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Xenia Ohio

December 28 1857

Wm. L. G. Douglass
Washington City

Dear Sir
Will you be so kind as
to send me a copy of your speech on Kansas Affairs and
thine truly
Yours

C. Newton

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Dec 28/57. 0

Wannaspeck

Hopkinton N.H. Dec 22, 1917

Dear Sir

Will you please
send me a copy of your speech
on the Procomp. to Constitution as
it has not been published in the
democrat papers at Concord and
therefore I have not had the pleasure
of reading it. I trust you will
excuse for being so intrusive

Yours truly

Geo W Nichols

Hon S. A. Douglas
Washington D.C.

Geo W Nichols

Hopkinton

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Dec 28. /57.

Wants speech.

Montezuma Dec 28th 1854
Hon Stephen A Douglass

Dear Sir,

being a Democrat myself
and anxious to know the
movements in Congress I would
be much obliged if you would
put my name on the list of
your correspondents

Direct to Jeremiah Noaine
Montezuma Parke Co

And
Respectfully yours

J Noaine
Hon S A Douglass

J. Codine
Montezuma

Decr 28/54. Sir
Wants to be put upon
your Doct list.

W. P.

in
 Wochton 23 Aug

Dr Sir

Though not acquainted
 with you I ask you to send
 to L. H. Frank Esq Ed Gazette
 at this place some few valuable
Deeds and show him attention it
is Policy to do, his Father
 has heretofore been neutral but
 from conversation with him I
 know he is an admirer of you
 & will I think take a decided stand
 for you & the Democratic Party

Yrs Truly
 Albert Watson

Albert Norton

Rochester

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Wm's Docs sent to
L H Funk Editor of the
Gazette - his partner
is now for you

Uniontown

Layette County, Penna.

Dec. 28. 1857.

Dear Sir -

Although the opinion of an obscure County Court Attorney, as to your course & position on the Kansas question in general, & the LeCompton Constitution in particular, may be, & no doubt is a matter of but little moment to a person in your distinguished position before the whole country it may, nevertheless, be a source of some gratification to know, even from so humble a source that the heart & soul of this part of Penna. is with you, even against her "favorite son".

I have hitherto acted with the opposition. But if I had believed in an honest purpose to carry out in good faith the principles of the Kansas Nebraska Bill, as set forth in your noble argument of the 9th. inst. (a copy of which my friend Col. Whitely of Del. - a member of the Lower House, has been kind enough to send me) by him & his friends, I would, at the last election have supported James Buchanan - a democratic nominee, - for the first time. The event of his defeat, it seems has justified the doubt as to Mr. Buchanan, for whom the battles of the last campaign were fought & won in Pennsylvania.

on the positions set forth & illustrated in your
argument of the 9th. inst. Nothing else was ^{there} ~~there~~
from the stump, or seen in the partisan papers of
the day. Pennsylvania could not have been car-
ried for Mr. Buchanan on any other terms.

I have no desire to trespass on your time—
I do not flatter myself that the critic's name
will be impressed longer on your memory than
a hasty glance of the eye. Nor, have been in-
duced to write these lines for the purpose of
eliciting a reply. My only purpose is to give
you whatever gratification may be found in
the fact—as I believe it to be—that a large pro-
portion of the people of this section of Penna., of
all parties, are with you, in this all absorbing, and
I may say only question, on which their minds
are ^{now} exercised in our National politics. Let me then
add one voice—the echo of many—very many
to swell the notes of approbation you have
already heard from "The Ref.", wishing you
"God speed"—"Wherever the logical consequences
of the principle lead", the mass of the people
of South Western Penna. will follow you.

Very Respectfully

Yours &c.

S. Duncan Oliphant

To

Hon. Steph. A. Douglas



St. Lawrence Clifton
Uniontown
Safayette Co. Pa.
Decr 23/57.

