

Thos G. Addison
Lexington Ky
Dec 24/57.
Thanks for Speech
Congratulates
Lovers Speech
for Distribution

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Lexington Ky 24th Dec 57.
Sir -

I tender you my kindest
thanks for your speech on the
President's Message delivered in the
Senate on the 9th Inst. I must
congratulate you for so triumphant
an effort. Gladly I came in
the noble sentiments contained
in it, & consider them like
yourself & the whole public
career firm as the northern
star whose true fixed &
resting quality has no fellow
in the firmament -

I enclose find me when
convenient as many copies
more as you can for distribu-
tion - Accept

My kindest regards &
most distinguishing
consideration -

Thomas G. Addison
Attorney at Law

Am

S. A. Douglas }
Sen. H. L. }

Lexington Mass. Jan. 12. 1867.
Dec 24. 1867.

Hon. S. A. Douglas.

Dear Sir

I am one of those men, who voted for Fremont. I have heretofore considered the doctrine of "Popular Sovereignty" a mere dodge of the Democratic Party, but Sir, from your late speech, which I read in the Democratic Press. I begin to think that you, Sir, at least, mean something by Popular Sovereignty. Do I ask too much, then, to ask you to place my name upon the list of those to whom you send your speeches, etc. Yours truly
A. J. Anderson.

A. C. Anderson
Lexington Ills
was for Fremont now for you
wants you to send him Doc.

Winn Hill Ill Dec 24th

Mr Douglas Dear Sir
 Please send me some Copies
 of the speech which you delivered
 lately in Relation to Kansas
 and its Disunion Constitution
 If you have any thing to
 spare in the line of Patent Office
 Reports Please send me something
 I would rather have something on
 agriculture Mr Douglas daunt
 send any thing to the fast
 Martin here or it will go to
 Black Republicans. If you
 have any speeches refused to
 send some of them any
 whether you do any thing else
 send to Mr Henry Rathbun
 or J S Roberts Respectfully
 yours &c J M Anderson

J. McAnderson
Sumner Hill
Ill

wants yr Sheep
& Doct occasionally

North Mt. Pleasant Miss.

December 24th 1857.

Hon. Stephen A. Douglass.

My dear Sir:

Though a stranger to you, yet I assure you I would take it as a very great pleasure to receive from you your speech on the president's Message, if printed, and ^{any} other document or report printed for distribution. In complying with the above request you will confer a favor on

Very respectfully
your obedient servant
J. C. Barnett

J C Barrett.
North M. Clearcut
Minn. Dec 24/57.

Wants Speech

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Port Byron Dec 27 1857

Wm L. Douglas
Washington D.C.

at the risk of
travelling upon your time I
cannot deny myself the
pleasure of expressing my approbation
of your course in the Kansas
matter -

Myself and other old line Whigs
that opposed, not mingled with
the Abolitionists supported you
and as a consequence the
nomination of the Democratic
Party for the reason that
we believed and advocated
that your Kansas & Nebraska
Bill guaranteed to all frontiers
the right to make their own
law ^{on Constitution} - nothing else will
satisfy the people or the

end and aim of our free
Government— When the Administration
halted all eyes were turned
upon you for if you faltered
all was lost—
Happily for us and as I
believe for the perpetuity
of our our free institutions
you was equal to the task—

Your former acts stand out
in bold relief and are
indisputably stamped upon
the history of your country—
what the future is to
bring forth we cannot
foresee— blot out the
past and nothing of the
future and that one
epoch places you prominently
among the most exalted of
the efforgers and defenders
of the rights guaranteed to
us by the Constitution of
our common Country—
The right and the Master are
with you—you cannot fail—
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One word as to bed Sanfath
It is possible an effort under
the present circumstances
may be made to defeat
his reformation by the
Senate—
If any allusion is made
of a personal matter of his
that comes before
the Grand Jury I as
the Foreman of that Jury
would be happy to give
you all the facts in
the case—I do not think
this now as it may
not be necessary
W.D.

W Belcher

Port Byron

Decr 24/58.

Appropriate Greeting

Wants you to take care
of Coe Dauphin —

Polk City, Iowa, Dec. 24-57.

My Old Friend:

From the part of our former intimacy, and the fact that I have ever approved of all your political acts, I presume now to address you.

There is no act of your political life which I more highly approve than your present bold and honorable position in relation to Kansas. That you will be sustained by the Democracy of the entire North-West there is no question whatever. Iowa will stand by you almost to a man. Your "enabling act" is the only plan of pacification. It is the only just plan. If the people of Kansas with slavery, deprived of a vote by the actual bona fide citizens, I have no objections; but I object to forcing either slavery or freedom on them.

I have ever approved of the Kansas-
Nebraska act, and I now desire
to see it carried out. Have no
fear, my old friends, your friends
will never waver in your
support. We did, do now, and
shall ever sustain your claims to
the Principle, so long as your cause
is before the people. Iowa
most certainly is a Douglas
State. If you wish any thing
carried out here, you have my
to intimate it.

Please send me an occa-
sional document, if you have
not time to write.

Yours truly,

J. C. Bennett.

[Signature]

T. Allen present in regards to
R. B. Hall, of Massachusetts.

L. C. Bennett

Pock city

Iowa

Dec 21st 1888

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1859.

