

Delaware, Wisconsin Dec 15. 1857.

Hon Stephen A Douglass

Dear Sir,

You will pardon me for trespassing on your time, when so much is engaged in the grand affairs of the nation, but the high and independent stand you have taken from first to last on the principles contained in the act establishing a territorial government for the Territories of Kansas and Nebraska has at all times excited my warmest and most sincere approbation, and when I see you in the senate of the United States at the commencement of its late session declaring on the floor of the senate that you will rigidly adhere to those principles wherever their logical conclusions shall demand, I feel it my duty as an American citizen, and as every American citizen should, to signify to you my sincere sympathy, and to pray to God ^{more} than a hundred fold that in the same spirit, as they may be, the political views of the day of Thomas Jefferson ^{him} shall be so much adhered to as yourself, for the simple reason that I want to advocate the doctrine of Popular Sovereignty, leaving the people "perfectly free to form and regulate their institutions in their own way." To this principle, the Kansas & Nebraska act points, and to that only, and you Mr. Buchanan cannot do the act of the Le Compton Constitution is more than I can tell, this petty fogging and playing upon terms to enable him to come to the conclusion he does is to my mind ~~strikingly~~ treacherous, When the principles of the act declare as plain as can be shown that the people of those Territories should be left entirely free to form and regulate their own

over institutions in their own way. But, Mr Buchanan strangely says that they have only the right to declare whether they will have slavery or not, & if they do declare so, still they shall not have the right to declare that those now holding slaves shall abandon their right to them as slaves. Indeed, such is the provision of the Lecompton Constitution, that, though the whole people of Kansas should vote and disapprove of the slavery clause in that instrument, yet, to all intents and purposes it will be a slave state, I wish to strongly pronounce the whole thing, one of the most palpable and burning political frauds which have ever been in this country. How a man of the legislative experience of President Buchanan could have been involved in such a gross error, is beyond my comprehension entirely. Such was the indecision of President Pierce, and his want of foresight in selecting the proper men for governors of that unhappy Territory. And the Country given over to the other has been continually mislead, and the two principles of the late organizing a territorial form of government for Kansas & Nebraska, has been almost lost sight of, until Governor Walker commenced enforcing them, and numerous thousands a more powerful reaction in the political mind of that nation, than when they saw what the true meaning of popular sovereignty was, no more they began to put the correct estimate upon it, until they saw it demonstrated in the administration of the laws of Kansas.

and how successfully did the democracy of the north meet the opponents in pointing them to the principles of the Lecompton acts - the administration of Governor Walker, and the speeches. You had both made in and out of the united states senate. Let the result of the late elections tell, but all this is of no avail, - all this returning harmony of the Whigs, inevitable democracy is to be broken by one paragraph in the message of President Buchanan, depend on it my dear Sir, all this late Union and strength of the democratic party is now ready to fly into a million of pieces, and on you, all eyes are turned. To you, they now look around. ~~Good~~ They wish to rally at their standard, because pointing to their motto "the people must be left entirely free to form and regulate their institutions in their own way." Who in the name of God has the right to say to the Congress, "Now and hence will assume any such position if the administration makes room on you upon the issue you have made upon the Kansas question, you will sweep away from it the entire mass of the entire north, and I am not to believe you will not have a majority in it south. Having Buchanan on as far as possible as John Tyler found himself when President Polk took his place. The people in Wisconsin are with you ^{unitedly} and a few days only will it take to show that the whole north are with you ^{unitedly} - I have only then to say in ~~English~~ ^{English} bear away on the course you have marked out for you self, and consequences will take care of themselves.

Yours very Respectfully

Wm. C. Allen

W. C. Allen
Delavan Wis
Dec 15th 1857

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Dec 15 - 1857

[Faint, illegible cursive handwriting]

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Franklin, Inda Dec 15th 1857

Hon S. C. Douglas,

Dear Sir:

We the undersigned Democrats of Johnson Co Indiana, having seen a sketch of the debate between yourself and Senator Bigler, and believing that you speak the sentiments of nine tenths of the Democracy of this State upon the Kansas difficulties. and believing that you will launch the old ship of Democracy in a safe, and secure port, according to the promises of all our speakers of '56 together with our newspapers, State, County, and Township resolutions, of the whole country, since the passage of the Kansas-Nebraska act.

Having confidence in you, as we ever have had, as a statesman and a democrat, and believing in the truths that you have spoken we enclose you \$ which you will please send us the amount in your speech on the rights of the people, as all understand, the Kansas act gave the right to majority to govern themselves

Yours Truly

Geo. H. Allison
David L. Vawter
J. H. Williams

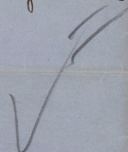
Wm. H. Williams
to
J. H. Williams

Franklin Ind.
Dec 15. 1857.

Want Speeches &
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handed to printer
for the purpose.

550 Speeches
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Chillicothe Dec 15/37
Wm S A Douglas

You will
much oblige an old Maryland
society whig by sending him a
copy of your late speech
on the Kansas Question

Yours Respectly
Raymond Allston

Raymond Allston
Chillicothe Ohio
Nov 15/57

Wants Speech.

Minneapolis Minn
Decr 15th 1857

Dear Judge:

We have just read a synopsis of the President's Message, and the proceedings of Congress of the 8th inst, and which we are all disappointed at the position of Mr Buchanan, yet I am not at all surprised at the position you occupy on this great question, of the right of the people to form their own government, subject alone to the restrictions of the Constitution of the U. S. You could have occupied no other, and at the same time been just to the position you have occupied hitherto on this Kansas question. When we first received the report of the proceedings of that California Convention, and an intimation as to how Buchanan stood, some here were pondering how Judge Douglass would act, Natones told them, although I was not authorized to speak for you, yet in this case I could tell them in advance how you stood on this question, and that was, you now stood, and would continue to stand, where you had stood from the first, An advocate of the right of the

people to govern themselves.

I cannot see how Mr Buchanan could thus turn round and give the lie to all his recorded positions on this question, and I can only account for it in one way, and that is this: He, and some of the former members of his Cabinet, have discovered that you had become the one upon whom the hopes of the Democracy were centering for the next campaign, and they wanted to destroy or impair in some way your vast popularity with the whole country, and this was the only chance. I think they have reckoned without their host, unless I believe they will be able to get up some defections by you in the South. But Judge, you are right; and if Buchanan decides to place his administration against you, you cannot help it, and are not responsible for it. I think a few short weeks will show him how he stands in the North, if not indeed in some portion of the South.

