

Grand German Mass Meeting at Chicago,
Saturday Evening, December 26th 1854.

Ex Alderman Siehoff called the meeting to order.
On motion of Louis Schade, Mr Henry Greenelaund
was elected chairman of the meeting,

On motion of A. Wihe, Henry Baudt was elected
secretary. The chairman having stated the object of
the meeting to be, to sustain, our distinguished senator,
Stephen A. Douglas in his course taken in relation to the
Kansas Nebraska Bill;

On motion of Louis Schade, the chairman appointed
a committee to draft such resolutions and submit the
same to the meeting as would best answer the purpose
of the meeting, Dr. Helmuth, Alderman Siehoff, G. Schwarz,
Gerhard Formann, and Dr. Venz, constituted such com-
mittee,

After the committee had retired, A. Wihe
addressed the meeting; his speech was frequently applauded.

Thereupon, Dr. Helmuth the chairman of the
committee, reported the following resolutions which were
most enthusiastically received and unanimously ad-
opted,

Whereas, the principles of self government
form the only basis for a free democratic constitution, and
without which no actual liberty, no republican form of
government is conceivable, and whereas the loss of such
privileges would lower us to a level with the subjects in
despotic lands and whereas we find, that the principle
of self government, is fully contained in the Kansas Nebraska
Bill, if executed in its original sense. Therefore be resolved,

That we heartily approve of the course pursued

by our distinguished senator Stephen A. Douglas
in vindication of the Kansas Nebraska Bill with
all its true democratic principles, and that we will
support him as long as he is the defender of such prin-
ciples, Resolved: that we as citizens of Illinois
are justly proud to call this talented and patriotic
statesman our own,

Resolved that a copy of the minutes and
resolutions of this meeting, be forwarded to the congression-
al delegation of Illinois

C. Helmuth }
C. Nichoff }
G. Schwarz } Committee
G. Formanul }
J. Hume }

Mr. Lincoln, Dr. Helmuth and Mr. Schade having add-
ressed the meeting, - Every body present joined in giving
the senator three glorious cheers -

The meeting adjourned sine die

Henry Greenbaum Pres.

Henry Baud, Sec.

Grand Map Meeting
of German Chicago
26th Dec. 1857.

to
Sustain Judge H.
Louis Schade Sec.

✓

Poughkeepsie N.Y Dec, 26th 1877

Hon Stephen A Douglas }
Washington DC }

Dear Sir

A citizen of Illinois
I am spending the winter here. & I ask as
a favor that you add my name to your
list of those who receive your speeches.

It is perhaps superfluous to add that
though not quite on Republican grounds
I advise your bold stand on ^{the} Kansas question
& bid you God speed & a successful issue
with this "fire eating" administration.

Please direct as above to Poughkeepsie N.Y

Res - H. H. Hoff Jr

Hon S. A. Douglas

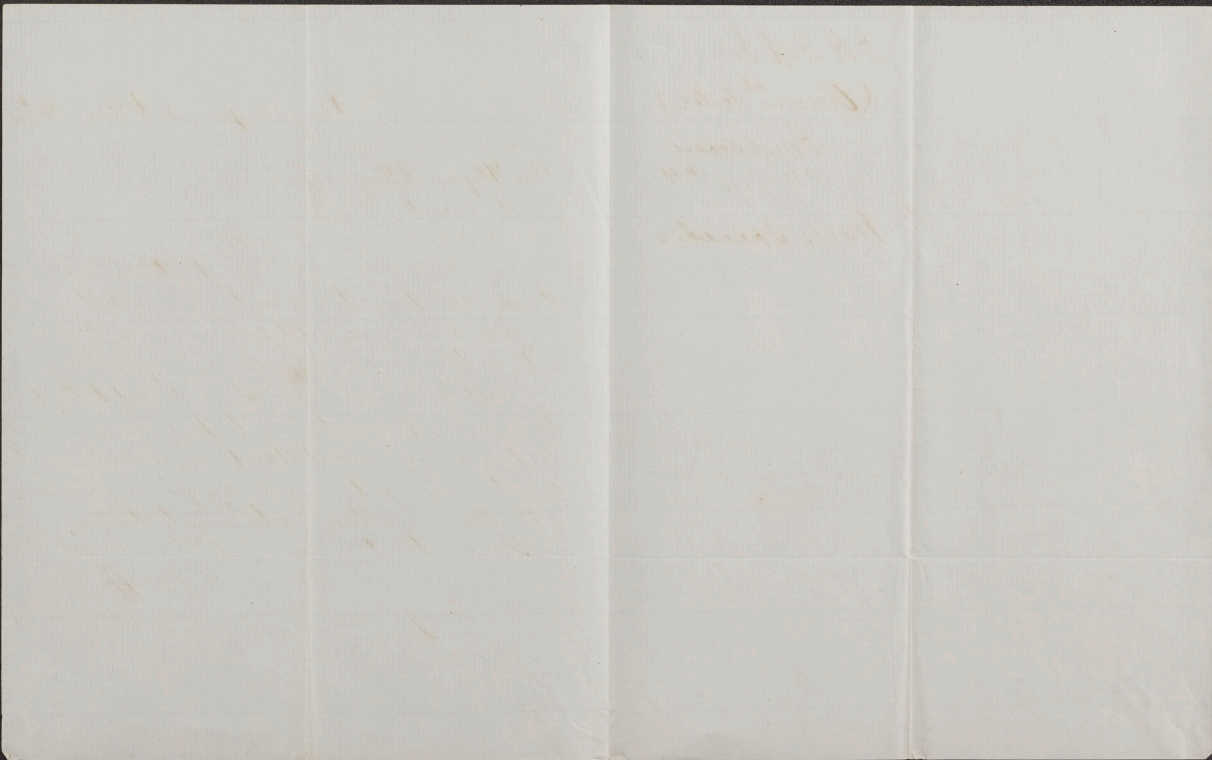
[Aurora Ill]