Bermudian Adams Co. Pa. Dec. 24. 1857.
Hon. Stephen A. Douglas

Dear Sir,

You would very much oblige
me by sending at your leisure, if you can conveniently
do so a copy of your speech on the President's
message, with regard to Kansas affairs; together with
the reply of Senator Bigler of Pennsylvania.

Hoping you may be successful in the
stand you have taken I am your

Very Respectfully
Wm L. Power

W. S. Conner

Bermuda
Dec 2/58 Pa

Wants you to send
Reglers

Sent

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Petersburg Virginia
 Decr 24th 1857

Genl. A. Douglas
 Wilmot

Sir, I have duly read the pamphlet copy of your speech, on Kansas Secession (constitution). I think your position is impregnable and well defined and defended. I have been a constant stickler for the rights of the people. If we do not adhere to this fundamental principle - watch it with careful vigilance and defend it with dauntless vigor - our institutions will slowly but surely be stripped of their distinctive character. I herewith send to you a small pamphlet written and published in 1836 which may not altogether fail to interest you in a leisure hour. I have never been in public life, but have been a candidate opposing once

The re-election of Mr. Paul Burns, whom
he was defeated, tho' not in this State,
and once, last Spring, being opposed
as I was to the Kansas Act - This act
I was opposed to, because it broke up
the Missouri line, and chiefly because
I did not think it was favorable
to the South - I believed the South would
not gain Kansas, and will lose the
Indian Territory and so expose Texas
to invasion - I was this time a can-
didate vs. Hon. Wm. G. Hoode - I have
been a candidate thus, you will
perceive to strive against my party,
whom I thought they were wrong - In
the one case, the Democratic party
was defeated in union with my
opponents, and in the other, the South is
already well nigh, and will be fully,
soon, convinced that the Kansas Act
which, I opposed, will not enlarge
the slave-power.

Suffer me - I thought, withal, that
the Kansas Act would have been
wiser if it had fixed the time at

which the people of the (or any) Terri-
tory might legislate on the subject
of negro slavery, to exclude or admit,
at that period, and not sooner, when
they the people should be engaged in
the act of forming a constitution
preparatory for admission into the
Union. To allow territorial legislation
unsupervised by Congress, in the earlier
stages of the organized territory than
when in the act of forming a constitution,
is to invite strife and to excite a
sectional struggle from the moment
the territory is organized till it becomes
a state. If the strife is banished from
Congress it will resort to the whole
country, besides, and it has seemed to
me that the only effectual legislation
to be had on this subject, is this,
that Congress shall refuse to inter-
fere until the territory is in the act
of offering a constitution, and then
interfere to this extent, that the con-
stitution, however produced & offered,
shall be unimpeachable, the act of
the people expressing their will in favor

and authentic modes - letting the people
of the organized territory up to the time
of their making their constitution, have
no power independently of Congress to
legislate conclusively on this or any
other subject. The idea or principle
of entire non-interference is not
available - it is impracticable. We
have seen it so in this Kansas af-
fair. Congress may be forced to inter-
pose to prevent territorial agents from
usurping the attributes of popular
sovereignty. Congress may be forced to
interpose to protect its interest in the
public lands in the territory - ^{the Execu-}
tive may be compelled in the name
of Congress to send the military there -
The federal government cannot shake
off the duty with which it is charged,
either by the Constitution expressly, or by
the incidental power, to govern what-
ever territory it possesses or may acquire.
The Constitution of the territory offered
to become a state, must be judged
of by Congress, and Congress not only
will, but should, discriminate. Can
Congress not not be directed to

its moral obligations, admit a
 Mormon Commonwealth! However
 fairly and regularly its republican
 constitution may have been con-
 structed and offered! Then, to what
 extent can the doctrine of non-inter-
 vention be just and proper? Only,
 I humbly think, to this extent, that
 Congress - The General Government, in
 more appropriate terms - shall not inter-
 vene and refuse to admit a state
 because it sanctions negro slavery,
 or because the offered constitution, being
 of republican form, is not to the
 taste of the constituted authorities of
 the general government, or to this or
 any other domestic institution, the
 people of the territory, the white, being
 denied ~~to~~ the power to exclude or to
 establish slavery, until in the act of
 forming their constitution, and then they
 to form it in this respect and all other,
 in their own way; The general government

retaining the power and intending to
exercise it, in the consummation of
the transition from a territory to a
State, to judge and determine, having
a decent regard to the fundamental
morality of our civilization, whether
the people of the territory do them-
selves in fact speak in this con-
spicuous signal for admission into
the Union. I am aware that the
abolitionists will say that negro sla-
very is repugnant to the civiliza-
tion - if so, then the constitution
of our fathers ought not to have
allowed ^{it} - but so it is, this is settled,
and even the abolitionists, may they
be ready & willing to throw up the
federal constitution, ought to be
perfectly satisfied, if the people of
a territory, when coming into the Union
as a State, shall be left ^{free} to fix this
matter in their own way - The individual
settlers, at all anterior periods, being
free to go to the territory with their
slaves, subject to the power of the

majority when they come to make
their constitution, to exclude them.

