Chicago December 17th 1857

S A Douglas

Dear Sir I am pleased to hear and know that you have taken the bull by the horns in the United States Senate the first opportunity and have fearlessly defended the articles of our Democratic faith in the hearing of that body upon the Kansas question. The Democracy here will sustain you and I feel proud of our Senator from Illinois, who simply, dare to be honest in the face of precipitation and power, unawed by threats or any thing else.

The Democratic association have called a meeting of the Democracy on Saturday night, when and where we intend to give you unmistakable proof that the Democracy of Chicago are with you and will sustain you in your views upon that question.

I had nothing to write of interest but thought a word in this form that this man principle might do you good.

Your Truly N. Allen

Hon S. A. D.

N Allen
Chicago.
Nov 17/57.
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W. W. Barnes
Oswego N.Y.
Dec. 17 '57

Republican but
opposes &c.

Lecture

Oswego N.Y. Dec 17th 1857

Honorable Stephen A. Douglass
Sir

The intense interest with which I view your present course in regard to the affairs of Kansas, coupled with a desire to inform you of the popular feeling you have enlisted in your favour by adopting such course, is the only apology I have to offer for addressing you thus boldly, and calling your attention from the arduous duties you are performing for our country

To wish that you may stem the tide of popular sentiment that you have brought to bear against your-own integrity is folly; only exceeded by the injustice we

should do you, after your public declaration upon the subject.

The people here look upon the stand you have taken as just and truly honorable.

Not only have your course the sanction of the Democratic Press, but the Republican, also. They all breathe forth their regret at the course pursued by the President, and his Cabinet, while at the head of the same column will be inscribed their unqualified approbation of your sentiments, expressed so boldly, and so emphatically just; by yourself

Though young to meddle with politics, I laboured to the utmost of my ability to elect Mr Fillmore president of this Union. Should you - as talked of - receive the nomination for this office, the election to which though the greatest-

boon ever administered by the American People. I must acknowledge frankly, I would have striven against you as hard as I worked for Mr Clay

Your invention and labours in the repeal of the Missouri Compromise, of course as a Republican I can never look upon with any degree of complacency.

While I admit my convictions of your unjust acts, I wish to remark I am most happily disappointed in you, and in the course you have recently adopted with regard to the "Lecompton Constitution"

In my feeling of Esteem and Approbation towards you, and the sentiments you expressed while in debate with Mr Bigler of Pennsylvania, in the Senate on the 9th inst; You may be assured of the hearty concurrence of the people

from the northwest; and with the memorable words used by you at Washington. "Stand or fall," they will support you in the approaching crisis

I can speak from some knowledge I am fortunately possessor of, and do speak thus

Sir! The true approval of ninteen=twentieth's of the Democracy and Republicans stand depicted upon their countenances

Sir, you know, 'tis the voice and will of the people that rule.

Again asking your indulgence
I am sir
Very Respectfully
Your humble svt
W. W. Barrett

Hon, Stephen A. Douglass
Washington D.C.

Ottawa Dec 17th 1857

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

Dear Sir

It is no common event that prompts me to pen these lines. I am no politician and never expect to be; but a quiet plodder in the path of scientific investigation marked out for me. My reward, at least, is the conviction, that I shall do the world some service, even if I do not outlive the odium attaching to a fearless perseverance in the search for truth.

Yet I have been far from a disinterested observer of those great movements in the political world both here and elsewhere, which are continually & steadily eliminating the social & moral regeneration of the great family of man, from the turmoil & din caused by ambition & selfishness. I therefore have my opinions & have ever been free to express them, holding the freedom of speech & thought & action, subject only to necessary limitations by the rights of others, as the inalienable birthright of the poorest. I hold & have ever held, that while political organizations are needed, democracy is the truest & most natural system, that the principle embodied in the Kansas Nebraska act is the fundamental principle of democracy,

and that the man, who above all others, had vindicated this principle, was not only honest and consistent with himself, then, but would be true to that principle whenever it was assailed. This was a conviction formed from observation of character and a study of that man's history; for I wear no badges of party, although the earnestness with which I have stated my convictions has attached that imputation to me.

