

Phil<sup>a</sup>. Dec 18/37Hon. S. A. Douglass  
Esq.

I have just returned from a visit of ten days to the interior of this State, and feel it no less a duty than a pleasure to inform you that you come in regard to Kansas meets the warm approval of all classes. I spent some days attending Court in Immata County where leading gentlemen from other counties were present, and with one exception all joined in sustaining your cause. I need not mention names, but of one I will speak, the Hon. James W. Graham, President Judge of the District, & a sterling orator. He was warm in upholding the doctrines so ably maintained in your speech.

I am seeing abolition magistrates, but truth right must prevail, in spite of the overshadowing influences of those in power.

I presume you do not remember all your casual acquaintances, and may not recollect coming meeting me at the Mudfont Hotel, in this City, several years since, I was at that time Surgeon of

of the sort: but have now attained the dignity  
of one of the Sovereign people. Rightly estimating  
the great privilege of personal liberty & the right of  
a freeman, I trust I can also feel for those  
whose rights are invaded & whose suffrage  
their defenders

Accept the assurance of my perfect  
& confidence

Very respectfully

A. C. Hale



Phil Dea & boy.

RC Hale

Complimenting

Wapping

Your course

Don't copy

of speech

Carthage, Ill  
Decr 18th 1857-  
A. Hamilton

Wishes appointed  
in the Army to go to  
Utah for G. Wilson  
G. D. Hamilton

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Carthage Ill Decr 18 1857  
Hon S A Douglas  
Or Sir

There being a necessity  
to raise Troops to go to Utah I would  
beg of you as a friend that you would  
if it be possible through your influence  
get ~~an~~ appointments either as ~~Adjutant~~  
Lieutenant or in some other capacity  
for John D Hamilton & G Wilson  
I think there might be a large Company  
raised in Old Hancock and of the  
right material to do good service  
Any thing you can do to advance  
the boys will be most gladly  
received and warmly appreciated  
by Yours Truly  
A Hamilton





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Orwigsburg Schuylkill County, Pennsylvania  
December 18<sup>th</sup> 1857.

Hon. Stephen A. Douglass

Dear Sir

Will you have the kindness to send me  
a copy of your Speech delivered I believe on the 8<sup>th</sup> instand, a  
friend loaned me a paper containing it, and had the pleasure to  
read it, your arguments are unanswerable, I am exceedingly anxious  
for a copy to hand to some Democratic friends for perusal, please  
excuse my boldness in asking this favour

Yours truly

Jac. Hammer



Jac. Hammer.  
Ortingburg.  
Schneidküllb.  
Pa.

Dec 18<sup>th</sup>  
1876.

Wm. L. Spuch.

Jersey City, Decr 18 1857

Senator  
Sir,

I should be very  
glad to receive some copies  
of your speech on the Kansas  
Leamington Convention & Popular  
Sovereignty question. We allude  
to the Cincinnati Platform  
in New Jersey.

Very truly  
W. W. Wardlaw

Wm  
S. A. Douglass

Leamy City  
W. T.

Dec 18<sup>th</sup> 1887.

W. A. R. D. D. D.

Some Copies  
of Speech

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Chicago Dec 18 1857

Friend Douglas

The Post Office  
at Sugar Grove in Kane  
County should be discontinued  
is owned & used for the  
sole use of the Chicago  
Democrat -

Great God  
how bright our Skins are,  
you are now the popular  
man of the north, you  
have Captivated the Republican  
Party what shall we do with  
them -

Truly Yours

A W. H. H. H. H.

Chicago.

Dec 18th '57.

A. W. Harrington.

Says that the Post  
Office at Sugar Grove  
Ill. Co. should be  
discontinued. & says  
that you are the  
popular man of the  
North "A"

Wishes about six  
or seven dollars  
a year for  
success —

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Okla. Dec 1847  
Hon Stephen A. Douglass  
Sir although I am  
not acquainted with you and we saw  
you but once, nevertheless I take the  
privilege as you are a public man  
of requesting you to send me a copy of  
your address in the senate in regard  
to Kansas affairs.