Such is my simple view of the
whole subject without argument
or comment, and I express it to
you as an enlightened statesman,
who is willing to open his eyes
and yield his judgment and
conform his conduct to the wisdom
which experience presents for his
contemplation.

With assurances of high regard

I am yr fellow-citizen

P. A. Collier

A. R. Collier

Bluntburg Va

22 Dec 51

Rec'd your speech & lessons
of ch. (an interesting letter)

Send a pamphlet for
your personal

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Benj G. Conwell
Cenia Ohio
Congratulate, & appm
encourage you to go
on Dec 24 1857

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Ohio
Cenia Dec 24 1857

How S. A. Douglass

Dear Sir

I admire the
course you have pursued in relation
to the Kansas Question, and the courage
you have exhibited, in so manfully stand-
-ing up in the Legislative halls of the
Nation, and differing with ^{the} President
and many of his friends in this matter.
Although not agreeing with the Dem-
-ocratic Party on some questions, hereto-
-fore before the country, as also with
yourself. Yet I am disposed to encou-
rage, and strengthen the hands of
him who manfully stands up for the
right. See oh are the notions that prom-
pt me to address you, and to say
Maintain the position you now occu-
py, and you will meet the app-
robation of your countrymen, and

in due time reap your reward
in a position that shall hand down
your name to coming time, as
one of the benefactors of your race
and permanently associate your
name with the distinguished men of
the nation. The true men of the
south themselves, cannot but appre-
ciate your course, and position
as true to the instincts of Liberty
and right, however they may
fail to publicly acknowledge
it. Excuse the liberty. I have
taken Sir, as a stranger personally
to you, but not to your acts, and
and course, as one of the Representatives
of the Country in her National Council,
in thus addressing you.

As one of your Countrymen, I feel
it a pleasure, as well as a duty
to commend your course, and

encourage you, to stand by your
principals, as aroused, and sure,
and certain, shall be the approval
of the Nation. M

Yours Very Respectfully
Benth. B. Cornwell

Providence Decem 24 1857
 Hon S. A. Douglas
 Dear Sir

In behalf of the Young
 Men's Christian Union of this city I venture to
 solicit from you an address before them at
 such time and upon such subject as may
 suit your convenience.

Can you not Sir lay us a
 visit during the present vacation, your
 presence here would be very acceptable to
 our citizens of all parties, and at the same
 time benefit a most worthy and excellent
 institution, which is provided over by the Gov-
 ernor of the State.

Trusting to receive
 from you a favorable reply stating
 terms &c I am Very Respectfully
 Your Obedt Servt
 Tho A Doyle
 For the Committee

Thos Doyle

Providence Rd.

Dec 2 4/54.

Invitation to accept the
Young Men's Christian Union



And J Fordunk
 Read's Ferry N.H.
 Dec^r 24/57.
 For a speech

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Read's Ferry, N.H. Dec. 24th, 1857.
 Mr. Douglass:
 Dear Sir—

Will you have the kindness
 to send me a copy of your speech
 delivered at the opening of Congress.

Yours Truly,
 J. Andrew J. Fordunk.



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Philad. Dec 24, 1857
 Friend Sir

I am engaged in collecting information for a volume designed to exhibit the chances for profitable indu-
try, or openings for trade, com-
 merce or manufactures that
 now exist in any part of the
 world. The theme is a com-
 prehensive one, but the materials
 unfortunately, are scattered
 and scarce.

The venerable Prof. Williamson
 has expressed approval of the
 undertaking, and kindly fur-
 nished a suggestion or two, and
 Prof. Henry of the Smithsonian
 has sent me Prof. Forth's report
 on the Chemical arts, which
 contains some suggestions of

practical and economical im-
portance. It has occurred to me
that perhaps upon proper appli-
cation, you would do me the fa-
vor to suggest a direct method where
I may find an item of information,
as to one want not fully sup-
plied, one field not entirely man-
aged, one product that might be
more successfully cultivated, one
substance now worthless that by
some process might be made
valuable, or one manufacture
that might be profitably estab-
lished or established. If you will
do so, due credit shall be given,
some body perhaps be benefited,
and the favor be gratefully re-
membered by

Chicago Dec 24 1857

Hon S A Douglass

Please send me a copy
of your Speech or speeches in the
Senate during the present month
direct to me Philadelphia Pa, (If you
have them in Pamphlet form)

Respectfully
Wm L Garrison

Dr. H. H. Garrison (?)

Philadelphia
Dec 24/54.
Wants Speech

Leavenworth City Kansas Territory.
Hon S. A. Douglass. December 24th 1857.