H. H. Hoff Jr.

(Albion Hotel)

Poughkeepsie
Dec 26/57. NY

Wants Speeches



Boscawen, N.H. Dec 26 57

Hon. Y. A Douglas,
Sir.

Please have
the kindness to send me a
copy of your late speech on Kansas.
and the favor will be gratefully
acknowledged by

Yours humble and
obedient servant
J. G. Haley.

S. G. Haley

Roseawen

N.H.

Decr 26/57.

wants a Speech

1896
Jas. T. Henry
Edr. Advertiser

Clean N.Y.
Dec 26/57.

Has paper is for you.
or an all the Democrats
wants 1000 Speeches
for distribution

(interesting letter)

Advertiser Office
Clean, N.Y.

Dec 26. 1857

Hon S. W. Douglas.
Washington

My dear Sir

I am honored
with a copy of your very able speech
delivered in the U. S. Senate on the 7th
inst. sent me under your frank. I have
already published it, taking it from the Daily
Globe, but I find the copy before me, while
it preserves the matter of the argument is
different in phraseology. This I think it
will make no material difference. I would
make a request upon you, (which I trust
may not be altogether unusual) to this
effect. I want 1000 copies of the speech
for circulation in this region. I am
and have been from the beginning of
this Kansas difficulty fully impressed
and openly in favor of the doctrine of

popular sovereignty, as enunciated
in the Kansas-Nebraska bill, and
since the commencement of the present
Congress, have become more and more satisfied
it will ultimately become the settled policy,
if not law, of the land.

Democrats here and all over this
Section of New York, and the border
Counties of Pennsylvania, are free to
express their opinions upon the present position
of yourself and the Administration. Regarding
any differences between leading Democrats,
they do not hesitate - those untrammelled in
office or its anticipation - to pronounce
Senator Douglas right and the Administration
wrong. In this Congressional District
(represented by Hon D.E. Weston in the House), there
are six open and avowed democratic papers
not one of which - save my own - have
said or dare to say - the President is right
or Mr Douglas is right. Four of the
editors of these papers, are or have been, or
mean to be candidates for appointment

from the Administration!

I hesitate not to say your position is
impregnable, and that forty-nine of
every fifty Democrats who supported Mr
Buchanan, upon the Cincinnati ^{last year} platform,
~~throughout~~ this Congressional district, now
declare that the Administration have violated
its pledges and set at naught the
principles upon which it went into power.

My dear Sir, the people are with you -
the democratic party are with you - and
so long as you maintain your present position
the efforts of ten thousand paper in the pay
and favor of the Administration cannot effect
you for ill, but will assuredly do you
great good.

Be pleased to accept My best
wishes for your health and success in this
your trial, and be assured of my determi-
nation to stand by your democracy now
and to the end, and before me

Truly Yrs
Chas. J. Henry

H B Hind

Chicago

Dec 26/57

Thanks for the book

Very truly
Yours
H B Hind

1847

Chicago Dec 26th 1857

Hon J A Douglass
Washington
Dear Sir

I thank you for
a copy of your speech on the
Secession Constitution which I
have had the pleasure of receiving
from you.

As you are probably
aware I have been & am now
the secretary of the National
Kansas Committee. If I have
any information in regard to
Kansas affairs which would
be of advantage to you in
your efforts for the right you can
avail yourself of them at any time.
I have a pretty full record of every
thing that has transpired in

relation to the affairs of Kansas
and am now in a way to
know what transpires in that territory

Yours &c

W. B. Hunt

Coopers town
Brown Co Illinois
Decr 20th 1857.
B. H. Lavin,

Wants public
documents, also
all the speeches
delivered by you
during the present
session for binding.

