

Canton Ohio

Dec 17th 1859.

Hon S A Douglas

Dear Sir,

I want you to send me as many Copies of your late speech upon the subject of the Kansas 'motives', as you can spare. The Editor of our paper does & will not represent you & the 'matter fair'. I send you a copy of his paper this morn, so that you can see what he says, & I assure you that three fourths of the Democracy in this Section of the Country go with you upon this issue. The whole trouble with McGeyon our Editor is, that he is an applicant for a Consulate & thinks he must

sustain the President, the people here
are with you without distinction
of party & will sustain you. There
will be a public expression before
long, & should be placed to be upon
your list & occasionally receive
such documents as you may see proper
to send, As to myself I refer you to Mr
Atkinson in the Auditors apartment,
at Washington from this date.

Very Respectfully
Your friend
W. H. Edwards

Canton Mass.
Dec 17th 1847.

W F Grant.

wants a number
of copies of
your speech.
Sent one

Washington City Dec 17th 1837
Hon S. A. Douglass

Dear Sir

Permit me to enquire of you, whether or
not S. B. Donalson, Late U. S. Marshal of
Kansas Territory, has been in Washington
City, since the commencement of the present
session (or not). You will please answer
me through the post office.

Yours respectfully
Wm P. Fair
of Kansas Territory

Wm. P. Fann
(of Kansas)
Washington D.C.
Dec 17/87

Makes inquiries about
Donaldson late Marshall
D. S.

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Washington, D.C. January 1st 1877

Dear Sir

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 29th inst. in relation to the proposed amendment to the Constitution of the District of Columbia. I am sorry to hear that the amendment is not yet passed by the Congress. I am, however, confident that it will be passed in the near future.

Very respectfully,
J. M. Smith

Chicago Dec 17, 1857
 Hon S. A. Douglass
 No 511

It affords me great pleasure to inform you that your friends & those who have been heretofore your Political Enemies are almost unanimously in favor of sustaining your Course in regard to the "Disruption Constitution" Knowing you so well I was certain you would take your present position from the start and that you would maintain it. Your doctrine is what all Democrats here contended for, and I can see no probability of a back rat in the case, for myself I look upon that "Disruption thing" as a divine and would not like to see you change your position materially.

How sincere the Republicans are in your favor it is hard to tell but I am certain many of them are honest and very zealous. The mouths & Eys of the whole city are anxious for coming Events.

I am truly yours

W. B. Farnley

W. B. Farrell
Chicago Ill
Dec. 17/57

Commends you ~~study~~
Coup de état on the
Klan List

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Chilford Conn Dec 14 1859

Hon. S. A. Douglass
G. L. L.

As our County democratic paper
(the New Haven Register,) seems afraid or unwilling to give
an honest, hearty expression of approval of your course
with regard to the ~~Massachusetts~~ proceedings, (its editor being
an office holder) I think it my duty to say to you that
I have got to ~~draw~~ the first man of the democratic
party who does not fully and enthusiastically endorse
every sentiment by you expressed in your speech upon
the subject. Although for twenty years the publisher
of a democratic journal in the eastern part of this
State (Norwich) I am now engaged in mercantile busi-
ness, in the city of New Haven, and go into the city ev-
ery morning and return at evening by the car, and
have thus an opportunity of ascertaining the views
of democrats not only in my immediate district
but also of the democracy generally throughout the State
as I daily meet our brethren from every section. You
will perhaps remember me, as the friend of Catlin, as
I frequently met you at his room during the time of
his sojourn as a member from this State. He, you
have made "a hit" and your pen is in the mouth
of every democrat

Please excuse the liberty I have taken in addressing
you and believe me to be, Yours Truly, Wm. Brewster

As the Register does not publish your speech, it is necessary to send a copy of it to you by mail.

Guilford Conn
Dec 17th 1887.

Wm Faulkner
Encloses your
Cross

Sent a copy
T. Speed.

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My dear friend,
I have just received your letter of the 10th inst. and am
glad to hear from you. I am well and hope these few lines
will find you the same. I have been thinking much of late
of the future of our country and of the state of our
Union. It seems to me that we are passing through a
critical period in our history. The great questions of
slavery and of the rights of the States are before us, and
it is our duty to face them bravely and to settle them
on a permanent basis. I believe that the only way to
preserve our Union is to maintain the principles of
liberty and justice for all. We must not allow ourselves
to be divided by sectional interests or by the passions
of the moment. We must stand firm by the principles
which have made our country great, and we must be
willing to sacrifice everything for the maintenance of
these principles. I am, my friend, your truly,
Your friend,
Wm. L. Chapin

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Wm. L. Chapin

Shelbyville
Shelby Co. Ky.
Dec 17th 1837.
J. Finkbine
Last Copy of
Speech.

