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J. Saxton, pm
Belvidere, Ills.
Decr 22/57.
Wants, pd Mr Genl's
report 1856-7. &
Speeches—

P. O. Belvidere Ill
Dec 22/57

Hon S. A. Douglas
Dear Sir

Can you send me a copy of the report of the Post Master Genl. for 1856-57 by so doing you will greatly oblige

Respectfully
Your obt Servt
J. Saxton
PM

your noble position on the K. & question meets one universal response in this vicinity — no exception
send some more speeches J. S

Whig Office Warrenton Va
December 22d 1857

Hon. Stephen A Douglas.

Dear Sir

Fearing that my subscribers shall have yr. late speech and being too long to insert in the Columns of the Whig I would like to know upon what terms I could purchase six hundred and Ninety Copies. Almost everyone in our town and vicinity have seen it in the Alexandria & Richmond papers and it would not necessary to send it those so near but for my County subs. I desire it and for it will pay a fair price. Please let me hear at once

Yr. Ob. Servt

Jno. E. Scruggs

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

Whig Office
Warrenton Va
Dec 22nd 1847.
Jno C Scraggs.

Dear Sir

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N. H.

Portsmouth Dec 22d 1857

Sir

I hope my being an old Democrat of over 50 years of age and having voted the regular Democratic ticket both State and National for 30 years last past or in fact all my life will be a sufficient excuse for my writing to you at this time and also the prosperity of the Democratic party which I ever have at heart I have always been a friend and admirer of your talents and Democracy & your straight forward course in the party I would say that our party here & as I have no doubt in the

State
are with you on the matter
that all the new Constitution
of Kansas should be submitted
to the people of Kansas for
their approval or rejection
or in otherwise popular Sovereignty
I sincerely hope sir the matter
will soon be harmoneously
settled as far as our party
is concerned if so there is
no doubt that the Democracy
can carry this State in all
its branches & elect that
true man & Patriot John
S. Wells to the U. S. Senate
for six years. Be cautious
forbearing & prudent and
willing to harmonize the
matter & I think all will
be well your friends in this
State consists of the rank
& file not the tricksters
wire pullers nor office holders
of the party I always have
acted in the capacity of
wheel horse or otherwise
one of the drill Sergeants
of the party I am a mechanic
& a poor man and have
no means to assist the party
except my individual
exertions in the party &
that I have made felt
in the party, that Gen Reese
is fully aware of for he
has had the benefit of them all his life
I have had the pleasure
3 years ago of defending
you & also cutting ~~an effigy~~
down an effigy representing
you on the morning of our
State election at the risk

of getting my head broke
Matters of appointments here
are not right you might
help them a little when
the time for Conformation
arrived in the Senate one
has acted with the abolitionists
until very recently another
keeps abolitionists in office
when required to remove
them by various members
of the party, I have no
friend of our party at
Washington to refer you to
Mr Hale of the Senate knows
me & used to act with me
& associate with me Politically
when he belonged to our party
Mr John C. Hayes a Lawyer
in Washington used to live
in this City & knows all
about my Democracy my
influence & Views &c

Hon Stephen A Douglas
Washington D.C.

Samuel Spinney

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Saml. Spinney
Portsmouth N.H.
23 Dec/57.
Friendly happiness —

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1663

Xenia Ohio Dec 22nd 1857

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

Sir

Will you please send me a copy of your speech delivered in the Senate Dec. 9th &

Oblige yours
Very Respectfully &c

Wm. M. Stark

Wm M Stanke
Xenia Ohio,
Decr 22/59,

Wants Speech

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Concord N.H. Dec 22. 1857.

Dear Sir.