1848
Coopers town Brown County Illinois
Dec 21 1857

Dear sir I would be very
glad if you would send me
some public documents, such
as are for distribution during the
the present session of Congress, and
valuable for political reference.
I wish to obtain a copy of
all your public speeches
during the sitting of the
present national legislature
for binding.

Yours Respectfully

B. H. Lavin
Hon S. A. Douglas
Md

the report
of the committee
of the House of
Representatives
on the subject of
the proposed
amendment to the
Constitution.

Address of the
Hon. John C. Calhoun
before the Senate
on the 28th of March
1850, in relation
to the proposed
amendment to the
Constitution.

Columbus Dec 26th 1854

Gen S. A. Douglass

Send us more of
your Speeches to this office for
distribution They are called for cordially
Yours truly

Thos Allen
P. M.

Thos Miller 2nd

Columbus O

Dec^r 26/57.

Wants our Speedy
for Distribution

Lyra Montgomery
Brownburg.
Hendricks Co. Ind.
Decr 28/57.

Gratulatory -
wants Speeches
for distribution

1850
Brownburg Ind Dec 26 1857
Hon S A Douglas

Will you please
forward to us a few copies
of your Speech on the Presidents
Message - the LeCompton Constitution
in pamphlet form we are anxious
to spread it before the people of
this vicinity as it embraces the
true principles of the Nebraska
Bill and accords with the Do-
ctrine advocated by the Democratic
party in this State in the Cam-
paign of 1856 due to

Lyra Montgomery
Brownburg
Hendricks Co
Indiana

1852

1852



The first thing I
noticed when I
went to the
place was the
large number of
the people who
were there. I
was not alone
in my opinion
of the place.
The first thing I
noticed when I
went to the
place was the
large number of
the people who
were there. I
was not alone
in my opinion
of the place.

The first thing I
noticed when I
went to the
place was the
large number of
the people who
were there. I
was not alone
in my opinion
of the place.

The first thing I
noticed when I
went to the
place was the
large number of
the people who
were there. I
was not alone
in my opinion
of the place.

The first thing I
noticed when I
went to the
place was the
large number of
the people who
were there. I
was not alone
in my opinion
of the place.

Rainsville,
Maven Co, Inda
Dec 26/57
J. B. Moyer.
Wants speech of
9th Dec 1857
You course —

1851

Rainsville Inda Dec 26th, 57

M^r Douglas sir
you would
Confer a favour on
me if you would
send me your speech
made on the 21st in
defence of the Nebraska
bill, and any other
document that may
be of interest. I am
satisfied that the views
you take in respect to
the Nebraska bill will
be ultimately sustained
by all parties. I was
a warm friend of Mr
Buchanan, but I was
believed he would take
the ground he does

in respect

to the Kansas difficulty
to give peace to Kansas
and the North and
South. The Kansas
difficulty must be
fairly submitted to the
people and I firmly
believe that the course
you are taking is one
that all eventually will
unite on

J. B. Mayer

Marion County
Indiana

Steubenville, Ohio, Dec 26th 1857

Dear Sir

May God speed you, in your noble position, advocating truth and principle, and may the friends of the Kansas Nebraska bill never be inconsistent with its true meaning,

Your friends here will be innumerable.

Send me some copies of your late Speech for distribution:

Yours Respectfully

John F. Oliver
Democratic City Solicitor

To Hon Stephen A. Douglas
Washington City

John F. Oliver
Amherst City Solicitor
Steubenville O

God Speed you
wants some Speeches
to distribute

Hasten. Ky. Decr. 21. 53

Hon S. A. Douglass

Hon &

Dear
Sir

Will you do
me the favor to send me your speech
on the Kansas question and any other docu-
ments of Public interest

Very Resp your friend

S. B. Owens

S/O Owens
Foster. Ky,
Decr 26. /57.
Wants Speech.

Peebles

Washington
Dec 26th / 57

Dear Sir

The within letter was enclosed and addressed from Indianapolis Ind. to the President of the Senate; and in compliance with his request, I herewith enclose the same to you.

Very Respectfully
Yrs. A. A. Phelps Sec'y

Wm. L. Douglass
President.

Letter marked
"Private" - See from
Sec'y of War
- Dec 26/57 -

1854



[Faint, illegible handwritten text in cursive script, likely bleed-through from the reverse side.]

[Faint, illegible handwritten text in cursive script, likely bleed-through from the reverse side.]

Augusta Maine Dec 26th 1857.