There is but one opinion in this section of the country on this question, and that opinion is with you. Our Court is now in session, and a large attendance of the bar are here, and I had talked with quite a number, and heard I have a good opinion

In fact we are indebted to you for saving the Democratic party in the North, for had you and the gallantry of the leaders taken the same short-cut with Mr McChesney, we would have been driven from power in every State, County, City and town of the whole North in one month, or say at least by the first election. But as it is, we are now stronger than before.

With assurances of my unabated regard and attachment

I have the honor to be

Very Respectfully,

Yours Obedient

C. B. Ames

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

Dr E R Ames

Minneapolis

Minnesota

Says Longfellow for

You go on you

will triumph

Mr. Vernon A
 Dec 15th 1857
 Chas Baldwin.

Thank copy of
 your speech &
 approves of same
 on the Kansas ques-

Dec 15th 1857
 Hon S. S. Douglas.
 Dr Sir

Although I have
 not the honor of your acquaintance, I take
 the liberty to address a few lines to you
 My object is to obtain a copy of your
 Speech in the Senate on the 9th of Dec
 1857 which if you will send to me
 I will be under many obligations. Nothing
 would gratify me more than to hear
 from you in those principles I most
 earnestly and heartily concur believe me
 Sir your sincere friend and well wisher
 Yours very respectfully

Hon S. S. Douglas
 Washington
 D. C.

Charles Baldwin
 New Haven
 Conn

the world is full
of people who
want to be good

but they don't
know how to
be good and
they don't want
to be good

Eastchester, N. Y. Chester C. M. B. Dec. 27th 1857

Honorable Senator Douglass.

Suffer a stranger to say if there ever has been a doubt as to what you intended in your advocacy of the abolition of the Missouri Compromise, you have removed it by your noble efforts in the present Senate, demanding for Thomas the right in every particular to form his own Constitution. You are clearly in the right, ^{and} must come in as you have marked out, or we are gone for your live and mine. Stand up my dear Sir your position is right. If we yield we are to the wall, and shall have lost all worth the name. We must succeed. Thomas will come in honorable to himself, and who shall predict for the leader what awaits him.

Any documents at hand will be acceptable

With much consideration

William Westline

East-Chester
West Chester, N.Y.
Dec 15th 1857.
Mr Berlina,
approves your
course on Houses

Chicago Dec 15. 1857.

Hon S. A. Douglas

Washington DC.

I have read your remarks upon your motion to print the President's message, and also your speech the following morning, and I most cordially concur in your position, and as far as my influence extends you can rely upon me to support you. Government patronage may influence some, but the masses are with you. || On the day that Congress met and the very day when you announced your dissent to the President's message, so far as it related to Kansas affairs, I left Chicago for Mount Vernon, and did not return until last Saturday. Of course during my absence I met many Democrats, Republicans and Know Nothings. The new phase in the Kansas question was the subject of conversation upon all occasions. I met no one of either

party who did not subscribe to your doctrine of
popular sovereignty as applied to the
DeCompton convention. The most prominent
persons I met, were Mr Casey's, Anderson
(last representative from Jefferson County)
Breathouse of the Fayette Observer, and
the editor of the Democratic paper at
Cairo (whose name & that of his
paper I forgot) besides many of the
Democracy with whom I was unacquainted
and no one took side with the
Administration, but on the ^{contrary} ~~ordinary~~
there was a perfect unanimity and
enthusiasm in your behalf. The same
is true in this part of Illinois. I met
A. M. Edwards of Springfield on the car,
and Stos of Shawneetown - they also concur
with you. Since my return home
I inquired as to the position of Mr
Price the D. M. in this city - he
stands by you. I met Mr Herriington

at the theatre last night, and
asked of him his position in this contest
- he said most emphatically that he
would sustain your course, ~~what~~
Whatever might be the consequences
as far as he was personally concerned.
I have learned of but two persons in
this city (who belong to the democratic
party) who are opposed to your
course. They have no influence, and
it is not necessary for you to learn
their names. ~~But~~ You may confidently
rely upon Illinois to sustain you.
The time has passed when administrative power
can settle the right and popular
side of a question. You may be as
bold and defiant as possible - you
cannot go too far in carrying out
the principle of self government and
popular sovereignty. The masses will
sustain you. The republicans of course

Sympathize with you, but it is mainly on
account of their desire to see a split.
in the democratic ranks. Some of
course ~~will~~ sustain you ~~on~~ upon
principle. I have but one favour
to ask - that is - that you shall
persevere in your course - not yield
a single inch of ground // where
you have taken it - and the
result will be a complete triumph.
not only for you personally - but for
the democracy of Illinois & the
Union.

Yours Resp^y &

Truly W friend

Wm L

R S Blackwell

Chicago Ill

Dec 15 1857.

R. S. Blackwell

approves yr
course on the

Kansas question

speech sent

for Protest Men, and, to justify or
disprove the Trop inconsistency, the Slavery
Violation of Pledge, and Re-pledged
Faith - a Chalice in Politics. Must believe
us. If then no hope of a reaction, and
that there may be, Honest, and Judicious
Men enough in Congress, to send the
Fraudulent Cheat, back, and save
up to the Democratic Party, the great
advantages lately gained, the high,
and, under this, the impregnable position
gained with so much labour and
Cost, If not, the Democratic Party is next to nothing.

Dear Sir excuse me
I only took my pen up to ask
the Governor of a copy or two of
your late Speech, and that your
warrant place me out of the list of
those whom you may occasionally send
favours to,
My feelings has led me
to impose I fear a letter to long
on your valuable time

Yours with esteem
John S. Blakely

East Liverpool
Ohio.

Dec 18th / 55.

Commander Greene
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John S. Blakely
East Liverpool
Dec 19th 55. Ohio.
Friend Mr.

