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Wheeling Decr 15th 1857.

Hon S. A Douglass,

Sir, I had intended settling in Ill last summer, but having lost 2,000$ failed in my design. My anxiety is still to get there, and I have just received the enclosed letter from Rev J. J. Castleman, a clergyman of the Episcopal Church, and a friend of mine who resides in Rockaway City, which I beg you will read, and I will explain why I have sent it to you, and written to you. This little farm is such as I have long desired, but the only means now at my disposal is an interest of one fifteenth in an undivided property in Washington consisting of six houses and seven vacant lots, valued at 15,000$.

I desire to make a proposition to you, and being a stranger, would refer you to Mr Litchfield, Mr Hazelhurst, of Congress, Genl Weightman, C W Pano, R. L. Mackall, the three last having had ~~charge~~ three sons under my charge as Principal of Landon Military Institute. I have resided here but a short time & have but a slight acquaintance with Mr Clemens of Ill R. I have pursued the profession of teaching since graduation am now in charge of Wheeling H. School. If you can comply with my proposition, I can give you every satisfaction as to character &c.

I ~~dis~~ wish to ask if you would make the purchase of this farm for me, reserve a lien on it, and take also a lien on my interest in the Washg^ton

property as collateral security, you would confer a lasting favor, and in future I would by honest industry endeavor to merit your approval.

Will you be kind enough to give me an immediate reply, and if you can aid me, I will send you such evidence of character &c, as will satisfy you.

Very Respectfully

John R. Jones

Wheeling
Dec 15-1861
Gen. W. S. Jones
Private

Speed answ.

Rockland Lake Dec 15th/57

Hon Stephen A Douglas.

My Dear Sir,

Since my first acquaintance with you during the 29th Congress, need I say that I have felt an interest in you personally, and in your success as a representative in the American Congress, that has not attached to any other, whatever may have been my personal relations, — You have said and done but little, since your Maiden Speech in the House of Representatives that has not been scanned with a more than watch-ful eye — and yet I have failed to make known to you my sym-pathies, unwilling to intrude, when and where, it seemed, unneeded and for chance when it might

seem to be joining in the echo of the popular, or of not popular of partizan huzzahs—

God knows, I detest, as well the noisy meaningless brawler as the fulsome flatterer—and I need not say that it is too often the heartless emptyings out of loathsome meaningless adulations, that swell the popular gale, in blowing the trumpet of individual applause—

But if this true with the many there are, some honest hearts, and they will stand in time of trial—

It seems, now the time, to make known to you by all true friends, their position—. If abused or vilified when advocating the question of Territorial rights—or the rights of man against the Central powers of Government, you had not only the consciousness of right to sustain you, but the strength of your party as a mighty barrier ~~of defence~~ was a defensive breakwater against the surges, of fanticism and the hellish machinations of bad men to overthrow you—But not so now—as it would seem from, the gatherings, of the press—and outside-rumor—. Many in Congress, even who are with you in heart and desire—have not the moral courage to defend the right—But "truth is mighty and will prevail" That you are in the right the world knows—and be assured the world will ere long will be on its testimony in defence, of its rightful defenders. And think it needed I would say—stand fast—But I feel it unnecessary. Your grand beginning has more than half demolished the fabric of the opposition, and I know that success is in your hands, and that a glorious victory will

crown your noble, heroic,
efforts, in the defence of the
right — May God long pre-
serve your useful life &
strengthen, for still further ef-
forts in the great cause of man's
independence and his rights

As ever believe me
Very Truly
Your Obt Svt
M. J. Leonard

Freeblood Sale
Aug. 15th 1857.
Mr Fr. Stanard.
Dear Sir one night,
while came out
confined at R.

Saml Lilly
Lambertville N.J.
Dec 15/57

Wants 100 Copies of
Late Speech

Lambertville N.J. Dec. 15. 1857.

Hon S. A. Douglas.

My Dear Sir.

