

CUSTOM HOUSE,
Warehouse Bureau,New-York, Dec 23^d 1857D Hall
Custom House
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Dec 23/57
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Dear Sir:

I have read your first speech in the Senate relative to Kansas affairs, and my admiration for its noble sentiments, its manly spirit and strength of argument, will not allow me to rest without an attempt to put it into the hands of some of my friends.

The masses of all parties are amazed at the suicidal attempt of the administration to subvert the very principle by whose force it came into power. —

I am a New Hampshire man, and I know enough of that people to pledge her, that if the administration "accounteth the covenant wherewith it was sanctified an unclean thing" they will have no part nor lot in the treasure. New Hampshire

will stand by the great principle of
popular sovereignty, till her solid
mountains sink into the sea. Any
betrayal of that cardinal policy will
doom us there and all through the North
to disruption and irrecoverable defeat.
We rely upon you to avert this disastrous
consummation. Stand firm! — the
spirit of civilization is with you — the
Press echoes your voice — the people
applaud you — and the Democracy of
the North will take care of you and your
cause. — I wish your speech
might have a universal circulation
and be read by every citizen of the land.
Your triumph would then be sure.

I desire you to direct me a package
of the same in franked envelopes, so
that I may direct them over to some
Democratic friends at home, where
I am confident they will do good

service for yourself, and for the
principles of government which you
advocate. ~~By~~ ^{Respecting} me any other
speeches of yours which may be printed
upon the same subject, you will
oblige me.

Very respectfully Yours

Daniel Hall

Hon. S. C. Douglas —

P. S. Please direct to me,
Warehouse Dept
Custom House
N. York

W. F. Hall
Marlington
Dec 22/57.
present

no

1704

Wednesday Morning
Dec. 23/57.

My dear Sir,

Do you remember the old
fashioned Vermont large cheese? I send you
a small piece, and I hope it will revive pleasant
recollections of your old home -

Very truly yours
W. F. Hall.

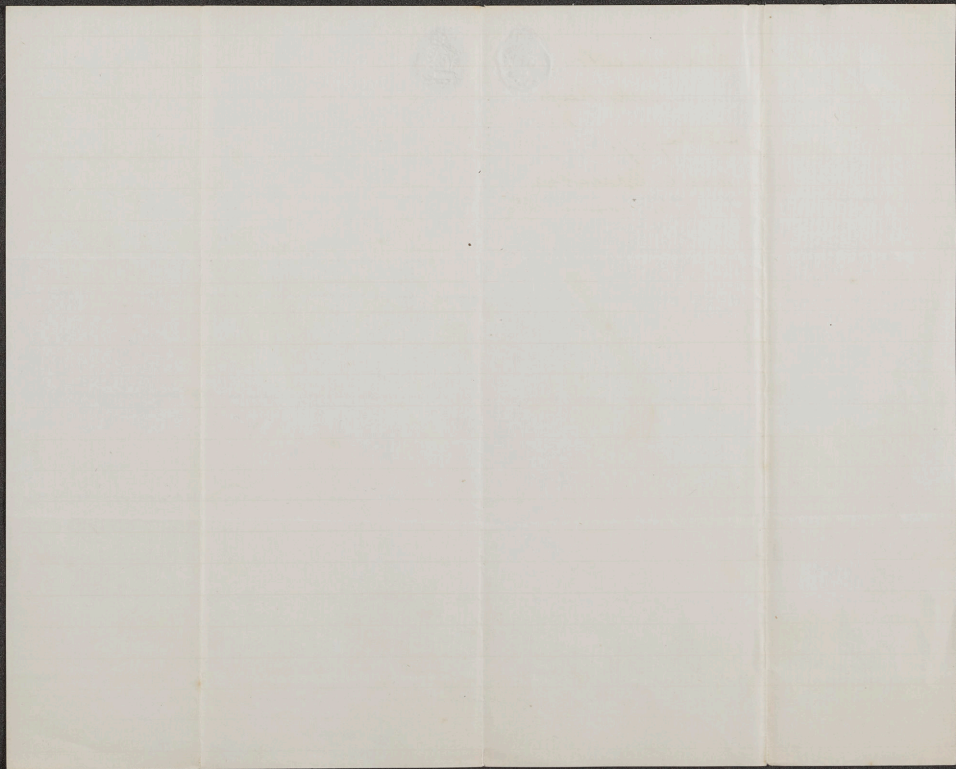
Hon. Senator Douglass.

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To Hamilton
Sucks Reef
my
23 Dec/57.
wants Speeches
is for you - w/800

Wm. A. Douglass
Mar. 23, 1857

Will you please
send me your printed speeches on the
Kansas question & the replies to the same &
also other speeches of importance which may
be made in the Senate during the present
Session if it is convenient for you to do so
without trespassing upon your time to much.
The course you are pursuing in the Kansas
question meets the approbation of all except
a few extremists who are looking after spoils
from the Administration but as a general thing
the whole mass of the people are with you
and will sustain you upon that important
question so permit me to say should you
remain firm in the position that you now
have taken in the campaign of 1860 if your
life & health should be at stake you should
carry the people North by a far greater majority
than any other President ever has done.

Yours Respectfully
Wm. Hamilton



17062

Free

Hon Stephen A Douglass M.C.

Washington

D. C.

Pack's Reefs }
Dec 23 }



Ed. Hull

Battle Creek,

Mich

Decr 23/57.

Say long to my wife

Ym. wants a Dody
a speech

1707

Battle Creek, Mich,

Dec, 23. Dec, 1857.

Hon. S. A. Douglass

Washington

D. C.

I am constantly traveling, through Mich, Ind, Ill, Ohio, and have been through all of these States, since the 14 of this month, as a young man of the Democratic School I am gratified to notice the unanimous feeling which every where pervades the Country, in relation to your great speech. Democrats & Republicans are every where satisfied its principles

Please excuse my ad-
dressing you. Should
you be pleased to for-
ward me a Pub. Doc.
or copy of a speech
at any time I shall
be thankfully received.

With great re-
spect I am Most

Truly
Oscar W. Hill
Detroit Mich.

Ed. Hook
+
A. Chambers
Muscatine
Iowa
Decr 28/57
Want 100 copies
of Speech

1708
Muscatine Dec 23^d 1857
New S. A. Hooper &
H. Allen }

Dear Sir
We beg leave to intrude upon your
deliberations for a moment, after
reading carefully your famous
Speech delivered in the U. S. Senate
on the 9th inst on that portion of
of the Presidents Message that relates
to the Kansas question believing as
we do that the doctrine advanced
there by your Honor will stand in
all time to come, we are therefore desiring
that more of our Democratic brethren,
differing honestly with us, in some
in some positions taken by you for want
of knowledge that your Speech should
be more generally read by that class
of Democrats that do not take

public Journals, we therefore began
to ask you to send us from Fifty
to One hundred copies of your
Speech, to show to the People that
they are perfectly competent and
have a right to regulate their own
Domestic Institutions as best suits
them, while acting under the
Constitution of the U.S., either
North or South of Mason & Dixon's
line it does seem to us that all
that is ^{now} wanting is that your sen-
timents as then set forth should
be generally known by the Popular
Minds of the People before their
minds become contaminated with
error, and if properly understood by
the people as set forth in your Speech
the doctrine of Popular Sovereignty will
be engraven indelibly on the minds
of the masses, we therefore make

this request in order to have your
Speech generally read by the
People

Yours Respectfully

Amos A. Stangor

Washington City

Edw. Hook
A. Chambers

Muscatine Iowa

Leicester. Dec 23^d 1847.