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1837

Shelbyville Shelby Co. Ill. Dear Sir
Hon Stephen A. Douglass
Sir Will you have the goodness
to send to my address in this Town
such Public documents as you may
have for your friends & supporters,
especially such, as relates to Kansas, &
any other that you would like your
personal friends to have. I am
deeply interested as one of your Constitu-
ents in the success of that great
Democratic Principle; Squatter
Sovereignty, And now Sir; as its warm
& decided Advocate, I trust will
be permitted to see that Principle
prevail at the present session of
Congress, & the rights of the People
defended & maintained
With great respect I am your
friend & fellow citizen

J. Finkbine
(address Rev J. Finkbine)

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Canton, Ohio, Dec. 17, 1857.

Dear Sir:

Accept my thanks for the copy of your speech on the President's Message, in reference to the Kansas Constitution. I think your position impregnable, although I have no sympathy with the factionists in and out of Kansas; and would be glad, if it could be done without departing from any just principle, to see them punished for their folly, not to say wickedness. The question is wisely left to Congress, whether Kansas shall be admitted under the Leecompton Constitution or not; and my hope is, that wise counsels will prevail—that heated debate, between Democrats, will be avoided—and that the spirit of courtesy and kindness towards all, will be maintained, throughout the discussion.

I have been long a politician—being actively engaged as an editor in the hard fought campaign, in Leycoming Co. Pa. in 1828, side by side with the present Governor elect of Pennsylvania, while John Bigler was doing similar service in Centre County, and I have never known any good to result from heated discussion among Democrats. I would have been proud to have been in a position ^{and in} to ~~bring~~ ^{give} tone and spirit to our great party during the fearful conflicts of the few years which have just passed, through the press; but pecuniary misfortunes have intervened and deprived me of the power, to do more than to address my fellow-citizens, as occasions offered, in our local meetings. We have gained much by the spirit which has actuated the members of the party, and a firm adherence to the fundamental principles upon which we have won our recent glorious victories, will render us invincible

in the future, manœuvre all the clasp-trap issues of all the factions in the Land.

But from what I have seen in various papers, which have fallen into my hands, and especially from what appears to be the idea of ~~Mr~~ Bigler, to force the Leocompton Kansas Constitution through Congress, as an Administration measure, I fear there is danger of division ahead. I have a high respect for Mr. Bigler, but am nevertheless glad that you got him to say that he did not speak by authority of the President, in the position he took in opposition to your speech. That will leave the business where it should rest, in the hands of Congress—every man free to exercise his individual judgment without the imputation of seceding from a party measure. Indeed, I believe, if it can be disposed of in that way, without being made a party question, that it will do us, as a party good, rather than harm, to dispose of

the real question, as soon as possible, without regard to the question of submission to the people of Kansas, of their proposed constitution.

Having no one in Congress from whom I have a right, as a constituent, to look for favors, in the shape of Documents, being a personal stranger to all the Ohio Delegation, except the member from this district, whose election I opposed with all my might, you will confer a great favor on me, if you will, send me a document, or a speech, from time to time, as you may have them to spare.

Accept my thanks for what I have received, and believe me to be, and ever remain

Yours truly,

Daniel Gotshall.

Hon. S. A. Douglas

Washington City

Carroll's
Liberty, 1851.
Carroll's

New York Dec 17 1837

Sir

If your late speech made
in the Senate of the United States has
been printed in pamphlet form
I beg to take the liberty of requesting
of you the favor of a copy of the
same

Ever your most
obed. Servt

William Gowans.

