

Moreland Montgony Co Pa
Dec. 14th 1857

Dear Sir

Ten thousand hearts beat responsive
and answer with grateful emotions of enthusiasm
to your noble and independent position - Unmoved
by power, undeluded by flattery - Follow on
gallant Douglas - The clear deduction of reason
and Patriotism - and be assured that the
Great American Heart throbs in unison with you
own - The great mass of the American people
- their instincts and their sentiments - revolt at the
recent outrages in Kansas - it is the first open
and direct assault at the great principle of
our popular and representative form of government
- let the traitors receive such a lesson that it may
be the last - The People - The Democracy
of the Free Son State are with you

P.S.

The receipt of a copy of
your Speech I would
esteem a favour

With feelings of admiration
& Respect
Yours

David Mayhew
Willow Grove P.O.

David Smith

Willow Grove

Wd

Wm. H. Smith

Dec 14th

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E. C. O'Lyke
Warren Ohio
Dec. 14/57

"May you long &
"never back out!"

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Warren Ohio Dec 14/57
Hon S A Douglass

Dear Sir

Will you be so kind
as to send me your speech
of 9th inst and all others
from the same source
to be framed during
the present session?

and very greatly oblige
a Douglass Democrat

May you live long
and never back out

Truly yours

Emerson O'Lyke

Office of the Chicago Daily Union
Chicago Dec 14, 1857

Dear Sir,

I feel it a duty to write you a word or two, and as I know how fully your time must be occupied I will be very brief. You have known my position, for a long time, on the question of Slavery, but I am satisfied with the stand you have taken and so will be the host of Anti-Slavery men in the North West.

All we ask is that the principles of your Kansas Nebraska bill shall faithfully carried so that the people shall be allowed to make their own laws.

The reception of the news that you have taken and will stand firmly upon this ground, has caused a thrill of joy to run through the whole mass of the honest men of this city, and has completely changed the current of popular sentiment towards you.

The Daily Union is the continuation, under other auspices, of the Daily Leader, a copy of which I send with fervent wishes to you. A company of young men have taken hold with me in its publication, and they all feel a deep interest in your success on the basis of the Kansas Nebraska bill. Will you please do what you can in supplying us with anything valuable through the mails?

Yours Truly,
Wm Laine

Letth Prairie
Chicago Ills
Dec 14/57

Private —

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Pittsburgh Penn^a Dec 14 1857

Hon S. A. Douglass

Sir - You will place me under
great obligations by favouring me with a printed
copy of your speech on the Lecompton Constitution

Public opinion here is almost unan-
imous in favour of your position without
respect to party.

I have thus far saw nothing but extracts
of your speech - I hope I may have the pleasure
of reading it entire

Respectfully Yours &c

James G. Patterson

Pelletier & Co
Dec 14th 1887.

James S. Pelletier
Wants Copy of
your speech.
Sent Copy.

John J. Phelps
Amherst Mass.
14 Dec 1857 -
Went Spacks -

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Amherst Mass
14 December 1857

Mr. Douglass N.B.S.
Washington D.C.

Dear Sir;

Will you
please favor me with a copy
of your speech on the Dne. Mass.
if you have any copies on
hand for distribution, in
pamphlet form.
I am desirous of obtaining as
many as possible this month
for the purpose of having
them bound, that they may
be more securely preserved.

I shall esteem it an
especial favor if you an-
send me speeches occasionally
upon any important topic
hoping to hear from you soon
and begging to be pardoned
for this intrusion

I subscribe myself

Your humble servant

John A. Phillips

A C Pike Esq
 Tuxbury
 Oxford Co
 Decr 14/57. M D

Post Office East Tuxbury
 Oxford County Maine
 Dec 14 1857

Dear Sir

The gentlemen whose names
 are here annexed would be very much
 obliged to receive any Public Document
 which ^{you} may find it convenient to send
 to them Very Respectfully A C Pike

