind you, Sir, that this Wood election was a purely local, personal matter. No vital principle to the party was involved. It was simply a fight for or against a dangerous, bold, bad man; a man that has kept

our party here in a state of distraction ever since he had any thing to do with it. A man who if he had succeeded would have aspired to any thing within the gift of the Charleston convention, and would have been a "dear incarnate" to your friends here and there. So far as the Albany legislation in our City matters are or were concerned there is no difference of opinion among Democrats here, but all of this was met and wholly, so far as we could do so, at our State election, where our party elected their State officers, and came very near carrying the Legislature. At the same time every County office was filled by Democrats, so that the election on the 2nd instant was purely a City Corporation matter. No question but the question of having an honest City government was before the people of this city. It was purely and entirely, as I understand it, their own private business, in which the whole country were deeply interested. It was a question of morals and good government. Every man here, whether a Federal office holder or not, has an interest in City affairs, as clearly so as he has in the affairs of his own household. Mr Franklin Pierce undertook to, and did, interfere in our State matters, but never did his impudence or foolhardiness push him to the extreme of meddling in our purely local and private affairs. It seems that this cut throat, suicidal policy is to be reserved for the especial benefit of James Buchanan, of able memory. If "history to philosophy teaching by example" then should our present President learn and take heed by his predecessors course in this State in 1853. What between the Lecompton business and his interference in the private affairs of our citizens he seems determined to drive us from him. Let him "proceed" in his proposed course, and he will find that "Douglas" will have assistance in his efforts / so "Rusk" is reported to say of you / to "crush him and his administration".

The President and Federal power at Washington fighting for such a man as Fernando Wood! Why, Sir, the time will soon come, and he ought

to have gumption enough to see it now, when the inmates of the White House will discover that the defeat of this "tooth bad man" was the very best thing that could have happened to the Democratic party. He / Wood / talks of regularity! Why, Sir, what was he ever any thing but a disorganizer? What was he last in so know nothing ledge? When did he ever vote a regular ticket unless it suited his own selfish ambition? If the Democratic party of our City wishes to perpetuate itself, and keep intact that great bond of discipline and union, - going on mass, shoulder to shoulder for regular nominations, the leaders must clean out their head quarters, and give us at least semi-decent, honest men to vote for. Wood's course from beginning to end has been one of the grossest kind of villainy, rascality and deception, both within and without his party. His nomination this fall particularly was conceived in iniquity and brought forth in the most damnable dishonesty. If Mr Buchanan in his distress and enthusiasm to drive every member of the Senate to his Lecompton notions under the plea of "party usage", "expediency", "party discipline", "standing by the party" so thinks that he can force Wood down our throats, or intimidate us in the least by cutting off the heads of his office holders how he is a "tooth" bit misstrator. He can take "Fernando Wood" to his doom, and this City, ay, and this State with wheel out of line and stand in opposition to him. If he wishes to make capital against himself let him crucify a lot of our citizens for voting against Wood. We are ready to see such a foolish operation on his part / some of us at least / and we are more than ready to face it. //

New Senator Douglas, and future President I hope, I have bored you long enough. I am personally unacquainted with you, and this letter may be perhaps fairly considered a piece of impertinence, or at least a specimen of self conceit on my part. But do not put the whole blame on my poor shoulders. Edwin C West Esq made me promise to write you. I wanted to

do the deed but had not the courage until he bolstered ^{me} ~~as~~ up. I am proud to say that he is a good friend of mine, and I am proud also to say that, unlike other Douglas men, he is not now at all "shaky" in his boots; at least he does not so appear.

I am not self-conceited enough to expect an answer to this letter so that even in this deprivation there is comfort. I shall remain in blissful ignorance of the disgust it gave you to wade through its contents, and any and all adjectives which may escape you while reading.

You can, if you please, do me a favor, namely send me a corrected copy of your speech if it should appear in pamphlet form for general circulation over the country, a course that my still unexhausted interference in your affairs would decidedly advise.