85 Centre St.

Hon Stephen A Douglas }
U S Senator }

Wm. L. Garrison

New York

Dec. 7 1854

Wm. L. Garrison

Dear Sir

I have the pleasure to

acknowledge the receipt

of your letter of the 6th

inst. in relation to the

proposed amendment to

the Constitution of the

State of New York

J. A. Hamilton.
Unionville Centre
Union Co.
Ohio.
Wants Speeches & other
Documents.

Dec. 17th
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Dec 17, 1857

Senator Douglass

We here are gratified as
Democrats to see you standing in
defense of Wright in opposition to power
and patronage. The President Fall his
followers. It certainly was claimed
by the Party supporting Buchanan
that the Constitution of the different
States made from Territories should
be submitted to the people for
their approval. I feel glad that
that part of the page is strongly opposed
and if after the people shall vote on the
whole Constitution they wish Slavery
Let them have it or reject it.

These are the sentiments of
Democrats here. Some copies of
your late Speeches in Congress here
would be read with eagerness.
I would be glad to have a supply.

Senate Documents for this term
or the last is at your disposal as I
believe Senate Documents are not
sent to this Office

Think me not forward in
addressing a stranger & meet slowly
though I do yet believe an admirer
of the great Virtues of our beloved
Country

Yours Respectfully

J. N. Hamilton
Unionville Centre

Hon. S. A. Douglas
W. S. - C.

Union Co
Ohio

Dayton, I.

Dec. 17, 1857

Mr. Stephen A. Douglas

Dear Sir - I should be
glad to receive a paper or pamphlet containing
a complete copy of your great speech on
the Kansas question. I have seen a number
of extracts from it in the Journal of this place,
but I wish a full copy to read in detail,
and to preserve for reference. You will much
oblige me by sending the speech addressed
to

Abner Harris,

Centronville, Montgomery Co.
Miss.

Honor. Harris.

Centerville

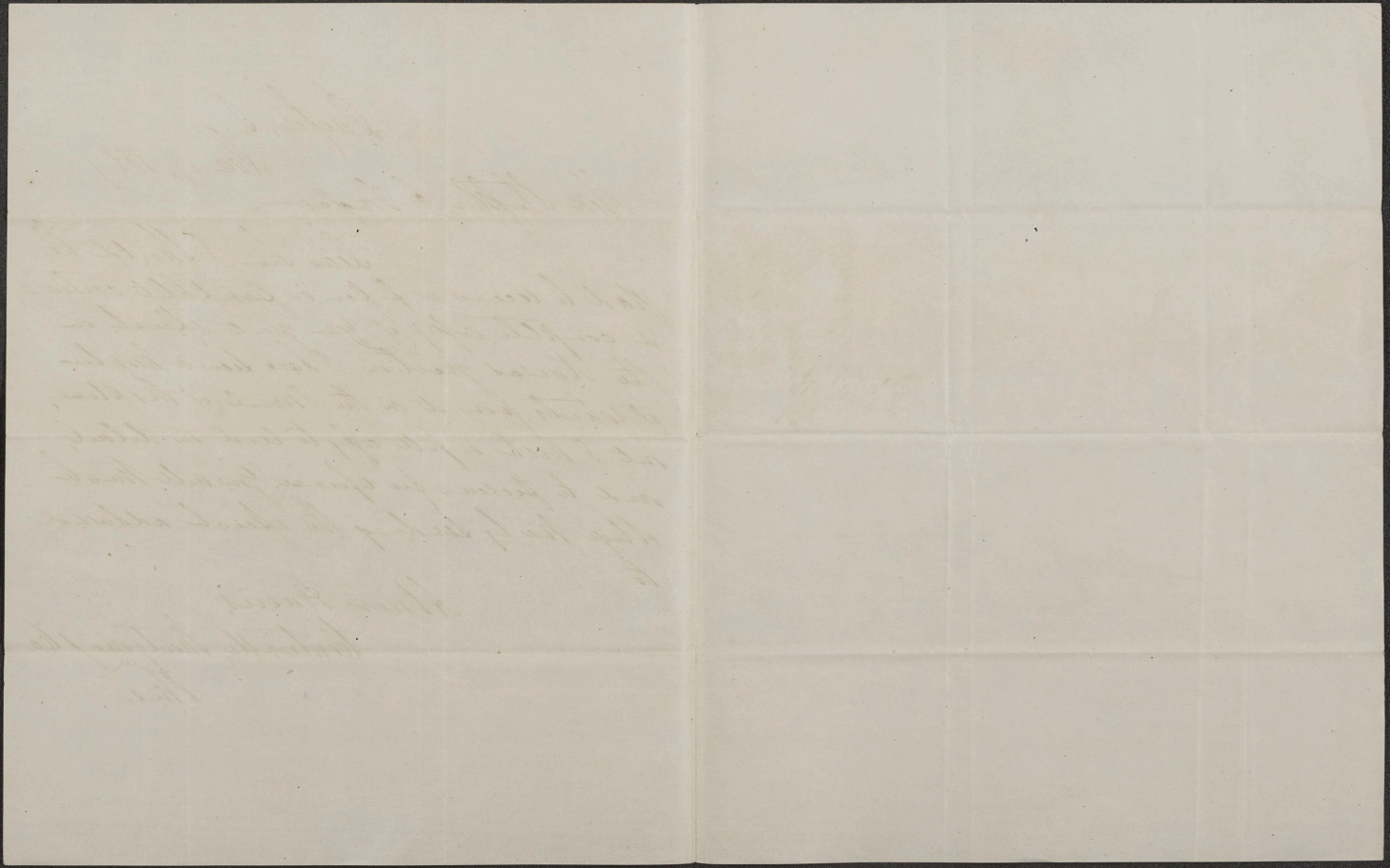
Montgomery Co.