✓ George Lewis	Thomas J Watson
✓ Thomas S Mc, White	Thomas S Pike
✓ Wm H Bernick	Charles Lewis
✓ Phendues H. Bond	Newben Chubbhorn
✓ Joshua H. Warren	Benj Chubbhorn
✓ Caleb Warren	William Hapgood
✓ Elbridge H. Barnard	Eben Rollock
✓ Calvin H. Barnard	Newben H. Barnard
✓ Tymer H. Barnard	Gilbert Smith
✓ Thomas Freeman	Charles Smith

Cabin Warren
Isaac R Warren
Thomas J Watson
John P. Bennett
Celestine Norton
Charles Starnes
William Hapgood Jr
William Brown
George McKay
Jonathan Sanborn
Jonathan Sanborn Jr
Daniel Smith
Jacob Smith
John Pike
at East Freetown Oxford Co Maine

Grantham, N. H.
 D. J. Pillsbury
 Dec 14, 57
 Want some
 of your speeches

Grantham Dec 14, 57

Mr Douglas
 Sir - Will you please
 send me some of
 your speeches, or
 others,

Yours Truly,
 D. J. Pillsbury
 Grantham
 N. H.

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Mr. [illegible]
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of [illegible]
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[illegible]
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Clark

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Shug. Comm. Commodore
Am. Navy Dec. 14th 1852

to
Mr. John M. Searles
Washington,

Dear Sir I have seen
the comments as made by you in the Union
of the 1st inst. in opposition to that portion of the Public
Message "relation to Kansas & the action of
the Constitution Convention" & have I been
your deal. I would have supposed myself
in analogous terms, upon the question, in
point.

Now Sir when we see the "bill" & what finally
became the "organic constitution act for Kansas
& Nebraska" & most unquestionably designed
as the letter of the law emphatically set
forth in their enactment that the people
the "free citizens" of those two territories
at a fitting period, should have the right
"the popular right" to make their forms
of state constitutions, in their own way
that is, through an informal convention
& subsequent approbation by a majority
of the popular votes at the polls.
I discern no ambiguity in the act &c. &c.

Am. B. & C. Co. Inc.,
New York City

The question, now unfortunately has become seriously complicated by the late action of the Convention General.

The great promise of popular literary criticism
be compromised without endangering the
whole former work of our ~~public~~ ^{public} ~~some~~
~~whom~~

I trust that some means will be devised to remove the ~~institutions~~ in question, being to the Convention, under a Compromiss Bill, that some body, will consent to have nothing of phantoms may be found in it, inasmuch as the Organic Territorial Act is the basis of human & bettered opinions of the people of Kansas. If this cannot be done, it then becomes a serious question, whether the Administration fulfil at commencement to be pursued in the duty of obedience not be upheld, as the best means to remove the circumstances, or the greatest good, as to the well-being of the rights of the Union, & the safety & permanency of the people.

Y^r most Obedt^l Serv^t
Spencer Lewis Wiley

Liberty Congress
Held at
S. C. Pooler
"Approbative"

Sent

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New York
Dec^r 14th - 1887.

Dear Judge Permit me to ask your
very early attention to my claim
for extra services during the war
with Mexico, a Petition for which
you presented at the Last Session
and which a favorable Bill was
reported upon. Now I am not
acquainted with any other Member
from Illinois and I therefore as one
of your constituents ask your kind
efforts in this matter. Now W. H. Johnson
is inclined to give you all the facts
Will you please call up my Bill
if such an act is parliamentary from
a previous Session without a new Petition
Yours most Respectfully
S. D. Reynolds

Wm

S. A. Douglass
U. S. Senate.

C. A. Reynolds

New York

Dec 14/37

About his claim for
services in the Mexican
War -

Wm. H. P. 9
 Granby Mass

Granby Mass Dec 14th 1857

John W. Douglas sir

I should like to be
 informed with public ~~and~~ documents
 provided you think me worthy my address
 is Granby Mass

With respect

Francis Rice

Francis Rice

Granby

Hampshire Co

Mass: Dec 14/57

Wants Speech

For S. Rice.

Recd 14/57

Ellsworth Me.

