A. H. Avery,
Mason, Ills.

Speeches. 2 vol.

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Hon S. A. Douglas,

Dear Sir

though one of the humblest among your Constituents, I cannot resist the expression of real heart felt satisfaction which I have had in reading your very able and eloquent Speech made in the U. S. Senate on the 9th inst. It is certainly unanswerable, and has already made a most profound impression in this community, as no doubt it has done all over the County, and will make in all Europe. Be not deemed,

he who writes you is a democrat - begotten - born and brought up in the democratic school of self-government. The great principles of self-government which you have so clearly and ably announced to the world are destined to overturn all political infidelity. They are based upon the granite rock of eternal truth, and sir, you, having done your duty to your country, your race, and your God, shall stand upon its lofty summit securely - permanently, and witness the impotency of the convulsions, caused by political aspirants and demagogues, dash its base with their hurricane surges.

Were these things said to you by a great man, and one of your acquaintance, it would not doubt be a cause of much gratification to you - it should be. But sir, you will please accept my sincerity for "acquaintance", and my regards for the "Man".

I wish you to send me all the speeches you may make that are published.

My address - Watson Effingham Co. Ills.

Respy yours

A. N. Avery

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Dec. 18, 1857.

Hon N. P. Banks
M.C.

Dear Sir

Inclosed is a brief and very imperfect Sketch of my Bill & Financial Project for a Rail Road to the Pacific and National Free Banking Law, and Every Northern Man in Congress Should unite in the Congressional Organization of an Independent National Republican Union Party, pledged to its adoption, before these Democratic Rascals run a Road through Texas.

Will they do it?

If you choose to send this Sketch to any Boston or N York Editors for publication you can do so.

Truly Your Friend
P. W. Y. Baldwin.

Newburyport Dec 18. 1857

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Hon Stephen A Douglas.
United States Senator
Washington.

B. Bailey
Amesbury Mass
Dec. 18th 1857
Relating to a
Patent Bill

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Omro Winnebago County Wisconsin
Dec 18 57

Hon
Stephen A Douglas

Dear Sir will
you be kind enough to
send me some of your
speeches & other speeches and
some public Documents
or news papers from Washington
by so doing you will
greatly oblige one of your
strongest supporters and
who expects to see Stephen
A Douglas next president

Respectfully your
Joseph Banks
Post Master
Omro
Winnebago Co
Wisconsin

Owns.
Winnebago Co. Ills.
Dec 18 – 1857
Joseph Banks.
Banks Speeches
& documents

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Cleveland Dec 18th 1857

M Douglas Sir Seeing M Savage of Tenasee is about to inhouse a Bill to give the Soldiers of the war of 1812 a Pension I Sugest the propriety of giving it to the man the Law compeld to Doo the Servis now the Law gives to the substatute which the Law allowed me to hiev at that time but it must be one the Officers would Accept By this time Sir you See I think the Law is Rong and I wish you to git it Alterd

I hav Written to M Savage on the subject this from Yours with Respect

Elisha Beal

Cleveland Cuyahoga Co Ohio

Cleaveland O.
Dec. 18th 1857
Elisha Beal.
In reference to
pensioning Soldiers
of the War of 1812.

Brandon Vt Dec 18th 1857

Friend Edward

I believe you have never written me since you have been in Washington but notwithstanding. I am inclined to write you a few lines to congratulate you on the Speech of Senator Douglas. in my opinion it is the best most timely & bold Speech made in many years. the principals of the Kansas bill are the true Democratic ones & are bound to be very popular if carried out in good faith and the man that stands up to them and sees them carried out will have the sympathies of the large majority of the people of this union as no other has had them since Jackson.

Mr D is just the man to do this

he is the father of the measure
is bold & has the ability to
do it. and all honorable men
North. West. & South will
sustain him. if they are
not prejudiced beyond
measure. there is a good deal
of sympathy for him in Vt
& I should not be at all
surprised if she gave him
her vote in 1860. in fact if
he persues vigorously in the
course indicated in his Speech
I have no doubt of it.
I wish you would send
me the Speech done up in
pamphlet form. I want to peruse
it. I suppose we shall see you
here soon write me.