Hon J. A. Douglass
U. S. Senator

Dear Sir

Yau will greatly oblige me if Yau will send me a copy of Yaur Speech delivd on the 9th instant - Also a copy of the Presidents Message &c - and a copy of Hon R. J. Walkers letter, and if convenient a copy of his Watchmen Address delivd in January 1853,

Having no political friend in either house from our state is my excuse for troubling you.

Truly Yaur Friend

J. D. Pierce

J. D. Pierce

Augusta

Maine

Wants

Dec 26/57

Yr Speech

Pres. Message

Wulker letter

Snatch, addup

7-1853



FREE

Hon. S. A. Douglas

U. S. Senate

Washington City
D. C.

100

100



Nottingham N.H. Dec-26th 1857

Hon. S. A. Douglas -

Dr. Sir: - Will you be so kind as to send me a bundle of your late Speech in the Senate, on the Secompton Constitution. The reason of my asking this favor of you is because, there is many democrats in this vicinity that are anxious to learn your views in regard to this matter - but cannot not obtain them through any of the democratic papers of this state. There seems to be a studied silence on their part, to do you injustice, in not giving you a hearing -

If you can send me any - direct to Nottingham Centre N.H., and I will assure you that they shall be placed in the hands of those, that will read them. Your course in the Senate meets the approbation of ~~there~~ a majority of democrats in this town - who have had a chance to get your speech

yours truly
Geo. W. Plummer

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

Mr. W. Plummer

Northington Centre

NH

Dec 26/57.

Wants a few benches

at home church

Wm. W. Plummer

Pittstown N.J. Dec. 26 - 1857.
Hon. S. A. Douglas;

Esteemed Sir;

Will you have
the goodness to send me a copy of your
recent Speeches in the Senate on the
Kansas Question? And permit me to say
that the position you maintain on that
subject affords the most unqualified ap-
proval and gratification of every true
friend of Kansas in this section.

Very sincerely

Your Obedt. Servt.

Henry Racy

Hy Rnee

Pittstown

Decr 26/57. N.Y.

Your Cause fully
approved thru Grants
or Speeches



[Faint, illegible handwriting in cursive script, likely bleed-through from the reverse side.]

[Faint, illegible handwriting in cursive script, likely bleed-through from the reverse side.]

Summerhill Pike & Ills Dec 26 1857
 Hon S A Douglas

Sir I beg leave to call your attention a moment on our P. O. Affair. It is in the hands of the Black Republicans Summerhill is but a small place & there is no Democrat in the place to take the Office to obviate their bascality. I want you to send all Public documents (that you see fit to send) to me & I will see that they are distributed to your Supporters. Some of your Speeches in Pamphlet form has come to hand that is to the P. O. but the Democrats did not get any. Who did get them Sir those same ones that got your Speeches on the Nebraska bill & said all they was fit for was to burn (Black Republican) but they like your Speech this winter & think it will do to read & so they Cabbage all.

I want you to send me the Agriculture Report of the Salt Lake Office. John S Roberts is my neighbor I expect you are acquainted with him but he is in Springfield this winter or I should have you directed to him. Old Pike will be all right next fall.
 Yours Vee H Cathlamet

A. Rathbun
Summitville
Dec 26/57. Ill

Call attention to a
Black Republican P.m.
Wants to be sent to his
address & that Democrats
may get them!

Wm. G. P. S

Abel C. Smith
Newbury Dec 10 1859

To
The Hon. S. C. Sumner
Washington,

My dear sir, I have not
to this writing, been informed of the decision
made by the Executive Legislature of Kansas, concerning
the qualification of the "freeing persons",
Shenton, & of course, whether the result of the
late election, in said territory.

I doubt not, however, its readers will have
to the many difficulties, & complications, which
arise, in making this most important question.

It cannot be denied that the best & most ^{fair}
& republican method in dealing with this matter
is to ignore these irregular assertions, at Leavenworth
& Topeka, & continue the people to go forward,
& form a Constitution & their government for them
Leaves."

The whole political action in relation to Kansas,
has been wrong from first to last, its inception
& its treatment, all here, & is pretty obviously the
same line of policy of the Union & of popular govern-
ment.

My Congress, in the Department, presents the legal
ground to them this unpleasant subject, back

Saml. & Roddy
Libby Corner
Decr 26/54.
a Lunatic

Lansing Michin
Decr 26th 1857.

Jas G. Runsey.

Wants a copy of
yo speech on the
Kansas question.