Letter Dec 15th 1857
 From S A Douglas
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It gives me great pleasure to be able to state that you are sustained in the Kansas question by almost if not the entire Democratic party of this region as well as a considerable portion of the Republicans. If the new apportionment is sustained we can probably elect our 2 members from this county but if we elect under the old it is more doubtful. There is a large German vote in the East part of this county that went off last fall that we have not yet been able to get back. It seems to me that this is a favorable time to do something that will set things to right here. We have just seen in the times your speech delivered on the 9th ult. and if it has been published in pamphlet form I would like to get several hundred of them to distribute. I will see that they go where they will all count.

If any of them have been
published in German I would like
several hundred of them in
that language and am willing
to pay for them. I want them
in cones with your frank on them
they ought to be sent broadcast
all over the country.

If there is anything I want
done here you will always find
me at your service

Yours Very Truly
J. M. Bowen

John L. L.

Dec 15th 1887.

J W Brown

Franklin Green

Send copy.

P. J. Danville Illinois

Dec 15. 1857.

Wm L. A. Douglas.

Sir Will you please send me a copy of your Speeches delivered, in your defence of your stand, ^{you have taken} against the ^{present} Kansas Constitution and your Reply to Senator Bigler of Pennsylvania.

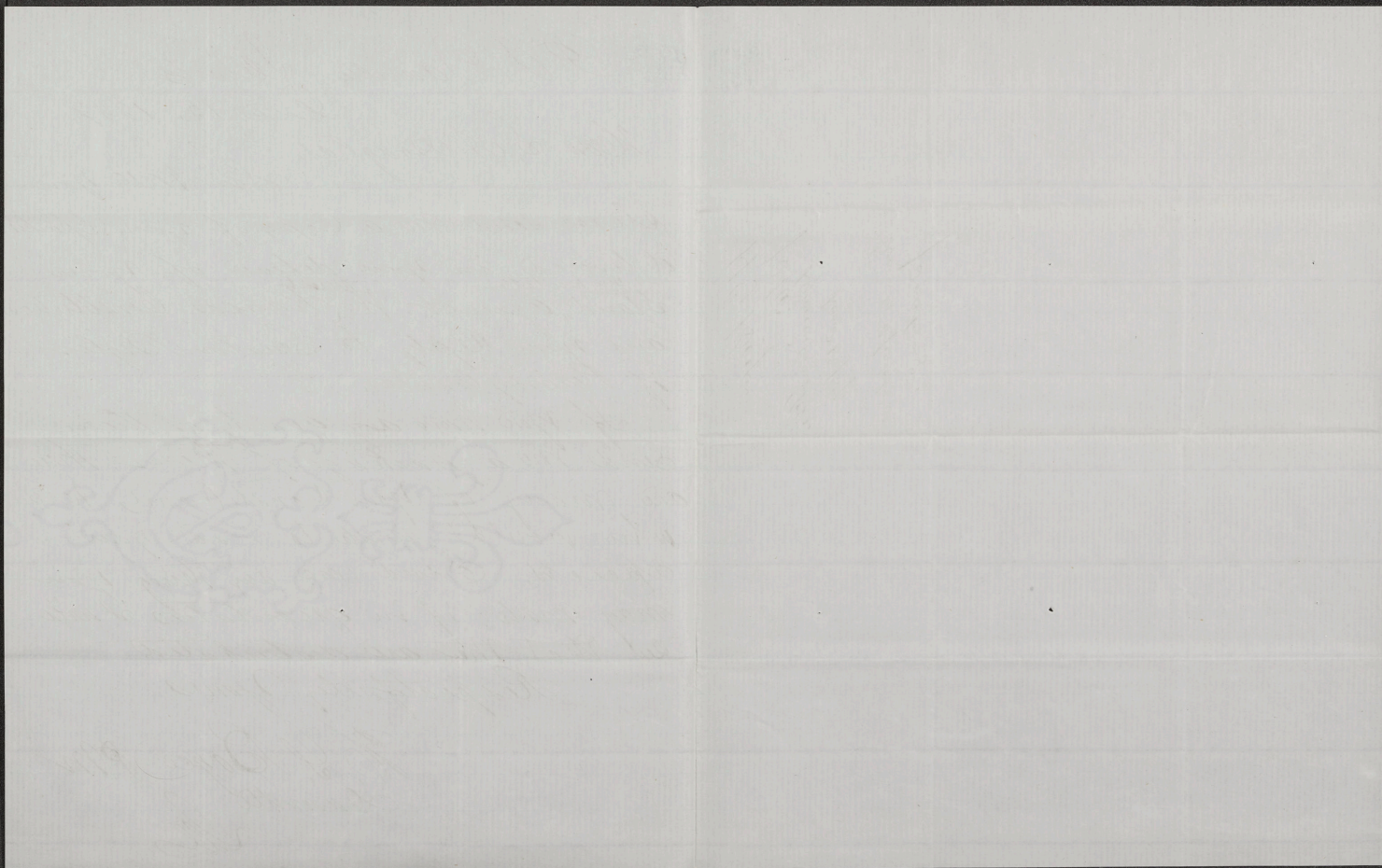
If you have ~~any~~ quantity of them send me a package of them. There are many of your Constituents here who would wish to read your Speeches. Send me any thing you may wish, if in quantities I will see that they are distributed

Respectfully Yours

H. J. Boyce P.M.
Danville
Ill.

H. G. Boyce
J. M.
Danville, Ill.
Dec^r 15/57,

Wants speech -
package.



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Chicago Illinois
Dec 15th 1837

My Dear Sir

(with two or three exceptions)
The Inspectors of this Port
have this morning signed a petition
and forwarded to you, praying that you
may use your influence with the
Department, to place them under a
stated salary per Annum. This petition was
signed & forwarded to you, by the advice
of Genl. Fay, in order that you might
know who were under per diem allowance.

The Genl. has assured us all, that he
has no fault to find with any man in
this office, and as we have attended
to our duties faithfully, trusts he may
not be obliged to suspend any. Still
he has no authority to retain us
after the close of navigation, except
by the sanction of the Department.