Yours  
O. R. Hill  
389 10<sup>th</sup> St



New York  
389 10<sup>th</sup> St.

A B Hills

Wants copy  
of speech  
Lith.

Geo. H. Hoopes,  
Collins Centre,  
New York.  
Dec<sup>r</sup> 18/57.  
Speech on  
Kansas Affairs,  
Spuch Ont.

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Collins Centre, Erie Co. N.Y.  
December, 18/57

Hon. Stephen A. Douglas,

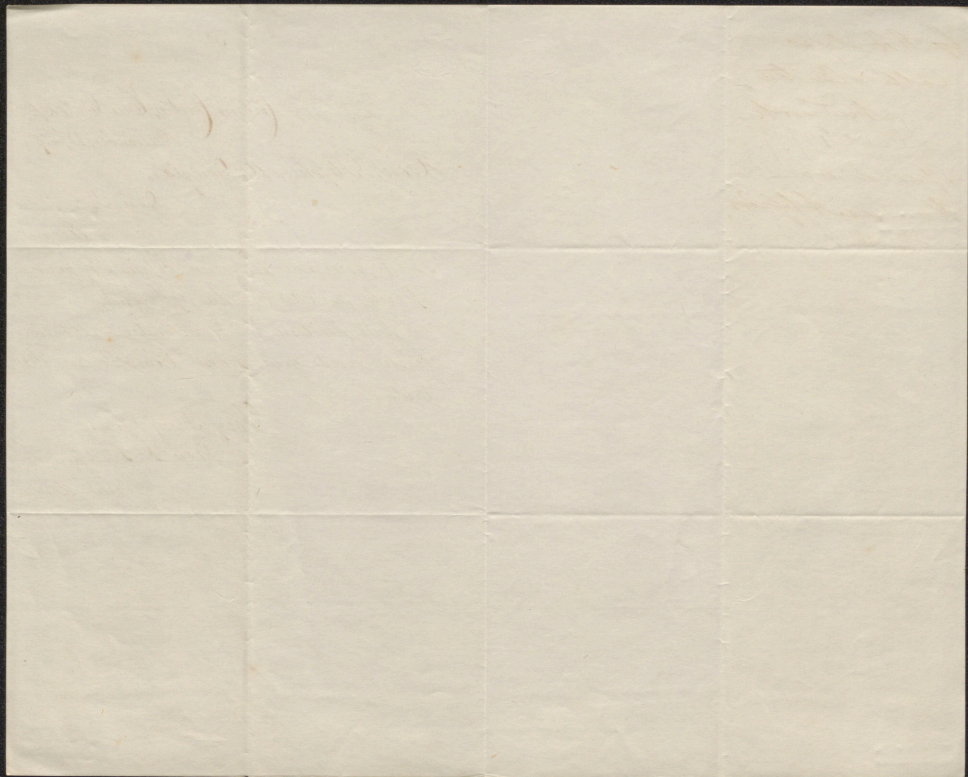
Dear Sir:

Please

send me one or more copies of your  
speech, made on the 9<sup>th</sup> Inst.

Your position is Democratic - stand  
firm and you must triumph in the  
end.

Very Truly Yours,  
Geo. H. Hoopes,  
Spuch Ont.





Pancoastburg Gazette Co., O.  
Dec. 18. 1857

Hon. S. A. Douglass-

Sir- The first <sup>time</sup> that I ever exercised the privilege of "sovereignty," it was to vote for Stephen A. Douglass, for Congress, in Lewistown, Fulton Co. Ills. Hence, from the fact of having once been your Constituent, I feel the greater liberty in addressing you.

We in Ohio, in the great political battle that resulted in the election of James Buchanan, contended for the principles of the Kansas Nebraska act against greater odds than existed in any other State. The Democracy here withstood the assault of all their old opponents united. Suffering reverse after reverse, we renewed the struggle, in the firm belief, that the wisdom and justice of the principle involved, would assuredly triumph. We have seen the dawning of that day, and we are not willing that the great principle thus sanctified and ~~endowed~~ to us, shall be set aside. The flag of "popular sovereignty" was nailed to the mast head amid the din of the battle- if it falls, we fall with it. The high stand you have taken upon this principle, and the truthfulness and boldness with which you sustain it now, must meet with a hearty response from every lover of freedom in our Republic.