Political

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Ellsworth Dec 14th 1857

My Dear I Am one of
the Old Line Whigs of
Holly Stet. I believe
in the doctrine of
Equal Sovereignty
as Enunciated in
the recent Message
of James Buchanan.
The
Cap doctrine I voted
for old Buck

I will vote for
you for long as you
allude to the Cincinnati
Platform
& no longer

over

Will you do me
the favor to forward
to my address the
President's message
& be especially my deep
thanks to him. He takes the
right ground on the
Kansas matter

The Andrew Jackson
non doctrine is
right doctrine

God & our Country
Yours Faithfully
Jos. S. Rice

How S. A. Douglass
M. S. S.

Granville, Licking County,
Ohio.

Dec 14th 1857.

Hon. Stephen A. Douglas.

My Dear Sir:

I am a humble individual, but an American citizen and feel proud of that name. He who is an American citizen in heart, I love whether rich or poor, at home or abroad, and I'm, in common with all American citizens, feel proud of the present greatness of our common country, and a deep interest in our country's future welfare and greatness.

I was reared a Democrat, and am now a Democrat, and when I die whether at home or in Foreign Lands, upon the Ocean, or on its Isles let me die a Democrat.

I was at the time of its passage, and am now a firm supporter of the Kansas Nebraska Act; at the time of its passage I was a member of the Legislature of Ohio, and defended the principals of the act, against Democrats, and ~~the~~ opposition members of the house, and supported Mr. Pugh for Senator because he subscribed to the principals of the act, and in all occasions I have supported the act against Democrats and Republicans.

I believe the opposition to the Kansas Nebraska bill has died out, and both Democrats and Republicans now will acknowledge it a just law.

I voted for John C. Fremont for President as did thousands of other Democrats, and why, because we believed that John C. Fremont

was a better embodiment of the principals of the Kansas bill, than James Buchanan. Why was it, that the Democratic States of Maine, New Hampshire, New York, Ohio, Michigan, Wisconsin, and Iowa supported John C. Fremont for the Presidency, because President Pierce and his cabinet elevated the principals of the Nebraska act, and James Buchanan was pledged to carry out the policy of the Pierce Administration, the free operation of the act was barred by the policy of the Administration.

I regret the course that President Buchanan has adopted, his message in relation to Kansas matters is a lame affair for a Democrat, and an enlightened and intelligent people will pronounce it such - his message in relation to Kansas does not meet the Democratic view here, the feeling that the people of Kansas has been outraged, among Democrats, is still but deep.

I rejoice that Kansas finds a noble defender in you, I wish I had been in the Senate ~~the~~ ^{day} when you advocated the cause of Kansas on ^{last} ~~one~~ ^{day} ~~last~~ week, when John Bigler was so effectually undeep, I would have applauded you from the gallery, and extended to you my right hand, for your noble support of the principals of the Nebraska act, and the rights of the people of Kansas. You have shouldered the cause of Kansas, and I feel confident that you will be able to carry that cause through all difficulties, notwithstanding the Mouthpieces of the President. Yours

construction of the Kansas Nebraska Bill, your espousal of the rights of the people of Kansas, your talent, and your position in the Senate, will soon cause the people of Kansas to emerge from all their difficulties, and then Kansas will take her place among the states of this Union, and will reward you for your noble effort in her behalf, by giving to you her electoral vote for the next Presidency.

A political death awaits any man, who denies to the people of Kansas, the right to vote on their own constitution, in the whole constitution, to deny that right is anti-democratic, and partakes as much of despotism, as the rule of Brigham Young ~~at~~ over the Mormons in Utah.

I bid you God-Speed in your good work, and pray that you may be equal to any emergency, your efforts in behalf of Kansas will meet the approval of your own constituency, and your fellow citizens.

I subscribe myself yours Truly
A. E. Rogers

A. C. Rogers.

Granville.

Sicking Co. Ohio

Decr 14, 1857.

- Approbatory -

West Chester Dec 14 1857

To Hon S. J. Douglass

Dear Sir, I will

commence my note by requesting a favour, which I hope you will attend to if not asking too much, and that is that you will send me some of your former Speeches ^{on the} Kansas bill, about the time of the introduction of it.