I can assure you the course you have pursued is approved by the Democracy of this State. Will you have the kindness to send me a few copies of your speech at your earliest convenience

By so doing you will oblige

Your Friend
Geo. W. Stevens

Geo W Stevens
Concord. NH,
Dec 22/57.
Wants Speeches

Rochester Dec 22 1857

Hon S A Douglas
Dear Sir

I have seen your Powers
Speech with care and I think that contains
the true doctrine I wish you would drop
me some to dictate to my this County if it is
not asking too much of you
I suppose that there will be a Post Master appointed
here this Winter there is quite a number of
Candidates I have been frequently asked if
I would be one I told them that I had
not fully decided yet I should not
want to be one unless you thought I
might stand a fair chance to be appointed
I suppose that you have been written to
by some of the applicants I was a Candidate
by the request of our Citizens in 1845
and my papers are on file there
It was said that they was the strongest
papers that ever was presented from this
State but I was defeated by false
representations made by false democrats
Respectfully Yours &c
H. Stitewalt

H. Stillwell

Rochester
Dec 22, 1857.

Wants some speeches for distribution. Asks my opinion as to what chance he has for Post Master there

Sent 20 —

Abingdon Knox Co Ills.
Dec 22d 1857.

Hon S. A. Douglas.

You will please send me such public Documents as you please I came here from Ohio when Hon G.E. Pugh supplied me.

Yours Respectfully
M. W. Stone

W W Stowe
Abingdon Ills
Recd 22/57

Wants documents

Free Dec 24
Abingdon Ills

Hon S. A. Douglas Esqr
U. S. Senate
Washington City
D. C.

Irving N.Y. Dec. 22. 1857.

Dear Sir.

If you should print Extra numbers of your Great Speech on the President's message — which relates to Kansas &c —

Have the Goodness to send me few Copies —

Yours
Very Respectfully
For ever
N. P. Strong.

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

N. T. Strong
Lowry ny
Dec 22/57
Wants a few copies
of Speech.

Sent

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Dec 22d 1857

Darien Genesee Co N.Y.

Hon S. A. Douglas

Dr Sir

Will you please send me some of your Speeches on the Kansas question. We are all Douglas Men in these parts We like the stand you take on having the Constitution go back to the People We think if any man can do it you are the Man

Your Most obt Servant

James H Sutherland
Postmaster

[Sutherland]

J H Sutherland
P M
Darien Genesee Co.
NY. Dec 22/57.

Wants Speeches

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Grafton Mass. Dec. 24th 1857

Hon S. A. Douglas

Dear Sir -

I am a young man - a member of the junior class of Dartmouth College Hanover N. H., and am much interested in political matters - and if you would send me your speech just made, and others you may make during this session of Congress - you will greatly oblige

Your Obt. Servt.

A. W. Fenney

Hon S. A. Douglas M. C.

P.S. please direct A. W. Fenney Grafton Mass

Fenney

A W Fenny
Grafton, Mass.
Dec 22/57
Wants Speeches

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Watab Benton Co. M. T. Dec. 22/57

Hon S. A. Douglas

Dear Sir Will you please send me the Presidents Message & accompanying documents also the debates upon the Kansas Question & oblige

Your Obt. Srvt.

Wm. C. Tolman

Please direct to
Watab Benton Co. Minnesota

Watab. Benton Co.
Minnesota.
Dec 22d 1857
M. H. L. Tolman
wants Prest's Mes:
& accom- documents
also debates on the
Kansas question

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Damascus. Pa
Dec 22nd 1857

Hon S. A. Douglas

Respected Sir

Will you please send to an ardent admirer your speech if Published in convenient form on Kansas or anything on that subject you may be sending to your friends

Yours Respt

James S. Vail

Damascus
Pa
Dec 22nd 1887.

James S Vail.

Merritt Speath
Copyists.

Secor. Woodford Co. Ills
Dec 22. 1857.