Having read your speech on the Kansas question, on the motion to print the President's Message, & being much pleased with the sentiments there uttered & none but garbled and imperfect reports being in circulation here, I have concluded to request that you will send me some copies say 100 or more, with your franks on each & I will distribute them thro the post Office in this part of New Jersey. The principles you enunciate none can controvert, expediency might have dictated another course but being a man of principle I can do no less than applaud you

Very truly yours Saml Lilly

Baltimore Decr. 15th 1857

Hon Judge Douglas

Dear Sir

I hope you will excuse me for expressing my sentiments on your present course it is one which I fear will not end well for your public good but yet I hope ere long you will put things right and not keep your friends in pain, and giving joy to your Enemy it is and was always my expectations if I lived untill Eighteen hundred & Sixty to cast my vote for you for the highest office in the gift of the people and I hope to God you will do nothing to prevent you of getting the Democratic nomination, and it is very certain if you keep at variance with the present administration and split the Party you cannot be successful the plan is make this administration shine in Eyes of the World and you can if you live in 1860 & I do no doubt can have the seat in the white house you can see I am no political writer but all my hopes are that I may live to see you President of the United States I hope you will Excuse me for taking such liberty on myself as to write to you on such a subject but I hope you will stop agitation with the President and come out without a blemish on your character, and I think you will be to blame very much if you continue the fight with the President

Your friend with great respect

Thomas M. E.

Thomas. McE

Baltimore

Md.

Fears Judge D. is losing the chances for the Divinity

D & C. B.th

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Dec 15th 1857
David Mace.
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for distribution

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La. Fayette, Ind.
15. Dec. 1857.

Hon S. A. Douglas.

Dear Sir, not Sir. your great speech reached here yesterday in the Commercial (Cincinn.). I read it with the most profound admiration. it is full, complete and unanswerable. I want you to send me one or two thousand copies for immediate distribution among democrats. Let the good seed be planted at once. I would suggest that you cause them to be sent by express at my expense. The popular and honest heart of all this region is with you.

your friend
David Mace

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Lancaster, (Penna) Dec. 15/57.

Senator Douglas:

The great desire of many of your admirers in this City, to read your able speech in defence of the Sovereign people of Kansas, induced me to make the request of you, to send to my address, 6 or 8 copies, in pamphlet form, of your speech.

Your kind compliance will much oblige an of your ardent admirers.

Yours Very Resy

J. M. Marks.

Lancaster. Pa.

S. W. Mark
Lancaster Penn
Dec 15/57

Wants 8 or 10 Copies
of Speech

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Geo W Matthews
Lebanon Ohio
Decr 15/57.

Wants Speech

15/57

Lebanon, Ohio, Dec.

Hon. S. A. Douglas:
Dear Sir:-
Pleas place the name of Geo. W. Matthews Lebanon, Ohio, on your list for Speeches and Doc. and much oblige an old "Jackson Democrat."

The Democracy in these parts admire the stand you have taken on the Kansas question.

Geo. W. Matthews
Lebanon
Ohio

Senator Douglas
Washington
D. C.

Chicago. Dec: 15th: 1857.

Dear Sir;

The executive Committee met tonight & will call a mass meeting for Thursday.
The Committee will direct the Chairmen to prepare at the meeting a series of resolutions which we think will be of service to you in your present contest. The Resolutions were prepared today by Beckwith & myself after considering the subject very deliberately.

I hope they will meet your views & that our action here is advisable.
After reading your speech – one of the ablest I have ever read & permit me to say one of the clearest & most logical I have ever seen from you – I thought your friends here, should, as soon as practicable, take their stand with you & give you, as far as it would go, the benefit of their cordial co operation & approval.

As soon as the meeting takes place and the resolutions are adopted we will telegraph you. Beckwith sends for a copy of the resolutions tonight or tomorrow.

You are certainly engaged in a serious, important & trying contest. Let me assure you that your friends here are with you & rejoice in your able & eloquent exposition of your principles & positions; & tho' we are somewhat disposed to sympathize with the Hon: Senator who expects, when too late, that he had permission to reply to you, our pride in your victory leaves but small room for such milk & water sentiments.

I must confess some surprise at portions of your speech, for I had supposed from the message that the administration intended to let this matter alone. I take it for granted, however, that Mr Buchanan has published one message for the Country & hopes

on hand various others for private distribution from day to day. //

With great respect
Your friend & obt Svt.
R. T. Merrick

Chicago Ills
Dec 12/57
R. J. Merrick
Dec 15/57.
Political
Approves in Council

Bellefonte, Pa.,
Dec. 15th 1857

Hon. S. A. Douglas.
Dear Sir,

I had the pleasure of being among those whom Senator Mason desired to have cleared from the Galleries at the conclusion of your noble and just speech in defence of Popular Sovereignty on the 9th inst., and of course heard you deliver it. There is great demand for the speech among Democrats and others in this section, and concurring as I do in every sentiment it utters I will freely distribute them if you will have the kindness to furnish me with some copies.