The late difficulties have given your opponents an opportunity of assailing you, and of charging ~~on~~ you with changing your position, this will avail but little, the best portion of the men of all parties, and the largest, heartily commend your firm adherence to those principles, laid down by yourself at the commencement of the struggle; and particularly at the present time when you have to brave the whole South, supported as it is to the shame of Pennsylvania by the whole power of the administration.

I will venture to say that you never had as many firm friends in Chester Co. as you have to day. With my best wishes for your success prosperity - I remain your humble friend
West Chester Pennsylvania Jackson Sergeant

Jackson Sergeant
West Chester, Pa.
Recd 14/57.

Wants late &
prior Speeches.

Bartlett Sargent

Shelton Acad.
Dec 14/57
Jan 14/57

Wants copy of speech

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Shelton Acad. Jan 14 57

Hon J. A. Douglas

I write to know
if you will send me a
copy of your speech
delivered in the United States
Senate the 9th on the
Kansas question
you will greatly oblige
a true friend
Bartlett Sargent

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New York Dec 14. 1847

My dear Sir,

Now Barnston did not come to Washington as I anticipated when I saw you on Saturday, so I left on Sunday evening for home - desiring to stop here two or three days only. Expecting to see you again I omitted to request that you should send me a good supply of ^{copies of} that glorious speech of yours. I wish to distribute them. I shall publish it in full in the "Went". There is but one feeling here in regard to the matter and that is enthusiastically in your favor. It has occurred to me that Wadsworth may possibly through Gen Davis make an effort to defeat my confirmation by the Senate in the event of a nomination being sent in. I have a few enemies and he has a few tools who will sneer to anything which he may require provided he can satisfy them that it will remain a secret. Ought I to do anything? I am slightly acquainted with Senator Stuart of Mich and with our Wisconsin Senators but cannot of course expect any favors at the hands of the latter. Indeed I would not ask them to interfere. Charges

inquiries to me may be made there and
as I will never have an opportunity given
me to refute them except I to send on any
general Certificate of Character &

I take the liberty of addressing these questions
to you as there is no one else to whom
I can address them. It is a matter of very
little consequence and you must pardon me
for troubling you with it. I shall probably
be here on Wednesday, Gov Burdett
will see you before he returns home either
^{here} or in Washington.

Very truly
Yours

J. R. Sharpsteen

Wm. L. A. Douglas

New York,
Decr 14-57

J.R. Sharpline
Concerning P.O.
in Milwaukee
& wants speeches

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Montpelier. Vt
Dec 14th 1857

Guy Smith
wants a copy
of your speech.

Montpelier Dec. 14th 57

Hon. J. A. Douglass
Dear Sir
Please send me your
late speech on Kansas
affairs.

Yours Very Truly
Guy Smith
Montpelier
Vermont.

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Columbus O

Dec 16 1837

Allen Sir-

Do you know whether it is true, and if so will you say to me, ~~that~~ the La. delegates are with you. It would be of the utmost value to us here if we could say so, just as there is joy in Heaven over the conversion of a sinner. I would of course never use your name in this or any other connection, without your express authority.

Can it be possible there is any chance of your having the support of Loomes? If you do, he will be next to yourself the most popular man in the north. Mr. Jackson and Kane his bill and himself as its author, in St. ought to satisfy him of this. Get him with you and Douglas & Loomes in 1840 would be irresistible.

After all, what greater dear there is in your position.

Even Republicans accord
you honor, in spite of their
former prejudices, and if we
could have you before the
people now, you would carry
Ohio by 100,000 majority.

I hope to be in Frank-
lin before the battle comes off
on the Constitution. There are
accusations rumormongered
of defection among our men.
We shall shoot down desertion
at sight. An Ohio man who
bagges and turns in this
crisis is made

Very truly Yours

Jas. M. McKim

Received of
Jas. M. McKim
Oct 11 1862
\$100.00

Columbus, O.
Jas Haddock Smith
Political
Decr 14th 1857.