Truly Yours

E J Bliss

E. J. Blip.
Brandon.
Vt.
Dec. 18th 1870
Phonigra Inlatory.

Hollamansville Bennan Co. 1 S. Aft me A & T J

Dear friend S Rigles

I have been highly gratified to see the position the has taken in regard to the Kansas and other similar cases all most all of the citizens that are for Equal right upon government good is giving the great uproar only be in change are presumed on are support the Right of the American citizens the will gain sufficient to the laws are are that of the most ~~strong~~ most men rank I am member of what is cale the quakers are averse to shedding of Blood but I want to suffer my self to shot before I want submit to what they have been trying to form on us my backs are turning white with a touch of the Cunning shades get the good of our Republick for what which my father slow Eighteen month hard labour to gain liberty that we should have at this day but I doubt of having of it what I say stand thy peaceless of the hole host of them

I must here say I feel frightfully glad to
see the most valiant fearless position
the has taken. Despite of all these
opposition / the position has gained
friend in all Rank that worth gaining
there is a Rank wave a patriotism
I should not care about having these
support they can see lee a stay by any
Desmemy person they have confidence
in / I say again stan they hand in
the position the has there is no other
position in supporting our publick
government / the will gain ten
to where the traitors are it now
an never / of the Boat is not steed
aught this time she is in a sand
bar and it is a death well to our
Republick / the Creature is to blame
for all this trouble in Kansas
he could have stoped like a drap from
a Bucket / he is a perfect Duke
they have made James O'Beirne
Telegraph Bureau to Hallowayville

Not withstanding I am a poor to stranger
As Being a unit to our republick / yet
I do not wish to Disturb them where they are
But give them Romance tendency but since
where they are I was born in a slave
state I learn some thing about of the Breeding
and seeing is the good prophet time is

My health is poor for one my
Blindness — it is pain unknowing
I have twice searched this

James A Bird
Galloway Ill
Bureau Co
Dec 1859
Approbatory

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[Dec. 18, 1857]

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

Sir

Will you be good enough to send me 2 or 3 Copies of your Kansas Speech

Stand firm, the People will sustain you.

Yours Respy

J. N. Brock

Dec 18. 1857

Philadelphia
273 S. 4th St.

P. B. Brock
Phila
No 243 So 4th St
Phila.

Wants Speech

Washington Ills Decem 18th 1887

Dear Sir I need your last March century Gone
Remarks on the Kansas Contributor Very Valuable
to the People Will Very Kind and Great Service
to endow the Journal to the Publick

Betsey Pierson that would good may it
be done by a free circulation in this county
I am the Pub requested to make application
to you without delay for at least one
hundred copies of them for the benefit
of Pres Society at a cost of a dollar at
they can be furnished for the over
ollard 24 hours Time is here allowed in
constant use Time is Right

Your attention to the foregoing
will confer a lasting favor on your friends

Yours as Ever

S. A. Douglas

M W Burton M.D.

Washington Co.
Dec 18th 1847.
R S Barton Md.

Unit 100

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Willard's Hotel,
Washington, Dec. 18th 1857.

Dear Sir,

I have to thank you for the pamphlet copy of your speech on that part of the President's message which relates to the Kansas-Lecompton Convention. I have read it carefully — though in consequence of very pressing occupation during the week, it is only this day that I have completed this perusal.

I congratulate you on the just, manly and patriotic position you have taken, and on the consummate ability with which you have explained and vindicated it.

It is, in my judgment, a far greater honor to have made this speech, than to be President of the United States, under the condition of standing sponsor for the false logic and the monstrous proposal with which the late message concludes.

I am

I am, dear Sir,
very respectfully,
Yours,
B. F. Butler

Hon. Stephen A. Douglas,
Washington City.

Hon. B. F. Butler
Willards. Hotel

Congratulatory

Dec. 18th
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San Francisco
Dec. 18th 1857.

My dear Sir

This letter will be handed to you by Mr. P. J. Hickey, formerly of Galena, where he resided for many years, and at which place he has still many warm and devoted friends. Mr. H. visits Washington for the purpose of procuring a settlement of a claim connected with the Treasury Department, in regard to which, I trust, it may not be inconvenient for you, to render him assistance, for which he will feel very grateful. Mr. H. is a democrat of old standing, and is entitled to the highest consideration for past services.