There is at this time a discordant
element at work in the Democratic
Party in this city, and I believe
it to be my duty to write to you
frankly, ^{myself} since the removal of
Stanton, there is many in this city
and I fear some in this office
who, imagin that you have lost
your influence with the adminis-
tration, & they believe (taking Wentworth
paper for gospel) that the Federal officers
in this city will be removed

It has been ^{for a long time} the intention of the
Inspectors to sign a petition, & forward
to Washington, asking to be placed
under a strict policy, but by the advice
of Genl Fay, concluded to wait until
Congress meet. At that time all the
Inspectors were anxious to sign, now two
(Peltzer & Gramer) refuse, & I firmly
believe their reasons for so doing, are
that they think you have no

influence with Mr Cobb. I hope & trust
that I wrong them, I would believe the
-wise, but cannot. Now is the time that
your friends will show their true colors
we want no traitors in the camp
Some disappointed politicians or fearful
office holders may turn against you
but the masses are with you
they know that you are right;

Phrehan is working well. Your
speech of the 9th inst is in this morning's
"Times" It takes like wild-fire. Long John
is frantic. his last prof is broken
& he is disconsolate. I know that Genl
Fay is true as steel. With your permission
I will from time to time, write you
my opinion. (Confidentially to you, but
which I express to none other) of the political
ferment & the actions of the principal
wire pullers & politicians. I now board two miles
from the Custom House & study nights

Sincerely yours & at service
Hon. S. A. Douglas Esq.
Chas. P. Burton

Chicago Ill.
Dec 16th 1897.

Chas P. Button.

Private

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Wilchville Oxford Co. Maine Dec. 15th /57

Hon. Stephen A. Douglas

Dear Sir

I am not personally acquainted with you
but as a strong man of our Democratic
party, and as a true man to our union
I know you well, and approve of your
public acts, and I hope that the time
is not far distant when you will stand
at the head of our Government as your
Reward for your bold and unflinching
course which you have pursued
in all of the exciting times of our Country,
now to introduce myself and my motive
in writing to you, I am post-master at this
place and I am a union Democrat
and as the Black Republicans have all
the Congressmen from this State
it deprives me and my friends from
from obtaining public Documents
which we have always received from
our Democratic members

now if you will be so kind as to
furnish us this winter and through
the present Congress we should
consider it a favor. many of our old
farmers here think much the patent
office reports, and the Washingtonian
paper.

if you should conclude to grant
my Request please answer by letter
you can address all to me or I can send
you a list of names.

Yours with respect

Samuel Chadbourne

Hon Stephen A. Douglas
US Senate
Washington

Weterville
Oxford Co Maine
Dec 18th 1887.
Saml Chadbourne
P M

Franklin County

Ent a copy
of speech.

Washington Dec. 15/57

Dr. Hig

I enclose my last two papers,
that you may see how I have been
writing. You will perceive that, aside
from my letters, the editorials which
I have marked, show that my folks
at home have also taken ground.

To morrow I hope to send you
one, which I think will cause some
commotion.

Yours very truly

Wm. L. Chester

Hon. S. A. Douglas

Wm. L. Chester
Washington
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Great Bend
Leavenworth Co. Mo
15th Decem 1857

The Honorable

Stephen A Douglas
Dear Sir

I have read with deep interest & unmingled pleasure your remarks on the Kansas constitution & the proposed mode of submitting the same to the people of that unhappy territory.

You have said all that it was needful to say & in the best possible manner - There is no overstatement - no effort at rhetorical flourish - no waste of words - you have entered in medias res & spoken as any patriot might be proud to have spoken.

If any thing could remove the strong & almost unconquerable prejudice which existed in the free states against you - for your agency in abrogating the Missouri Compromise - it is your bold independent able & just course - on this occasion.

Your former course was imputed to your supposed desire to expand the area of Slavery. Your course on the present occasion commands many & persuades all that you were & are - a friend to the popular will & mainly deserves that it shall be fully appreciated.

Persevere in that course & there is no gift in the hands of the people - that they will not tender to you

That course is natural & national for you - & of course easy - no man whose bones were made in Vermont - but think - as you do the continent is universal - in all the free States -

The South has but one principle - that of protecting & enhancing the value of its slave property & whenever the South confers a favor - it is to induce something to be done - for that interest - it is not to pay - a debt of gratitude for what has been done - the South grasps the hammer & throws away the pebble -

Had the South do any thing for Leon Mizner who laid down his life to make her both President & Miss the South do any thing for Daniel S. Dickinson?

The South would hardly have made Mr. Buchanan President but for his ostentatious denunciations of the South - only Cuba - & would do her best to make Satan President if he would give good bail that he would acquiesce - that Island -

None of this I do not complain the South has a right to protect her great interest & she does it with a will she has no daughters - would to God that we had none

It would protect that interest where it properly belongs - but would not extend it - upon the principle that it produces national weakness - every free State except Louisiana is a national pauper -

No idea is more idle than of commercial

abolition - It would ruin the white race & destroy the South - you might as well in this case northern country give freedom to the horse in the fall of the year -

The jealousy of sections is mutual - we believe that the South would not if she could - annoy Canada to the great Republic that she encourages - Filibustering - from Texas - to Michiquan - from Boston to Mexico -

We think that she makes easy treaties with Great Britain - to buy her acquiescence - in our raids & incursions - on all the sea Spanish possessions -

The "Reciprocity" treaty is of that stamp which costs the revenue over half a million annually & the country functions as much -

We do not believe at all in the President's account of the cause of the present monetary crisis - on the contrary for ourselves we know - that if the tariff of 1842 had been let alone we should have had no such crisis & the millions upon millions which we owe for R. R. ^{which has much to do with our pecuniary troubles} - if now owed at all would be a debt to our own countrymen & not a cause of distress at all -

I hope in your covered spirit you will be more full in your quotations of previous laws - leaving on the subject

With greatest respect

Yours very obedient servant

E. Charles C. Clarke

Chas. E. Clark.

Lyons. Bnd.

N.Y.

Dec. 10th

Practical & Con-
gratulatory.

W

Hon. Hugh Legg

Terre Haute Ind.

Dec 15th 1857

My Dear friend

I have read your great speech delivered a few days ago in the Senate.

As a Democrat I endorse it cordially with all my heart and soul, and pray that God may sustain while you battle for truth and principle, and may Heaven save the Democratic Party from the shame and weakness of a blamable and disgraceful abandonment of these principles.

You have crossed the Rubicon, you cannot recede. Another victory, must be your motto. A bold front. the hogget to the bill, or you must fall. Trust in the virtue of People. they are capable of self government. your form is in the hands of your Countrymen they will vindicate it. dont fear

The Rossies will stand by you in the hour of trial.