My dear Friend

The intimate and friendly intercourse which has so long existed between us, has made an impression upon my feelings, which neither time nor distance can ever efface. I often think of you, and shall continue to feel the truest interest in your welfare and prosperity. Your public career has been such as to command my warmest approbation, and our private relations have attracted me still more closely to you, and I presume so far as you are concerned, as to new ties, whilst so far removed from you, a few words of consolation and advice, which may be of some little service to you, in some of the many and varying aspects of your future political life. I assume in the beginning that you will long remain in public life, because first, I think you have some predilection that way, resulting however from your vigorous and ardent party principles and convictions than from any fondness for official places or distinction, and secondly, because your education in life, enables you to indulge your wishes in those of your State, without a sacrifice which others cannot so well make.

As a general remark I may say, you are blessed with a happy temper for a public man, and with a just appreciation of what is due to you oppositely, you are enabled to maintain your stern democracy in all its relations to men and measures, without appealing strong personal prejudices against you. This is a most essential qualification, for the ablest men and brightest prospects are often defeated by acts of mere indignation into which, a too ardent temperament sometimes is victims. You have already overcome the barriers which lie in the way of many, and instead of the hard and tortuous labor of winning a reputable position as a party man and a party leader, you have by one easy leap risen to a place of

much prominence. But with every step of your advance, you will find occasion for greater caution and vigilance, whether you look to the growing opposition and more serious opposition of your political adversaries, or to the growing jealousy of your own political friends. As a general rule, any unwarlike attempts at special conciliation, of difference thus springing from these causes, but under the bias, or at any rate diminish the chance of success. I firmly and rigidly adhere to your party principles, without turning to the right or to the left, to conciliate or offend any one, and looking steadily and always for a generous approval, to an enlightened public sentiment, rather than the fleeting and sometimes selfish applause of a particular man or set of men, will be found the safest guide. Indeed the man who speaks for the people is most likely to be heard with favor by them, and although the masses may sometimes be misled, having no motives to do a public man wrong, they will ~~be~~ open to reason, and are very ready to do him justice. In far as your own states are concerned, you will soon have an easy position as leader, and I trust you look alone to that, the path of duty will be plain and open. But, without intending to flatter you, ~~that any sincere friend~~ I hope or even see for saying, than out of your own state, you have friends who think that the time may come when the sphere of your usefulness may be greatly enlarged. I thank number I have been one, and have often so declared to many of my best friends. And your position in this point of view is not so entirely free from difficulty, but may I hope in the end, cause no impediment in your way. Upon the slavery question, confessedly the most delicate which touches the harmony and therefore the ascendancy of our party, is one which you have boldly taken a position which I earnestly hope you will be able to sustain in your own state. In my own opinion, the most ardent advocates and fanatics of the abolition cause, ought to pay without ceasing to open every road and outlet which looks toward Illinois, as affording the most certain

of not only practical retreat of the black race. Already the free States begin to feel the inc of that species of immigration and are seeking by legislation as much opposed to freedom as slavery itself, to draw back that compulsion on their own white labor. Suppose the Slave States were instantly changed into free States, would they not be at liberty to adopt the same defensive policy, and if so when ~~any~~ would the black find a place of refuge? But it is not my purpose to ^{any} ~~enter~~ into ^{any} ~~disquisitions~~ upon slavery in any of its relations or consequences, I alluded to it only incidentally. If you should be sustained in your own State upon the position you have taken, and if I quite certain you will be, then you will not be likely to suffer from elsewhere. ^{Wm}

Upon the Subject of national improvement, you have taken at least, known others may approach you a national policy of that question and sought both by your speech and very well as the hazard of local superiority to include all improvements which you did not consider of a purely national character, and could the power be thus articulated in practice, I would be swift of its cheap dangers. This question like many others, affecting ^{the} great and growing ~~a~~ country, may and probably will be settled at no distant day, and upon the principles of compromise which have so often come ^{up} to the rescue to save and bless our nation. But come what may, I pray you to stand by our constitution for whenever that is assailed, you will find the seat of danger, the seat of honor. The old golden rule is as sound in politics as it is in morals - 'honesty is the best policy', and taking this broad road from humble life to ~~attain~~ the highest aspirations of a noble and patriotic ambition it will be found to be the road of safety as well as duty.

I will not burden you again with any advice of my own, but you
might suppose I desire to ask your patience or good judgement. I do neither,
and my suggestions truly threw out at my own humble fire side, where my
children will read and learn in Barro Agua St Francisco de Paulo, in the

filthy city of Lisbon, with my kind remembrance to my dear wife, who sits close by kindly
singing and entering fully into all my sympathies and good wishes for you and for our
distant but happy land. I have often regretted my acceptance of this place for
the President with his best good will for me and as I am happy to believe the consent
divine to bestow upon me a situation which he believed to be a desirable one, was
as much consolation as I have been disappointed in the advantages and comforts
of the situation. I cannot picture to you the filthy streets of Lisbon, nor the more
appalling and disgusting scenes which every where attract the attention and
annoy them who walk or ride through the streets. My own door is seldom free from
beggars, from infancy to tottering old age they come and beg and pray, not for
money only, but any thing, which can feed and sustain famishing nature. To turn
a deaf ear to them is impossible, for their groans, prayers and lamentations will
reach your, and a humane being will never shut his God, despite from starvation
at the foot steps of one on whom divine stands an American coat of arms. Soon
that such a thing should occur in my line, will return a beggar to a free
and happy land. The expenses of living here, are much greater than the
President supposed and more than I anticipated. In this ancient capital once
wealthy and opulent, and the place of European intrigue in diplomacy,
rigid ideas of a legation still prevail, and then augment the expenses of such
a situation - Every gentleman and charge, with or without a family, are obliged
to keep houses and a train of servants, and a carriage, without which he is
practically excluded from his own proper circle and host of all influences
as well as positions. I do not desire to remain abroad long, and will not do
so. But I confess to you, it would be a bad end, if the President would in the
spring transfer me to some other situation, at Turin or Naples. I have heard
that Mr. McCliffé would return home from Turin, and the place at Naples
is now vacant. Either would be in the line of promotion, and in that conform
to the long settled European policy and rule in such appointments. I may
over-estimate my own claims and the consideration which in fourteen years
of public life I have earned, but I do flatter myself that such a distinction would

not with force, not only by my domestic countrymen, but by a large number of
whig friends with whom I have long associated in public and private life. I need
not disguise from you the fact that my long continuance in public life, which I intend
ignoring and without means, has occasioned sacrifices, which such a transfer would
cost much to make. I know you particularly for me, and your readiness to lend me
all your influence and all your aid, but I know also, how difficult it is to
overcome the obstacles which may lie in your way. In the President's entire and
cordial good will for me, I have the fullest confidence, and no advantage of
such a change or promotion could induce me to appeal to him. But because
I know how he is harassed and oppressed by more important public cares
which so constantly engage and engross his time and concern, and secondly
because he might think, that I was disposed to give him trouble, and was consequently
dissatisfied. I remember his attitude of this situation, and how earnestly he
desired me to accept it, at the time he informed me it was intended for my
acceptance. Now I say of you, should you ever give feelings and
particularities for me induce you to make any effort of the kind, to relieve me as
far as you can from any ~~apprehensions~~ misapprehension and unfriendly feeling
in any quarter. I flatter myself that Mr. Walter Secretary of the Treasury
and And. Daves of the Senate, and Geo. M. Mason of the Senate, would cordially
write with you, if you deemed that necessary. But if you cannot accomplish
it, then I confess that I think their co-operation would hardly be necessary.
If I am retained here till next summer, then the troubled state of public affairs
would keep me here till the Presidential election, at this time could not
be left vacant, and at that late period of the administration, the President
would not like either to grant leave to go home, or make a new appoint-
ment. If I could go to Quinn in the Spring, then both Wickliffe and
myself might be at home in time for the Presidential contest, as a vacancy
at that place need not be filled before the new administration could come
in. But with all my own anxieties about this matter, I will not

lament you longer with it, and will soon change ^{the subject}. I should be most happy
to hear from you if you should find a leisure moment which you could
turn as profitable to me.