Gratulatory.
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Shelby Ohio Decr 28th 1844

Dear Sir,

In the multitude of your old acquaintances, it cannot be otherwise that the names of many of them will have escaped your memory - and that I am among that number is most likely for the reason that you have not had occasion to speak my name as often as I have been pleased to speak yours. Still this does not lessen the high respect that my acquaintance with you personally as well as the cordial approbation that I am happy to entertain for you, as a champion of those principles that has made us the greatest people the world ever knew, and while I am saying this I may as well add that in addition to the luster that your patriotism has added to your name, we have been occasionally benighted and blinded with the illumination of your burning efforts in various parts of our country, which we democrats claim has only tended to clear away the dark clouds that your dusky opponent were endeavoring to create over the path that destiny had surveyed for your journey to future goodness and greatness, we are all

our L.L.
Dulaps, men here, and one of my neighbours more
enthusiastic than the rest is forming a fine thirty
man which he designs a fleet so soon as your
Kunlap measure is permanently established.

That we may be kept advised of your progress
in advocating your countries cause, unvocational docu-
ment would be most thankfully received, as Hon. Sherman
is our representative, he has somehow or other neglected
to keep us democracy advised.

With much respect I am your very humble
but devoted friend,

A. W. Patterson

A. W. Patterson
Shelby, Ohio.
Dec 28 1857

Enclosed -
claim to be an
old secessionist
The post will allow
a fine tract of land
on at a price of
Judge's measure.

W.D.
Hon Stephen A. Douglas,
U.S. Senat,

P.S. Please remember our L.L. & not only
another line democrats but another line democrats
Douglasman.

M. B. Payne
Cleveland, O.
Decr 28/57.

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Cleveland Dec. 28/57
My Dear Sir.

I find as you suggest
that my time can be devoted to a
better purpose here than in Washington
and as the Holiday season would de-
fect the purpose of seeing the Ohio de-
legation together I have concluded to
defer my visit to Wash. until action
is had by our Legislature.

What opposition we shall meet
with is as yet uncertain. But I fully
expect a portion of the Members will
resist any action whatever. Bakers
of the House of Reps. and Henry Perry
are both with us and have promised
me to be at Columbus by Thursday of
this week and cooperate in getting the
proper Revolutionary passes. I am in
favor of a simple Resolution of Distinction
opposite the commission of Kansas men.

the Tenth Amendment makes
the same shall be first submitted to
the people and approved by a majority
of the votes of the Territory. He therefore
I will command the support of the Black
Republicans, and never it will succeed
for Democrats to oppose it.

I wish you would write me
(American Hotel Columbus) pretty
and fully on the latest news and
give such counsel as you think
may be useful. This might instruct
to enable us to shape matters.

Genl. J. H. Birger Columbus.
Please add to the list of those to whom
you send public documents the
a warm friend and has specially
asked me to make this request of you. I
must it.

Truly yours

Ben J. A. S. S. S.

H. B. Meyer

Cincinnati Dec 28, 1855
Hon S A Douglas Senate U S
Dear Sir

Pardon me for troubling you
in a matter, in which I presume
you are already much annoyed.
Your speech on the Kansas, or
Secession Constitution is much
sought for here, and I have been
frequently approached to know
whether I could procure a few copies;
In consequence of which I take the
liberty of forwarding the names
of a few persons who would
esteem it a favour to them if you
could forward a few copies.

Very Respectfully
W. F. Perry

24 Perry Street

P.S. I refer to Hon G E Pugh,

Hon Jesse W Bright, Hon M S Doeckert,
H Geo H Pendleton.

Geo C Crawford, Jos Hancock, E Blakesley,
W B Dickson, B Eppleson, Thea Mass,
A Carnes, G S Williamson, S ^{Trevor} ~~Trevor~~,
W Coolidge, John Whelstone, R Crawford,
J L Jones, Col John Johnson, J McFarland,

A few extra copies to myself
would be properly distributed.

W. Perry
Cincinnati Ohio
Dec 28. 1857.
Wm. Stead &
gives list of others.



Liberty Bn. Summit County
N. Y., Dec. 20th, 1857

The Am. A. B. Douglas
Washington

My dear Sir, I have the pleasure
to learn in returning post, 20th Dec. that a printed copy
of the speech delivered by you in the Senate Chamber
of Congress, on the 9th Inst. on the subject of the
President's Message, has pleased to reach my hand
thence for the same.

It was a pleasure to my political friends
and I not a small one to you in all possible
positions, that the sentiments & views which
it embodies, stand forth in my mind of freedom.