My dear Sir

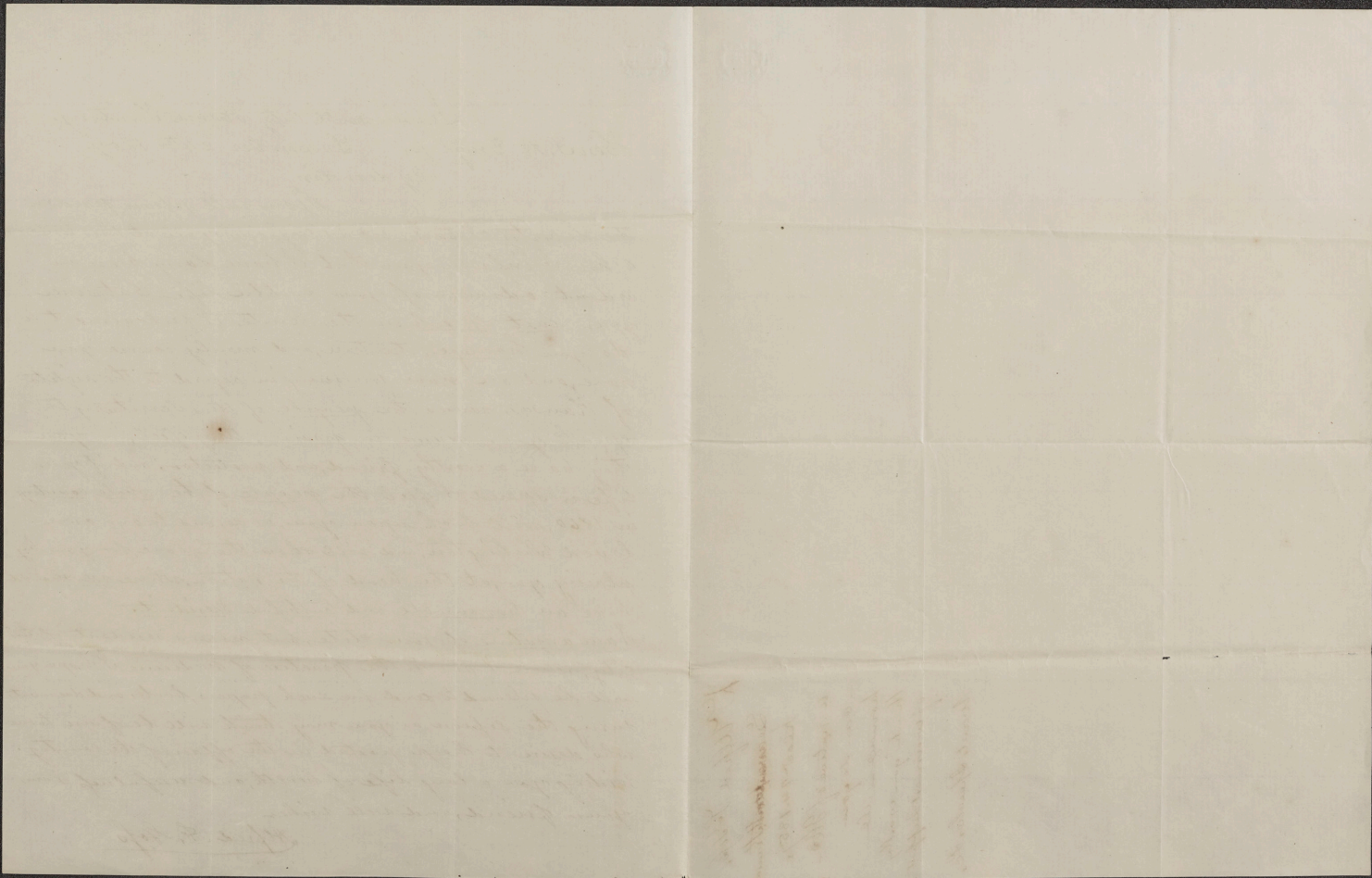
You will please pardon the liberty I take in addressing you at this time when I inform you that I have long been an ardent admirer of your public life, but since your last speech in the Senate I feel almost to do you homage, the true, and manly course, you have, and are now pursuing in regard to the rights of Kansas, causes the people of this Territory to speak your name in praise, they feel, in you they have a worthy friend, and protector, and if your life is spared, I feel the people of the whole country in 1860, will look upon you, as second to our own loved Washington, and will show their love, for you by placing you, at the head of the Nation, where we should have an honourable and truthful President.

I am a native of your state, but now a resident of this city, where I am in the practice of medicine, I hope you will be pleased to send me such papers, books and documents during the Session as you may think will be of use to one who desires to keep posted in the affairs of the country. Wishing you a long life of health, and usefulness I am your friend, and well wisher

Alfred. F. Goss

Mr Alfred F. Tappan,
Searaput, Hawaii
Dec 24. 1857,
a native of Ill -
- can do you
homage - All
think you worthy
of warmest support
Wm. S. Peckham & Co.

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In Press, PHILADELPHIA AND ITS MANUFACTURES IN 1857.

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[Letter from JOHN GRIGG, Esq.]

PHILADELPHIA, September 1, 1857.

MY DEAR SIR—I notice in the newspapers that you are preparing a work on Philadelphia and its Manufactures, and I am desirous of seeing you to say how glad I am to hear it, and to wish you heartily success. I regard the project as an extremely important one—the very thing that our City has long needed. Philadelphia is no doubt the greatest manufacturing city in the Union, and yet Pittsburg, to say nothing of Boston, has a wider reputation in this particular, because she has taken pains to collect and publish the facts.

A publication of the kind you propose will benefit not only our manufacturers, but also our *merchants*. The circumstances which determine a man in buying his goods in any one of our Atlantic cities in preference to another, are often very slight, and if you show forcibly what our city is doing in manufactures, it will contribute materially to turn the tide in our favor. From forty years' experience in dealing with Southern and Western merchants, I know that nothing will impress them so strongly and favorably as a demonstration that goods are largely manufactured here. Convince them that this is a superior centre of Manufactures, and the rest is easy. They will prefer visiting the *fountain-head*, where the goods are manufactured, and select for themselves.