I hope that you will remember me kindly to all, to Miss
bel quite, to Col. Warren, Hunter, ~~Miss~~ Davis and Sisters of the Seminary
and also to under with me in kind regard for you and yours and for our
old friends Mr. & Mrs. Reed, Mr. Hamilton and Mary Lewis and to Miss Mary
McDaniel and her mother.

I am Sir,

Very sincerely, your friend

W. W. Johnson



Monmouth Illinois

December 23, 1857

Hon, Stephen A Douglass

U. S. Senator

Dear Sir,

It is hardly necessary for me to say that the Democracy of Illinois is delighted with the position you have taken on the Kansas Question, for all men here of sound mind heartily approve the position taken by you in your speech of the 9th instant & feel that not only the interests of Illinois but of the entire nation is safe in your hands -

I notice in the Public Journals and letters from Washington, that the Bankers & Brokers of New York City are clamorous for the issue of Twenty Millions of dollars in Treasury notes bearing 3 to 6 per cent interest per annum this may be right, but having watched with some care the operations of Banks & Bankers and the periodical pecuniary distresses in this Country for more than thirty years I am satisfied that the General Government should furnish a reliable currency & that U. S. Coin & Treasury notes only are constitutional

(Over)

that Treasury notes should not draw
interest, for if they do, they will be hoarded
up by Bankers & others and worthless
Bank notes circulated in their stead
when the people need Treasury notes
for transmission instead of paying 5 & 10%
to Banks & Brokers for drafts which may
or may not be good for ten days; Why this
should continue to be so I do not understand,
when the General Government can issue
Treasury Notes for \$5, 10, 20, 50, 100, 500 dollars each,
for all Government disbursements in lieu of
or for Coin deposited with a Sub-Treasurer
& being receivable for all Government dues
Land, Duties &c they & American Coin would
gradually take the place of the paper money
now in circulation - Each denomination
of note should be on different sized paper
to prevent changing those of a low to a
higher denomination & carefully guarded
against being counterfeited - I doubt
not you will give the matter due consider-
-ation when it shall be discussed in the
Senate & cause such measures to be taken
as will improve the currency & guard against
the frequent recurrence of such pecuniary
embarrassments as we are now suffering
for want of a sound currency - Yours, respectfully
Jacob H. Holt

Jacob H. Holt

Monmouth Ills
Dec 23/57
Approves of your Course
makes good suggestions
about use of Treas & notes

J. C. Grover Oct 20
Simsbury Ind
Decr 23, 1837
Waver Contribution to the
Library there

Dear Sir

1710

Wm
Simsbury College
Dec 23. 37
Mr. J. C. Grover
Dear Sir.

I, in too hurry and
anxiety of important Commis-
sions you receive a few lines from an
unlucky friend. I trust they will be recd.
with great kindness and forbearance for
which you are so remarkable in the West.

To be brief - My object in correspond-
ing on your time is this -

Our College spends a few years ago
with its resources, some time which our
Community exclusively possessed - and
though perhaps sufficient for the Country at
the time - viz. certainly not very flattering
knowing that much good may be

Appeal by you in your official capacity
by donations to Librarians &c. &c. I
presume to address you on the
present occasion.

Our facilities for increasing knowledge
and securing valuable contributions are
not such as our Eastern friends possess;
and for this reason, any addition to our
stock will be the more thankfully received
and gratefully acknowledged.

While these suggestions meet your
kind approval, you will confer a
favor on this Community, but especially
on

Your humble servant

J. C. Jarboe & Co.
President &c.

Wm. C. Douglas - M.D.

Ogdunthugh Jan 23/57
 Hon J. A. Douglas,
 Dear Sir,

Will you
 do me the favor to
 allow me to receive
 one of your recent
 Speeches in pamphlet
 form so that I have
 it in a convenient shop
 & know what it is,
 & Much oblige
 Your obt Serv
 R. W. Judson

RW Ludon

Agtenburg

my
Decr 23/57.

Wm. Speck



Meriden Dec 23^d / 57

Dear Sir

I take the liberty to
write and request you, to send half a
dozen copies, of your last great speech
The sentiment of which I greatly admire
Yours Truly

Edward G. Savitt.

P.S.

Please direct E. G. Savitt
Meriden N.H. P.O. 78.

E. C. Leavitt

Mendon N H

Decr 23/57.

Wants 6 of yr Speeches

Balto. Dec^r 23rd 1857

Hon S.A. Douglas

Dear Sir

you will oblige me very much
if you be so kind as to send me your speech on Kansas
or any of your debates }

Your friend

Thomas M^r Lane
263 Balto St^h
Baltimore

Thos McCann

No 263 Battle Street

Baltimore

Dec 23/57.

Wants Speech

Joel M. Colburn
Hilldale
Mich
Decr 23/54.
Commends the speech
& wants a copy

1719
Hilldale Mich. Dec 23/54

Senator Douglass:-

Dear Sir:-

I have read, with great interest, your late speech, upon Kansas affairs, as published in the Newspapers.

The Democratic party, in this state - I know not of a single exception - concur fully with the views you present, and I cannot doubt but that they will prevail.

I understand said speech has been published, in pamphlet form, and as I deem to have said speech it, in a form, convenient, for present use, as well as future reference, I will be greatly obliged if you will send me a copy.

Yours very truly

Joel M. Colburn

1844
The first of the
month of
the year
of the
month of
the year

1844

1715
Literary Adelphei

Society
C. H. McCreary

Ann Arbor

Mich
28 Dec '57

Notice of your being made
a member.

Sent

Hall of the Literary Adelphei
University of Michigan
Ann Arbor Dec 28th 1857

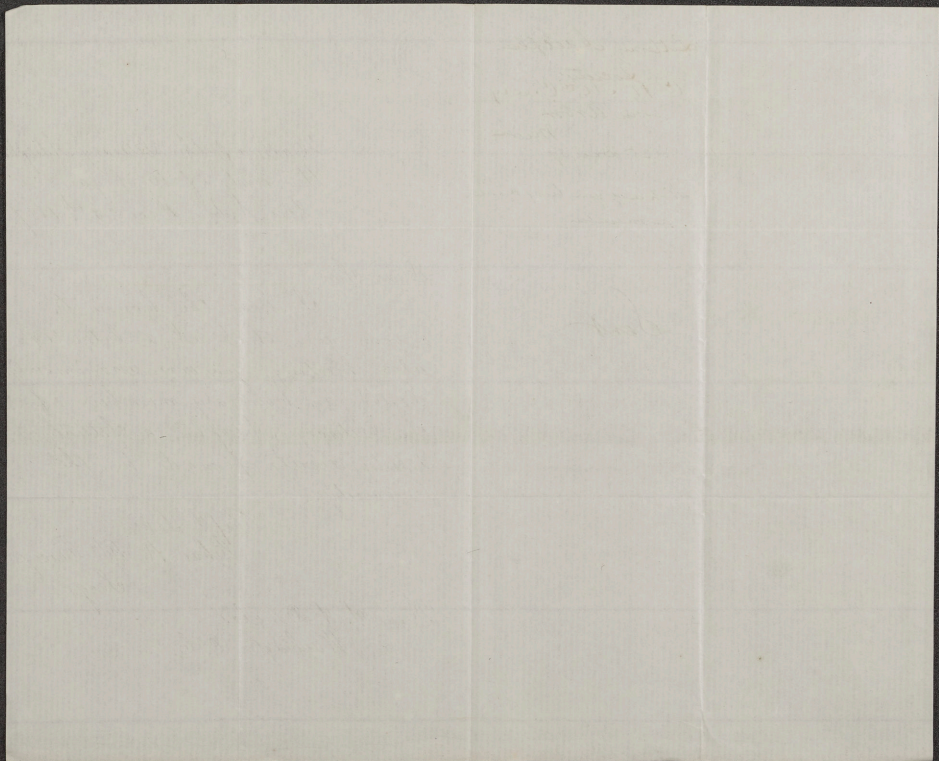
Dear Sir.