With profound respect,
I am very Truly yr.
Wm. C. Mitchell

Sra. Mitchell
Belfast
Ia.
Dec. 15/57
Wants Speaches

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Pittsburgh Dec 15. 1857.

Hon Stephen A Douglas.

Dear Sir

Having denounced your course in introducing the Kansas bill, I now deem it due to you & just to myself to add my warmest commendations for your able speech in favor of popular sovereignty in Kansas. Your construction of the Kansas act now, makes it all right & I thank God that the cause of right & justice has such an able & fearless defender –

You I presume have no recollection of the conversation I allude to in which I charged you with having destroyed the democracy of Penna, at the National in presence of Jas L Dawson, but having done so, I now in justice to myself give "Honor where it is due"

Truly yours. J K Moorhead.

Pittsburg Pa
Dec 15th 1857.
J K Moorhead.
think you
are right &
retract his
former opinion
of you.
Let him see
your speech.

W

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Tuesday December 15th 1857

Hon. S A Douglas U.S.S.

Will you please favour me with your Autograph and last Speech

I am your humble servant

H. C. Moyer

Williamsport
Lycoming County
Penna

H. C. Moyer
Dec 15th 1857
Wants autograph
& Speech —
Williamsport Penn.

Ans'd

Sent

Philadelphia, Dec. 15th 1857.

My Dear Sir,

I take the liberty of inquiring of you what inducements there are for establishing a Locomotive Works in your State; if good mechanical labor, material, fuel &c. can be readily obtained and if sufficient Capital could be raised among your moneyed men to start an enterprise of this kind?

I am under the impression that a Factory for the construction of Locomotives, in Illinois, would do an immense business, as the demand for power in the course of a few months, or as soon as this monetary crisis shall have subsided, will be very great, with little prospect of having the demand supplied, for the reason that, out of forty two shops, there are not now six in operation and it is probable that but few, now closed, will ever be revived. I also believe the location would command a large business with all the Western Roads and prove the very best for supplying the Pacific Rail Road, should that Road ever be commenced. Besides this, I am the inventor of a Coal burning Boiler, Patented Oct. 20th, which is remarkable for its lightness, simplicity and the economical consumption of hard or soft Coal, without emitting Smoke or Gas and is also a most suitable invention for the Prairie Country where wood is scarce and the saving of 35 per cent, in fuel alone, an item of consideration with all Stockholders.

I am the son of William Norris, the originator of Norris Loco. Works in 1833, and since 1847, I have held the position of Assistant and Chief Constructor there and am well qualified to compete with any Manufacturer in the Country.

I have had the presumption to make these suggestions to you, knowing you to have the advancement of Mechanics, in your State, at heart and believing you would take an interest in promoting an enterprise that cannot fail to be a great advantage to all concerned in it.

Very respectfully
Your Obt. Serv.
William Geo. Norris.

Box 1288. Post Office.

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

Wm George Morris.
Phila
Dec 15/57.
Wants to establish
factory for
construction
locomotives
in Illinois.
Inquires prospects
of success.

Private

Penn Yan Dec 15 57

Hon S A Douglas

My dear Sir

If your Speech appears in pamphlet form I want a few copies, I will have it published in our county papers which will give it a more general circulation that it could otherwise have.

So far as I have heard an expression there is but one opinion among the people & that is that you are right. There is no question but what such is the almost universal feeling of the North.

I confess I am at a loss to know why the South desire now to repudiate the doctrine of popular sovereignty & urge this Lecompton constitution forward. it is one of the most dangerous moves & fearful experiment they have ever made. and I trust they will yet see the folly of the thing, & abandon it

One thing is certain We have no hesitancy as to duty; We cannot & must not forfeit consistency & honor, but We must stand up firmly to our principles & professions. There is safety to the whole country, as well as Democracy in no other course. and for myself I have no misgivings, I stand with You. and in defence of your position, to the bitter end and when the time comes & there is need to do so I will take the stump & battle for the right.

Let the North the democratic party

will not decide on the subject and I trust the South will not separate from us, it would be an evil day to the country if one section of the Union should array themselves against the principle of popular sovereignty & seek to force a government on Kansas which a large majority of her people were opposed to, the end of such a movement we can hardly predict & I trust we shall never see it practically illustrated. for I am clear in the opinion, that it would shake the Union to its centre.