If this imposing difficulty in relation to
Slavery, Comp. prison laws, be thrown back
on the people by Congress, Congress is wrong,
both the People & Constitution Convention,
I have never in the past & present made
a division of this paper question, & then the
beneficial action of Slavery, under a safe position
to the People, which I don't meet in all the strong
formulas of freedom & accepting of form of
State Constitution, that would be suggesting
to the people of Slavery Territory, & acceptable to
Congress.

[illegible]

Samuel L. Pooley

Libby Corne
Dec 25th 1857
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Apprentice of your Speech

Hon S. A. Douglas

Sir -

I desire to
see you a moment concerning
some property in which you
have an interest

Yours truly
D. Pratt

St. Nicholas }
Dec 28th 57



Mr. J. F. Carpenter

Dear Sir

I have the honor

to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 10th inst. in relation to the matter of the

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Prophetstown Ills.,

Dec. 28, 1857

Now S A Douglass
Washington City D.C.

Dear Sir

Your Speech of the 7th has been read with much interest by your political friends in this part of the country and I know of no Democrat in the County who dissents from the doctrines inculcated therein. And there is scarce a Black Republican who is not standing in amazement and waiting an invitation or rather an excuse to join us while those poor deluded Democrats who left us in the time of need, are standing with their hats off and humbly asking us to receive them back. They say you told them so but they supposed you and those who advocated Democratic principles were bought over by the South and were lying to them but now they are thoroughly convinced that we were honest.

Any Documents you may favor us with shall be properly circulated, when they will be likely to be effective, anything with which you may be proper to favor me with shall be properly appreciated.

Yours Truly
A L Porter

A. G. Foster

Prophetstown

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Dec 10/58

Encouraging.

- people coming
over.

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1938
J. S. Pough
L. L. R. R. Office
Cincinnati Ohio
Dec or 23/57,
Wants 12 Speeches.

Wm. L. A. Douglass
Cincinnati Dec 23/57
Dear Sir

Please send
subscriber Milton copies of your
speech, and oblige your friend
& subscriber

J. S. Pough
L. L. R. R. Office
Cincinnati Ohio



Ashland near Athens Merriam Co Mo Dec 28th 1889

Hon B. A. Douglass M.D.S.

Washington City

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Hon Sir, & Friend

I have carefully read
your Kansas Speech on your Exposition
of the Fraud that I think would be on the Kansas
Advisory Bill you are now carrying out what
^{all} I have thought was couched in that Bill
that is the old Whig Controversy & the True Continuity
of the Cincinnati Platform which I never
had any thing against Old Buck has suited
me in all things but the Kansas Amendment
course this time I think he leaned to the South
& did not stand in the Center as a Conservative
Man should Walker should be sustained
I was in Kansas while he was exerting all his powers
as a true Patriot pursuing a Conservative
course I most cordially endorse all of Walker's
sayings & doing in Kansas & I am what
is called a proslavery man but justice
to all should be the Statesman's motto &
the motto of the Yomanry of this Nation
& if united we stand but if divided we
fall Will you please send me everything
that pertains to Kansas

Yours Respectfully
Hon B. A. Douglass M.D.S. A. A. Rankin

P.S. I understand that Maj. T. L. Ham's is
with you of which I am very glad
Please answer this if you have time
Yours A. A. R.

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A. A. Rankin,
Ashland Mass
Dec 28th 1851.
Pollett etc

G W W Keckum
Lebanon
Dec 25/57, Ind
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for distribution

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Salmon Falls Dec 25th 1857.
Hon S A Douglas
San Fran

You will pardon this
intrusion upon your time and
patience I am not soliciting office
But after reading your able
Defense in the Speech you
sent me I could not fail
to express to you my sincere thanks
That there is still at least
One Champion in the Senate
of the United States able and
willing to defend the great
Democratic Principles of
Popular Sovereignty on Saturday
the 26th I mailed you the Home
Country Review from which you
will see we are all right here
I would be pleased to receive
further expressions of yours.