I have the honor to
inform you, that at a late reg-
ular meeting, you was unanimously
elected an honorary member of
the "Literary Adelphei", a Literary
Society recently formed in the
University.

Respy Yours

Chas. H. McCreary
Secy.

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



Hon. S. A. Douglass

Sir: Being about to publish a paper intended to fill the void occasioned by the disease of the Times National Register, and having had my attention drawn to the fact that there was no recognised organ of that Branch of Democracy, of which you are the acknowledged head, published here, It has been suggested that it might be well for me to address you, and learn of your feelings in regard to the establishment of such organ. And, to what extent you would be willing to assist for the furtherance of the design

If the project meets with your favor, please address me, through Doar, at your earliest convenience

Washington, Dec 23/57

Yours Truly
Chas. F. McLean

Wm. F. M. Seaw

Washington City

Dec^r 23/57

Aloute to publish
a paper here, wants
to be began

Private

Davenport Dec 23^d 1854

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Wm S A Douglas

Dear Sir

I have just scribbled

*four pages on a small sheet which I hope
when you have leisure you will read and
if my crude ideas are worth any thing in
your estimation you can submit them
to some able friends who may mature
some course of action that will ^{be} product-
ive of results that ^{may} largely strengthen
the Democracy and most probably
put you in the position where I
firmly believe a large majority of the
democracy of the Country desire to see
you. I am no diplomatist and I hope
my fr^s who have known me from boyhood
will give me the credit of opposing all
kinds of dishonourable trickery in
either Business or Politics. This matter
in dispute is really a small matter
magnified. and it is the general imp-
ression out here that it can will

and ought to be reconciled soon

The democracy have respect for Mr Buchanan his long years of use-
ful service his general good charac-
ter and his position (now seeking
no further political favour) gives
him a strong hold on the democ-
racy of the Union Therefore it is
well to conciliate him

Gov Bigler has been politically
raised (in great part) by Mr Bu-
chanan is a greatful man not
an old debater and I know was
and hope will be your friend
and has the confidence of the
democracy generally Therefore
even if he was a little in wr
should command the aimiable
consideration of old Senators

I have no doubt that your ground
regarding the submission of that
^{whole} constitution will be sustained
by the Democracy of the Union

and ~~we~~ I believe the friends generally
of the President regrets that he did
not advocate that course in his
Message He came so near it that
it could not have required much
influence to induce him to have
done it That was the time and
the place to have had a little
family quarrel The wrong was
in Friends making a war amongst
themselves openly when surrounded
by Enemies The perpetuation of
democratic rule of our Government
is a matter of such very high impor-
tance that any and every great States
man should be willing to make some
sacrifice to sustain it The many years
of personal acquaintance that I have
had with Mr Buchanan ^{with} Mr Bigler
~~and~~ ^{with} the knowledge I have of their
natural aimiability induces me
to hope that we and a few dis-
graced ^{fr} may soon arrange matters

\$o. that the democracy will be again
"right side up with care" and swim
victoriously through the Campaign
of 1860 - It is ^a laudable custom

since the foundation of Christianity
to settle disputes about this time
of the year amicably Indeed it is
a Christian duty to sanctify the
"Holy days" Reconciliation Therefore
I hope and pray religiously and
politically that Reconciliation
may be procured and that you
may be all better warmer and
more active friends than you
were before the "flare up"

Please present my kind regards
to my old fr^d Gen^l Geo^d Jones and
say to him that it surprises me
that I have not rec^d a letter from
him lately. With high regard
yours truly

James May

\$5

I have submitted my 4 pages to 3 demo-
cratic Editors & 4 intelligent active politicians
since I wrote it Every one of whom concurred
in every sentence Two of the Editors said Mr
Douglas would only read that carefully it
would do more good than 50 Newspaper Editorials
Many of your friends would like you to Conciliate

Davenport Decr 23rd 1857
 Hon Stephen A Douglas
 Dear Sir

I have the past few weeks been pained to see the course taken by our prominent experienced and leading Democrats regarding what seems to be the most prominent and almost only objection offered to the policy recommended by our Chief Magistrate in his 1st Message. I have the presumption (or audacity if you please to call it so) to claim that I am as old and will intentionally be a democrat as most of you.

But do not presume to be near as well informed.

I am nevertheless fully convinced that in the late controversy you prominent men are all wrong.

It is my humble opinion that the whole misunderstanding could have been settled amicably and privately.

I am an old enough democrat to know that you enjoyed the personal and political confidence and high regard for many years past of Hon^{ble} & President Buchanan Gov^r Bigler & hosts of their personal and political friends. I happen to know too that a large number of the prominent men who are their warm and enthusiastic

Supporters ~~and~~ (when I talked with them on many occasions not only in Pa but in several States of the Union since the Election) ^{& those who intend to be} your warm supporters in the coming contest.

Now my friend I hope you will excuse me for the expression of my humble sentiments on this highly important matter. I say I feel deep interest for the success and perpetuation of democratic Rule over Government and consequently in the popularity of our present and prospective Rulers. As I said before I think you were all wrong.

I believe The President yourself Gov. Bigler & a few intelligent Friends could have amicably settled the whole matter in concert with my old acquaintance Gov. Walker so that the world would have known but little about the difference of opinion between you & me. In my humble opinion there was a point where an exercise of judicious Diplomacy was not only commendable but in justice to the common weal demanded from every prominent Statesman in this Union.

The storm that has arisen is so far very gratifying to the bitter enemies of Democracy and humiliating to the Democracy.

Therefore the whole of the reliable democracy of the Union

will be delighted to see an honorable and satisfactory reconciliation. This certainly can be procured and it is certainly the duty of every honest and intelligent democrat to contribute his mite to procure such Reconciliation.

I have talked with a large number of your warm friends who are active and influential in your & many other States and have not met one that did not regret the "difference" nor one that did not seem anxious to see Reconciliation procured.

I believe you know I have been (the past twenty years) the friend and supporter of Hon. James Buchanan. I have been as Mr. Buchanan was the supporter of Hon. Mr. Bigler since he entered the political arena. I was forty six years of my life a resident of Pittsburgh Pa.

I have since my boyhood done what little I could to sustain democratic measures and candidates but never worked for private interest nor do I intend to do so in future.