Be encouraged and of good cheer, the People will soon speak out in language not to be misunderstood a day of reckoning will come.

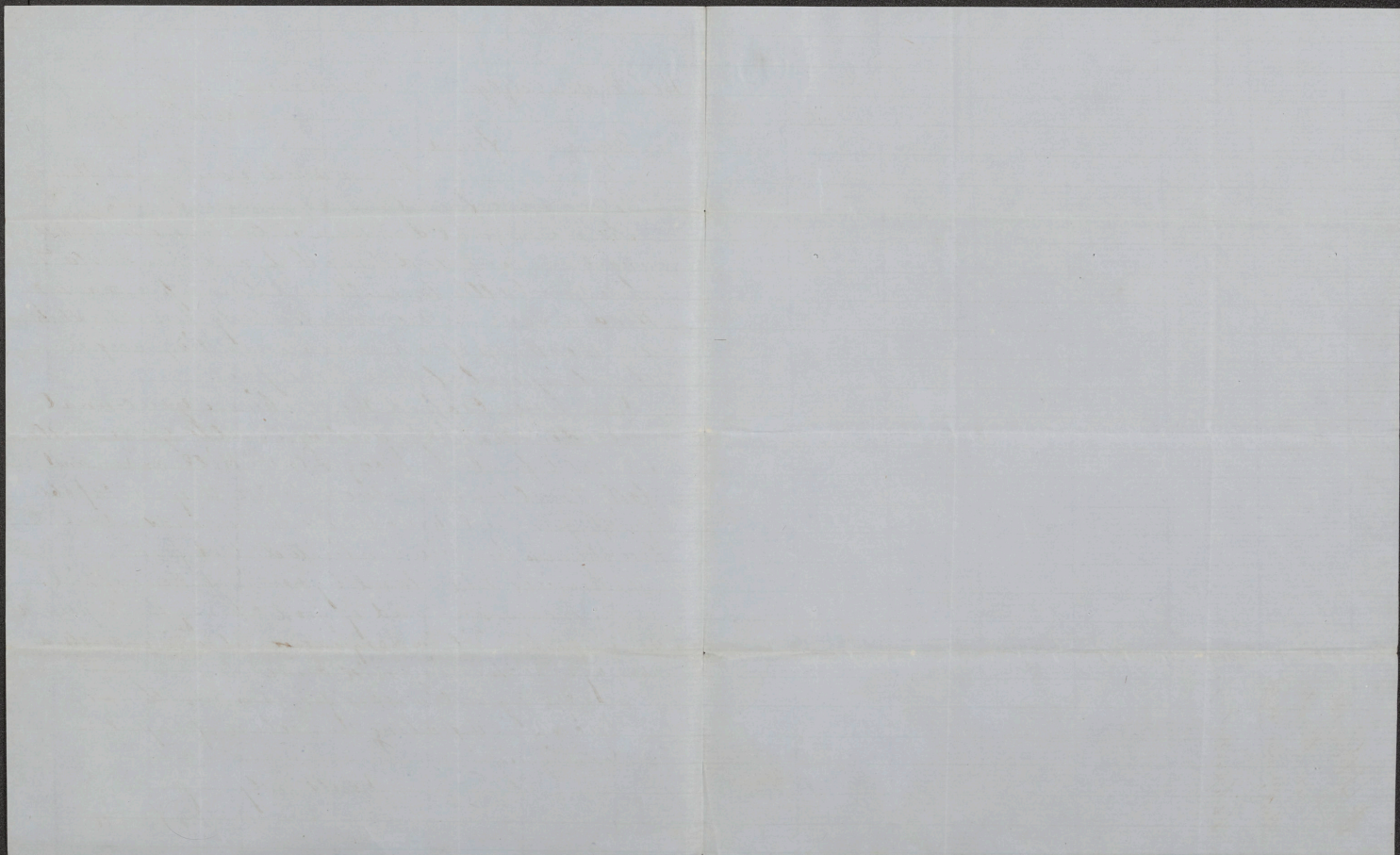
Accept my best wishes for your health and success in defending the doctrine of Popular Sovereignty.

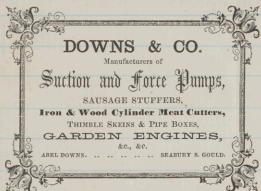
Yours Truly

Jas Cook

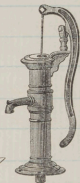
J H Cooke
Terre Haute
Ind., Dec^r 15/57,
Approbatory,

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SENECA FALLS, N. Y.



December 15th 1857

Wm S. A. Douglass
Dr Sir

I am as always for
you for the Irish Office in the gift of
the people.

I refused to support Pierce
because I knew he had not stability
of character to resist aggressions upon the
dignity and rights of the President

I refused to support Buchanan
because I believe that it was him and
him only that caused the defeat of
Genl Cass in Pennsylvania in 1848
consequently defeated him for President

In conclusion I say go ahead
the people of the north are with you
I do believe.

Send me your speech or
several if you can for distribution
Yours Very Truly
Jacob H. Corb

Jacob H Cool
Seneca Falls
N York
Dec 15/57

approbatory.

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Rock Island Ill.

Dec 15th 1857

Hon Stephen, A. Douglas

Dear Sir

I take the liberty of addressing you upon a subject of great importance to this location of our State, you are aware that the War Department hold a post of Rock Island as a military reservation and that it is the best location on the Mississippi River for the western armory,

In the year 1841 the then Secretary of War appointed a commission of military officers composed of Gen Armitstead Col Long and Surgeon Gen Lawson to examine and report upon the most eligible point in the West for a national armory. they visited Rock Island and the only objection, at that time, in reporting in favour of Rock Island was its want of land communication with other parts of the country. which objection has since been obviated by the construction of the Illinois Central Chicago + Rock Island and Mississippi + Missouri Rail Roads, which by a glance at the map you will see connects Rock Island with the South, East, and West

in Secretary Davis's first report to congress
he recommended the removal of the armory
from Springfield Massachusetts to some
point in the West on the Mississippi River but
congress has not acted upon his suggestions.