I can see but one path of duty & that is to insist that the people of Kansas, without let or hindrance, shall for themselves adopt their local institutions & state government. this is safe ground. this is proved that the South & North East & West can live by & they can live by no other. and we must not desert it or allow it to fail

I am yours truly

D. A. Ogden

Peter Yan
Dec. 15th 1857.
D. A. Ogden.
Manifesto
Copies of your
speech on the
Kansas question
Hurrah for
your course.

Centralia Ills.
Dec. 15th 1857.

Hon S. A. Douglas
Dear Sir

After my Respects to you and our Congratulations to you as to your position on the Kansas Constitution which is the position of the people in this part of Illinois I have to trouble you with a personal application; I find that the President recommends in his message the raising of four Regiments of troops to serve in the Mormon Expedition Now if those troops are to be raised & officered by appointments from the Citizens I would be much pleased to make the trip as in some Capacity not under the grade of a Captain, and if I should obtain such appointment there would be no difficulty in Enlisting men I know that this is rather Conjecture

but if any such opportunity should
occur you will please present
me as an applicant and con-
ld to hope that through your
& Mr R Smith's influence (to
whom I have this day written)
such application might be received
with favor please say what
you think of the prospect

Yr. W. O'Mahony

P.S. My Brother H. H. O'Mahony
is a candidate for Circuit Judge
in this District to fill vacancy
occasioned by Election of Judge
Dunn to Supreme Bench.

O'M.

Hon. Wm. O'Mahony
Cartersville Ga.
Jan. 5-/57
Thanks for interest in
my behalf. Reply
to this soon for
Mark

Boston Dec. 15. 1857

Hon S A Douglass

I have just returned from a visit to the interior of New England the people are with you – the official papers opposed or silent – By getting your speech read and understood you are safe in spite of power and patronage –

Ever yours
Solomon Parsons

PS I have sent articles brief like the enclosed to a number of papers

BOSTON, Dec. 14, 1857.

Messrs. Editors:—I have been occupied for a few hours in reading and carefully scrutenizing the speech of Senator Douglas, and I most earnestly commend it to the attention of every member of the Democratic party. If I understand anything of the true principles of Democracy, they are contained and set forth in that speech. Planting ourselves on those great principles not all the combined efforts of all the isms in the Union can overthrow us. Yours, P.

Solomon Parsons.
Boston.
Mass.
Congratulatory.
Dec. 15th
(5¢)

Danville Ill
Decemr 15-1857

Dear Sir As I have made up my mind to leave Illinois in the Spring and move either to Kansas or Arizona - where the climate will suit me better and where too I hope I can add a little more to my scanty property - I have also made up my mind to be an applicant for some of the offices in one of those Territories and if it was certain that I should settle in Kansas - it would be or I would prefer the more southern portion where a land office I believe is not yet established but if established I should like: my mind inclines me to a still more Southern climate and in Arizona I flatter myself I could do what my friends say of me I ought to have done in ill years ago, added greatly to the little property I now own - and that mostly in real Estate - If I should designate to you or any of my friends at Washington the particular kind of office you might disagree with me if inclined to aid my pretensions - so I leave it to you and them - I may have too flattering an opinion of my ability - friends can only decide that or gauge a man - There is no man who knows me better than Judge Douglas and as I have great confidence in his opinion of men & things I shall leave that to him - though my pride and vanity would be flattered if he should favor a high one -

I deem it unnecessary for me to labor with Judge

Danville Ill
Decemr 15 1857
Hon Stephen A Douglas
Washington
Kansas

Don't fail to convince him that I am a working democrat and have been so. Even before I came to Ill - You have been in public life since 1843 and you certainly will not accuse me of troubling you often or any member of Congress before that time with applications - I knew you had many asking you for posts and some have got them to keep them true or for some other reasons even against your feelings. and I knew if I had been ever so greedy that you could not serve everybody.