I feel now extremely anxious to see the whole Democracy combined and am free to say that I feel also anxious to

See the Puma democracy in his
"Key Stone" position

I have the presumption to
believe that my experience is
great enough to teach me the
fact that "The democracy of
the Country is acting injudici-
ously in any course that
will divide or disregard the
democracy of the "Key Stone
State"! Indeed it is my humble
opinion that this is ^{the} time to
look too and act on the Motto
"United we conquer &c!"

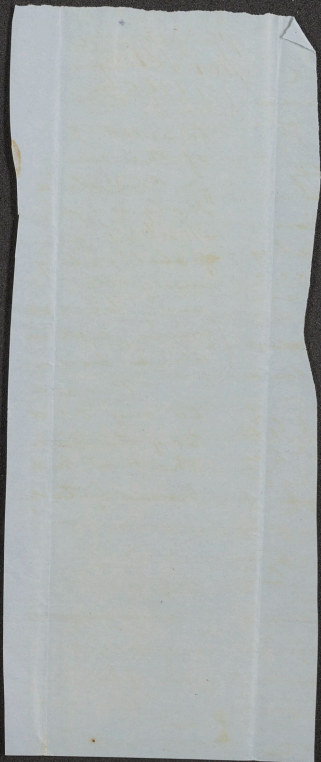
I have seen some cases when
there were important questions
between prominent Statesmen
where both willingly submitted
to the decisions of Selected
Friends Would it not be wis-
honourable politic and proper
that discrete Friends be amicably
chosen with power to make
a judicious reconciliation
soon? I can assure you I did
not presume to tender my humble
advice in this matter until I had
consulted a large number of States-
men Editors & active intelligent
politicians all of whom coin-
cided with the views I have
given you your sincere friend
James May

Jas May
Havenport, Iowa
Decr 23. 1857

Political

("Private")

no



W. A. Mitchell
 Lebanon Ill.
 Dec^r 23/57.
 Wants Docs

Copying Speech
 50 Speeches sent

Lebanon, Ill. Dec 23. '57.

Hon. Stephen A. Douglas,

Dear Sir:-

Taking great
 interest in political and
 Congressional matters, I
 would like you to send
 me some documents occasion-
 ally. Senator Sumner is
 altogether one-sided, in
 the distribution of his favors.
 I would like to have some
 extra copies of your speech
 for distribution in West.
 your friend although
 almost a stranger.

Lebanon
 J. C. Davis Co.
 Ill.

Yours
 W. A. Mitchell



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Castleton Vermont
(Attend Co Dec 23. 1850)

To Hon S. A. Douglass,
Senator

Sir being an admirer of the
views as expressed by you many occasions in an
out of Congress I have taken the liberty to write
you requesting you to find public speakers of the
democracy on subject which is indicated the debates in
Congress to the falling names given below, as the
delegation in Congress from our state is a unit on
one side, we do not expect any thing from them
by far to us you will greatly oblige

Moses Lashman E. R. Mansfield
C. E. Sherman P. W. Apple
J. A. Hamilton A. W. Apple
Hiram Billings F. A. Apple all who will circulated
to all of the faithful of the democratic party
Very Respt
C. Moulton

Carlleton

Carlleton

Dec 23/54.

name for Speeches

Jas. B. Olney
Battonue
Decr 23/57. NY
wants Speeches on Kansas
question

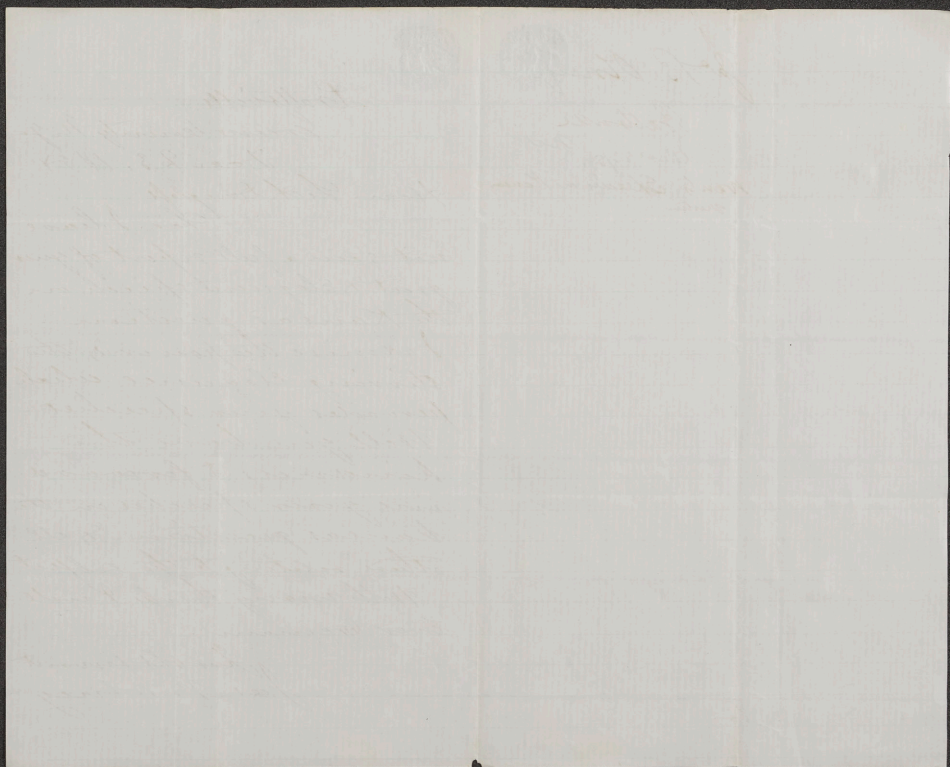
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Prattsville
Greene County N. Y.
Decr 23. 1857

Hon. L. A. Douglass.

Sir, I have
not seen a full report of your
great & Eloquent speech on
the Kansas question -
I admire the power & the
stirring eloquence which
pervades your speeches -
Will you have the
kindness to forward
me your speeches on the
Kansas question - & all
others relating to the subject
With many thanks I will
ever remain

Your Obedt Servant
Jas. B. Olney



Galusha Parson
Buffalo ny
23 Dec 57
wants the speech

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Buffalo Dec 23/57

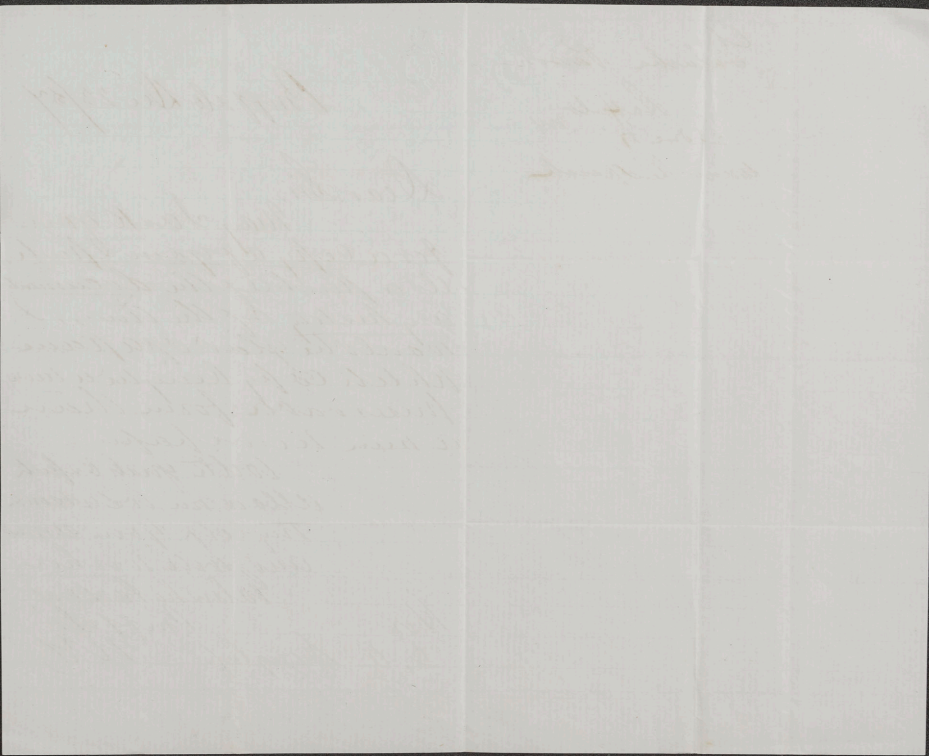
Dear Sir,

May I ask you
for a copy of your Speech,
As a part of the document
any history of the times, I
would be glad of a pam-
phlet copy being a more
preservable form than
a run newspaper -