State of Michigan

AUDITOR GENERAL'S OFFICE

Lansing, Dec 26th 1857

Dear Sir

Will thou do me the favor to
send me a copy of your speech delivered
in the United States Senate on that pair
of the Presidents Message relating to the
affairs of Kansas and much oblige

Yours obt. Servt

James G. Runsey

Hon. Stephen A. Douglas
U. S. Senate
Washington
Dc

THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO

LIBRARY OF THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO

THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO

LIBRARY OF THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO

THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO

LIBRARY OF THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO

THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO

LIBRARY OF THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO

Chicago, Dec. 26. 1857,
 Dear Sir

This will be handed you by Thomas' Le Forest Esq. one of our old residents, a gentleman of the highest respectability with extensive and influential connections in this part of the State.

Mr. Forest calls at Washington to which your kind offices in behalf of my brother-in-law Lewis Fittsfield W. D. Maine, whose wife is a daughter of your old friend the late Judge Towner of this city.

Lewis F. is the only Son of the late Justin Fittsfield.

Mr. Forest will explain the matter to you and as a moment's interview on your part with Mr. Toucey will accomplish the object your attention to it will be a signal favor to Lewis F. as well as myself, and will not be forgotten.

Your position on Kansas gives satisfaction here and you may rely that Illinois will sustain you.

Wm. L. G. Douglass
 Com of Serv^t
 S. Sawyer

Chicago, Ills.

. Dec 26th/57.

S. Sawyer.

Introducing

Mr. Forest.

soliciting aid
in behalf of Sick
Butterfield

Dear friend
I have been thinking
of you very much
and hope you are
well. I have been
very busy lately
but I have not
time to write you
more. I have been
very busy lately
but I have not
time to write you
more. I have been
very busy lately
but I have not
time to write you
more.

Chicago
Decr 26/57.

F. L. Sherman.

Endorses your course
on the Kansas question.

1862

Chicago Dec 26th 1857

Bro^r

Stephen H. Douglas

~~House~~

Dear Sir

I have read your speech, and read it
again with much interest. I will say
to you that gives me great pleasure
to inform you that I endorse the course
you have taken in opposing the
wrong that ^{has} been attempted by the
Leocompton Convention, I agree
with you that a Democrat has a
right to express his views on any subject
& was of opinion that the Missouri
Line was a compromise and should
not be repealed, but I found no
fault with the balance of the bill.

Having as I have been
one of your warmest supporters, and
have fought hard for you, I
believe I have voted for you two

on three times for the Office of Senator
I felt it my duty to write
you this

your truly

A. C. Sherman

Hon Stephen A. Dangle
Washington City
D.C.

Sir Will you have
the kindness to send me
copies of congressional
documents as they may
be at at disposal

Thus doing you will
greatly oblige me.

Yours
S. J. Smith
Dec 26 '54 West Astor
Mass

S. T. Mittle
Mistadon
Map

Dec 26/57

Wauls Conyepinal
Documents

Petersburg Dec 26 1857.

Hon Stephen A. Douglas.

My profound Sir.

Permit me as a humble Democrat to express to you my sincere thanks for the decidedly able and impregnable position you have taken on this Nebraska Kansas question, and at the same time to inform you that you are far from being alone in this matter, hundreds of Democrats in old Virginia are now rejoicing over your late defence of the Kansas act, and your firm determination to stand by the biracial platform, and the Nebraska Kansas act and the organization of the party, and abide the consequences whatever they may be resulting from such a position.

You are doubtless well aware of the fact concerning the excitement that prevailed at the South during the past summer and fall, respecting the course pursued by Gov Walker, and the action of the Decempton Convention. Different journals of the Democratic party were engaged in quite a controversy, and as the time for the Legislature of this State to assemble

was fast approaching, as you have no doubt been apprized of the fact, Mr Hunter and his position on this all harassing topic became to be seriously questioned, and elicited from him a letter defining his views, which was ^{not} very acceptable to a large portion of the party, and particularly as regards the point of submitting the Constitution to the people. But being sound on the general principles of the party, Mr Hunter was permitted to continue United States Senator for another term.

Now Mr Douglas let me inform you that the Editors as well as all who have written on the subject, seemed to have completely lost sight of the main fundamental principles of the party. They have forgotten the platform which was in 1848, or if not they were ashamed to avow it, for it would certainly have crushed them and all their arguments on the question as regards the power to frame a State constitution for Kansas, because that is the question, where is the power, to whom does it belong and by whom is it to be exercised. This was the point to attack, but they dodged the

This convention met at Richmond Virginia in 1848 & gave completely.

I will here insert that famous resolution adopted by the States Rights Republican Democratic State convention in 1848. This is the resolution, it will speak for itself, and if Senators Cass or Hunter either should ^{frank} say any on the subject when the matter is up again, if they take ground against submitting the whole constitution to the people, just call their attention to this famous resolution, and ask them if they supported that platform during the Presidential canvass of 1848, when Cass and Butler were the Democratic nominees. Should you pursue this course and they reply affirmatively, it will be a nice point gained, and will be very apt to open their eyes.