Confidence in the way of
Documents Speeches & so forth
Promising you to cooperate in
the Advancement of those
great Principles upon the
Triumph of which Depends
our Future Nationality Hoping
to hear from you During the
Session of Congress and wishing
you and the Cause you so
Nobly Defend Success &
Remain Resp your friend

J W Richards
Bro Lincoln
Indiana

Received of Mr
J W Richards
the sum of
Twenty five
Dollars for
the same

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Solist Mo. Dec 28th 1857.

Wm. L. A. Douglass.

Dear Sir,

From the first introduction of the Kansas & Nebraska Act in the U.S. Senate in the Spring of 1854 I have been and am now an ardent and unwavering advocate of that Measure, not only on account of its Paternity, but because the great principle it established is eminently Democratic and preeminently just. And I will add Worthy of its author and the great State he so ably represents.

I have been somewhat identified heretofore, and am now pretty well acquainted with the Politics of this County, and therefore feel authorized to say that the Position you have taken and so ably maintained on the Leecompton Constitution of Kansas, meets the unqualified approbation of the entire Democratic Party of Solist and Mill County. All the leading Democrats in the City & County are with you heart and soul, and ^{will} stand by you to the bitter end.

The Equivocal Course of the Solist Signal does not reflect the real and true Sentiments of the Democracy and the People. It is sufficient to say however that the Editor is Post Master.

Supposing your only and true Source of information as regards the Sentiments of the People on the great question of Popular Sovereignty to be from the People themselves, rather than from the Newspapers

in this City I have ventured to intrude myself upon
your notice, hoping thereby to add a mite privately to
the popular expression of public approval and bid
you God Speed in your patriotic efforts in a noble
cause.

Although I am a stranger to you personally, yet
I am well acquainted with your public career
for the last 20 years. The first Vote I gave in Ill.
for member of Congress I gave for You; I think it
was in 1838 when You ran on the Democratic Ticket
against Stewart the Whig Candidate and was defeated by
a fraudulent trick of a certain canal contractor by the
name of A. S. Douglass.

I have been in Illinois about 20 years
and have resided in St. Louis 20 years and have the
satisfaction of enjoying a clean Democratic Record.

Should there be anything transpir-
ing in this community of any importance to you or
your interest I will write you again.

Please accept my sincere wishes
for your future good health, prosperity and
success.

Respectfully at
Benjn Richardson



Polit. Lls.
Dec 28th 1857.
Benjn Richardson

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Southbridge Worcester Co. Mass.
Dec. 28th 1857

Respected Sir,

Will you be pleased
to favor me with a few copies of
your speech on the Kansas ques-
tion, for distribution?

I would also request of you
a few Congressional Documents
for the Town Library of this place,
but it may be an intrusion.

If it is not, Perry's Japan Ex-
pedition would be a great favor.

We have Patent Office Reports
for 1856.

Very Respectfully Yours

Henry Root

Univ. High School

Hon. S. A. Douglass

My Book

Southbridge

Decr 28/57. Map

Waver a few of her d

to speech

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Lempster Dec 28. 1857

Hon S. A Douglas

Dear Sir

Will
you please send me a
Copy of your Speech in the
Senate on the Presidents
Message on Kansas.

Please Direct

East Lempster N. H.

Yours D.C.

Reuben Roundy

Reuben Roundy
East Sempster
N.H.
Dec-28/57.

Wants Speeches

Senator Douglas } Cincinnati Dec 28
Times Office

You would confer ~~on me~~
a favor by sending me a copy of your
Kansas Nebraska Speech. Speeches are so
garbled in passing through the process of
republishing in partisan presses, that one cannot
tell, whether, on reading a speech, he has the whole
speech as originally delivered, or an abridgement of it.
I have always voted with the Whig party, since its
formation. Since I have been with the American party. ~~The~~
Kansas question has come ^{up} in varied shapes and con-
flicting forms, I have looked for some one ^{to} come
to a rational and rational rescue of the difficulty but
sir, till I read your speech, I knew none now, sir,
you are right. I have never but one time 1840,
voted but the Democratic ticket but once, I am
with you when it comes in 1860 to vote for a
President, I can do nothing till then, being nothing
but a humble printer. It gives me pleasure to say
to you go ahead, the country is with you.
If you have a spare speech on hand you will
oblige me by sending it to me at the Times Office
Cincinnati O

Respectfully
James Sanders

W^m Sanders

Cincinnati

Times Office

Decr 28, 1857.