Hon. Stephen A. Douglas

Dear Sir,

Permit me to address you a few lines, which although we are not personally acquainted may lead to some future intercourse between us and results in such acquaintance. I was much pleased and satisfied in perusing your recent effort in behalf of "popular sovereignty." It was mild, yet conclusive. It was manly yet by times pointedly severe and ironical. The doctrine is beyond all question the true federal or national doctrine, for its future best interest as well as that of the respective independant Sovereignties and Territories. In canvassing this County during our last Presidential campaign with my Republican brethren I took precisely the same ground and stand and in my feeble capacity instilled the principles into the minds of my respective audiences with good success. My Republican brethren to the contrary notwithstanding. They were confident of success and yet through the incessant labors of good Democrats we carried the County manfully, by a largely increased majority over any previous election, and we can do it again tomorrow if necessary. Tum Woodford is being fast populated & therefore her suffrages increase

but it is presumable at least that the voters of one party may increase as fast as another. Now Mr Douglas I expect and perhaps will get the nomination (Democratic) as Representative from this District and I want your opinion as to my best policy. I had thought of springing the question of our present defective system of Banking and incorporating it with "Popular Sovereignty" and the best interests of the district to be represented — I deem the present system of Banking or "Wild flying" ruinous. True our unhappy monetary condition is not entirely attributable to the Banks, but much is traceable to them as its origin and means. Promissory money or in other words the confidence of the people has been borrowed for some several years past in about the proportion of some 8 to 1. The consequences we all know, it creates expansions over action, and over zeal to obtain sudden wealth, it begets over calculation, anticipates by years the future, soon the thing is tested & here we go Topsy Turvy, head over heels. every thing is wrecked in the head, down we fall like an ox at the blow of the hammer. Now though there are some things in our Chief Magistrates Message that are somewhat exceptionable yet I for one must coincide with him in his sentiments relative to Banking. As he says "if we cannot have a better & safer system do away with banks of issue entirely and legalize them only as Banks of "discount & deposit" I have gone through two convulsions, or expansions & contractions and have thus far stormed both, but I desire not another they are unwelcome visitors —

Please give me your views.

Excuse this long letter from one personally unknown to you, yet has been your political friend from the first time you was elected to the House of Representatives.

Respectfully
E. T. VanAlstine

E. L. Van Alstine

Secy

Ills

Dec 22/57.

Concurs with you fully. Say you are right.

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1673

Sent 50 Speeches (Pacific Sets) Pres. Mess. of 1856 & 1856. (6 vols) June 28/58

Washington City D.C.
Dec. 22. 1857.

My Dear Sir

I leave for home to day without having the pleasure of again seeing you. I wish you to send to my brother Moses Walker Oakalla P.O. Iroquois Co. Illinois - one of each kind of the documents in the Room of the Committee and such other important documents as you can obtain - you may also send him documents for general circulation He will take great pains to distribute in a region where there are but few documents sent - I hope you will send him many good documents soon as he is anxious to receive them and cares more for them than I do. your attention will confer a great favor which I shall be happy to reciprocate at

any time. I hope to have the pleasure of seeing you in the next after Congress shall have adjourned.

Very truly
your friend
J. C. Walker

Mr. Chandler
Clerk Senate Committee Territories

I enclose this to Judge Douglass as I do not know your exact address.

H. Walker
Washington City

1857!

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Hon
Mr Johnson

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Smith

Indianapolis 22 Dec. 1857

Dear Sir.

I ought to have said in my last note that, of course, I not only had no hopes to result from the rejection of our Post Mas tr's nomination, but also that if communications from me should produce such rejection, I would not in honor apply for or accept the appt.

On the way for the Court, I say so now in haste. You, my Southern friends in the Senate, who ought to know unless my consistent course on these questions, and the opposition ought to continue to defeat this nomination, for [illegible] sake, but not for mine. I get no favor from this administration.

Persevere in well doing

W. H. Peck

W. W. Wick

Indianapolis
Ind^a

Decr 22. 1857.

Relative to
nomination
before Senate
of Post Master

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Shelbyville Indiana
December 22nd 1857

Hon
Stephen A. Douglas

Will you do me the favor to send me a few copies of your late speech on the Kansas question, the more the better as I want them for distribution

Your obt. Servt.
E. M. Wilson

E. M. Wilson

Shelbyville Ind

Dec 22/57.