The last mail brought the charming news of the triumph

of the democracy in the good old State of Illinois.

With my best wishes for your continued health and prosperity, I remain

Very truly
Thompson Campbell

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

Thompson Campbell
San Francisco.
Ills.
Dec 18. 1857.
Rec March 27/58.

Introducing
P. J. Hickey, Esq

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Alex.a

Decr. 18 '57.

Dear Sir.

I would be exceedingly obliged if you will send me to this City, a copy of your late Sp. upon Kansas Affairs -

Your position now, I consider a very important one to the country, and the public eye of the South, is fully upon you - If I understand you, I am with you; and I trust you will continue to exert the moral courage, so far, an estimable point of your public character.

I have the pleasure to know very well, your father in Law, Mr. Cutts.

I have the honor to be
Yr Obt Svt.
S. F. Chapman.

Mr. Senator Douglas.

S J Chapman
Lent Speech
May 6.
Dec 18. 1857

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Hopkinton N.H. Dec 18 /57

Hon Mr Douglas

Dear Sir

Will you be so kind as to favour me with a copy of your speech delivered in the Senate on the 9th inst on the Kansas question. We are just waking up for the coming election in this State, and I think such speeches as yours is reported to be, is just the thing to show that the Democracy are bound to see fair play in Kansas

Also if it would be convenient to send me a copy of the

James A. Emmons
Dec 18th 1857.
Hopkinton N.H.
Sam Copy
Speech.

President's Message and
accompanying documents it
would be thankfully received
The delegation from this state
are of such a strife (black strife)
that I do not love to call
upon them for such matter

Please direct to
Contoocookville NH

Your obedient
Servant
James McConnor

1400

Davenport, Iowa Dec 18. 1857

Hon Stephen A. Douglas - Dear Sir

You have the kindness to send me a copy of your late Speech in the U.S. Senate on the Kansas-Nebraska Bill and very much oblige Your Obt Servt

Joel H. Dix

Davenport
Iowa - Dec 18/57
Joel H. Dix -
Wants a copy
of yr speech -

[Eastman]

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La Crosse Wis.
Dec. 18th 1857.

Hon. S. A. Douglas —

Sir — I have not the honor of your personal acquaintance still, I have, on more occasions than one heard you address public assemblies in the City of Chicago & have much admired your boldness, frankness & candor —

I am not a member of the political organization to which you belong & of which you are a distinguished leader — but I am something of a Democrat in principle notwithstanding —

When you promulgated the Glorious Principle of Popular Sovereignty in the Kansas & Nebraska Bill I at once saw that it was right — that it lay at the basis of all principles of Self-Government. I did not, however, support the measure — The breaking down

of the Missouri Compromise - sacred as it had even been regarded - was too much for my strong Anti Slavery spirit - I saw that the repeal of the said Compromise was a necessary result of the full working of the principle to be established - but yet - the Slave Power was unscrupulous, & I thought that barriers were needed - & therefore have acted with the Republican Party for the purpose of resisting the encroachments of the ever growing & extending evil - I have regretted very much to see so much of the evil doings in Kansas - of the friends of slavery sanctioned by the party in power It has seemed as though the powers of darkness had combined to deprive the people of that Territory of a fair opportunity to form their own institutions in accordance with the principles promulgated by you - that great bulwark of American Liberty - "The Ballot-Box" was of no avail - its results were disputed by miserable subterfuges, & unprincipled demagogues —

It was with a larm for the sacred cause of Liberty - that I saw the President announce doctrines - that had they found utterance from his lips one twelve-month earlier would most assuredly have contributed very much toward allowing him to live as a private citizen in his own Lancaster home

Yes, sir it has seemed as though the Glorious Democratic Party was to be a willing tool in forcing Slavery upon by foul means - if not - by fair - all things were rapidly tending to that end - & the result Was no more than I anticipated - I foresaw that a constitution as objectionable as the one now before you would be framed - & that its submission to the people would be denied - or if granted - it would be in such an unpalatable manner that they could not in the spirit of freemen have anything to do with it — I am not surprised - nor should I be surprised to see it driven through Congress by party drill - Liberty is not - & cannot be a cardinal principle with the Slave oracy —