But enough. When I set down to write you, it was merely to make a request that you would place my name upon your list, as one of your Constituents, so that I could be in the receipt of documents and speeches, the better to enable me to fight the enemy.

The democracy of this neighborhood have not, generally, been the recipient of many of those favors- hence, the enemy have occasionally been in advance of us. I shall, too, write our worthy and talented

Young Congressman, S. S. Cox, and furnish him  
with a list of names to supply with those favors,

Yours Fraternally,  
S. S. Hoskins, M. D.

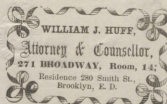
Dr. S. S. Hoskins  
Pancoastburg  
Wayette Co. Ohio  
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Pancoastburg  
Wayette Co. Ohio  
Please Address  
Dr. S. S. Hoskins  
Pancoastburg  
Wayette Co. Ohio

Dr. S. S. Hoskins  
Pancoastburg,  
Wayette Co., Ohio



New York Dec 1867.

Wm J Huff  
Williamsburg  
P.O.  
Wants you  
Special  
Sent Copy.



New-York, Dec 17<sup>th</sup> 1867.

Hon S. A. Douglass.  
Dear Sir

Will you have the  
kindness to send me at the Williams-  
burgh P. O. (New York) a copy of  
your late speech on <sup>the</sup> Kansas  
question.

During the present Session  
of Congress, should you find your-  
self at a loss as to whom to  
send any Congressional documents  
at your disposal, I hope you will  
also have the kindness to remember  
me among your list of recipients  
for the same.

Your obed<sup>t</sup> Serv<sup>t</sup>  
William J. Huff



WILLIAM & SON  
 100 N. 3rd St.  
 PHILADELPHIA, PA.  
 1877

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Dear Sir

It is the  
 pleasure to send you a copy of  
 the book which is  
 the result of the  
 researches of the  
 Committee.

Very  
 respectfully,  
 Wm. L. Gifford

Wm. L. Gifford

Wm. L. Gifford  
 100 N. 3rd St.  
 PHILADELPHIA, PA.  
 1877

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Winney M.  
Dec 18/57.  
Wm Smith Esq  
Wants Speeches  
Sent to Meridian  
Cassapa Co  
Ky.  
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Winney M. Dec 18/57.  
My dear Judge  
Returning from  
Missouri when I have been spending  
some time taken I began making  
my future residence. I have just  
concluded reading your great  
speech on Kansas affairs and  
cannot deny myself the pleasure  
of congratulating you upon this  
lancetlike thrust in your Senatorial  
career. I hear your course in  
this question discomfited in Mo.  
as well as here - with very little  
difference of opinion. Hoping  
you may be eminently successful  
in the second and every step  
only admonishing to remember  
placard at Charleston in 1850  
I have the honor  
to be Sir  
Wm Smith Esq  
U.S. Senator  
over

P.S. I shall be greatly obliged  
if you will let our mutual  
friend Nicholas Vidden send  
me a package of this Speech  
to Meridian Bay Co. My Stephen



Salmon, Lorain Co Ohio  
Dec 18, 1857.

Hon Stephen A. Douglas

Sir

Please send me  
a copy of your speech upon that part  
of the President's Message relating to the  
Secumpton Constitution.

From what I can  
gather from the public prints, I am of the  
opinion that your course will meet with  
the hearty support & continuance of the  
Democratic of Ohio. Be assured that you  
have many ardent admirers and  
coworkers in this part of the Union and  
not among the least enthusiastic is  
Your humble servant  
E. C. Johnson

E. G. Johnson  
Salem, Oregon, U.S.A.,  
Dec 18/57,  
Approbatory,

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Sciotoville Ohio

Dec. 18<sup>th</sup> 1857

Hon. Sir.