Ohio

Wants Speeches.

Dec. 17th

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Bristolville Trumbull Co Ohio
Hans Stephen Edwards

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Dear Sir

Will you
have the kindness to send me a
copy of your little Speech in favor
of freedom in Kansas and
oblige your most truly
A Friend P. H. Hammond

Dec 17 1857

Dec. 17, 1857

Heman B. Harrison,

Bristolville,

Townsville. ~~Mass.~~

Dec^r 5th.

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(Speeches.)

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Geo Canning Hise
Office Daily Ledger
Boston Mo.
Dec 17/57.

Sledge has taken
ground - wants
exchange with
Chicago Times
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Office Daily Ledger
Boston, Dec. 17th 1857

Mr. J. A. Douglas,
Sicily.

Herewith I take
the liberty to inclose you a couple
of copies of our paper & I have thus
far taken ground with you as judiciously,
yet firmly, as possible on the
admission of Kansas, & mean to
stand there first, last, & always.
Questions of expediency I feel at
liberty to discuss after the fashion
of discussing those matters, but principles
admit of no discussion, no
question, - nothing but a strict &
outright defence. I shall endeavor,
as Editor of the Daily Ledger, to re-
main always true to the right line.
Your speech suits us here, & I
sustain you heart & soul. The Post,

the only other Democratic paper in Boston
is half-and-half; perhaps of necessity.
But such necessities are melancholy
things to consider.

I enclose you a prospectus of our
paper herewith. May I ask if, when
communicating with Chicago, you will
do us the favor to procure an exchange for
us with the "Daily Times". We send the
"Ledger" to that office already. — If not
intrusive, may I solicit your personal
influence with that, or any other de-
-mocratic paper, on my behalf, as a cor-
-respondent for Boston. I will furnish
the highest references, if required.

With great regard,

I remain

Yrs. Very truly,

Geo. Canning Hill

A. J. Hodge
Chicago

Dec 17th 1857.

Dear Friends
Sent as per

Yd spec.

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HODGE & WOOD'S
PRINTING HOUSE,

No. 20 CLERK-ST., UP FIRST STAIRS FROM LARK,

Chicago, Dec 17th, 1857.

Hon. S. S. Douglass

Dear Sir

I formerly
resided at Cleveland, Ohio
where I frequently read your
papers. I have now taken
up my residence in Chicago
and while I return to you
my thanks for past remembrances
would respectfully solicit
a continuance of your favors,
Respectfully &c

A. J. Hodge

Your cause upon Kansas offering
as you must have, find but one
response in the hearts of the
people, at least, in this section.
We are now ready for the battle in 1858.
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Chapin
2nd St.
New York
N.Y.
June

S. Hoffman
Dec 17 1857
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Sir

Dec. 17 1857

I have the honor to ask
for a copy of your recent speech in de-
fence of self government for the people
of Kansas. Although quite a young
man without experience. whose opinion
cannot be of the slightest importance in
the estimation of a Senator standing in
your present enviable position. allow me the
privilege of expressing a conviction that your
recent course will receive the unanimous
approval of the co entire conservative element
of the North - those who have been tribulation-
al and without a party since the passage
of the Kansas Nebraska bill. which they

looked upon as a beach of faith. can now.
and we come forward in your support
as the leader of a great national party
which has the rights of the whole country
at heart. free from the miserable and
dangerous fanaticism of both sections.