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Laurensburgh Pa

Hon Stephen A Douglas

Decr 28th 1857

Dear sir

Admiring the
decided stand you have taken in
regard to affairs in Kansas, and wishing
to keep posted therein, I wish you
would do me the favor of sending
your speeches, and other documents that
would give me any light on the sub-
ject. Wishing to hear from you in
the shape that I have mentioned I
remain

Respectfully Yours

Will J Schroyer

Laurensburgh

Hon So A Douglas

Dearborn Co

Washington City

Indiana

I. C.

Wm. Schroyer
Laurensburg,
Inda.

Dec 28/57.

Wants Speech

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P.S. I compliment you on the Great
Speech of Decem^{ber} 9. We all Hail it as
the guiding star of Democracy. May
God grant you strength to the End
S.S.



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Winslow Decm 28 1857

John S. A. Long has

Washington City
Dear Sir an Interview I had
with you Novth 9 at the Tremont in
Chicago I feel at Liberty to
ask you to attend to a matter
of Business for me

My Name is up
on Richard Pattison's Bond for
the faithful performance of Post
Master in "Winslow" Stephenson County
Ill. And for obvious reasons I wish
to know the fact, from the proper
Department at Washington Whether
Pattison does perform (strictly) the
Duties of "P. M."

You will Please
present the matter and cause me
to be informed as soon as may
be, direct to Vora, Ill

Very Respectfully
J. S. A. Long

Edw Sears

Muslow

Ills

Decr 18. 1857.

would to know of Patterson
for whom Leakey is
faithfully discharging his
duties to the Post Office

Washington City
Decr. 28. 1867.

Dear Judge.

I have just returned from Ohio, and have the pleasure of being able to say to you, that there is no divided ^{sentiment} in the State. The whole people are with you - enthusiastically wildly with you. A perfect tornado sweeps through-
out the State, and it blows a hurricane all over the North and. You might as well com-
pare a gentle summer breeze that blows in Norther, as any former excitement to the present one. It is universal and intense.

Pugh, and all our dele-
gation in the House, must and shall
go with you. The people of Ohio would
not them, if they vote for the "Leopards
sew in all".

Indiana, will give three
traitors - Bright and Litch - the reward
which their treason merits. Every County mee-
ting yet held in that State - except the one

~~Have~~ held in Wright's town - has de-
nounced the Kenger fraud - and sustained
you.

Toombs is here, and if
you can see him in a few days, he will
be all right. He does not hesitate to speak
contemptuously of those who have assailed
you. I talked with him last night and he
expressed the same kind and good feeling
for you, that he always entertained. He
is indignant at the action of Old Buck
against Genl. Walker. I hope it will
be consistent with your opinion, to co-
operate with him on this subject. Minor
action on the part of Toombs and your-
self, against ^{the} Administration for interfer-
ing illegally with Walker who was at the
time of his capture acting in conjunc-
tion with the Nicaraguan forces, to ex-
pel the Costa Rican invaders, will ex-
cite in the South, a feeling and a sym-
pathy that will greatly embarrass the
old fossil at the head of it. While
with this a movement in favor of Cuba

and you will have Old Buck as dead
as John Tyler was when he left the White
house. Toombs is exceedingly anx-
ious to see you, and I hope you will
be able to meet him before the Sen-
ate meets.

The numerous troops of
the Administration, who were hired
on to manufacture public opinion
against you, have become very
quiet. But still is said - and some
southern men - extreme fire eaters -
are undoubtedly multiplied. Kent said
last night, that "after all, Douglas is all
near right." "We cannot quarrel with
his position, but the only question which
is the best way to get rid of the difficulty
will make Pugh take
his position along side of you.

God bless you.

Am. S. A. Douglas,

Your friend
James B. Steedman

1847
Dear Sir
I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 10th inst. in relation to the above named subject. I am sorry to hear that you are not satisfied with the result of the investigation. I have, however, no objection to your making such use of the facts as you may think proper. I am, Sir, very respectfully,
Yours, &c.
J. B. Douglass



Hon. S. A. Douglas
St. Nicholas Hotel
N. York.