I am very anxious to read your speech in the Senate on the Kansas Constitution— I have not seen it yet, in any of the papers which I take— and I am a subscriber to papers of the three parties—

I had the honor of an introduction to you on the 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of Dec. 1851 in the "Hall of Representatives" by Hon. Joseph Cable then a Member of the House from this State— I have watched your progress in the political world since then, quite narrowly— and if you have taken the ground which I am led to ~~believe~~ to believe you have— on the "Kansas question" you will immortalize yourself—

You will be the idol of the majority of the North, and even the South will admire you, and hold you in respect, though your actions may call forth the most bitter opposition,

Will it be asking too much of you, to solicit you to mail to my address a copy of that speech, which will be read with interest & assure, by one who anticipates withering the day when you will occupy the highest office in the nation.

Allow me to add in conclusion that for nearly four years past I have been a resident of Mo. and only left that State a short time ago. But even there the grounds which you occupy are popular— Any speech or Pub. Doc. that you may see proper to mail to my address will be thankfully received and duly appreciated—

Hon S A Douglass  
Washington  
D.C.

Respectfully Yours  
(Maj) J R Kidd



Photo taken this  
Dec 18<sup>th</sup> 1887.

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Cent Copy of  
Speech.

Monroe Green Co Wisconsin  
Dec 18<sup>th</sup> 1837

Hon S. A. Douglas Dear Sir  
any Pub Documents You may  
send it to send me will be  
Thankfully received -

I am Chairman of the  
Democratic County Committee and  
would say that the democracy of  
this County go for Submitting the  
entire Constitution to the people  
of Kansas.

Yours Truly  
Geo. H. King

Geo H King  
Monroe.  
Green Co. Wis:  
Dec: 18/59.  
Wants speech





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Port Byron Cayuga Co. N.Y. Dec. 18/57

Dear Sir,

You may perhaps remember a couple of gentlemen who were introduced to you at your rooms at the Briggs House, Chicago, one evening in October a year since by Mr Diller of your State; ~~the~~ <sup>for</sup> one of whom was a Mr Marshall from Concord N. H. & the other was myself. I mention the circumstance to indicate the person who now thanks you, as I do most heartily, for a copy of your speech in the Senate (franked) addressed to the "Masonic Union" at Auburn N.Y. of which I was formerly the editor,

I hardly think a speech has been delivered in that House or in the U.S. within two years past which has produced half the sensation of this, and justly too, for the country was shocked at the audacity and perfidy of those in Kansas who claim to be our Democratic brethren, and who had pledged themselves to carry out the organic law in its spirit. Pardon me for mentioning that on its receipt (it first came to me thro' the N.Y. Daily Times) I sat up to a late hour and read it to an esteemed and venerable friend of mine (Judge Dill) whose eye-sight failed him, and he often stopped me to express his thanks and gratitude for its truthfulness, power and eloquence, and for its entire adaptation to the exigencies of the occasion. Judge Dill (a Democrat of 70 years) would not excuse me until I had also read the discussion which followed its delivery in which we increased our some Senators Bigler and Mason diminishing in



status until they appeared to us ill-considered,

I must be permitted to say, your arguments are unanswerable, your position is impregnable, and the administration must come to it, and the country must pursue the policy indicated therein, or the former will be shivered into fragments, and the latter will be agitated from centre to circumference with imminent danger, on every side for an indefinite period to come.

Again thanking you for your politeness in sending me the speech, and indulging the hope that it may be honored with your remembrance hereafter, I remain

With considerations of high respect

Truly, Yours &c  
Frederick Douglass

Yours,

Stephen A. Douglass

Washington, D.C.



Frederick M. King,  
Fort Byron,

Dec<sup>r</sup> 18/57. N. Y.

Speeches.  
Speeches


 Pleasant Valley, Dutchess Co  
 New York. Dec 18. 1857.