Receive this. sir. from an Abolitionist
who notwithstanding he differs widely from
you on many points of detail feels that he
can admire and support you in your present
truly great position without involving principles.

With great respect

I am Sir
Your obedient Servant

Charles Hoffman

Hon. S. A. Douglass P. M. C. Dec 17/57

W. L. Senate

Washington

Linney Ills.
Dec 17, 1857.
Chas H Woodland.
invitation to attend
New England
convention.

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Linney Ills. Dec 17/57
Hon S. A. Douglass
Washington City
Dr Sir.

I have the pleas-
ure of enclosing to you, on
behalf of the Committee, an
invitation to participate with
us on the anniversary of the
landing of the Pilgrim Fathers
* Of course we cannot ex-
pect it in your power to
be with us. but yet we can-
not refrain in extending to
you as a New Englander &
our representative in the U.S.
Senate. the Compliment, hoping
that it might have been in
your power to be with us, &
enjoy with us the festivities -
I send you ~~an~~ a copy
of our Constitution. that you

may be the objects and
also recognise in the names
those of some of your friends
& former townsmen

Truly Yrs
Chas H. Howland
Secy of N.E. Socy

Bellefonte 17 Dec^r 1857

Wm. S. A. Douglas

Dear sir

You would
confer a favor by sending me a
copy of your speech on the Le-
compton Constitution.

If it can, ~~be~~ in the least, be of
any gratification to you, to know
that your course is approved of
by so humble a person as my-
self. I would say that I do most
heartily approve of the same, and
have always stood with you on the
Kansas Nebraska question. I can
also say, that as far as I can learn
the Majority of the ^{here} Democrats are
with you in the present issue -

Yours very truly

Adam Kery
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Dec. 14th
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Syracuse N. Y. Dec. 17. 1837.

Hon. Stephen A. Douglass

Sir.

Your present position in the Kansas War, having awakened great interest in this City and throughout the Nation; and, being, though a young man an admirer & warm supporter of your position, whenever I hear the subject mentioned; I am naturally desirous of being conversant with all the details of that position; so as to be the better able to support & defend you & your position. I therefore make bold to request you to forward to me, such papers and documents in relation to the Kansas difficulty; as will in your opinion give me the desired information and place me fairly & firmly on the ground, ready, willing & capable of defending you & your position.