If my small property lying mostly in lands was readily convertible into money; my pride is such — that I would not in this instance apply to you though I know your liberality and readiness to remember old friends and judge whatever you may have thought or now think if friendship is to be judged by active & zealous offices for one you have never had a more sincere one in Ill For the truth of this I appeal to every County or part of the State or U S where I have been these last 16 yrs But I claim nothing on that score or my devotion to democracy - for whether in or out office or here in Arizona or Kansas I cannot help being a democrat for reason - the constitution & God Go[d] teach me that all others are detestable to me - I should like a letter from you on this subject - though I know you are pressed to death which at Washington with business and your family too — demand some portion of your time; I remain as ever your true friend John Pearson

Private

Dr Judge I have read the message and your remarks - the first and second day of Gov Bigler's taunt - You not yet assured the democracy will stand with you on this question. One sad truly sorry has been forced on you & the party - It does seem to me our friend Gov Calhoun could have avoided it - Had the Constitution been submitted to the whole people - they no doubt would have voted it down & then the party would be in a upright position - then a new Convention could have been called & the Territory would have come in as a State with a free constitution - I cannot exactly then agree with the Rest which more inferring than expressing - but his message is a fine one - well written as all that comes from him ever is - I count him honest and bold and patriotic - yet I wish he had taken a little different ground on this Convention: I again Pen[n]d since I saw you & saw Mr Buchanan's brother in law who lives near my relatives and your name was frequently up and the Springfield speech - The Dr readily agreed & even said of his own accord that he did not know of any democrat in Penn[a] who was not for you in 1856 - He said it was a concluded fact & he thought there would be no opposition in the Convention Dr Yates is a man who has the entire confidence of the democracy in his section of the State and is spoken of as having the confidence of Mr Buchanan - Your speech was extensively read & approved - as the Pres[ident]'s message will be on that head - the Mormon -

If I can at any time do any thing to aid you, only suggest it to me in a frank way as you act and you need not fear or doubt of my performance

I know we cant do much for you or any Democrat in this Abolition County where we have at least 300 Quaker votes and are hopelessly in the minority - This County has always been wrong and it will take an infusion of Dutch and Irish for 10 yrs to get it right -

I was at Spring - a few weeks ago and had a long talk with Ex Gov M and was glad to find him warmer for you than I had ever known him - I heard him say publicly too & in the presence of some York gentlemen more than I had ever known him to say of you & Long John

I hope he will stick to it but you know we as I do slowly believe a man who ever has been acting badly in a tight time and as it was in 1854 & 5 - when the fools of our party or some worse name joined in the hue and cry against you & Kansas Bill and aided the red mouthed Abolitionists to break into the harmony of our party - I am glad to see them coming back & hope they will stay tho we will forgive them - but yet we cant help but think -

Excuse this scrawl & believe me

as ever J. P.

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Niagara Falls N.Y.
Dec: 15 1857

Dear Sir

I beg to offer to you, my tribute of praise and admiration, for the manly and consistent stand you have taken, and so ably & unanswerably maintained in defence of the popular rights of the people of Kansas.

Doubtless this expression would be far more valuable and gratifying to you, had it proceeded from one who had hitherto concurred in your entire action in reference to Kansas. But however widely I may have differed from you on this subject hitherto, I cannot think you will be wholly indifferent to the approving voice of a single one of your countrymen at this trying crisis in your public life, especially, uttered as it is, by one who has long since turned his back on every species of reward for political service. — Trusting you may succeed in arresting the measures of injustice meditated against the people of that promising State by the administration I remain

with very high respect Yours &c

A. S. Porter

Hon S. A. Douglas
Senate U.S.

Niagara Falls
N. Y.
Dec 15th/57

A. S. Porter.
Congratulates you
on your course.

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Tammany Society, or Columbian Order.

CINCINNATI PLATFORM.

Tammany Hall, New York, December 15, 1857.

Sir:

The Society of Tammany will celebrate the Forty-Third Anniversary of the Battle of New Orleans, on the Evening of the Eighth day of January next, at TAMMANY HALL. Your attendance and participation in the festivities of the occasion, is respectfully requested.

Our venerable Order was established cotemporaneously with the formation of the Federal Constitution. It has been preserved in the spirit of its patriotic founders, our revolutionary fathers, whose earthly work is completed, and who have long rested from their labors. It has invariably sought to encourage and stimulate National sentiments; to support the true interpretation of the Constitution, and the correct principles of Democratic Republican Government; and to perpetuate and enlarge the liberties of our People.

To these ends the Society of Tammany has never omitted, to commemorate in a suitable manner the great events of our national history. And among these we place conspicuous the glorious Victory of New Orleans, which brought prominently before the country, the fame of its immortal hero, Andrew Jackson; that victory directed the eyes of his fellow citizens to the soldier, statesman and sage, whose triumphs upon the battle field, were destined even to be eclipsed, by the splendid success of his career in civil office.