I have retired from active business, as you are aware, and therefore have less interest in your enterprise than others, but so important do I regard it, that as soon as your work is published, I will take great pleasure in contributing to, and using my influence in naming to our energetic Board of Trade, a plan that a copy of your forthcoming work may be found on the counter of every merchant in the South and West.

Yours truly,

JOHN GRIGG.

To E. T. FREEDLEY, Esq.

[From the PUBLIC LEDGER, August 11.]

Boston, under the auspices of the Board of Trade, with a commendable enterprise, yearly collects such valuable and useful statistics, and scatters the facts over the whole Union, thereby helping vastly the manufacturing industry of that city and of Massachusetts generally. Philadelphia should do the same, and we are pleased to see that a determined and systematic attempt is about to be made by gentlemen who appreciate the importance and value of the work, to collect and present an accurate history of Philadelphia and its Manufactures for the year 1857. This work is to be edited by EDWIN T. FREEDLEY, well and favorably known for his "Practical Treatise on Business," who will be assisted by others equally competent to the task.

[From the EVENING BULLETIN, August 18.]

We have before us the introductory part of a book called "Philadelphia and its Manufactures in 1857," shortly to be published by Mr. EDWIN T. FREEDLEY, in which it ought to be the ambition of every manufacturer to appear and have his works fully and faithfully described. Mr. Freedley is well known as the author of an excellent work called a "Practical Treatise on Business," which has met with great success. No one is better qualified than he for the preparation of a book on Philadelphia manufactures. He designs that it shall fully exhibit the development, variety, and statistics of the manufacturing establishments, together with sketches of remarkable manufactures, and a list of all articles now made, and the address of the principal manufacturers. Such a work will do a great deal of good, and in its preparation Mr. Freedley ought to have the hearty, unreserved confidence and co-operation of all our manufacturers. The introductory chapters that we have seen are admirably written, and one of them contains a valuable historical sketch of the city and its early manufactures. It is beautifully printed, and we have no doubt that Mr. Freedley, with the exercise of his characteristic zeal and industry, will make it the most valuable work of the kind ever published in Philadelphia.

[From the PENNSYLVANIAN, August 19.]

As it is evident that this work will be greatly advantageous to the general business of our city, and as Mr. FREEDLEY is well known as a practical business man, we hope he will receive every assistance in the prosecution of his researches from those who can impart the statistical information he desires to obtain. Its publication will be actively pushed forward, and the advance sheets which we have seen are very creditable as to typographical arrangement.

[From THE PRESS, August 10.]

We strongly approve of the work, judging from that portion of it which is before us. *Its plan and purpose are good, and our manufacturers should take an interest in a book intended largely to benefit them.*

Pro Gigg

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about his publication

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Sinleville Dec. 24th 1857

Thos Stephen A Douglas

Dear Sir I take the liberty of writing you a few lines at this important crisis in the Democratic party, not that anything I can say will be of any importance to you, unless it be the gratification of learning what the people in this part of Ohio think of your late acts. There is but one opinion among the people here and that is that you are right.

If there is to be an effort made to strike out the only living principle from the Nebraska bill, and the entire platform, it will receive such a fine among the cleavage of this month next as never meet the business before. No power on earth need concern for a moment that they can stifle the convictions of the people upon their right to rule and govern themselves. The faith in the right of the people to rule and govern themselves is deep and

allpenetrating and the attempt
from any quarter to violate
this principle will stir a volcano.
It strikes a cord in the patinated
heart infinitely deeper than
all party considerations! as oblig-
ing as we look upon this.

Is it possible that men can be
so hostile themselves as to attempt
to convert us who have spent
our fortunes, and pledged our
honors that the people of the terri-
tories should have a fair oppor-
tunity, especially in coming to vote
for their own domestic insti-
tution, to change position to take back
what we have said, to renounce
the cheer of the Cincinnati plat-
form and the Nebraska bill.

Are men who now stand where
they always have, vindicating the
same great principles, to be de-
nied as factious, and those who
have left the platform, to claim that
they are the Democrats? This may
be attempted in the temporary flush
of brief authority, but when any
power or person attempts to suppress
this stand among the people they will

soon learn their most fatal
mistake. The Democracy of the
north and the nation have built
themselves up on the Cincinnati plat-
form. Are we now to be utterly over-
thrown and ruined by striking
out the only plank on which we
can stand, as national democracy.

One truth is just as certain as God
reigns, no democracy from the north
who surrender up the right of the peo-
ple to govern themselves, and votes
to receive the Reconstruction consti-
tution, without a fair vote of the peo-
ple of the territory to accept or reject,
can ever be elected again.

Men need not deceive themselves.
Petty malice may exhaust itself in
its vain effort to tarnish justice. It
cannot equal but there is a power
behind and that power will be felt,
and it will do justice to those who
now stand in the breach, and bear
back the threatened innovations
upon the democratic platform.