With great Respect
I remain your
Obedient Servant

Parish B. Johnson

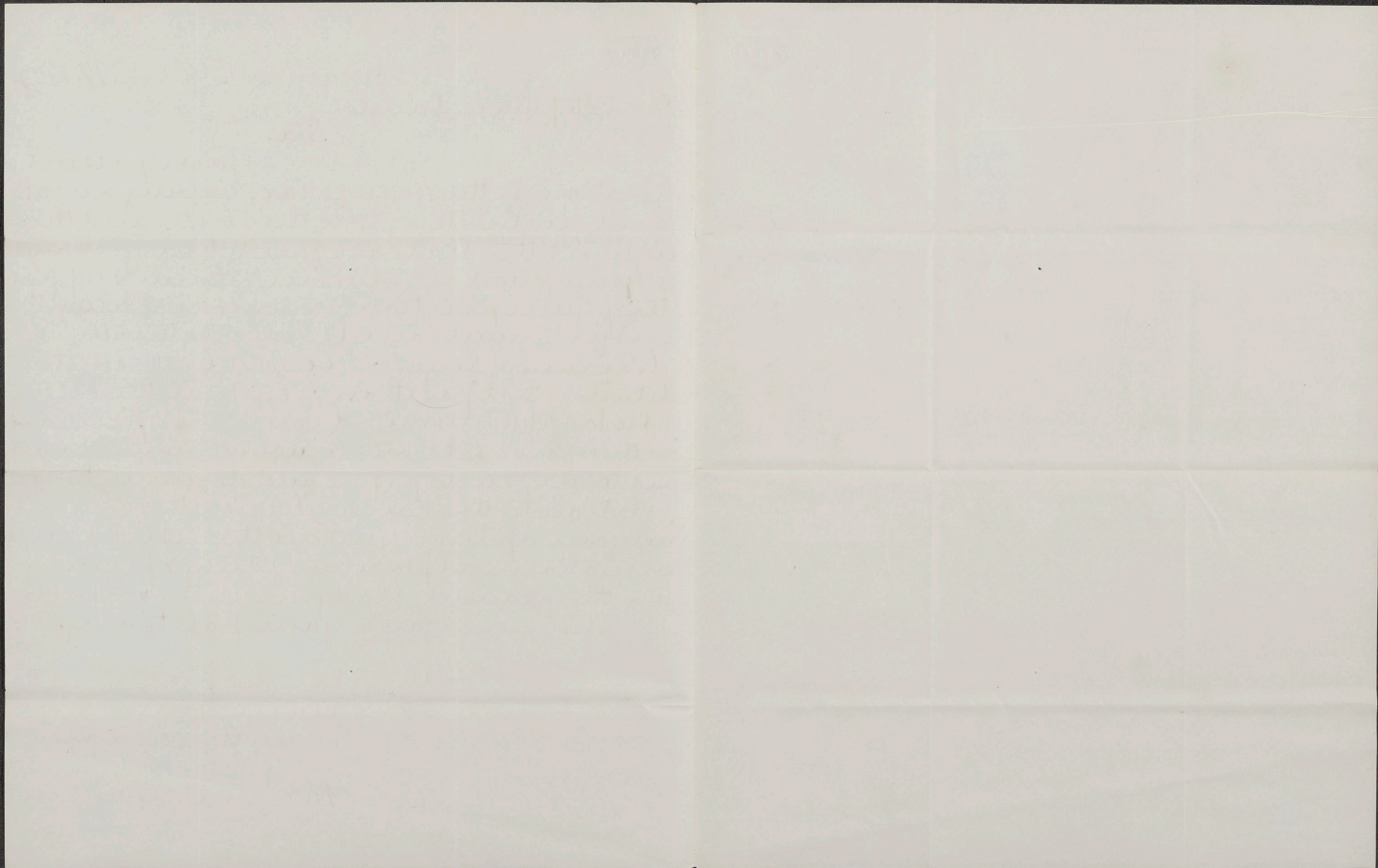
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Syracuse.

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Wants. & speaks other
Docs.



New Haven Conn
Dec 17th 1857.

Wm L. Gillingham
Sends New
England
Ladies Gmt
Catechism
Sent a copy
of Speech.

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New Haven. Dec. 17. 1857.

My Dear Sir.

I wish to call your
attention to the November
number of the New Eng.
Lander, which I sent to
your address yesterday.

To the article by
Dr. Bacon on President
Buchanan's letter to

the New Haven me-
morialists on the
subject of Kansas

If you are inter-
ested in the New Eng-
land, a magazine
of different politics
from your own I should
like to have your
name among my

regular subscribers.

Yours very truly

Amos A. Kingsley

Utica Dec. 17th 1857

Most Honorable Sir

I have long been an admirer of Mr. Douglas and it has ever been with great interest that I have watched his course in regard to the great affairs of our government.

With more than usual interest is it that I now trace his course and being exceedingly desirous of being made fully acquainted with it I have determined to ask of him the favor of sending me such of his speeches and other documents as he is distributing.

By so doing he will confer a very great favor upon one who has adopted Mr. Douglas as his guiding star.

With High Regards

Your obt. servt.

Dwight Klineck
Attorney at
Utica
N.Y.

To
Hon. Stephen A. Douglas
U. S. S.
Washington
D.C. }

Utica N.Y.
Dec. 17th 1887.
Bright & Kind
Thank Speech
Dear a Cousin

Genl. L. Haycock.

Phila.

Pa.

Wants Documents

Dec. 17th 1857

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Hon. Mr. Douglass
U. S. Senate -

Philadelphia Dec: 17. 1857

Hon^d Sir,

At an interview
at the Merchants Hotel in this
City, I had the pleasure
of stating "that I regretted
not having heard your speech
last night, in Independence
Square, I have however
read it this morning, and
fully concur in every view
expressed "

I have the more
than ordinary pleasure in
stating, that your two
recent speeches in the Senate

on "Consis" elicit my warmest admiration, and that of many of my friends of the Democratic party.

We think your course manly, frank and Statesman like.

As a Senator's constituents on National matters are National, and not limited to the mere Senatorial district, that returns him - please to consider me as one of your constituents.