At the present moment there are many inducements to Democrats, to recur to the life and times of Andrew Jackson. His worthy successor who sits in the executive chair at Washington, has deserved and commanded, like him, our unbroken and unwavering support. Like him, he has not feared to grapple with the money power, nor blenched before the storms of sectionalism, nor quailed at the threats of malcontents within or without his party. As Tammany Society stood by Andrew Jackson twenty-five years ago, so now it stands by James Buchanan.

The State of New York has again, as in the days of Andrew Jackson, declared her allegiance to the doctrines and the candidates of the Democracy. Over the unprecedented victory of November we have a right to rejoice and to pride ourselves. The political revolution which has taken place in the interior of the State within the past year, is an emphatic expression of confidence in the Administration, and gives evidence, (with painful local exceptions,) of a general return to right principles, and of the exercise of the "cool second thought of the people."

Very respectfully yours,

ELIJAH F. PURDY, Sachem.		CHARLES A. DENIKE, Sachem.	
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EDWARD COOPER,	"	RICH'D WINNE, Scribe to the Council	
THOMAS B. TAPPAN,	"		

DANIEL E. DELAVAN, Grand Sachem.

P. S.—Please address your Reply to COL. DANIEL E. DELAVAN, New York.

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Baldwinsville. Dec 15. 57.

Stephen A. Douglas. M. C.

Dear Sir —

Please favor me with a copy of your speech on the President's Message delivered in the United States Senate Dec 9th. 1857. and oblige —

Yours. &c.

J. S. Shumway.

Baldwinsville.

Onondaga. Co.

N. Y.

J. B. Shumway

Baldwinville

Mass

Dec. 15 —

Master Office of Lynch

Peoria, Ill. Dec 15. 1857.

To Hon S. A Douglas,
U. S. Senator, Washington,

Sir, Allow me to request that you will exercise so much charity as to excuse the liberty of asking you to confer a personal favor upon one who is entirely unknown to you: and if you can further extend your favor and grant the request, it will increase the gratitude and add to the esteem, which a consideration of your public services has led the writer to feel towards you as a benefactor to our country.

The request I desire to make is, that you will favor me with any congressional documents at your disposal, that you can conveniently so appropriate without detriment to more important & pressing claims.

I am, Sir
Yours Respfly & Truly
Thomas Storey.

Thomas Story,
Peoria Illinois
Oct 15/58
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DANIEL E. DELAVAN, Grand Sachem.

P. S.—Please address your Reply to COL. DANIEL E. DELAVAN, *New York.*

David E. Delavan
Grand Sachem
New York
Dec. 15, 1858.

Invitation to
8th January Celebration
at Tammany Hall

FOUNDED IN 1789.

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"Civil and Religious Liberty, the Glory of Man."

"THE UNION MUST AND SHALL BE PRESERVED."

Tammany Society, or Columbian Order.

CINCINNATI PLATFORM.

Tammany Hall, New York, December 15, 1857.

Sir:

The Society of Tammany will celebrate the Forty-Third Anniversary of the Battle of New Orleans, on the Evening of the Eighth day of January next, at TAMMANY HALL. Your attendance and participation in the festivities of the occasion, is respectfully requested.

Our venerable Order was established cotemporaneously with the formation of the Federal Constitution. It has been preserved in the spirit of its patriotic founders, our revolutionary fathers, whose earthly work is completed, and who have long rested from their labors. It has invariably sought to encourage and stimulate National sentiments; to support the true interpretation of the Constitution, and the correct principles of Democratic Republican Government; and to perpetuate and enlarge the liberties of our People.

To these ends the Society of Tammany has never omitted, to commemorate in a suitable manner the great events of our national history. And among these we place conspicuous the glorious Victory of New Orleans, which brought prominently before the country, the fame of its immortal hero, Andrew Jackson; that victory directed the eyes of his fellow citizens to the soldier, statesman and sage, whose triumphs upon the battle field, were destined even to be eclipsed, by the splendid success of his career in civil office.

At the present moment there are many inducements to Democrats, to recur to the life and times of Andrew Jackson. His worthy successor who sits in the executive chair at Washington, has deserved and commanded, like him, our unbroken and unwavering support. Like him, he has not feared to grapple with the money power, nor blenched before the storms of sectionalism, nor quailed at the threats of malcontents within or without his party. As Tammany Society stood by Andrew Jackson twenty-five years ago, so now it stands by James Buchanan.