All eyes are turned towards you at
this crisis, and with entire confi-
dence that you will shield the prin-
ciples of the Party Democracy from

all aboard, and pilot the
democratic ship safely through
the storm. Permit me in con-
clusion to say that if any of your
old friends turn away in this
the hour of your greatest tri-
gle for truth there is one who
will not but who looks upon
your late acts with a deeper
admiration than ever, and
with thousands around this
part of the country will support
and protect you in the noble
steward you have taken if we are
to be read out of the democratic party
for vindicating her principles, it would
be a rich joke, for it would include
the entire mass of the people, ninety nine
out of every hundred and with you
a principle. I hope our congress-
men will heed the voice of the peo-
ple at home, they are good men
but no one of them could ever
return again if they were to vote
for the Lecompton constitution.

Most truly yours

Wm. W. Griswold

Wm. Stephen A. Douglas }

Wm. W. Griswold
Cincinnati, O.
January 20, 1851

Harrodsburg Ky Dec 24/57

Senator Douglass

I have read with great satisfaction the masterly speech recently delivered by you in the Senate on "Popular Sovereignty": I suppose it had ^{been} or will be, published for general distribution - and I am so anxious to possess it in pamphlet form that I take the liberty of soliciting a copy.

With perfect respects
James Karlan Jr

James Harlan Jr
Harrodsburg Ky
Decr 24/54.

Went a copy of the Speech

Dear Sir,
I have the honor
to acknowledge the
receipt of your
kind letter of the
10th inst.

I am sorry to hear
that you are
unwell, and
trust that you
will soon be
able to return
to your
usual
occupations.
I am,
Sir,
Very
Respectfully,
Your
Obedient
Servant,
J. H. [Signature]

Prairie Cottage near Sacusa
Christian Co. Ill. Dec. 24. 57

Dear Sir,

Excuse me for requesting of
you copies of the Pat. Office Report for 1856,
Agricultural and Mechanical.

Allow me also to say that your late move
upon the ~~the~~ Kansas question has made a
Douglass man of an old line Whig.

Respectfully

W. Hinkley

Hon. Stephen A. Douglass
U. S. Senate

Direct

Doct. W. Hinkley

Sacusa

Christian Co
Ill.

Dr H. Hendley

Tacoma

Ms
Decr 24/57.

You have converted him
wants Pat Offa Repts.

✓

Plymouth

Hancock Co. Minn. Dec 24/89

Hon S A Douglas

De Sir will you

do me the kindness to send a package of the various kinds of evergreen & flower seeds if you will confer the above favor you will receive the thanks of one your friend not yet in her teens who is proud of the appellation of being a native of the prairie state and state you so nobly represent. I have been reading your speech on the Kansas question and my Pa says that you are bound to be the next President of this Glorious Republic dont allow me to flatter when I say I hope that day may soon I know if ladies of this vicinity had to decide the question they would be one but one response and that would be unanimous that Hon S A D is our choice for the white house. your course

is highly complimented and my Grand Pa Apple
says you are the man that we want as you are
so much like old Gen Jackson. I fear you
will say that Kate is a politician but that is
not the case, but I think it is not wrong
and I have a notion to write to that old
Bachelor of a President and if I do I intend
to say word to him about Kansas and
if he does do something so all the people
can vote just as your speech dictates
but he will hear from me
I wonder if Hutton & Co does not strike
this in the stone and that will be the
last but will he do it time will show
My respects

I Remain your friend
Kate Apple

Nath Hepple

Plymouth

Dec 24/54.

Wants remembrance

& say you are in

Charge for Best

Speech sent.

J J Hoffman
Mapillon O
Dec^r 24/57
wants also Speeches
for Distribution

Sent

1754

Ohio
Mapillon, Dec 24th 1857
Honl Stephen A Douglass

Dear Sir

Will you
do me the favour to send a lot of your Speeches
on the Kansas Constitution I want them for
Distribution in Our County our Democratic
paper takes sides with Buchanan & Biglow in
doing so it misrepresents the Democracy very much
as ten Democrats cant be found in the County
to agree with the Editor (Mr McGregor) he says the
Presidents views will finally prevail & that he
dont want to be compelled to back out as he did
in 1854 having opposed the repeal of the Missouri
Compromise, he has threatened me a little being Doct-
-master because I urged him not to sustain Biglows
views & advised him to hold still if he dared not
take ground with the Cincinnati Platform on that
Subject, he & I were together in Cincinnati laboring

to the best of our ability, in a modest way to procure
the nomination of Mr Buchanan & of course defended
the platform there made during the campaign
~~and~~ your friends H B Payne & J M Gray can
tell you, this County was almost unanimous for
Buchanan, Now they are just as unanimous
in sustaining your position on the Kansas question
hence I would like to distribute your speeches
through the County so as to prevent any mischief
from his paper, if in doing this I shall be subjected
to the loss of the powers that be & decapitated, all right
for 20 years a faithful Worker in the party never
scratching a name after our ticket was made no
man or set of men can read me out or drive me from
the party though they did remove me for expressing
my opinion on this subject, being on the platform
I would still be right, thus believing I have
no desire to play the Hypocrite for the sake of
a petty commission, however I dont apprehend they
will have the courage to do any such thing

excuse the familiarity of a partial stranger who
presumes upon a formal acquaintance with you
in Washington last Spring that he is licensed to address
you in that way although claiming to belong to the
maple setting up no further pretensions than to be an
honest, independent & natural or legitimate member
of the great Democratic family,

If it is not
asking too much of you I should be gratified to
have an occasional ~~document~~ from you, our
representative from this district (B D Leiter) is a
runagate from us & a Republican No Nothing, as you
are aware, we get nothing from him & Mr
Engel dont send much to this part of the State
I trust you may succeed in your proposition
to settle this Kansas matter & that speedily

Respectfully yours &c.
J J Hoffman
P. M.