And if not asking too much, to place ^{my name} on your list, as I feel a lively interest in the present Congressional proceedings.

My health, vigor, and perseverance lead you on to triumph in evolving, and

placing on basis of adamant, and enduring as time itself, the principles laid down in your reply to the Senator from M^e. is the sincere wish of

Very Truly Yours

Wm. R. Laycock.

Dec^r 17th 1846

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The Honorable Stephen A Douglass

Dear Sir

I am very proud about your masterly speech on Kansas touching the right of the the citizen to make their own laws in a constitutional manner, it has gained the favours of a great many, but Sir i am very sorry that there is a little difference of opinion between the President and you which i hope will all come right or any of members of the senate i would like to see you all agree on the same subject i have had two copies of your speech, which i sent up the country, now Sir i would like you to send me a copy and such other matters as will be a benefit to me and my sons to read, i am and all ways have been a warm friend and supporter of you, i also send my best ^{affection} Gent^l love also to the Hon^d Thos Florence and the Honorable Henry M. Philips from my own district, W^m Douglass i hope you will not think hard of me addressing my self to you its done through my utmost regard to you, i also hope you will carry your bill through with satisfaction to yourself and all others i also hope that you will enjoy the wishes

of the people of the United States by endorsing
your actions Now Sir if can comply with my
request i will be very thankful to you if you
cant i will just think the same of you.

Directions
Cornelius Factory
Cherry St above 8th St
on
909 Callowhill
above 9th St
Philada

} Yours Most Respect
John F. Lindsay
Philad^a Penn^a

Jno. F. Lindsay
909. Ballou Hill.

Phila.
Leor Pa.

Wm. L. Kansas. Spuch

Dec. 17th

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Ottawa Dec 17, 1857
 Hon S. A. Douglass

Dr Sir
 George W McKinney M. D. of
 our city desires an appointment
 as Surgeon in that branch of the
 Army destined to Utah.

He is an old line Whig and
 since the death of Kentucky's
 noblest Statesman, has espoused
 and fearlessly advocated the
 doctrines of Democracy as expounded
 by you

Yours Respectfully
 Attn Lockwood

The Undersigned vouch for the
 above and recommend the
 appointment

Wm Reddick
 L. Deland
 Wm. H. Manshouse

S. W. Raymond
 L. J. Ford
 John P. A. Hors
 Geo. W. Hill

Arthur Lockwood
L
Others recommend
Geo W McKinney
for Surgeon in Army
for Utah,

Ottawa, Ill.,
Dec 17/57.

Albert G. McWherry
Capeville, Ga.
Decr. 9, 1857.

Judge H. L. Elliott
Honorary Member
of Alpha Pi;
Elector Soc: of
"The Cherokee
Baptist College"

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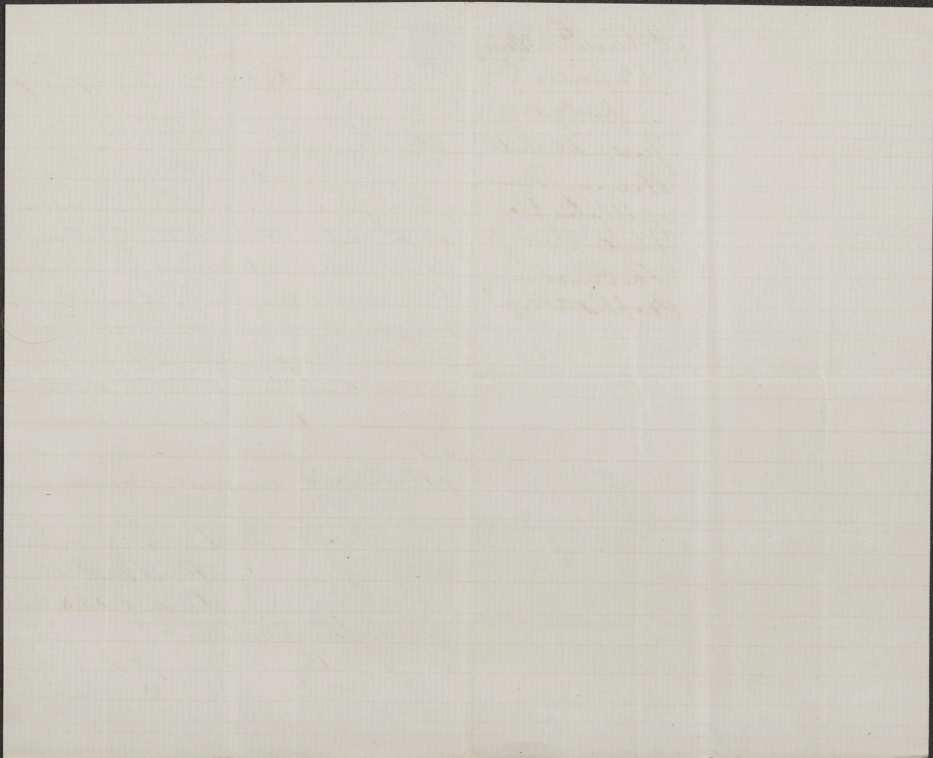
Capeville, Ga. Dec. 9th 1857