The State of New York has again, as in the days of Andrew Jackson, declared her allegiance to the doctrines and the candidates of the Democracy. Over the unprecedented victory of November we have a right to rejoice and to pride ourselves. The political revolution which has taken place in the interior of the State within the past year, is an emphatic expression of confidence in the Administration, and gives evidence, (with painful local exceptions,) of a general return to right principles, and of the exercise of the "sober second thought of the people."

Very respectfully yours,

ELIJAH F. PURDY, Sachem.		CHARLES A. DENIKE, Sachem.	
GIDEON J. TUCKER,	"	SAMUEL J. TILDEN,	"
ISAAC V. FOWLER,	"	JOHN McKEON,	"
WILLIAM D. KENNEDY,	"	JOSIAH W. BROWN, Treasurer.	Committee of Invitation.
PETER B. SWEENY,	"	JAMES H. CORNWALL, Secretary.	
JOSEPH M. MARSH,	"	CASPER C. CHILDS, Ass't Sec'y.	
C. G. GUNTHER,	"	CHARLES MILLS, Sagamore.	
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Society.
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New Ipswich December 15th 59

Hon S. A. Douglas

Dear Sir

Will you do me the kindness to transmit by mail, to my address, a copy of a report submitted to Congress by you as chairman March 12th 1859.

Yours respectfully
S. H. Thayer
New Ipswich N.H.

Hon Stephen A. Douglas N.H.
U States Senator.

S. H. Thayer
New Ipswich N.H.
Dec. 15th 1857

Wants copy of Report
submitted by you as
chairman Mar. 12 1856.

sent.

Ann Arbor
Mich Dec 18th
1857.
B M Thompson
wants copy
of your speech
last copy.

University of Mich
Ann Arbor Dec 15th/57

Dear Sir

I have read your late speech on Kansas affairs with lively interest and should like to have it in pamphlet form. If you will please send me a copy and also the President's message I will be very much obliged

Your position is defended by every democrat here whom I have heard express an opinion. And especially is this true of the democratic students. We are all sorry that the Pres. did not consider it was both his duty and interest to take a bolder position

I have the honor to be, Yours &c

B. M. Thompson
Ann Arbor

Hon S. A. Douglas
Chicago

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Carthage Dec 15th 1857

Hon S A Douglas

Dear Sir allow a friend and one of your Constituents to ask of you the favour of Having my name Placed among those of your friends that may Have the Hon of Receiving Documents from you During the present Session of Congress

Yours Affectionately

William Tyner

Hon Stephen A Douglas

Carthage Hancock Co Ill

Wm Tyner
Carthage, Ills
Dec 15/57

Want documents,

Watkins, Schuyler Co. N.Y. Dec 15. 1857

Hon S A Douglas

My dear Sir: I am most happy in knowing that you have taken so high, bold, and fearless position in respect to the Constitution of Kansas which is to be presented to Congress for ratification

I was a warm advocate of the Kansas Nebraska Bill because I recognized in it the great principle so early embodied in the creed of the Democratic party and so correctly and nobly maintained by that great party at all times and for that reason in view of the unrelenting war far waged against you for the position because of your correct advocacy of this great principle I took high grounds at Cincinnati in favor of your nomination as the candidate for President in June 1856 and only yielded by reason of being assured that your claims would be recognized at Charleston in 1860. I have always been a "Hunker" & a "Hard" of this state and have eschewed Free Soilism Abolitionism and every other ism - having always been found under the Democratic Flag through good report and evil report

determined to preserve the principles of Democracy in their purity.

I stood in the Cincinnati Platform as fully endorsing this great principle and labored most earnestly and faithfully in my district to have that principle vindicated by the Voters and have ever since labored to establish the same in this Dense again so hopefully from over to Abolitionism and Black Republicanism

For these reasons I feel that I have a right to speak and assure you that you not only have my whole heart with you in the struggle which has just commenced but you have the great heart of the Democratic party of the State of New York with you and he assured they will cling to you no matter whether success or defeat attend your efforts

The Democratic party ask that the Kansas Nebraska Bill be carried out in its integrity and stand indifferent whether Kansas comes into the Union as a slave or free state if a majority of its inhabitants be a fair and fair vote decide the question at the ballot box for themselves. Good faith and honesty alone demands that the people who are to be immediately affected by the policy adopted by their charter should frame the same in all its parts for themselves and that all objects and factions that put themselves in the way of this should be rebuked and rebuked

I hope the Democracy will use the wisdom of your cause and not engage us into a whirlpool of confusion by adopting an opposite course.