Office of Spirit of the Times,
Patenmouth, Ohio.

Dec 24, 1857

Hon. S. A. Douglass:

Dear Sir — I send you enclosed a copy of the paper I publish, containing your speech. As some bitter-heads were trying to raise a clamor about it, I deemed it no more than an act of justice that you should be judged by the plain tenor of your own words. And sir, I take pleasure in congratulating you upon the bold manly stand you have taken. Now, in Southern Ohio, your friends are exultant, and you have constrained the admiration of even your bitterest foes. Excuse my freedom, and believe me to be

Yours sincere friend

W. C. Wood

W.C. Hood

Edr. Splnt of the Times

Portsmouth

Decr 24/54 0

Encos Envelope her paper

Containing yr speech &

Comments -



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Sandusky. O. Dec 21st 1857

Sir Will you oblige me by sending
me your speech on the "Complete
Constitution" in pamphlet form - as I
desire to preserve it.

Very Resp.

Isaac Hoornbeek

Hon. S. A. Douglass.

Jacob Hoonbeek

Sandusky O

Dec^r 24/57.

van B.

Speed

Leut

Nichols Dec^r the 21st. 1757.

Dear Sir

I would be glad to get a copy
of your valuable Speech. or if convenient a number
of copies for friends. Also any other piece or Pam-
phlet will be thankfully received. I have much interest
in reading & perusing such works.

Yours Stephen A. Douglas.

W.S.D.

Washington

D.C.

{ Respectfully Yours &c
Robert Howell

Dear Sir
Nichols, Rogers & Co.
N.Y.

Robt. Howell

Nichols by
Dec 24/54
with a few lines of the Poet

Sent

Chicago Dec 24th 1837

Dear friend

I have not written you because I supposed an answer if not hopeless, to be hardly expected. I however think it well enough to say as 'Amicus Cuius' that it is here admitted on all hands // Our meeting the other evening was a most complete success.

The Buchanan Organ "pro tempor" i.e. Montfort failed in his several days endeavor to split our meeting. The meeting came on but so did 'nt the row, although we saw that the head of it in the tail when we had expected + "crushed it out" head tail & all.

I will not take occasion to say in brief that if your positions are sustained we have the City Co. & Sub, in our hands. You personally ~~are~~ never before was so firmly entrenched in the confidence

of all classes, as you are now. The
Republicans hope they could see you carrying
states on both shoulders, or else break
down. They now almost despair - All
I have to say is persevere - husband
your resources. How else help ^{themselves}
~~may~~ call on Hercules. Hercules
is coming to the rescue in the whole
masses of the People. ^{I perhaps had better say it - disagree}
Create more sympathy ^{than admiration}
or support from Democrats here.

I wish you would
say to Mr. Douglass that as she is the
better half - that if you cannot
reply as loved like of all things to
hear from her under ^{her} guises repeat
sign manual. We missed her
at a party we had this week.
+ my wife talked about ^{her so much that} ~~us~~ I
grow jealous + certainly should
have done some desperate thing, if
Mrs D was one of our sex. Our

grandson friend Mr. Larnon
thought I looked blue, because Mrs D
was not here - She thinks, I believe
that Mrs D is a kind of rival
of her in my esteem - but
she is mistaken - that's all -

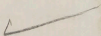
My wife begs to be
remembered to Mr. D + her mother
yourself. Excuse the scrawl

Yr friend

Wm Lloyd Garrison

Thos Hoyle
Chicago, Ill.
Dec 24/57.

Political & friendly



Sent

Greenwich Dec 24th 1837
 Hon Stephen A. Douglass

Sir

I am desirous of obtaining
 a copy of the Patent Office
 Reports of 'Agriculture' for 1836.
 Although from a different
 State. I know of no public
 man to whom I could
 apply. more likely to confer
 an individual favor. & to
 whom I would as willingly
 be under obligation as Senator
 Douglass.

With highest Respect.
 Truly Yours
 Thomas Ingalls
 Greenwich
 Wash Co
 N.Y.

Thos Ingalls

Greenwich

Ny

Decr 24/57.