I wish you to call upon the Secretary
of War and request him to withhold the
Rock Island reservation from sale, until
congress acts upon a bill to establish the
Western national armory at Rock Island.

which bill I would like for you to
introduce in the Senate at your earliest conven-
ence, and to take it under your especial
charges. Knowing that you feel a deep
interest in any thing that affects our state
and the West, has emboldened me to drop you
these few lines.

Respectfully yours
Bailey Davenport

Rock Island
Iles de la Bay
Bailey's Camp
about the
Military
Reservation
at Rock
Island.

Agm. Name Co. Allen's
Dec 15th 1850

My dear Sir

Will you have the kindness
to show me a full bill of the
message, and accompanying accounts
for which you will receive my
gratefull acknowledgements

Respectfully

Yours H. Davis

Hon. S. A. Douglass

U. S. S.

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D.C.

H Davis

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Dec 15/57

Wants a copy of

Pres. Map & Docs

Bloomfield Iowa
Dec 15 1837

Wm S. A. Douglass

My dear Sir

I hope you will not
vote for the Leecompton
Constitution, no difference
what may be the action of
the people of Kansas, unless
a decided majority should
vote for the Constitution,
I have understood that the
President & Cabinet favor this
new movement. But what
if they do? What right have
they to meddle with this matter?

I am your obedient
servant,

Wm C. C. C. C.

Admiral
Bloomfield
Iowa
Dec 15/57
Political

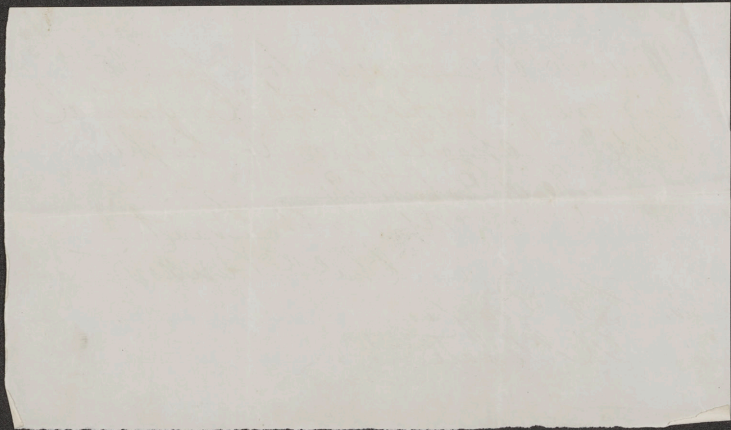
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Would it be convenient for you to
send me a copy of the "Congressional
Globe" I should prize it highly

Very Respectfully

Your Obedt Servant
Chas. P. Vernon

Hon. S. A. Douglas
U. S. Senate.



L. M. S.

Caracas Dec 15th 1854

My Dear Sir,
 "I have sent you
 what I regard as a curios-
 ity - an artistic manufac-
 ture in benzoin and
yet the best of its class in
the world - The famous
 Angostura Bitters.

You will find them
 unexceptionable in a "Cock-
 tail" and if you put
 a tablespoonful in a
 glass of Sherry before
 your dinner you will
 be surprised to find

how much appetite they
will create.

We are very quick
him. This Court is very
lazy and very poor.
You see they have sent
on a Special Motion
to settle the Arts claim.

I pray you to present
my most cordial re-
gards to Mrs Douglass
adding to them those
of Mrs Eames and
believe me.

Ever most truly

Yours
Wm. A. Douglass.
C. Eames.

L. W. S. —

Caracas.

Dec 15/57

C. Lanes.

Private —

Elkton Maryland Dec 15th 1857

Hon Stephen A Douglass

My dear Sir

I think the most fitting opportunity to renew the acquaintance which I had the pleasure to make with you in Congress is at the present because I believe this to be the time when all persons, particularly all persons who reside in slaveholding States who approve your doctrine and policy should as far as possible strengthen your hands by expressing their sympathy and support. It is therefore for these purposes and no other that I say to you that your position in attempting to secure for the whole people of Kansas a free and fair expression of opinion upon their fundamental law is inappugnable and unassailable, and due to fairness and freedom: whether you will succeed in it is to me very doubtful

when I consider how prone men are
at this day in our Republic to see no
principle not subservient to their own
ends, or the clamours of Extreme factions.

I hope however that you may suc-
ceed in vindicating the right of fair,
open, free, and unfraudulent
Government. In the midst of miserable
quibbles about Conventional powers
and abilities, and precedents, whose
whole force has arisen from the after
submission of the people, these princi-
ples may be forgotten but in their re-
sult will be found not merely the
wreck of the Democratic Party which
will be lost the moment it abandons
its great cause of popular rights, but
also in the end free government //

I am very truly,
Alexander Cochrane.

Hon. Alex. Evans

Elkhart, Pa.

Decr 15/57.

Ans 17th

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Wtica Dec 15 1857

Dear S A Douglass

We have
 (miscellaneous) Copies of your late able
 Speech in the President's Message
 which afford us very much
 to increase our desire to get it in-
 tain

assuming that its importance
 at this time will induce a print
 under the sanction of its author
 in virtue to ask that you send
 us some for our own perusal
 & if a quack to you for circulation

Yours
 Wm L Garrison
 W L Garrison

A. H. Fish.

Utica.

N.Y.

Wanted package Shushan

Dec. 15th

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Hackettstown
Warren Co. N.J.
^{Dec 15/34}
 Editor Gazette
 want 1 or 2 copies
 of your sheets ✓

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Gazette office
Hackettstown Dec 15.

Will Mr. Douglass have
 the kindness to mail one or two
 copies of his speech on Kansas
 matters to the Ed. of the Gazette?

Hackettstown
 Warren Co.
 N.J.



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Providence R.I. Dec 15th

Sir

Will you please favor me
with a copy of your speech of
Dec 9th and oblige

Most resply

Yours affly - best

Pasco Hanes Jr

Hon S. A. Douglass
W. S. S.

Pasco Haines Jr
Providence R.I. -
Dec 15 1857
Wants Speech

Wm. Stephens Esq
 M.C.

Washington City
 D.C.

Dec. 15, 1857.