The Principle of Popular Sovereignty I feared was gone overboard — Our Southern friends were certainly very much inclined to scout the idea — for the reason that — under fair play Liberty would worst Slavery & Kansas would become free — Of course this would not — suit — their wishes. Hence — we had a good right — to expect that — an extra vigorous attempt — would be made to dodge the people — & get before Congress with their Constitution & rely upon party drill to drive it through —

In this crisis — as the freedom of Kansas was my sincere desire — & that — too without regard to the ascendancy of this or that — party for the next — four years — on in 1860 — I hailed with pleasure the announcement — that — you should insist — upon the carrying out — of the Doctrines of the Kansas-bill — & follow the glorious doctrine — enunciated by you wherever it should carry you — Your stand is well taken — your position is a good one & on firm abutments & is destined to succeed, & crown with honor, the distinguished enunciator & defender of such cardinal principal of liberty

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I have this evening just-perused your speech recently made in the Senate. I could almost-if not-quite image how you looked upon such a proud occasion to yourself & the country

I must-say, however, that you have rather forced your friend the President-a little off his footings. His language bears the construction put-upon it by you admirably-yet-it is obvious-from the whole-taken together-that-he rather desires that-the Lecompton constitution should be ratified by Congress. All his actions justify this conclusion-else he would support-Gov. Walker-he would not-have removed Stanton-he would not-have appointed the most-willing tools of the Slave Power to the most-important-offices in Kansas.

Sir, the President, notwithstanding his cautious disposition & political sagacity-is a doomed man-As much as his illustrious was condemned by the American people-Mr. Buchanan will be much more so —

Yes, your remarks, to me seemed under all the circumstances to have rather an ironical bearing upon the President. However follow faithfully & boldly the path indicated by you in your speech give the people of Kansas a fair chance — as much so as Minnesota has had — no subterfuges & registered lists made out on purpose to carry an election — no one day voters from a neighboring state — no U.S. soldiers voting — no Cincinnati Directory returns — no distorted apportionments — nothing but a fair honest trial & you will find that the people of Kansas will be easily satisfied — They Republicans are not so bad as you imagine They believe that a gigantic attempt is being made — backed up by a powerful party to swindle the people out of their natural & God given rights —

Know you what the result will be if this swindle is consummated — if this thing fraudulent in conception is forced upon these people —

Sir — the events of the past few years has set the American people to studying — the subject of their study has been that Magna Charta of American Liberties — "The Glorious Declaration of Independence" — therein the right to revolutionize is sanctioned, guaranteed & set forth as a duty — age a sacred duty — "The events of the past few years has developed a great deal of latent fraud — it has shown a persistent determination on the part of evil men to disregard the source of all power — the people — & their will as expressed through the Ballot-box — "We have false returns — we have illegal voting — we have usurpations — we have disregard of all law — in high places & low places — all this must be changed — the people must be respected — their wishes must be heeded — they must be often consulted — more & more power must be reserved to them — more & more impon-

tant matters left fully to their decision — & decision once known must not be evaded & disregarded — or the result will be revolution — & such a revolution as will make you servants of the people need be taken in the future —

Know you the preventive of this state of things — Refer your matters the people of Kansas fairly & unequivocally & all will be well — Stand by your position your speech in the main was right — we differ a little as to the lawful rights of the Topeka Constitution — according to your view of the people originating such a Constitution & sending it to Congress asking a redress of grievances — this is what I understand the Topeka Constitution to have done exactly — & no more — But — stand by your position firmly & unflinchingly — you are right — & let nothing swerve you & trust to the people & all will be well with you — but not with the Republican Party — Never man occupied so glorious a position as you in these latter days — You hold in your hands the destinies of the parties of the North — as well as the destinies of the country — so far as affected by the question of Slavery

Yours &c, Norman Eastman

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Norman Eastman

Lafrofe Wis

~~Mich~~

an interesting letter

Norman Lartman
La Crosse
Mich.
Dec. 18. ~~1858~~,
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New York Dec 18th 1857

Hon S. A. Douglass
Washington D. C

Dr Sir

I see by this mornings papers that your speech on the Kansas question is, or is to be printed, I have only seen extracts from it in our dailies and would esteem it a great favor if you forward a copy to me. Hoping you will pardon me for trespassing on your valuable time I remain your well wisher &

Very Obt Servant
Dan'l C. Gleason

438 Pearl St

Danl. G. Gleason.
438. Pearl St.
New York.
N.Y.