If they do we are lost beyond redemption but if on the contrary the principles of the Cincinnati Platform are adopted in their purity and your whole vote is shaped to that document our great party will stand out like the Pyramids on the plain - unharmed by the lapse of time and uninjured by a thousand storms. And whether its banner be borne in triumph over the nation or pushed aside defeated we will feel assured that its humiliation is but temporary and that thereby victory is made the more certain and welcome in the future

Does it only satisfy our this crisis and its destiny will be complete

The hope of the country hangs suspended with this party. Shatter that and you make a wreck of the Union. The one is dependent upon the other and as principle is the great basis for good order let the principles stand firm and abiding in its place

as the chart and compass whereby you are to be guided

I have great confidence in Mr Buchanan but I fear he is about to commit a fatal error

I hope he will heed your warning voice in time to save himself and the country from the angry storm that will be stirred up both in the North and South in case he adopts his own plan as foreshadowed in his Message

Please pardon me for intruding on you a communication and believe me dear Sir

Your obt Servant

John J Van Allen

John J Van Allen
Baltimore Md
Nov 15 1860
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Hon John L Wells
Exeter N.H.
Dec 15/57

Confidential

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Exeter N.H. Dec 15. 1857

My dear Sir.

(Confidential)

I am rejoiced at the independent position you have taken. Your speech is an admirable vindication of the principles of our party upon popular sovereignty, and an irresistable argument in favor of maintaining our political integrity. The opposite of your course would have overwhelmed the northern Democracy and given the next President to our opponents. There is but one opinion in this State so far as I have heard and that is sustaining you by every true democrat who dares to express an opinion & trust you will be able to carry the Enabling Act if so we shall turn the tables upon our foes by shewing the practical effect of the decision but however it may terminate you will stand right before the people & have the popular strength of the party with you in 1860. God strengthen you for the conflict yet to come —

Hon J. A. Douglass.

Truly Yours John L. Wells

Private

Indianapolis Dec. 15. 1857

Dear Sir.

Has the president placed upon his ratification, (which is not so bad) the capstone of a logical sequitur, boldly stated, to the effect that the pledge for the submission of the Kansas Constitution to the popular vote, must be literally complied with, on the score, first of honor, second of party expediency, & third of a popular right, too much conceded, & enjoyed, of late years, to be now denied, in any case, (& specially not in this delicate case) there would have been the usual muttering of force eaters of the Dalton school — and nothing more. But he shrunk from it; and the thing must come before Congress. This will expose you to the imputation of becoming the leader of a party with which the Republicans will be compelled to act — unwillingly no doubt. Fear not this. Fear nothing. Go ahead. An effort will be made at our state convention to pop & publish some d — d

namby pamby resolutions, to cover over the true state of things. Subtly it will succeed. Mind not that; but go straight on. Look onwards & upwards – not downward and around as old Buck does.

Our Clique here in town is doing its best to benumb mind, under instructions from Bright, Wilcox, & Hammond & following the Internal leaders. But let our loyal gentlemen come together once, and we would see fun.

While I was playing my humbler part in the house, I amused myself by giving recreant members a rap, now & then, & exposing their clap traps. I almost wish I were there now to swoop upon higher game.

Forget not the repeal of the organic law of Utah. Forget not the excise upon small Bank notes: And in your argument, on this last, pray not to take the ground that it is but a temporary mode of correcting the existing evils; for that the Sup. Court must & will ultimately decide them to be bills of credit. Pray not to expose the inefficiency of a bank rupt law, as a preventive remedy against frauds. Pray not to show up the fallacy of sending an army to repel a rebellion, & the Crime of exterminating those recognized as under our protection.

I am as poor as Job's Turkey, with his own feathers, or I would come to see you on purpose to give you aid and comfort. That sorrow is needless to one who sees the end from the beginning.

Very truly &c

W. H. Beck

W. W. Wick
Indianapolis
Dec 15/57
("Private")
Political

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New Haven Dec 15th 1857

Hon S A Douglas

Dear Sir

Will you be kind enough to send me a copy of your late speech as soon as it is ready for distribution in pamphlet form

Very truly Yours
John Woodruff

John Woodruff
New Haven Conn
Dec 18/58
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