Hon J. A. Douglass  
 Will you please  
 send me a few copies of the Decomposition  
Constitution

I oblige you &c

D. Lyman

P.S. Also P. Dec & speeches for  
 yourself or others send to the  
 rec ————— D. Lyman

Pleasant Valley  
Dutcher Co  
N Y Dec 18<sup>th</sup>/<sub>16</sub>  
A Lyman  
want-copies  
of Speeches  
Other  
Documents

Send me copy  
of Speech.





Milwaukee Wis  
Dec 18th 1857.

Arthur A. Johnson

Appreciates Course

Best Copy of  
Speech.

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Milwaukee Wis. Dec 18. 1857

Hon. Stephen A. Douglas

My dear Sir

I have  
just read your great Speech  
in the Senate of the 9<sup>th</sup> inst.  
and as an individual  
Democrat I wish to acknow=  
ledge to you the immense  
satisfaction which I have  
derived from its perusal.  
As an intellectual effort  
I think that the Senate  
has produced nothing like  
it since the memorable  
7<sup>th</sup> of March 1850. But its  
great importance consists  
in the fact that it is a  
vindication of the principle

and doctrines upon which  
we fought the presidential  
campaign and elected  
James Buchanan. We  
are all committed to these  
doctrines; and every demo-  
crat in Wisconsin will  
rally to your support cordially  
and with enthusiasm.

Let me assure you  
again of my hearty acknow-  
ledgments and believe  
me devotedly yours

Arthur H. Arthur

Banjer Dec-16<sup>th</sup> 1854

Hon. Stephen A. Douglas

Dear Sir.

Your whole political history is proof conclusive that popular sentiment is of little moment to you when that sentiment conflicts with your own sense of justice and right. Yet you cannot be indifferent to the opinions of men when their applause accompanies you upon the path of principle and honor.

Your position upon the Kansas question meets the hearty approbation of the Democracy of this State.

Our press, however, is controlled by timid and selfish men - by men who are in office and by men whose appointment to office is deferred. It is feared, in order to secure their active co-operation, or at least their prudential silence. Should you be sustained in the Senate well and good. In that event the democracy of this State will triumph under the egis of the Administration.



Should you not be sustained in the senate  
remember that you ~~are~~ are not defeated?  
You have brought this question to  
the point where "popular sovereignty"  
means something - it now has vitality.

If necessary a new party will come  
to the rescue of the sovereignty of the  
people and of its Champion.

That party may have its origin  
here, at your own home, or possi-  
bly, at Washington. It will have a  
Northern birth but it will not be sec-  
tional; its boundaries will be the bound-  
aries of our common Country; for its plat-  
form will be the sovereignty of the  
people, and self government will be  
supported South as well as North.

Excuse me for addressing you thus and  
now - You will probably recognize  
me as one who has written to you  
before and to whom you have sent  
many of your Kansas Reports for distribution.

Will you have the kindness to send  
me a few copies of your late speech on  
the Seampton Constitution for the same  
purpose and greatly oblige

Yours very truly  
Benjamin Mace

Kangon Me.  
Dec 10th 1887.

Benj Mace

Apparucogun  
Course

2 weeks for  
to send back

Sent 1 copy.



Rochester Monroe Co. N.Y.

Dec. 18<sup>th</sup> 1867

Hon. S. A. Douglass

Dr. Sir

Your speech, in the U. S. Senate, of the 9<sup>th</sup> instant, is attracting a good deal of attention. I am anxious to obtain it can you send me a copy?

yours truly

John A. McGorray



Mr. A. McGerray

Rochester.

Ny.

Dec. 18<sup>th</sup> 52

Wants. Speech.



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Delavan Wisconsin Dec. 18. 1857.

Hon. Stephen A. Douglas

Dear Sir.

In behalf of the Democracy of the Lower, I am requested to address you concerning your position, and late speech delivered in the U. S. Senate upon the President's Message. So far as related to Kansas, your course meets with the entire approbation of the Democracy of Wis. Had you pursued any other course, you would have been condemned by the party, and you would have left a stain upon yourself that would be difficult to wipe out.

As one of your first defenders, upon the passage of the Kansas & Nebraska Act, so am I foremost to sustain you upon your late speech.