Demaine City Dec 25th 1857

From L. A. Douglas

Dear Sir

I wrote you as a stranger but having been an admirer of your cause as a consistent advocate of Democratic Doctrines. I hope it will not be regarded by you as illly said that you have the sympathies of the rank & file of every Democratic man and woman of the State. I have never occupied any other position ~~than~~ than as a private & in a private capacity I say "Lay on me both & dumbled be he who ever hold enough" so long as the great principles of Popular sovereignty are assailed. As one of the sovereigns I have ever felt a lively interest in a sovereign's rights & your position in relation to the Leconte = ten Constitution is but a transcript of the position of every Democrat in our region. As Democrats we have looked with some interest as to the position

of our representation in the Senate. If
however he does ^{carry} ~~not~~ the same position
in regard to the Kansas Question as that
of the Cincinnati Platform he will not
reflect the will of the Democrats of
Iowa nor will he receive their endorse-
=ment. I think I only speak as a private
but as the map is composed of its distinct
parts so I as one of the members am free
to speak being well ^{assured} ^{with me} that I have
the Democrats in this region. You will
please pardon me in so unceremonious-
=ly, introducing my self being a stranger
but as one of the denizens I desired to
say, "well done good & faithful servant"
I have been a resident of this city & State
& years but personally I am a stranger to
you I would refer you to the Hon
Wm Montgomery whom I trust from
my former acquaintance sympathizes
newly upon the great doctrine of
Popular sovereignty. Yours &c
Abt Shaw



Thy Shaw
Le Mone City
Iowa
Dec. 28/07

Yours truly

Newark. N.J. Dec. 28th 1857
 Hon Stephen Douglass

Honorable Sir

Being about to engage in
 a work of Collecting the
 Autographs of the several distinguished
 men of the United States. I feel assured
 that without the signature of so celebrated
 a gentleman as you it will not be
 finished to complete with other Works.

Under these circumstances should
 you will confer a great honor by forward
 the same to me

Yours Etc. Sent

Address to

Geo. H. Smith
 Box 754

Hon Stephen Douglass
 House of Repres
 Maryland

Newark
 N.J.

Geo A Smith
Newark
Nov 28/58. N.Y.
Box 754.

for Autograph

Ans^d

1949

Hadley, Mass

Dec 28 1857

Dear Sir

I am desirous of procuring a copy of your late speech on the Kansas question to preserve with many others which I have.

If you could oblige me in this respect I should esteem it an especial favor -

Very Respectfully

Your Obt Servt.

Henry Smith -
—H—

Wm S. A Douglass {
M. S. S. }

My Mother
Haver
Mass
Decr 28. 1857.
Wants Speech

S. G. Spear
Pastor of First Church
Thank for speech
Dec 28, 1857,
you are making friends
by thousands

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Milwaukee Dec 28. 1857

Senator Douglas
Sir

I thank you
for your noble speech a copy
of which has just been received
Your fearless and consistent
position is making you friends
by thousands. Never were you so
much the admiration of the
people as you are today. You
are in an impregnable position
Doubtless.

Yours most truly

S. G. Spear
Pastor 1st Presbyterian
Church Milwaukee

Gratiot, Leekling Co, Ohio
Dec 28. 1867

Hon Stephen A. Douglass
U. S. Senator

Dear Sir

You will confer an especial favor if you will send me a copy of your speech on the "President's Message", (the Kansas portion)

If you can send me about 50 copies of it for distribution I will hand them out with pleasure - Any other documents will be thankfully rec^d

Yrs &c.

Ed. A. Stevens P. M.

P.S. Permit me to congratulate you for your position, on the Kansas question, which I consider as the only true Democratic ground, all other positions I think are untenable, and will, if tenaciously adhered to, destroy any party.

L A Stephens.

p.m.

Gratist Licking Co.

Ohio -

Dec 28/57.

Gratulatory -

Wants 50 Speeches.

or more for distribution

R H Stevens,
Buffalo,
N.Y.

Decr 28, 1858,

Sanctuary

Buffalo Dec. 28. 1858.