Permit me now to refer to a time when that man was branded as a traitor to freedom that I may speak as I think of those who are ready enough to defend him, when he stands in proud pre-eminence before the world; but whose lukewarmness, then, deterred them from taking a higher ground of honor & principle when it would have been better appreciated. While his enemies were exhausting the language for epithets of abuse. However he has vindicated himself at last, and I thank him; for in so doing, he has vindicated me also. He may be assured that he is winning golden opinions, that he has a glorious prospect before him; and, that, although, he may be called upon to bear obloquy and reproach for a time; if he bears it without wavering or faltering, as I feel assured he will, it needs no prophetic power to penetrate the future, if God should ~~spare~~ spare his life. That he may do so and preserve a vigor for carrying out a portion of this glorious plans, as yet but dimly foreshadowed, is the sincere desire of

Your Obedient Servant
Thomas Bussnek

Ottawa
Dec 17th. 1887
Thos Bassnek
Private

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Montville Miss. Dec 17/57

My Dear Sir

My Son Edward C Bowen not being very desirous to get the appointment of Mail agent on the New Orleans & Jackson Rail Road and knowing that such cannot be obtained only through the influence of friends would take it as a very great favour both to my Son and myself if you would aid him in getting the appointment. Edward is a young man of steady habits for reference of which you can call on any particular friend Gen Brown who is personally acquainted with him.

Mr McNatton left on Monday with the negroes and Mr Strickland left on Monday with the mules waggons and etc all got off without any loss or damage from the Depot I gave all the aid I could to Mr McN. & Mr S and shall be pleased to serve either you or them when you called upon. In answering this please direct your letter to Brookhaven Miss. (the Depot on the road when I am now residing and when I shall always be pleased to see you) I am very respectfully your friend

Edw C Bowen

Monticello, Miss.,
Dec 17th 1857.

Edwd L Bower,

Desires you to
secure a Mail
Agency for his
son

Chicago
Dec 17/57.
D. Brainard.
Introducing
Mr. R. Kennicott

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Chicago. Dec 17 1857

Hon S. A. Douglas

Dear Sir

This is to introduce to you Robert Kennicott the son of Dr John Kennicott of Cook Co who is no doubt known to you.

Robert Kennicott is much distinguished as a naturalist and will be pleased with the honor of your acquaintance. He is a very promising & excellent young gentleman.

With kind remembrances to your family I am
Very truly Yours.
D. Brainard.

P. S. We are all right. Shall have a meeting at Sat Even when you write ~~have~~ from us. D. B.

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Robert Kennicott

Smithsonian Institution

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GEO. C. DIXON. GIBSON BROWNE

DIXON & BROWNE,

ATTORNEYS & COUNSELLORS AT LAW

KEOKUK, IOWA.

REFER TO

LONG, BYRNE & Co., Baltimore.
GEO. BARTLETT & Co., "
WOODS, CHRISTY & Co., St. Louis.
CHARLESS, BLOW & Co.' "

J. C. ABBOTT, Boston,
BOWEN, MCNAMEE & Co., New York.
WOOD, COREY & WOOD, Philadelphia.
R. W. BOOTH & Co., Cincinnati.

Keokuk, Iowa, Dec 14th 1854

Hon S A Douglas

Dr Sir

Will you have the kindness to send me during the coming winter such Speeches & Documents as may be of interest more particularly those relating to Kansas affairs ;; Permit me to say Sir that the manly course pursued by you in reference to those affairs meets here with the highest commendation I am Sir with the highest respect & Esteem

Your Obt Servt

Gibson Browne

Hon S A Douglas

Gebzu Bunn
Keokuk Iowa.
Dec 19th 1887.

Wants-docks
on sightseers

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Macomb Ill. Dec. 17 1857.

Hon S. A. Douglas

Dear Sir

Permit me to trouble you in behalf of our friends in this County and ask your kind aid and favor in behalf of 4 Independent Companies now (in 1857) organized and companies as a Regiment by Gov. Matteson Commanded by Col. James D. Walker They desire to be of the number, and Regiments first called into service by the United States to serve against the Mormons in Utah

As this regiment is now commanded by my Son in Law, I cannot but be of you and will gratefully remember any aid you may render them in having them called into the service as early as may be needed and you may command on any occasion and my best efforts will be rendered to your service

This Regiment when tried will not be a dishonor to the State or its friends

Truly yours Obt Servt

J. Mus M. Campbell

James M. Campbell
Macon Illinois
Dec. 17/57
new regiments
Speech

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Macomb Ills Dec. 17. 1857.

Hon. S. A. Douglas

Dr Sir

Some few days since a communication was made to the Hon A. Morris by the friends of Col J. D. Walker on his behalf tendering to the Government the services of the Second Regiment Illinois Volunteers in case a Call is made for Volunteers in the expedition to Utah Col Walker some twelve months since formed said Regiment and has it now well disciplined for service Many of the persons Composing said Regt are accustomed to frontier life and have resided Many years on the prairies, and have had some experience in Mormon affairs and all are anxious to engage in the service of their Country in the proposed expedition. Therefore We would respectfully solicit your aid in securing the services of said Regiment in the proposed expedition if you should deem it Consistent with the public interest so to do

We are Respectfully
Your obt servts.