Wants a few ff yr Speeches

Balt. Dec. 22. 1857

Hon Stephen A Douglass

Dear Sir,

I have not yet had the pleasure of perusing your Speech on the Kansas Lecompton Constitutional Question as the paper which I take, "the Baltimore Sun" with all its pretension to impartiality in politics has arrayed itself in bigoted opposition to the people of Kansas' having any thing but the Lecompton Constitution placed before them & hence has not given us even an abstract of your remarks in the Senate on the Kansas Question.

Will you do me the favour to send me a copy of your Speech on the subject.

I trust that you will persevere in your opposition to the tyranny now attempted, of forcing that leprous mass of corruption the Lecompton Constitution upon the necks of an indignant and justly unwilling people. A Carolinian by birth and the most of my life by residence, and the son of a Carolinian the most of whose property is now in slaves, I do utterly abhor the attempt now making to commit the South to the manifest wrong of forcing upon Kansas a Constitution which her people neither made nor can in reality vote upon. I look upon it that

those who are engaged in persuading the people of the South to make it a point of honour to compel the people of Kansas to receive a Constitution which they loathe, are doing the South and indeed the whole Union an unspeakable injury, by committing them to the support of an act palpably at variance with the fundamental principles of justice. I have read Governor Walker's letter of resignation & must say that never in all my life have I perused an abler vindication of any man's political course. Its statements and arguments are to my mind conclusive and unanswerable.

Yrs. very respectfully
John R. Winslow
143 Biddle st
Baltimore

Baltimore, Md
Dec 22/57
Gov. R. J. Walker
Wants a copy of his speech, & approves his course.
Speech sent.

Princeton, Bureau Co. Ills. 22d Decr 1857.

Hon. S. A. Douglass

Respected Sir,

As democratic representatives in Congress, from the north part of our State are very scarce - and the democracy of the north part do chiefly all the hard work (for in the South part there is little necessity for exertion and no great sacrifice requisite to ensure victory, but it does as naturally result as day succeeds to night, therefore as the districts of the South part are well cared for, and attended to; the whole State and particularly the northern part should claim consideration and attention from our Senator. In view of this fact if you deem proper, occasionally, to transmit me a document, I shall be much obliged. Of our democratic representatives Hon. T. L. Harris, I believe, is the only one with whom I have a partial acquaintance; made while attending Circuit Court in Putnam Co, which is long since, and I presume he has forgotten me 'ere this.

The chords of the Kansas Instrument are yet being touched in the halls of the Capitol and vibrate in the ear of the Nation. The good people of the Southern States are the last to be benefitted by the establishment of precedent based on unfairness or bad faith, as it must eventually react to their detriment. Our President is certainly a sagacious man and profoundly versed in human nature - and, I never have taken any other view of his position (if such it can be termed) to refuse the people of Kansas a direct vote to accept or reject the constitution framed by the convention, than a desire on his part to doom to perpetual retirement the party of disunionists in the South. Your position is certainly founded on equity and good sense - and, it little imports you individually, as regards mere personal interest, what stand you occupy

on this controverted ground, for a State which has once determined to elevate and advance to position a citizen, will never have attention averted from the accomplishment of its object until they have attained through him the goal for which they toiled, and victory crowned the efforts. If I can form a proper opinion of the Presidents views on the question of requiring the people of Kansas to vote pro or con the constitution, I think he highly and heartily concurs in the views you have taken and the sentiments you expressed on the subject, for I opine he is a man of as strong anti slavery principles as our constitution and government would reasonably warrant. Hoping health and prosperity attends you and I may add (having seen that pair of boys) your family. I remain With esteem,

Very Truly Yours

H. M. Gray Learing

W. M. Fearing
Princeton
Ills
Dec 22/57.
Wants Doctr &c
Approves your Course

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