Wants. Kansas. Speech.

Dec. 18th
1857

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H. S. Goodspeed,
Poughkeepsie,
N. Y.
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Poughkeepsie N.Y. Dec 18

Hon Stephen A Douglass
Washington
Dear Sir
Will you
please to send me your
speech upon the Kansas
question, delivered in the
Senate but a few days
ago

As a citizen of
Illinois, I feel an interest
in her representatives, &
as she is bound to stand
foremost among the states
of the Union, in regard to
wealth & power, may her
sons, in the halls of Congress
be wreathed in the laurels
of Victory. It is now
our turn to have a

president, shall we have one in 1860? the matter rests with you. I would be very thankful for your future speeches on the Kansas question & if you will be kind enough to put my name in your list you will receive the thanks of your

Fellow citizen

H S Goodspeed

Olympia Dec 18th 1857.

Dear Sir

You will pardon me for addressing you on a subject in which I take a deep interest You being the only Member of Congress with whom I am acquainted must be my excuse for so doing

I have been living in Washington Territory since its organization and during nearly the whole of that time have been engaged in the Indian Department under Governor Stevens and I think I am pretty well posted as to the wants of our Indians

The "Superintendcy" of Washington Territory should be entirely separated from that of Oregon as the business for both Territories is too much for one "Superintendent"

In case the "Superintencies" for Oregon & Washington Territories are separated

I think that Gen William O Miller whose name will be presented by Governor Stevens is the most fit man we have among us for Superintendent and may I ask that you will assist Gov Stevens in procuring him the appointment Gen Miller is a firm friend of yours and his appointment would give universal satisfaction to your friends here

Brother George who had been engaged in conducting the "Pioneer and Democrat" newspaper at this place, died but a short time since. He had been elected Territorial Printer and was making money

I would be very much obliged to you if during the coming Session of Congress you would occasionally send me a public document

Brothers William and Calvin often ~~although~~ mention you when they write to me

Most respectfully
Your friend
James H Goudy

Hon
S A Douglas

James H. Goudy
Olympia W.T.
Decr 18/57.

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Poughkeepsie, N.Y.
Dec 18th 1857.
H. A. Guild (Edr Exr)

Invitation to deliver a lecture in Poughkeepsie for the benefit of the 1st Baptist Church of that City. - Also commends your course on the Lecompton Constitution

Answd
Invitation declined

W

H. A. GUILD,
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JOB PRINTER,
Poughkeepsie, N. Y.
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AND
Independent Examiner Office,

Poughkeepsie, Dec. 18, 1857.

Hon. S. A. Douglas, U. S. S.

My Dear Sir:— I know not whether you are a church member, but believe you to be a Baptist in sentiment. The church with which I am connected, (the First Baptist, this city,) is poor, weak, and in debt. We have, at present, no Pastor, nor are we able to settle one, though anxious to do so. It has occurred to us that a course of Lectures might be made serviceable to the Church; and a Committee, (of which I am Chairman,) has been appointed for the purpose of conferring with Lecturers.

I have reason to believe, my dear Sir, that a very large audience would assemble to hear a lecture from you, (upon a subject to be chosen by yourself;) and I sincerely hope that you will accept this cordial invitation to favor us with a lecture — say on Wednesday evening, 30th inst., as I suppose Congress will take a recess during the Holidays; but if you cannot be here *that* evening, then any other Wednesday evening in January, February or March will answer our purpose... May I soon expect the pleasure of a reply?

Thanks for your noble, manly and heroic position with reference to the Lecompton Constitution. Very truly Yours

A. A. Guild,
Ed. Examiner.