You do not know the thrill of joy that ran through the bosom of the Democracy when they received your speech. Even the black-republicans admit that they have done you great injustice. You have gained thousands of friends by your speech. I called upon the Chairman of the Democratic Central committee of our state, He wished me to let you know that he was head and soul with you. He gives and fears not is the " Motto "



of the Democracy. Knowing that the cause you  
have, and do advocate, has done more to  
sustain and strengthen the Democratic party  
than any other cause extant.

I remain Sir,  
Your Obedient Servant

J. H. Mansfield P.M.  
Delaware Wis.



J H Mansfield  
P.W.  
Kalamazoo, Wis.  
Dec 18/54.  
Sanctatory -



Albert Martin

South Horn

Wb.

Trans. Copy Japan

Expedition

Dec. 18 1839

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South Horn Hermit Is  
To the Hon J. A. Douglas, Secy,  
I would like if it is not too  
much trouble to you, to send  
me the work on the U States  
Expedition to Japan, entitled  
I believe, Com Perry's  
Expedition to Japan.

It would be a great favor to  
me as I do not know of any  
other method that I can procure  
it, and you would much  
oblige your humble servant,

Albert Martin

P.S., Please send to Albert Martin  
South Horn Grand Isle Co  
off





Mr Douglas

Dec 18<sup>th</sup> 57

Please send me  
a copy of your speech  
of the 9<sup>th</sup> and oblige  
yours

A. F. Maynard  
Sterling Ill

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A. F. Maynard  
Sterling Ill,  
Dec<sup>r</sup> 18, 1857.  
Kansas Speech.  
Yours.

Stephen A. Douglas.  
W.C.  
Washington  
D.C.

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Ottawa LaSalle Co Ill Dec 1857  
Hon S A Douglas

You will probably recognize in me an old acquaintance and friend and will pardon my humble intrusion on your precious time when I inform you that I have watched your rising greatness and influence with a high interest for 20 years past my object now in addressing you is merely to add an humble word of encouragement to you in this trying time you may rest assured that almost every genuine democrat in this State is on your side And I rejoice that you have taken the strong ground of the Kansas & Nebraska Bill that the people shall govern themselves I hope you will not flinch from your position but manfully redeem our pledges and the principles of the organic act And in so doing you will rear to your self an immortality of fame that will still greatly increase your own interests and restore peace and harmony to the party I hope you will remember me by the way of public acknowledgments and command me in any thing that I can do for you personally or politically and should you find a moment of time there is no one from whom a line would be more acceptable believe me Dear Sir

Your devoted Friend  
C. C. Bell

C. F. Miller Esq  
Attorney  
La Salle Co  
Ill. Dec 1877.

Land copy of  
Specimen



Dear Sir,  
I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 11th inst.

and in reply to inform you that the same has been forwarded to the proper authorities for their consideration. I am, Sir, very respectfully,  
Your obedient servant,  
J. H. Thompson