Wants Pat Office Rept.
Agricultural 1856

C. Dec. 24, 1857

Vermont Free Press Co. Illinois Dec 24/57
Hon. S. A. Douglas

Sir

From present prospects
I anticipate rather a warm time in Congress
on the Kansas question, and knowing you
would like to send the Douglas democracy
(in fact we are all Douglas men) some documents I
give you a list in and near our town who
desire to be remembered in the way of documents

Yours as ever

Wm. R. Johnson

C. Webster	Est	Thos Hamer
Daniel Bates	J. I. Trail	Wm Walker
John Green	Benj. Robinson	Jones, Huslock
Benj. Blake	Stephens & Winans	Jepe Cox
Doct. M. Clark	Jo ^l Darling	C. Kirkhude
Warren Vail	A. Davidson	Jas. Litchman
R. C. Ware	Thos Bailey	Wm. Rutledge
Joseph Hamer	John Seale	A. M. Rumble
Washington Welker	G. Sholer	Joseph Argo
Cooper Farr	Wm. Mayo	Wm. Davis
Wm. Nelson	Stephen Lindsay	John. Russell
John Ogile	Wm. Stoops	J. B. Wittchell
Doct. C. C. Gardner	H. S. Holmes	H. S. Johnson
E. Stapleford	M. C. Staman	John A. Webster

Wm H Johnson

Vermont

Fulton Co. Vt.

Decr 24. 1867.

Gratulatory Poems
List for Speeches.

Elkton, Maryland,

Decr. 24. 1857.

Hon. S. L. Douglass;
Washington:
D. C.

Dear Sir:

Feeling
that you are right on the
Kansas matter & desiring to
read yours and other speeches
on the subject, you ^{will} favor me
by sending your speeches
which are published, and
those in reply to yours by Bigler
and others, on the same -

Yours truly,
J. L. Jones.

J. L. A. James
Elkton Md
(Dec^r 24/57.)

Wanted your Speech
J. B. B. B.

Sent

Calistamy Decr 24th 1847
 Hon S. G. Douglas
 Dear Sir

Permit one of your many admirers to congratulate you on your most noble position before the American People and the World. As far as I can learn the Democrats of this region sustain you to a man. Not the first Democrat here has raised his voice to condemn, but all seem delighted with your position. We naturally feel some pride in maintaining our own consistence, and we can do so now most fully, and at the same time give you a hearty - I had almost said - an Almighty support. Go ahead Dear Sir, and we will back you. It may be that we ought to hold a Dem. meeting and pass resolutions endorsing your course. But it seems almost like an act of supererogation. What all approve, it is like gilding refined gold, painting the Lilly, or adding perfume to the Rose to call a meeting to endorse ^{you}.

The Demagogues among the D.
Republicans, are in a world of trouble.
They dare not condemn popular sovereignty,
because they see that by doing so
they will drive from them the
honest & fanatical portion of their
party, who certainly compose a
large portion, and who now are
not afraid of that doctrine, because
they see that its application in
Kansas will make a Free State of it.
I was assured yesterday by a staunch
D. Republican, but a very honest
sort of a man, that he was bound
to vote for you for President in '56.
Your position takes the wind clean
out of the D. Republican leaders.

Their only hope is that you will
yet waver, back down. Tho' in this
they seem to hope against what they
know to be "light and knowledge."

I meet every day lots of Democrats
from the country who say "Douglas
is right, and we will back him.
But you need no backing in this
region - not even in this Abolition
town for no man here dares to
raise his voice against your
present course. Of course I can't help

every day reminding them of their
great inconsistency for cursing you
for the last three years for the very
thing for which they praise you now.
To wit, your defense of popular sovereignty.
But the reason of the change is obvious.
When they thought it would make
a slave State of Kansas, they cursed
it, now they think it won't, and
therefore praise it. They have been
just as inconsistent as the South,
who also praised while they thought
it would gore their neighbors ox, and
curse when they get a little pricked.
But I have bothered you too long -
I repeat, stand firmly, pop. sov. and, to
say the least, all Illinois will be
with you.

Respectfully
Yours
G. C. Lanphier

G. C. Sanphus
Galuburg

Dec^r 24/57

Says Stand firm. atleast
Illinois will be for you

38 Pine Street.
New York 24 Dec. 1857.

Dear Sir,

I addressed you the enclosed letter in expectation of seeing you in this city ere this.

I write to ask whether you expect to be here during the recess of Congress?

From the Contents of my first letter you will perceive, the object I had in view was to call to your attention, the financial embarrassments of the Country, having then reference, solely, to the unprecedented depreciation of the property, of the Cotton Planting portion of the Community; and to suggest the propriety of an investigation by a Special Committee of the Senate, to the Cause of, and remedy for the evil.

I do not know but what a large portion of your time will be occupied by your position as Chairman of the Com: a Territorial and in that Kansas squabbles, yet, I thought the importance of the subject might induce you to interest yourself in this ^{case} matter.

I would ^{have} come myself to Washington so as to have a personal interview, but, in the general wreck, I too, have suffered, and while I could very well spare the time, my pecuniary affairs will not admit of the expense. With distinguished Civilities &c. &c.

I am

Yours Truly Jm.
John M. Leitch.

Wm. H. Douglass. over.

I find by application at the Office of the
Notary for the letter they had been forwarded
you -

John M. Leitch

24 Dec/57. My dear,

wants to consult you
about the financial condition
of the Country.

H. L. M. Leonard
pm

Strongsville O.

Dec 24/57,

Wants a package of
your speech

Sir

1765

Strongsville O
Dec 24, 1857

Sir:

Please be so kind
as to send me a
package of your speech
on the Pres. Message, and
containing with Sir. Briggs,
any other documents
you may send will be
thankfully received

Yours truly
H. L. M. Leonard
P. Moore