With great respect
allow me to subscribe
myself your servant
and will wisher

Galusha Parson
Buffalo

Hon
S. A. Douglass N.Y.



Cin. O. Dec. 23. 1857.

Wm S. A Douglass:

Sir:

Allow me to assure you - as an old friend - that in the honest & manly stand you have made against the Secession Constitution, you are carrying with you the noblest best minds & noblest hearts of our Country. By principle an Anti-slavery man, I have to restrain that evil institution, been acting with the Republicans.

They have however from the beginning had too little principle & too much Expediency. too little ~~more~~ open frank Morality & too much mere Geography. I had exceedingly feared that your prejudices might carry you too far against our Eastern Free State men in Kansas, who so bitterly opposed your Bill for the organization of that Territory. But now I greatly rejoice, as the test has come to see you so humbly adhere to your original principle & protect under it even your political Enemies. Be assured Sir - that in no wise shall you in this great service lose your well earned reward. To quite an extent do I mingle with our Sovereigns. In the Service of the Gospel &

in my old Church, & in the conduct
of a Religious sheet in Ohio & I have ac-
cused to travel. For at least a week past,
your stand has been the general theme
of remark in almost every Co. and
in no single instance have I heard
it condemned. All say you are right
& defend the right nobly. I arrived
on a Packet just leaving the City, for
Potsville, & a Gentleman from the
Ky Legislature is among our passen-
gers. He says that Democrats South
as well as North, know that your
cause is the only one, which could
have saved the Party. The Eminence
on which you now stand Sir, is worthy
for above, that on which our mistaken Ex-
ecutive occupies -

But I had not designed
writing so much. Next week I intend
noticing your Manly Cause in my
Journal & may send you the paper.
Your Lady - if Mr Benton will allow me
the term - may find time - not at your
disposal - to run over my remarks -

I am Sir as ever your friend & servant

Thos A Douglass

W. Perkins
Care of,

P.S. You remember my practice me at
the Bar in Ills. when you was judge.
Thos P.

W Perkins

Cincinnati

Dec^r 23/57 (an extract)

Enclosures - the people
are asking you. Mr. Reed
you his paper containing his
views which Mr. D. must read

W

Greenland N.Y. Dec 23/37

Hon. Mr. Douglass

Sir

Will you please me
by mailing me a copy of your late speech on
the "Kansas Question" together with your auto-
graph. I should esteem it a great favor since
I have not been able to get a copy in this section
of the country. And having a strong desire to in-
vestigate the position which he takes. Who is
confessedly now at the head and monarch the
favorite of the liberal party - the Northern dis-
-cracy - that would see "Astruc". the fabled god-
dess of Justice. over more and more dwell in
our Christianized country. Well knowing that a man
in your position must be continually troubled with
such letters as this - letters for speeches, letters for
autographs &c - yet hoping that you may return the
favor I ask, I have thus written to you. —

Yours with Respect
Chas. W. Pickering

Hon. J. A. Douglass A. S. S. —

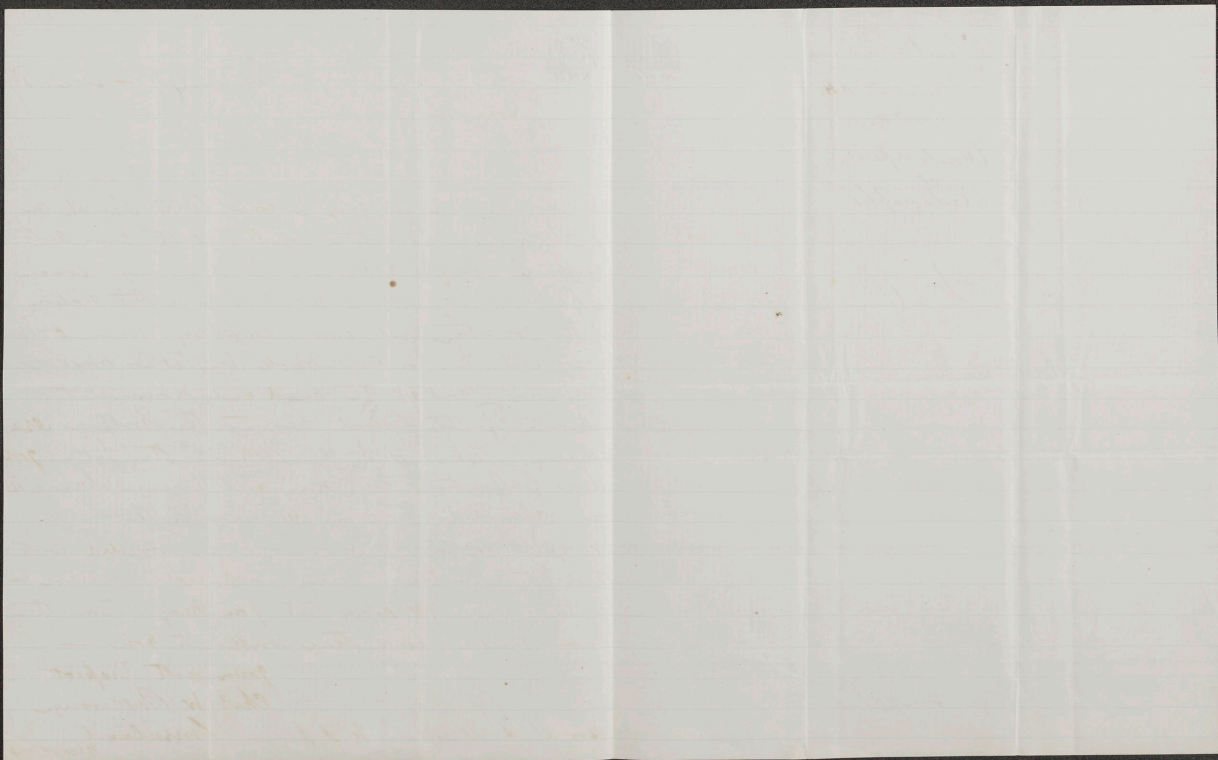
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New York

Chas W. Fishering
Greenland, N.H.

Dec^r 23/57,

Wants Speech
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Autographic.

Prof Janz 11/58



Washington, 23^d Dec^r 1857.

Dear Sir,

Permit me to waive apologies and ceremony, and confess that I write this because I cannot help it. I cannot see right and justice defended against the assaults of great odds, and stand a silent witness of the scene, when it excites in my mind the profoundest sentiments of admiration and respect for the brave champion. Need I be more explicit, and say that I refer to your adherence to, and defence of, the doctrine of popular sovereignty as embodied in the Kansas Nebraska Act.