I am, Sir, very respectfully,  
Your obedient servant,  
J. H. Thompson

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F. D. Miner

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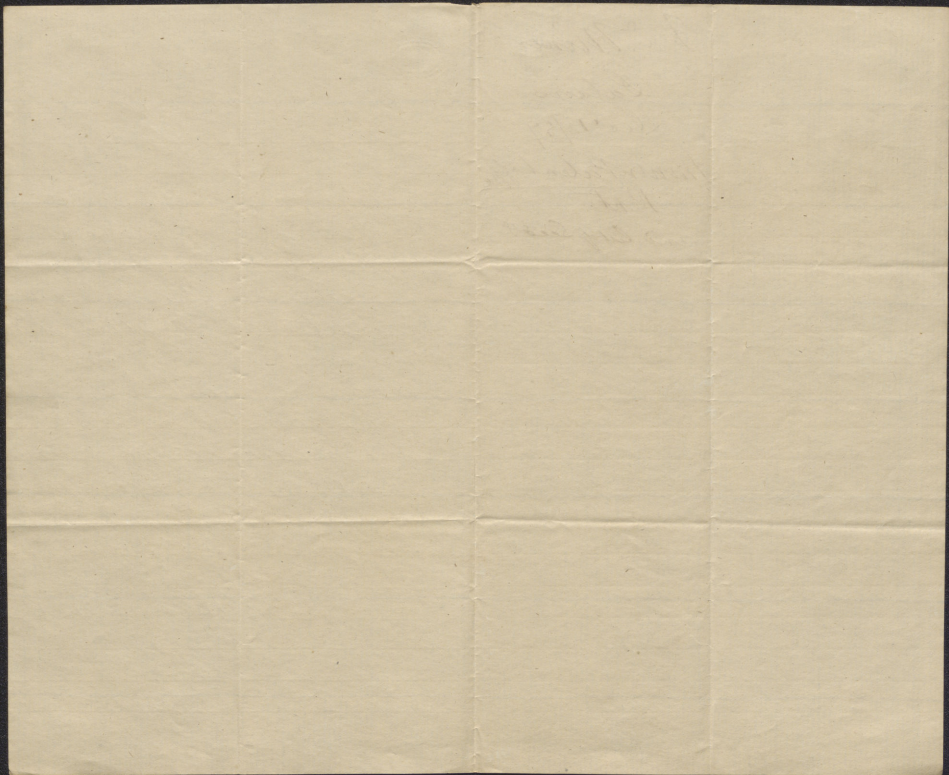
Bureau Secy  
Hepn H. Douglas

Dear Sir

I wish you would find  
the reports of patients  
of 56 & 57 & Catania  
of seeds in the Bureau  
Agricultural for distribution  
we want them for our  
Libra we want the  
mechanical reports &  
the Agricultural reports  
of 1856 & 57 you will  
confer a great favor on  
large number of farmers

F. D. Miner Secy

H. H. Douglas  
Helmberg Senate



August 24th

Dec 18/57

Hon. C. A. Douglas

Dear Sir

No Congratulation which I  
might offer you, on account of your  
present position in ~~the~~ behalf of  
Negro Rights, could be of any  
moment to you — The

appreciation of you over  
our American is worth  
more than all empty praise  
— Tell me say how  
you find all over this region  
are more proud of you than  
ever — I need not say, go on  
bravely, for I know you too will



to suspect you of any flinching  
— You further cannot be suc-  
cessfully assailed, & you will triumph  
over all competition — The  
Democracy of the great North West  
will sustain you, & if the Ad-  
ministration persists (which I hope  
it will not) it will be left without  
a National support, & will fall  
as Tyler fell, without the sympathy  
of any party.

So on this I sit  
as shown to the world, that the  
pledges of a great party, mean  
something more than idle sound  
& it is insist upon a full & final  
settlement, upon a permanent basis  
of the principles & doctrines of  
your Nebraska Bill, ~~and~~ maintain  
them, as our platform in the future,  
as they have been in the past &

Then we shall be invincible  
A time from you if you could  
Spent time would be most  
profitable  
Yours with the warm  
true & loving devotion  
James Whitcomb

James Whitcomb  
Newbury, Mass  
Nov 21/57.  
Appreciating



Ashtabula Dec 18 1854

Hon Stephen A Douglas

Dear Sir

Will you be so kind as to send me some public documents. I would like the Messages of Mr Franklin Pierce and Mr James Buchanan, also some of your own Speeches. Together with the report of the Smithsonian Institute for '54 and such other documents as it would please you to send. The young men in this village are about starting a Debating School, and I would like the above named documents, to aid me in repelling all attacks made by my opponents, on the democratic party or administration

Yours respectfully

Hon. S. A. Douglas

Oscar C. Pratt



Oscar C. Pratt  
Ashtabula Ohio  
Dec 18/57,

Wants documents,  
Speeches,

Alexandria Va Dec 18-1857

Sir

Will you please send me a few  
copies of your speech of the 9<sup>th</sup> Inst. on  
the Kansas question.

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

Respectfully  
Yours  
W. L. Burgett

W. L. G. L. G. L.  
Ladgets  
Richmond Va.  
Dec. 1845

Wants copy of your Speech