S. A. Douglass

If your side wins God be praised. Mr. Buchanan will have a good time with his troops if he attempts to force the Discomption doctrine upon the people. Whom the Lord intend to destroy they first make mad. The Southern fire eaters seem inclined to have a fight. Let it come. they have the Army Navy & all the federal Power. they will nevertheless find the People sovereign & that they can form their own institutions in their own way. Subject only to the God of Israel.

If Mr Buchanan persists in his measures and they carry on will be proven to be a true prophet. that civil war is the consequence. Let it come we cant have a better time than now. the South will find the end thereof is death. especially to them. and their peculiar institutions - at any rate I will prophesy that whatever may be the result of the question before Congress. at this session. the slave Power will not govern this Country but 3 years. Northern men will not be sacrificed much longer. and when their energies are spent to be laid aside like a worn out horse & consigned to oblivion.

than moralized enough. and I will now
say you need have no fear for want of Backers
in Your present Position. when the federal Officers
are determined upon. there will be a stampede
and 1/2 the Democrats. all the old Free Democrats
who voted for Fremont. & of all the republicans
though Whigs & Know nothings will be on hand. &
if you think such backers more of a load than you
want to carry. You had better recede now.

I am glad you are not to be annoyed by having
Mr Van Buren on the same side. he is a spirit
Ball. and can hunt no one.

Senator Bowditch who says if "they had cut
off their ears & sent them out of the Territory
he would have applauded the act." speaks my
sentiments. and this would have been done had
not Mr Waller kept the army there for the safety
of the construction.

I suppose you have a bushel a day of
letters of no more importance than this. and therefore
will only ask you to remember to my friend Mr.
Noah Miller

Truly R. N. Stoddard

Commercial and Collecting Agency,
For the States of OHIO, INDIANA, and KENTUCKY,
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Cincinnati, Dec 27 1857

My Dear

Would you send
me your Kansas speech on
President, Monroe - From
the telegraph report of it - it
is the greatest speech
you ever made -

The democratic party here
except a few office holders,
are all with you - I am
talking of having a tre-
mendous mass meeting
& would you come

Yrs. &c.

J. A. Thompson
(For J. Quincy Hall)

C A Thompson

Cincinnati Ohio

Decr 28/57.

Gratulatory --

wants Speech

Kinniconick Ky Dec 28th 1857

Dear Sir

Having seen a part
of your speech in the Senate on the
Decompton Constitution of Kansas I am
anxious to have all of it. therefore you will
oblige me by sending me a copy of it, excuse
me for troubling you for I being a Republican
I have no direct Representatives in Congress

I will give you the names of some Democrats
if it is your pleasure I would like that you
would ^{send} them your speech also,

John Bassett, A. R. Garland, Wm Brown,
H. J. James, Wm R. Smith, Wm P. Savage,
P. H. C. Bruce, Nicolas Moore, John Melalister
Abraham Logan, W. W. Jameson, Alfred Davis,
the above named Democrats are all true and
have not been contaminated with Know Nothingism,
Yours truly
Hon. S. A. Douglas Jabez Truitt

address Kinniconick Lewis Co. Ky.

Kinniconick 20
J. Geo. P. H. Ky
Gallego, P. M.
Navy for Spades

free
Hon S. A. Douglas (senator)
Washington City
Disst met
Columbia
Kinniconick
Oct 29 1874

W. L. Smith
1889

W. L. Smith
1889

Ben Turner
 Boston
 Dec 28/57.
 Admire your Speech
 want a few more for
 circulation &c

Post Office Boston Mass
 Dec 28th 1857
 Hon D A. Bayley

Sir
 I received a few copies
 of your Speech on Kansas Question and
 circulated them a few men could be used
 to your advantage here as it effectually
 disarms the Republicans here against you
 And I hope we will be able to put them
 entirely against our next election.