Here is that resolution. "Resolved, That as Republicans and citizens of one of the free and equal states of this Union, we do most earnestly protest against the United States and United Provinces, as wanton violations of the Constitution and wilful assaults on the rights and interests of one portion of our Confederacy; and do solemnly declare, that there is no power either in Congress, or a Territorial Legislature, which is its

E. H. Saintock ?

Petersburg Va
Dec 22/54.

Interested about Kansas

Wanted to be Clerk to
Committee on Territories

creature, nor any where else, save only in the people of a Territory, in the adoption of a state constitution, preparatory to admission into the Union as a state, to prevent the migration of any citizen of any state, with his property, whether he be slave or anything else, to any ~~dominion~~ which may be acquired by the same man blood and treasure of the people of all the states!

It will therefore be plainly perceived, that the question that is involved in this resolution, it being the pure sum and substance of it is, to whom does the power belong, where ^{found to admit a constitution for} it to be ~~exercised~~, and in regard to this ^{against} Kansas matter, since so much turmoil and confusion has arisen on the part of certain factionists, for it is nothing but a faction against Gov Walker. They regarded him the greatest man in the country during President Polk's administration, whence then this sudden condemnation and denunciations of this statesman? What treason has been committed? Pray let us know, and if his case is such as to deserve and suffer condemnation at the hands of Federal justice, very

are two will go in for letting him suffer the penalty, which a crime of this nature is liable to. But let us not be too hasty in our condemnation of him, give him a fair and impartial hearing, let justice be done, wait until all the evidence is furnished before you on this subject by the President, and then will be plenty time to condemn. Sam Walker was sent to Kansas, not ^{at} his own solicitation, for he thence declined to serve, but was persuaded at last by Sherman to accept, and as he expressly states with the understanding that the constitution should be submitted to the people for their approval or rejection, but whilst there in the discharge of his duty he was expressly instructed by the President to see that the laws were faithfully kept and fraud and violence prevented. This has all been done by Sam Walker, he returns to Washington, consults the President, and it turns out that there is a difference of opinion on this one point, notwithstanding the declarations of Mr Buchanan in his message, his unqualified instructions to submit the constitution to the people. Now they leave to say that the position you have taken, is the only true one

that can be maintained by Democratic Senators and Representatives, consistent with the principles of the party. Besides less than sixty days, these Democratic Senators now opposing you will come over to your side, they have already conceded the point in their speeches, and they cannot pursue any other honorable course than by acknowledging their error in regard to this absorbing question. Moreover it is perfectly preposterous for any one to suppose that you are going to forsake the party merely for this difference of opinion, even if a majority should agree with the President and accept his construction of the Kansas constitutional act as it is at present.

See you have determined to stand upon the Union platform &c, take that position and you are impregnable, can not be touched, and continue to battle away for the constitutional rights and liberties of the people, and there will be no difficulty in keeping off the darts hurled at you by such fire eaters as Hovey & Co.

Tell Mr Douglas, inasmuch as I have the pleasure of your acquaintance, having obtained ^{it} in 1855, when you addressed the Democrats in Richmond, and attended

the supper given to you and served upon the
American Hotel, where I had the privilege
of seeing and becoming acquainted with
you, I would respectfully tender you
my services as clerk to your commit-
tee on Territories, since I find in the
proceedings of Wednesday that this was
embraced in the list of committees who
were empowered to employ clerks, I most
respectfully tender you my services as
such.

I have addressed you W. C. Coad on the
same subject, and if experience will
justify, I would like to act for both his
and your committees, but as I would be
more properable I am inclined to be-
lieve... In case I shall not be appointed
clerk to his committee, I would prefer
to act for the committee of which you
have the distinguished honor of being
its chairman, that on Territories.

I suppose no references are needed, if as I
will refer to Mr. Coad, I also am acquainted
with Senators Mason and Hunter, and if
he was here would also refer you to Hon.
Mr. Coad, W. F. Foyner &c. Respectfully Yours,
Let me hear from you if
to is convenient.

E. H. Hainback.

H. R. Storr

University of Va.

Dec 26/57

wants a copy of your speech

Paul

1865

University of Va., Dec 26/57
Dear Sir.

Will you sir
be so kind as to
forward me a
copy of your speech
on that portion of
the President's mes-
sage which relates
to the Reconstruction
constitution.

Yours H.

Henry R. Storr

Hon. Steven A. Douglas,
Rep.

I have the speech
referred to, from a
news paper, but desire
it in pamphlet
form.