Y^{rs}

It does not strike me as a singular act in your public career that you should take the stand you hold on this subject. (in fact, it is ^{to me} a gratifying circumstance that I confidently predicted your course in this matter, in conversation with a warm personal friend of yours, who disagreed with me;) but it does strike me as very strange indeed, that any member of the party, which has held so fast to principles of which the one involved is the very cornerstone, should by implication even, sanction, much less by violent efforts, seek to procure, its abandonment. How a candid mind can reject the deductions of your arguments, or how a great mind can acquiesce in the action of a convention which arrogates to itself,

in the face of the specific provision of the organic act, legislative functions, - taking from the people the right, which, by the terms of that provision, rests only with the people, is too deep an enigma for my solving.

If I were to write all that occurs to me on this fruitful subject, I might tire your patience, or consume your time, which we all see is valuable; and I will accordingly close; begging your acceptance of my good wishes for your success in vindicating those principles on which is founded the American nationality.

I have the honor to be

The Honorable
Stephen A. Douglas,
Senate

Very respectfully Yours
H. D. Pratt

H. H. Pratto
Washington City
Decr 23/57.

Complimentary,

✓

SATIN

Middlebury Vt. Dec. 23. 1857

Hon. Stephen A. Douglass,

I am a humble citizen of Vermont & reside at West Brattleboro', but travel on business thro' the State. I desired to say to you that there is but one feeling here as to your course in sustaining the "Squatter Sovereignty principle". It is that of unqualified admiration.

In conversation with Lieut Gov. Shad this evening - a fact was stated which interested me. A citizen of this village Phillip Battell Esq. who is now feared a madist & wealthy man - with whom I took tea this evening - is said to have watched over & nursed you at a Hotel in Cincinnati many years ago when your life was despaired of - & to have been the means of saving from death the man who now, above all others, stands before the American people as the champion of true Democracy. Mr. B. has not been spoken with on this matter, but some testimonial to him from you in your wealth & prosperity is suggested by a passing friend.

Your humble servant
D. H. Ranney. -

21/11/57
D R Ramey
Meadlebury

✓
Hear 23/57
Everybody is with you
Read the 2^o paragraph

✓
Sent

Louisville Ky Dec 28/07
Hon S. A. Douglass

Dear Sir

Will it be asking
too much of you, to forward me your
discussion of the Kansas question this
past Session. I feel great interest
in the matter, & can not get your
speeches pure & entire. If convenient
I would also like to see what Tappan
has to say, though I must acknowledge
I look upon your position as undisputed
it, as being perfectly sound & impregnable.

Very Respectfully

W. Richardson

Please address to
W. Richardson
care M. A. F. }

W Richardson
Louisville Ky
Dec. 22/54
appears. Sawant-gons
Echeads, H Bignier.

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Boston Dec 23/53.

Dear Sir

Will you be so
kind as to send me a
couple of copies of your Speech
delivered on the 9th of this
month

Yours Truly

~~Wm E Rust~~

Wm E Rust.

Hon S A Douglas
Washington

Wm. C. Rust

23 6/57. Boston

Wants 2 boxes of ym.

Speed 7 9th. and

Junius Schuch,

Chicago Daily Journal.

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Matteawan
New York Dec 28

Hon. S. A. Douglas

Sir

Having taken a great
interest in the stand you have taken I wish
you would forward me copies of your late
speeches and any that may be forthcoming.
For two years past I have been a
resident of Chicago and was connected
with the Chicago Journal in the business
department I remain

Yours Respectfully

Samuel Church

Janus Schmet

Mullerian

Mullerian

Dec 25/57.

Wanted Copies of your books
as you make them -

Sent

Olatown Maine
Decr. 23rd. 1857.

My dear Sir

Having been somewhat warmly interested in advocating the principles of the Kansas bill, in this State, and feeling an interest in your personal political success as its author, I trust you will excuse me for expressing the gratification we feel in Maine at the bold, manly, and honest position you have taken in the Senate on the Secession Amendment. I have been over a considerable portion of this State since your Speech of Decr 9th was rec^d, and am happy to find there is but one sentiment in our party in relation to its subject matter — unqualified approval. You had done more in that speech to put the Democratic party afloat in Maine, than has been accomplished since we went under two years ago. — Don't give back an inch — Rely upon it the whole party here is with you.

I say the whole, or do not regard the feeble organization Mr Clifford has imposed upon the President for the purpose of holding this State in the next National Convention, as of any importance.

They are against you, but the whole free animated cannot control the meanest town in Maine.

John Appleton still manages the Eastern
Argus. — The P.M. and Collector of Bangor with
our Rev. Biggin whom you may have seen
at Washington, own the Bangor Democrat
and Union, and the Collector of Belfast the
New Rep. These papers are not much, but
do not assail you — Their position among
their subscribers, is as well understood as that
of "the ox who kneels his owner". We will preach
a crusade on them if they attack you.

Now do not be deceived by any representations
of those from this State, who are gathering at
Washington for place or confirmation.

Seen apart you Mr. Buchanan will
find more men there who will sustain his
present position, from Maine than in it.

I am

Very respectfully
Your most Obedt
G. P. Sewall

Hon. S. A. Douglas.

Dear Sir

Washington

D.C.

Geo. P. Lurwell

Old Town

Maine
Dec 23/57.

That state is for you

"Don't back down now"

Clifford has imposed upon the Pres.

Appleton calls the Argos

the official organ of Curtis

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Sent

John Short Pm
Bristol Ill
Dec 23/57.
name for each

Sent,

1730

Bristol Wendell Minn's Dec 23/57

Hon. S. A. Douglas

Dear Sir

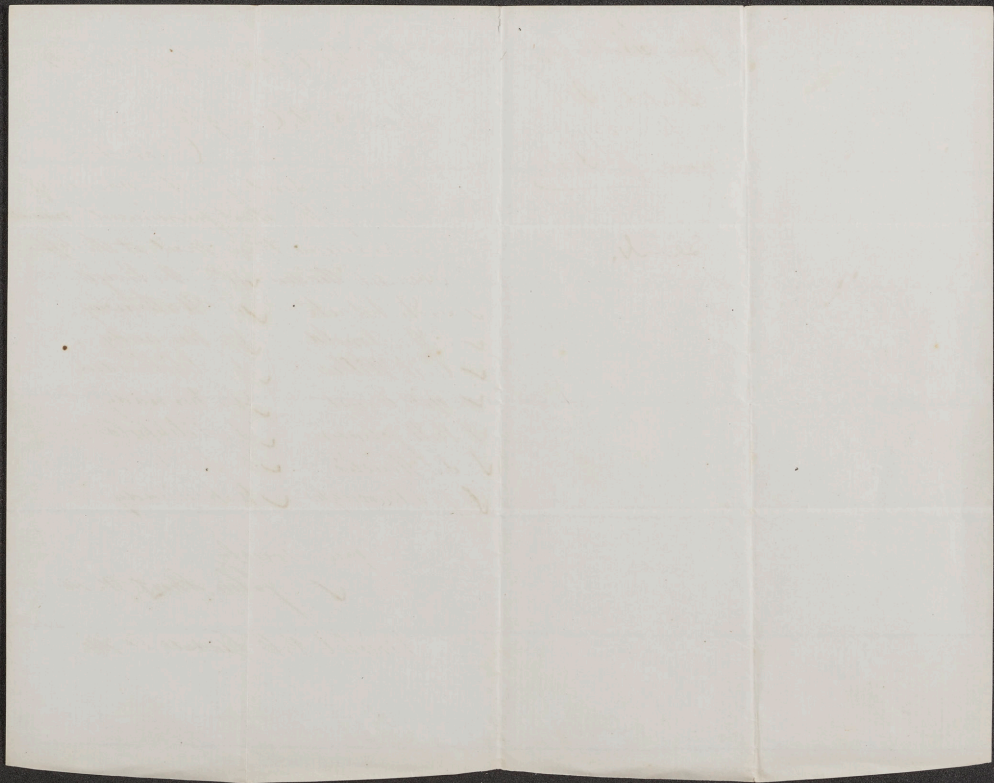
Enclosed I send you the names of
Some of the most prominent Democrats
who receive their mail at this office