Dear Sir,

Allow me to
 address you, and to say that I am not a politician, but have
 been generally opposed to the Democratic Rule of Chastain, and
 applied to the repeal of the Missouri Compromise act and have
 ever since been opposed to the course pursued by the administration
 towards the Citizens of Kansas, and believe the attempt of the members
 of the present Constitution for the government of Kansas, to force
 on the Citizens of Kansas the present Constitution for them submitting
 it to the vote of the people, is the true meaning and intention of the
 Kansas and Nebraska bill, to be the most outrageous and black
 hearted fraud ever attempted in the history of American Citizens,
 and if carried out must and will end in a civil war. The
 position you take in your speech (as reported in Congressional)
 is right to the President's message fully defines your position as a
 defender of the rights and sacred principles of the American people,
 and consequently, a true supporter of American liberty, which must
 and will be defended by every sound minded American Citizen, and
 opposed only by a class of men who would sacrifice our most
 glorious liberties and establish a monarchy. I have always
 held sacred the principles embodied in your speech but am glad
 to say that you have in language concise and appealing to me
 my own principles far clearer than I could do myself and as our
 citizens permit me to say, be of good cheer and maintain this great
 noble and ^{conscientious} ~~righteous~~ cause, and you will not only gain the substantial
 friendship of thousands, but the practical friendship of one of
 thousands who are, ⁱⁿ ~~your~~ practically your opponents, and many
 I hear remark that the principles embodied in your speech do
 accord with the Declaration of Independence.

Wm. Hunt
 Dec 15, '57

Respectfully
 Yours

Wm. Garrison

If printed, would be thankful for a few copies of your speech
for distribution
B, M, & C

B M Harrison
Terre Haute Ind.
Dec 15/54

Approbatory
Wants Speech

Milwaukee. Dec 10th 1857
 Hon. J. A. Douglas, Senate
 Washington D.C.

My dear Sir

There is a rumor
 here that a new paper is to be established in Washington
 as your organ sustaining the position you have taken in
 regard to the President's Message, on Slavery matters.
 You are no doubt aware that the "Milwaukee Daily
 American" has ceased to exist having sold out to
 Humphreys of the "Daily News" after fighting the Gu-
 bernatorial campaign for Mayor Leach.
 Noonan that imp of darkness is suing me in
 three States & threatens he will - if he can - ruin me.
 I have beaten him here, in Illinois, in April, where
 he has by attachment got property worth one third
 more than his trumped up claim. The suit will be
 contested.

I am now at liberty & desire Editorial Employment
 office, or some employment where what little
 talent I possess may be available to my friends
 & beneficial to self & family.

I have often letters from all the Democracy
 who are known & popular in this State & endorsement
 as to my capability of wielding a pen. Your speech
 I have read with great interest, its charm is its
 plain humbly & honest sincerity & all here

think that the Administration have given you a
stronger card for 1860 than they have aimed for.
You are right, and if wanted, the Democracy will
be most materially injured if not destroyed as a
Party. I find that no Senator can reply to
that speech & create any other than the strong
impression that Mr Buchanan has been placed
in a wrong position or if he has assumed it on
his own responsibility. "He has to yield".

You may remember our interview at the Whistman
Celebration. Please present my respectful Compli-
ments to Mr Douglass. I am waiting a reply.

Believe me

Your faithful servant
A. Wellington Hart

A. Wellington Hart

Milwaukee,

Decr 18. 1857.

Wishes employ-

ment as an Editor.

or otherwise.

Yours & such.

L. R. Hawkins

St. Paul

15th Dec 57

Shields & Rice nominated
by Demo Caucus -

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St Paul M. T.

Dec 15. 1857

Hon S. A. Douglas

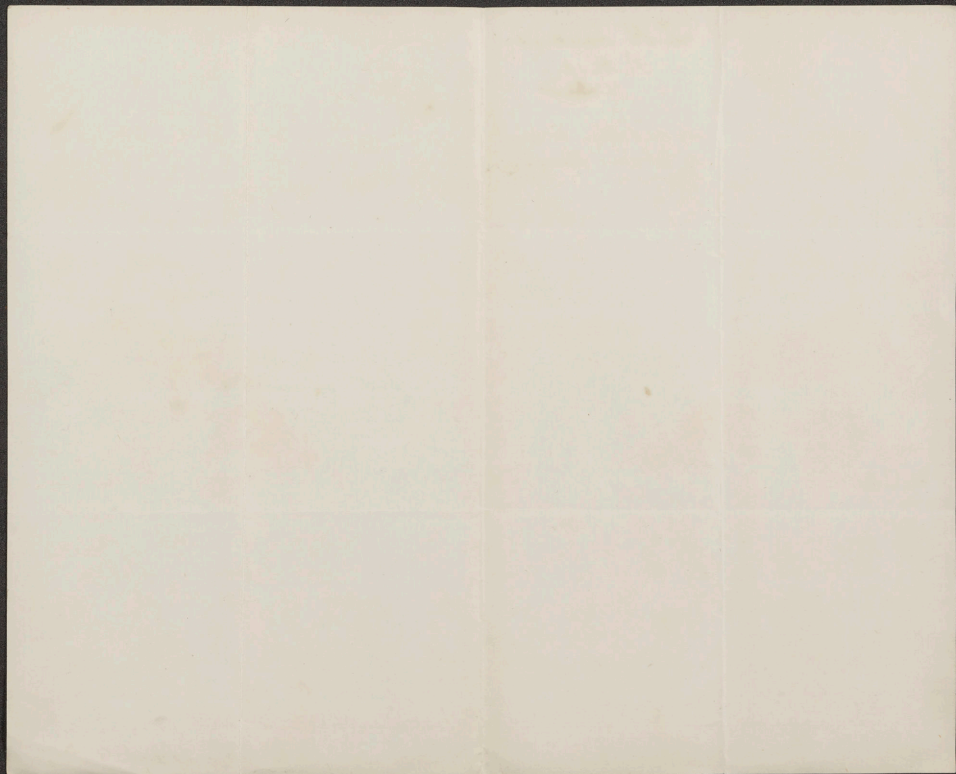
Dear Sir,

I am
happy to announce to you
the nomination by joint
Caucus of our Legislature
of Gen Shields & Hon Wm
Kim as U S Senators

The two Houses will go
into joint ballot in a
few days when their elec-
tion will be ascertained

Believing you would
be pleased with the above
announcement I have taken
the liberty of ^{making} communicating
the same to you. I am very
Respectfully Yrs obt serv

L. R. Hawkins



Florida, N.Y. Dec. 15, 1857

Hon. S. A. Douglass.