J. C. Strong
Bradford, Iowa
Dec. 26/57.

Wants Speech.

1866

Bradford
Chicasso County
Iowa
Dec. 26. 1857.
Hon. S. A. Douglas.

Dear Sir:

Will you have the
kindness to furnish
me with a copy of
your much talked of
speech recently delivered
in Congress on the
Kansas question.

With much respect
Obliged yours,
J. C. Strong.

Chicago (Ill.)
Dec 22 (1871)

Dear Mr. [illegible]

Will you please be
kind enough to forward
me with a copy of
your report on the
[illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible]

Very truly
yours
J. C. Strong

Milwaukee Dec 26th 1857

Upham's

Hon. Stephen A. Douglas

Dear Sir,

We are so unfortunate as not to have a democratic member of Congress from this state, and we are sometimes under the necessity of troubling our neighbors.

My nomination for U. S. District ^{Attorney} of the 1st District of Wisconsin will soon come before the Senate, and as you are pretty well acquainted with our affairs in this state, I beg to call your attention to it.

I do not know, that there will be any particular opposition to my confirmation, and still there may be, and if so you will greatly oblige me, by making such representations and statements, as you may deem just, and proper.

If by the action of Congress, we can have a just and fair interpretation of the Fugitive, Nebraska act, according to its true spirit, this state hereafter is democratic.

Yours friend

J. H. Upham

Wm. A. H. H. H.

Milwaukee
Wis;

Decr 28, 1857,

Confirmer
in Senate
wants favorable
action on his

State Hill, Orange Co. N. Y.
Dec. 26th 1857.

Wm. Stephen A. Douglas, W. S. Senator
Washington,
D. C.

Dear Sir,

Being unable
of obtaining a full report of your speech
concerning Kansas affairs, and being desirous
of understanding correctly your views and those
of the Administration, in regard to Kansas,
I would esteem it a favor if you would
send me a few copies of your late speech
and any other papers which you may have
at your disposal.

Yours Respectfully,

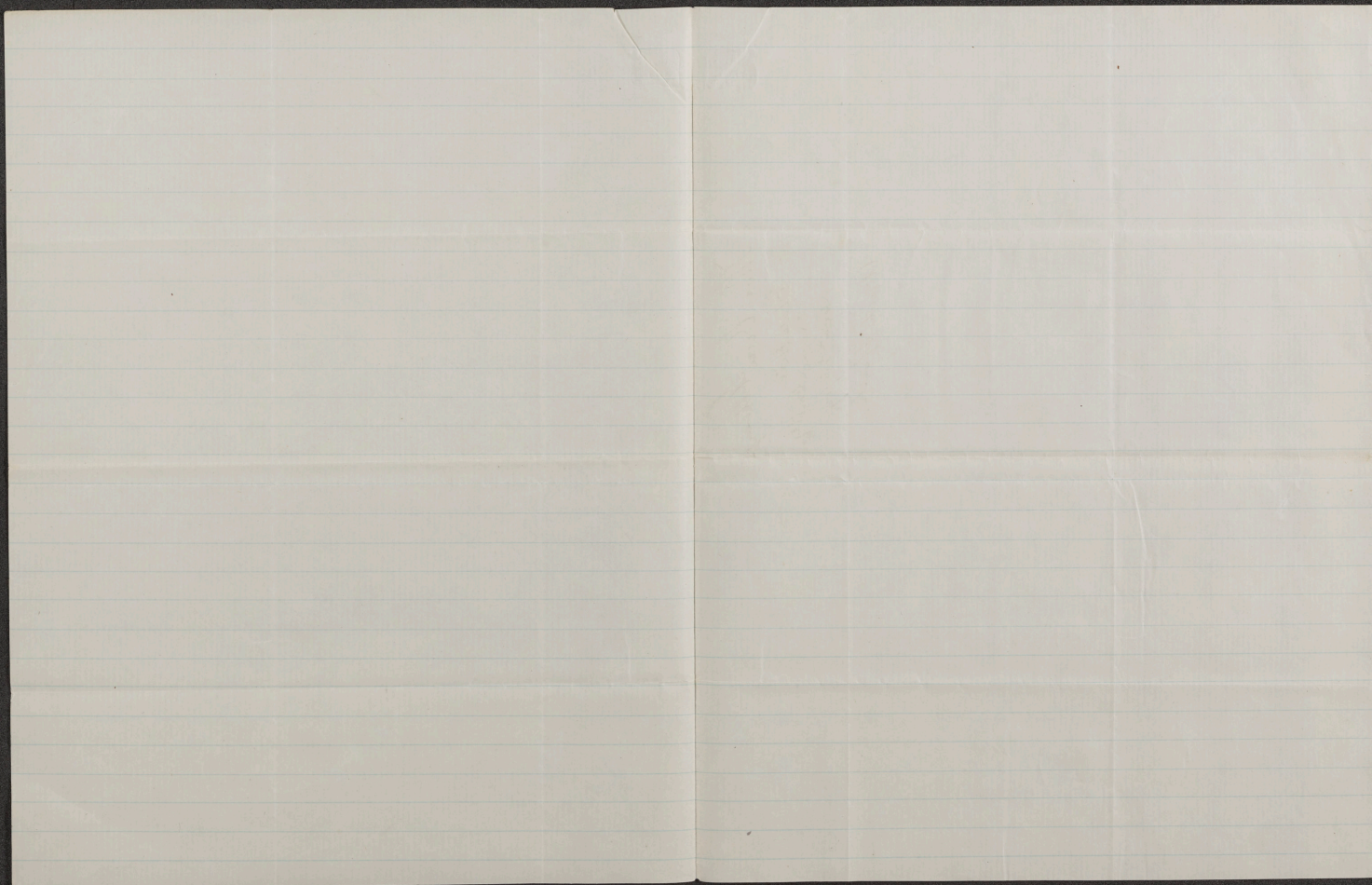
Thomas Van Etten Jr.
State Hill, Orange Co.
N. Y.