S. H. Hogan, John McCampbell
P. W. A. Wilson, George A. Taylor
James Clarke, W. D. Head
Isaac Grantham

Macomb Ills.
Dec 17th 1857.

Mustering Service of
2nd Regiment of
Volunteers &c
for Mormon
Expedition signed
by
Jameson Campbell
& others.

Sent Vouchers to
all.

Bayou Goula, Louisiana,
Decbr. 17. 1857.

Honorable & Dear Sir,

Pardon the liberty which I take in addressing you, without having the honor of your personal acquaintance, nor have I it in my power to refer you to any gentleman, in Washington, I know none, though I feel great delicacy to refer you to them.

My object in writing to you is, to request you most politely for your autograph, which I shall prize most highly, as coming from a gentleman of sterling worth, who even in foreign countries, is spoken of with great reverence, as the champion of democracy.

Allow me to introduce myself, & give you a short history of my past life, I am a graduate of the Royal-University, of Berlin,

Prussia, & also attended a course of lectures at the Imperial Academy, of St. Petersburgh, Russia, the city, who has given you so deserved & honorable reception, & whose Emperor, knew well how to entertain so distinguished a visitor.

At the commencement of our political struggles, in 1848, I became an exile, on account of my having strong democratic tendencies, I travelled through France & England, & in 1852, emigrated to your noble & great republic. I have & still support myself by teaching, & my standing is one of entire respectability. I came to this country with letters of recommendation from the Hon. Dan. D. Barnard, of Albany, late U. S. Minister at Berlin, & the Hon. Geo. S. Fay, Sec. of U. S. Legation, at Berlin, now U. S. Minister resident at Berne, Switzerland.

I have been favored with the autographs of Ex-Pres. M. Fillmore & Ex. Pres. Lent. Fr. Pierce, I have also requested the present distinguished President, Hon James Buchanan, though I have written three letters, the distinguished gentleman, has not honored my humble request, with an answer. Do one therefore the honor, Honorable & Dear Sir, & forward to me your autograph at your earliest convenience.

Wishing you every blessing temporal & eternal, health & happiness, & that you may reap the full reward of your generous & noble undertakings, is the sincere wish & prayer,

Honorable & Dear Sir,
Of you most obedient &
Very humble servant,
Francis A. Carl.

To
The Honorable,
Stephen A. Douglas,
U. S. Senator of Illinois,
Washington Cty
D. C.

W. A. Earl

Bayou Goula

Dec 17/58. La

Wants Autograph &

gives his own history

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Wilmington Ohio
Dec 17th 1857.
D W Chase.
Wants Copy of
Speech
Sent copy.

Wilmington O. Dec 17th 1857

Hon S. A. Douglas

Dear Sir – I have read with interest the extracts made and published in the newspapers from your Speech on the "Presidents Message" & "Kansas Question". I would like very much to have the whole speech and if you will please forward me one or two copies of it they will be very thankfully received. I am only 18 years of age and have always taken a deep interest in those Democratic Principles promulgated in the Declaration of Independence and perpetuated in the Federal Constitution. And am endeavoring to keep posted on the great questions of the day. And whatever documents you may see fit to send will be gratefully rec'd

Yours &c D. W. Chase

Wilmington Ohio

H. Clark.
Newark.
Wayne Co.
N.Y.
Wants. Speeches.
Dec. 17th
C.M.

Dec. 17th 1857 1323

Newark Wayne Co N York
My Dear Sir
Please send me
a few copies in Pamplet form
of your Speech delivered in the
Senate the 9th Inst Quite a number
of our Friends desire to read
and have it in this form
I think I am not Sorry to learn
that you are again in Congress
I rejoice your life and Health
is Still Preserved
I never Shall forgit the Pleasure
and happiness I took in your
Company in 1848 from Syracuse
to Albany and then in New-
York City — I hope we may have
the Pleasure in meeting again
Let me hear from you occasion-
-ally during the Present Session
of Congress With Sentiments of kind
regard I am Sincerely your Friend
Hon. S. A. Douglas } H. Clark P.M.

Sandy Hill Dec. 17. 1857 –

Hon. S. A. Douglas

My dear Sir,

I am so much gratified with the course you are taking in relation to the present state of Kansas matters, and the great principle upon which we went into the late election, and upon which we triumphantly succeeded, to wit, entire popular sovereignty, that I can not refrain from saying a word of approval to you at this time, when I see some indication of a spirit to strike at you, and which if it could hit you, would at once kindle the flames of discord and controversy throughout the entire east, north, and west, and I do believe too, to some extent in the south itself.–

How did we carry New York; and how did you carry Illinois, but upon the broad grounds of popular and local sovereignty, as asserted in the Cincinnati platform, and as vouched for and pledged by yourself in Illinois, and by the popular speakers throughout the north and west.