In conclusion, Sir, permit me to say that I am, up to this date, a thorough-paced Douglas man, and

Yours most truly

Wm. W. Sangor

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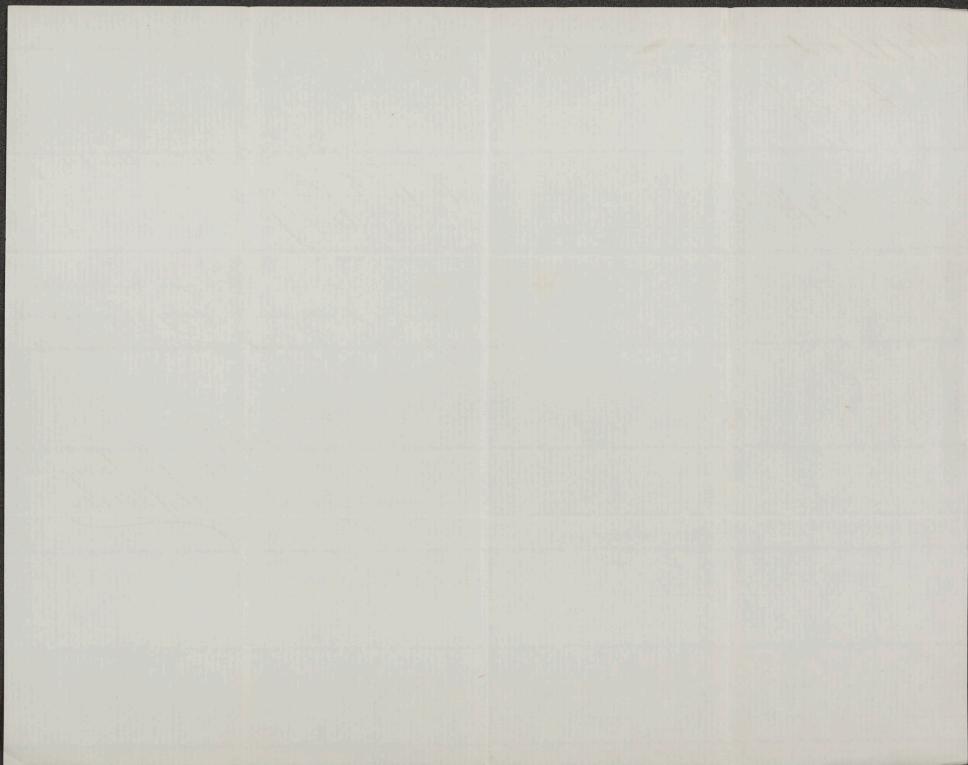
Wm. B. Leidy
Philadelphia
Dec. 14 '57
Wants Copy of speech

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Philadelphia Dec 14/57
Hon. J. A. Douglass,
W. F. F.
Dear Sir,

Will you do me the
favor to send me a copy of your speech
upon the "Brandt" question, You will
much oblige,

Yours,
Rev. J. A. Leidy,
W. F. F.



Baltimore
Dec 14th

Am Sir:

I sh^d be quite obliged
 to you for a copy of yr late
 address on the President's
 message in relation to the
 admission of Kansas under
 the Lecompton Constitution.

To
 Wm J. A. Douglas }
 Washington
 D. C.

Very Truly

J. H. Cline

J. A. S. McElum
Bact. Ind.
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Mites approvingly

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Address

Box 100

Mr. J. H. ...

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Washington Decr 14/57

Dear Judge

Enclosed please find a letter from my nephew in Pittsgh Pa, he spent all last summer in Kansas.

I see "Jon" of the Baltimore Sun has caed he thinks the Enabling act, will preserve the Democratic party -

Men now see clearly that your views and Mr Buchanan are precisely the same - a change will come over the spirit of some men, dream - Return the letter -

Yrs Respectfully

Daniel McCole

Hon L. A. Douglas.

W. S. Senate

Paul M. Cobb
Washington D.C.
Dec 14/57
Political

Wm K Mauley
Meridian N H
Dec 14/57
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Meridian N. H. Dec 17/57
Hon Stephen A Douglas
Dear Sir

Will you be
so good as to send me a copy
of your speech on the
Massachusetts message, and
also the Agricultural report

for the 1856. If so you
will oblige a good Democrat
and your sincere friend

Wm K Mauley
Hon S A Douglas
Washington
D. C.



Canton, Mass
Dec 14th 1857.