Hon. Sir,

I have the honor of notifying
you of your election as an Honorary member
of the "Alpha Pi Delta Society of the
Cherokee Baptist College" and would respectfully
solicit the pleasure of enrolling your
name on our honorary list. The object of
this Society is the improvement of its mem-
bers in Composition, Oratory, and Debate.
 Hoping Sir, that you may be pleased to
lend us your aid and influence in the
attainment of this object I remain

Most Respectfully Yours
Albert G. McWherry
Cor. Sec. of A. P. D. Soc.

Hon. Stephen A. Douglas,
City of Washington
D. C.



Post Office New Haven Ct 1/18/57

Wm S A Douglas

Dear Sir

I send you a few names (to put upon your document list), of Free and True men, and not only staunch supporters of the Democratic party but warm friends of yourself, who appreciate your course on all National questions, and have from the first sustained the Kansas Nebraska measure, in fact we have obtained the sobriquet of the "South Carolina portion" of Marion County, from our adherence to Democratic measures, at a time when all seemed to be lost. It would be gratifying to us, to receive any documents you may be proper to send us during the Session, and will not be ungrateful. I append list of names Geo Cooke, J McConna, M W Phillips, J McConna, W. Miller, D Webb,

Very Respectfully

Yours &c. Mrs Mahood Pea

Alex. Mahood
J. M.
Athens, Ohio
Dec 17/57.
Speeches List

Handwritten text, likely a signature or date, in brown ink, located in the center of the right page. The text is written in a cursive style and appears to be "1861" followed by a signature.

Detroit Dec 17th 1850

Hon Stephen A. Douglas
U.S. Senator

Dear Sir

If not too great a trouble, will you please send me a copy of your late speech on the Sumner constitution, together with a copy of the "Kansas Nebraska bill" - I am unable to find the latter in the city, & those who have the former reference to send.

The majority of the Democrats in this vicinity are with you in your present position, and will stand by you regardless of consequences -

Yours Respectful &
Obl. Servant

E. W. McDonald

Schmitt, Michie
Decr 17/57
C. H. McDougall.

Wants a copy of yr
speech on the
Secumptions Constitution
also "Kansas & Nebraska
bill" & says the
Democracy of
Schmitt will sustain
you in yr present position

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Vigablen, H. B.

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of a small
white bird with feet
about the same as

its great + "little"
green + white
with the white double
white of the wings in wing

Burlington,
Iowa.

Dec. 17, 1857.

Hon. S. A. Douglas.

Dear Sir -

I am at present
partially blind from recent
affliction, and can therefore
say but a word.

That word is, stand
to your guns! The de-
-mocracy here are with
you to a man, as they are
throughout the State, and
will be throughout the
country.

The only paper in
the State claiming to
be democratic which sus-
tains the Washington
vision and the President
in the LeCompton Consti-
tution matter is the
"North West," at Ore-
gon, and that has
little or no influence. There
is really but one voice in
the State on the subject,
and that voice is with you,
and for you.

Our Legislature will
meet on the second Mon-
day in January next, and
among the first acts of the
democratic caucus will
be a series of resolutions
endorsing your course, and
demonstrating any other one.

The whole move is
regarded out here as having
its animus in personal ill-
will towards yourself, and
gotten up mainly to kill you
off. There can be no
other explanation for so

embushing an aban-
-donment of principle.

I cannot see to
read a word I have written,
and you must excuse
appearances.

Yours truly
James M. Morgan.

Blackburn

Dec 17/57.

James

Washington

Gen. W. Morgan