✓ Eben Chittenden	Wm. D. Boye
✓ E. D. Black	W. Hathaway
✓ C. R. Arnold	G. Kennedy
✓ C. W. Wittes	L. Chittenden
✓ Geo. Ernst	D. Kennedy
✓ B. H. Johnson	A. Litchfield
✓ S. Thaxter	C. Ball
✓ J. S. Burroughs	G. Kennedy

Yours Truly

✓ John Short P. M.

Bristol P. C. Wendell Co Mo



Stockton Dec 23^d 1857

Hon Mr Douglas,

I would thank
You for a copy of your Speech
delivered in the United States
Senate Dec 8th on the consideration
of the motion to print the
Presidents message & accompa-
nying documents, also please
forward me with your Speech on
Kansas. Address. Charles W.
Stickney, Stockton, N. Jersey

I remain Yours &c,

C. W. Stickney
202

Charles Stickney
Stockton N.J.
Decr 20/56
Wants Speech,

C. A. Sturtevant
Exeter
N.H.
Dec 23/57
for Autograph

Ans^d

Exeter Dec 23^d 1857

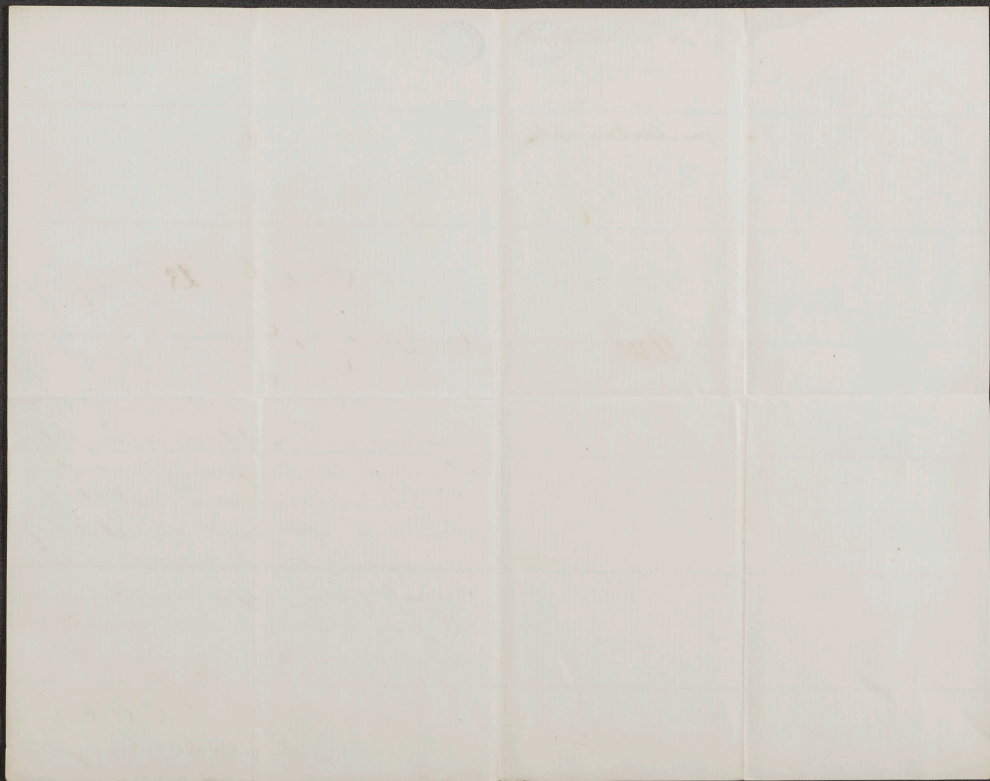
Hon Stephen A Douglass
Dear Sir

I of course feel
a delicacy in addressing an entire
stranger, and especially so dis-
tinguished a man, but the
desire of obtaining your Autograph
overcame the hesitation which
I naturally experienced.
Hoping that you will grant the
request, and oblige

Respectfully

C. A. Sturtevant

Exeter New Hampshire



Office Harrisburg Democrat,
Harrisburg, Dec. 23d, 1854. }

Hon. Stephen A. Douglas,

Dear friend!—Your course on the Kansas question meets my hearty approval, in fact, it is the only course you or any other Democrat can consistently take. I am sure to see that the bloodhounds of the administration are set upon you, and foremost amongst them is, as might be expected from his general character, our poor weak minded ever charging Billy Bigler. His former friends here pity his weakness, and his efforts to answer you, reminds me very forcibly of a dog barking at the moon. Between us, Judge, Billy Bigler is as contemptible and impudently a thump as can be found in the whole Union. He was even afraid to allow the Convention which nominated him the second time for Governor to express itself in favor of the Kansas-Nebraska Bill; he avoided the question during the entire Campaign, which principally lead to his ignominious defeat. His whole aim and desire is to procure offices and patronage from the powers that be, either for himself or some relation. He has never been known to render a favor to any one, no matter how well and efficiently he may have served him, if he is not related to him. This very course has made him so unpopular here that the dogs in the street would scarcely pick on him. But we are compelled to

just now, to come to no open break with him, as Mr. Buchanan has forced upon us a man for Postmaster, whom we are determined to have rejected in the Senate, if it possibly can be done; and in order to affect this, it is necessary that we have our Senators with us. When that question comes up in the Senate I hope you will do your friends the favor to vote against the confirmation of Geo. W. Foster as Postmaster of Hapsburg. The entire democratic press and party in this city and country are hostile to him.

I rejoice to be able to inform you, that every democrat to whom I have spoken upon the subject, heartily approves your noble stand upon the Kansas question. It is possible that a few are among us who side with the President, but if there are such, they are persons who seek favors from the Administration, and their opinion therefore is neither honest nor worth anything. I am glad to see that the "New Yorker Staats-Zeitung," the most influential German paper in the Union, is manfully defending you.

Sometime during the last summer I addressed a note to you at Chicago, in which I showed that the President was opposed to you and that he was endeavoring to place Mr. Cobb on the track as his successor. Did you receive that note or was it stolen out of the Postoffice here? Will you have the kindness to answer me this question?

Excuse my haste and impetuosity and believe me to be
Yours truly, Geo. T. Weaver.

Office, Harrisburg
Pennsylvania
Harrisburg, Pa.
Dec 24/54.
Geo. H. Webb.

Sent by
Special.

Princeton Dec. 23rd 1857

To the Hon S. A. Douglas;

Dear Sir:

Will you oblige me by sending me a copy of your Kansas Speech, being desirous to study the question, Receive sir my best wishes and believe me

Your humble serv^t

Francis C. Zacharie

Francis C Zacharie
Princeton, N.J.
Dec 23/57.
Wants Speech.