Thos Van Etten, Jr

State Hill
Orange Co. N.Y.

Dec 26/57.

Wants Speech.



Strictly private

Indianapolis Dec. 26. 1857

Dear Sir,

Although you have not requested it, ~~North~~
 keep you posted. The Sentinel and other pa-
 pers which, at first, took ground for a subver-
 sion of the entire Constitution of Kansas, have
 backed water, and are discharging out namby
 pamby, as usual, to deaden public feeling, &
 deter its exposure. Interrupted yesterday from
 a professional buggy-travel of sixty miles
 and back - found the citizens in this County
 seats, ~~and following~~ ^{the} ~~Smith~~ ^{of the Sentinel} and the trial
 gentlemen taking the other side, pressing
 you & Mr. Wright, & wrestling under the
 arbitrary sway of the Citizens who, they say,
 have, for years, been placing them in a
 fix that they must either desert their party
 or sanction abominations. I also found
 them down on Jope; and I took care to
 hold up Wallace as his coadjutor and ^{joint}
 and little holder, and the actual high priest of the Citizens, &
^{or forward} ~~begetter~~ of all our murder & corruption -
 for such is in truth is //

I expect they will pass some sort of Confederal
resolutions at our State Convention on
the 8 Jan. The Sentinel were asked
me, the other day, if I suppose there would
be any difficulty in passing a resolution
of Confederalism in the Admⁿ. I did not say.
But if Jos. Wright were here nothing of
the kind would pass. I could take
Masonic Hall, and speak the night be-
fore the Convention, and play Bill nether
there place as well as Jos, but for nothing.
The rascals would raise the cry of "You
lead" on me, and nullify to some ex-
tent. Let me go on. They passed Proviso
resolutions once, and I continued to vote
against it in Congress; and in the end
they backed out. They will do so
again, if definite resolutions be passed
next 8 Jan. or best as next June at
our elections.

I mentioned in my last that I sup-
posed the admⁿ would let you have
your own way. I am I was mistaken.

Bright's course shows that. I am too that
our Fitch has been annoying you.
Coarse, unkind, inconsistent, and
treacherous, he is not worth minding.
Let Wright's look be what it may,
his cats paw will return to his in-
significance ere long.

In haste Very truly

W. H. Wick

I would of choice see Missouri backed
on our side & not by slave territory —
or by slave States, if that thing can be ac-
complished by legitimate means & in honor.
We are all in the same category with
you, in a small way. But some of
us have no honor. In the South
it is probable that very few are under
any honorable obligations. They would
notionally be understood differently in
their speeches than from what they would
and to my knowledge more in their spee-
ches made here in Ind., although they
said the same in substance. And that

legislation
which would be received with indifference
even there, would here be looked upon
as a trick, and would drive thousands
from their party, if there were a dissent
party to go to. As it is it will try
faith to its utmost tension — in
many instances to bursting

W W Wick

Indianapolis

Inda

Dec 26. 1857.

Political

"Private"

✓

1869-2

Calvin Pitman

Beaver Creek Md
Dec 26/57
Wm. K. Kunkin, Secy

Sart

Beaver Creek Washington Co. Md. Dec 26

Hon S. A. Douglas

Dear Sir

Will you be kind enough to send me a copy of your Speech, delivered Dec 7th, on "The Message".

I can distribute a few of your "Papers" to advantage

Very Respectfully

Calvin Pitman