To be sure Kansas was at the moment the practical point where it was first to be illustrated; but the great principle in the minds of our thinking and conservative men, extended to this vast territory yet to become states.–

If it was not the inauguration of a new principle

it certainly was the assertion of the Democratic party which has in the main hitherto announced and carried out on this Continent the great principles of civil and personal liberty, and secured those forms of government that have protected the interests of man and property in an unparalleled degree: and it was through the confidence of men in our, and only our ability to ensure these results, that we brought together the great conservative feeling of the country in favor of Mr Buchanan. — And Mr Buchanan's inaugural, and subsequently the action of Gov. Walker, supposed to be in accordance with the will of the Administration, has been giving to us additional strength and confidence. — Even the Lecompton Convention, and its proceedings so far as known, did not impair this confidence until it was spread broadcast throughout the Country that popular sovereignty — the right of self government, a Republican Constitution, might all consist in a few men, accidentally or designedly brought together without any of the real forms of law, or the action or expression of the majority of the popular will, and in no substantial way to be submitted to that will. — This announcement is surprising and astonishing men, and if carried out must shake our party and its friends to the very foundation, — and I rejoice that you see it in its proper light and character.

I did not intend to write you more than a line of gratulation, but I could not forego saying a few words in reference to the matter itself. — The action and resolutions of dependent politicians, and office holders, may send from our Cities resolutions of patriotic support, to this or any other theory. — But depend upon it, my dear Sir, the great body of thinking men will repel and condemn these errors: — And what may seem strange to some ears, the old fashioned National Democrats, will not engraft such heresies into their Creed — "Precedilers" and "corner stone" men, in Office or dependent upon office, may; but there it will principally end. — —

I hope the enlightened and patriotic action of Congress may save the country from the shock and strifes which will otherwise follow by sending this subject back to the action of the whole people of Kansas, with such provisions, as will secure to all bona fide citizens there, the right to be heard, as to the whole of their organic law, and thus have the matter settled where it should be, without disturbing the peace and welfare of this great Country.

With great respect & esteem
Your friend
Orville Clark

Landing Hill
Dec 17th 1887.
Orville Clark
Endorsing
& approving
your course
last Copy of
Speech.

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House of Representatives
Washington Dec 17. 1857.

Dear Sir

I will be obliged to you, for a few copies of your speech on Kansas, in pamphlet form, to send to some persons who have written to me, for it.

Very Truly Yours
Shenard Clemens.

Hon Jas Buchanan
Washington D.C.

Hon. Sherrard Clemens
H Reps.
Dec 17/57.

Wants some
Speeches.

50 Speeches sent.

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Mount Pleasant Iowa

Dec. 17. 1857

Hon Stephen A Douglas

My Dear Sir

I would not do justice to my own feelings, to the public Sentiment of the Democracy of the State nor to ~~the~~ ~~our feelings~~ were I not to write to You at this time just as I shall write: Now I am not under the impression that anything I may write will in any wise effect Your Course nor would I - if I could change anything that pertains to it But at a time when the whole Country is convulsed, with agitation; when a great principle has been adopted for the administration of government, which proposes to do justice to the whole Country, and the Powers that be, in violation of sacred pledges voluntarily made to the People of the Country: by Legerdemain and technical trickery determine to trample that great Principle under foot; and the bold man, Careless of Self, manfully arests the Outrage threatned, and the people as one man, stand by him and enthusiastically rally to his support: He Ought to know it, He ought to feel it, as the mightiest vindication of his rectitude: as the surest guarranty of his ultimate triumph over wrong

This is precisely the Condition of Affairs in this Country, Now. and Whatever You may have Shown of Ability. Or whatever You may have Patriotically done for Your Country heretofore, all of which will be faithfully remembered by the Country. Your present position, ~~is but~~ battling for the rights of the People, of every part of the Country Places You in an Enviable Eminence before Your Countrymen attained by few men in any age of the world

The Reason Why I write is to let You Know How We feel. Some of the leading Democrats of the State have requested me to write to You to give You assurances of our views and feelings. and determination to Sustain You. To morrow the name of Stephen A Douglas would, Courmand 30,000 Majority of the Voters of Iowa for any office in their gift. Such enthusiasm for any man has not been seen in the West since the days of Jackson

You will of Course appreciate this tribute of Public feeling, and duly allow, for the manner of its expression - With the Sincere and Earnest prayer to God for Your long life and success I am Your, Sincere Friend

Henry Clay Dean

H. Clay Dean,
Mt. Pleasant,
Iowa.
Decr 17. 1857.
Speaker. Sender.

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Hon Stephen A Douglas
U S Senator
Washington City
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Hon