Dear Sir—Although personally scarcely acquainted with you, having barely had an introduction, and having been an admirer of you politically, since your stand upon the Kansas-Nebraska Bill, permit me to congratulate you upon your early and noble stand in behalf of Popular Sovereignty in the U. S. Senate.

The leaders of the Democracy here stand aghast, and seem not to know whether to sustain Buchanan or the "Little Giant of the West." Perhaps when the Atlas & Argus speaks they will know where to find themselves—but the People of all parties are emphatically with you and against the President.

At present I am an ex-editor having leased my paper for one year to get a little respite from the cares and toils of past, but when I get control of the paper next April, at the mast head will float the name of Stephen A. Douglass, for President of the U. S. in 1860.

Hoping you may receive the richest blessings of Heaven.

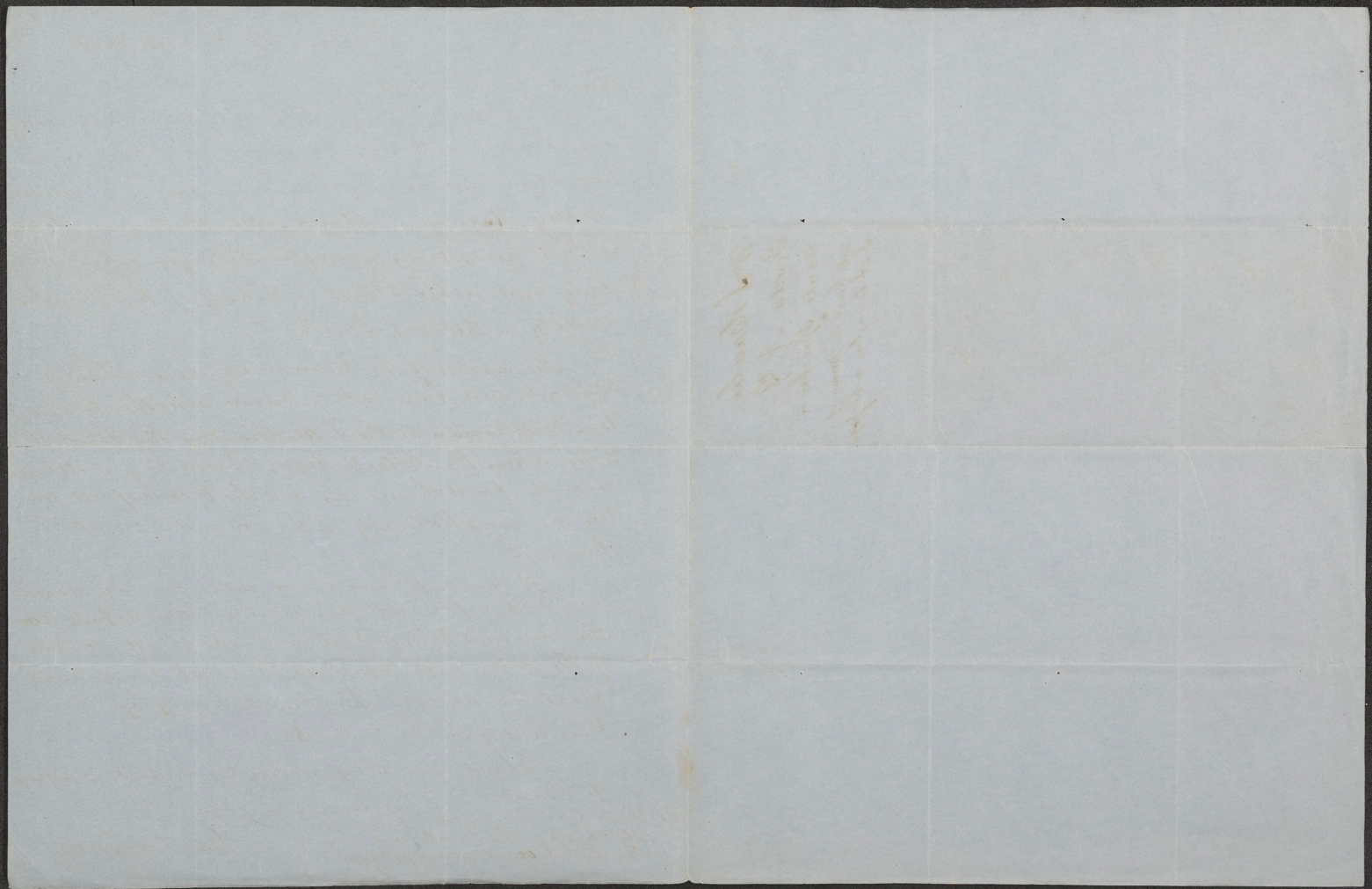
I am dear Sir, Yours &c.
P.S. Please send me a few copies of your late speech in the Senate and any other pub. Doc. at your disposal.

Wm. S. Hawley

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Mr S Hawley
Fonda N Y -
Decr 15. 1858.
Wants "much" "
will hoist the name of
J A Douglas in his paper

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Pond Gauga Co Ohio Dec 15-1857

Hon S A Douglas

Dear Sir - You will please pardon this intrusion upon your notice being an entire stranger but you will confer a special favor on an old soldier of the war of 1812 by sending him a copy of your speech in the U S Senate on that portion of the Presidents Message in reference to the Constitution of Kansas I rejoice that Walker & Stanton are not divided in the hour of trial The stands you have taken Sir at this crisis calls for universal approbation from every true Democrat ~~At~~ a man I am ~~utterly~~ opposed to every shade of flattery but I sincerely believe that the ground you occupy and more than all the measures you defend will be productive of much good and its effect I anticipate will be the restoration of nine tenths of the old Democrats (that revolted in consequence of the unhappy Kansas business) to the Democratic fold again No more at present as I must hurry and pack up my Mail without delay With sentiments of friendship I remain Yours

Jno Henry

Hon Stephen A Douglas

At B Address J Henry PM Pond Gauga Co Ohio

Geo. Henry.
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Waukegan, Ill.
Decr 15/57. Ohio.
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