Geo. F. Merrill
Wants copy of
your speech -

Canton, Mass, Dec. 14, 1857

John, S. M. Douglas,

Sir -

Will you favor
me with a copy of your
admirable speech, in pamphlet
form, delivered in the M. S.
Senate, upon the Kansas Dis-
union & the President's Message

And greatly oblige

Yours Truly

Respectfully

Geo. F. Merrill
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Dear Sir

Yours of the 10th inst.

has been received

and I am sorry to hear
that you are not well.
I am sure you will
soon be able to return
to your duties.
I am, Sir, very
truly yours,
J. J. Smith

Dear Sir

Yours of the 10th inst.

has been received
and I am sorry to hear
that you are not well.

Lidney H. Morse
Jany.
Miami Co.
Ohio

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Troy - Miami Co. Ohio.

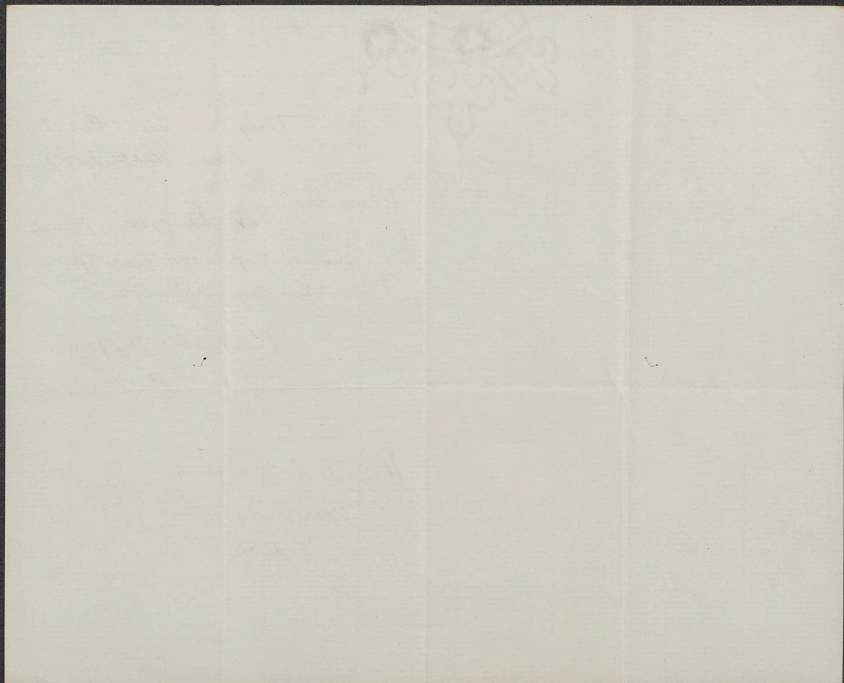
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Dear Sir:

Will you send
me a copy of your speech
on Kansas affairs?

Respectfully Yours.
Lidney H. Morse.

Hon. S. A. Douglass
Washington
D.C.



of previously conceded rights to decide by other. Every
last of the Democratic party, since - in Kansas, and in
the entire North - has been in accordance with this
view, now so fully vindicated by you. Not two months
before the election of 1856, upon every day, I assured
the people of this district, that no Constitution would
be thrust upon the people of Kansas without their approval,
and that if it was attempted I should most strenuously resist.
They believe me, and will sacrifice my life before I forfeit my
word. Little did I suppose in 1856, that I was labouring for
the election of a man who would thus turn the scale
shoulder to my position. It is well for Mr Buchanan
today, the Slavery question is submitted. Not so. The question
which each vote is called upon to decide is this: "Will
you have this Constitution with Slavery, or will you have
this Constitution without Slavery?" Every man voting is
thus required today he will have the Constitution. With the
feeling in Kansas in opposition to the Constitution, the
Slavery question is submitted to a large minority of the
inhabitants.

But enough of this. When I made my
last speech in campaign of 1856, the night before election,
in this village, I announced my withdrawal for a long time
to come from the active arena of politics. If the President
permits in his attempt to force on Kansas the
Accompted Constitution, I will again stamp this
district in opposition to his policy. Of the result I have
no doubt. Not a Democrat can be found here,
and I have seen all our prominent men in this

place, but will be found with you. So their expressed
doubts and fears, as to your standing fast, I say, there is
no back out in your character.

Truly Yours

J. H. Westbrooks
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P. S. I am getting our papers here to
publish your speech.

A B Marlborough

Kingston

Dec 14th 1857

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