As as they
 cannot make a speech against you. however
 what is left of them will fight desperately
 a few imbecile obstinate doctrine.
 But right will triumph and by
 that we intend to return you to
 the Senate

Respectfully yours
 Benjamin Turner





Cleveland, O., Dec 28 1857

Mr S. A. Douglass

Dear Sir

I received on yesterday evening, a communication from one of my Spirit Friends, stating that he had been to Washington on a visit to our National Legislature and that he saw old Hickory, he was standing beside my Friend Mr Douglass approving of his course, cheering him on, — (query) If the good Spirits be with us, — who shall overthrow us. Right shall conquer might. (by the Eternal.) yes Friend Douglass — although the Good old man has left the earthly form he is with you in Spirit. —

Go ahead

Your Friend

Samuel, W. Turner

Cleveland, O.

Decr 28th 1857.

Sam'l W. Turner,

Interesting "spiritual com-
munications"

Speeches &c. ^{no}

A Leslie Underwood

St. Paul
Decr 28/57 Ind
Wanted a few copies of
Yr Speech. the people
are against Fitch
of you

St Paul Ind Decr 28/57

Wm L. Douglass

Dear Sir

Permit me to trespass so far
on your valuable time as to
request a few copies of your
Speech on the Kansas Disruptive
Constitutional Convention &c

The Ind Delegation
being opposed to your position
(and of course stultifying themselves)
will not send them to their con-
stituents. Let me assure you
that 9/10 of the people in the 4th
and 6th Districts are with you
and against Fitch's position (I
mean the Democracy) accept
for yourself & Lady the best
wishes of your old friend
A. Leslie Underwood
formerly of Jacksonville Tenn



Columbus, Ohio, Dec 38, '77.

Hon. S. A. Douglass
Sir;

You will pardon what-
ever may appear improper in me, "a
youth, to fortune and to fame unknown"
attempting to address you a word of
approbation in regard to your course
in the Senate, on the Kansas question,
as it now stands; but as I, though
young, have been an editor and seen
some service in the Democratic
party, I concluded it would certainly
do no harm to express to you
my extreme pleasure and gratifi-
cation at the bold and manly po-
sition you have taken on that
"vexed question."

Within a month I have
been over almost this entire
State, and claim to know something
of the public sentiment of our
citizens, and I can assure you
that among the people Senator
Douglas is the most popular man
now living. I state this fact, be-
lieving it would be a gratification
to you know that the people are
with you. Among the Democracy
your course meets universal ap-
plause; and were they a vote to be
taken tomorrow, as to whether your
position was right or wrong, you
would be sustained by 100,000
majority. Those Democrats who
have been frightened from their
allegiance are re-assured, and the "orig-
inal Buchanan men" are disappearing.
I used my best endeavors, to

hush as they were, to secure
the nomination of James Buchanan,
because I, like thousands of Democrats,
had an idea that you was most
too "ultra"; but now, though I do not
regret his (Buchanan's) election, I do
his nomination.

I hope you may succeed in your
effort to recall the Democracy from
this fatal path, and glaring mistakes.
Stand by your colors, heeding not
the abuse of pop-sucking officials, and
hungry office-seekers for the eyes of the
people are fixed upon you—the people,
grand in their strength—terrific in
their retribution—bid you God speed.

You will pardon an Amherst printer
boy for addressing you so bluntly, for it
means no disrespect—but my enthusiasm
must have vent.

My object in writing was to request

you to put my name on your
list, and send me a copy of your
speech on the message.

Believe me, respectfully

your obedient servant

Willoughby W. Webb.

Hon S. A. Douglas

Should you be so kind to send
me the speech, please direct

Willoughby W. Webb.

Columbus Ohio

Wm. Webb.

—
H. Webb.

Nov 28. 1857.

Columbus, Ohio.

Willoughby W. Webb.

Middlebury, Vermont.
 Feb. 28, 1857.

Hon. W. C. Douglass,
 D^r. Sir,

Permit me, a humble member
 of the National Democratic Party, in Vermont
 to Congratulate You on the justice and
 propriety of Your Course on Kansas.
 I have read a synopsis of Your able
 Speech in the Senate, and am heartily
 glad that You have so fairly & ably
 discussed that matter.

If You have a few "Share" Copies
 of that Speech, that You would send to
 me, I can use them for the benefit of the
 friends here.

Wishing You Entire Success,

I remain Your

Obt. Servt.

E. R. Wright,



E R Wright

Middlebury

Dec^r 29/57

Adm^r your Course

I want a few Speeches