

Palmer House

Palmer Dec 30th 1857

Hon. S. A. Douglas:

Dear Sir:

I have been trying to obtain a copy of your last speech, but have been unsuccessful, and as a last resort apply to you, hoping you will do me the favor of sending one.

I hope that you will be our next President, I remain one of your most ardent admirers

Warren L. Goss

Hon. S. A. Douglas

Warren L Gaf

Palmer

Map
Dec 20/57.

Wants you speech & to see
you President in 1860

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Kenia C. Dec 30/59

Wm L. A. Douglass
 Dr Sir

Allow me though
 a stranger, to engage your attention for a
 short time - which favour I ask reluctantly
 for I presume you have laboured enough
 without attending to other people's business,

And permit me first,
 to congratulate you, on the favour with
 which your late demonstration in Congress
 is received by the Nerve bone & sinew of
 the whole country,

Having laboured
 and expended much, and suffered
 down too, in the advocacy & defence
 of this glorious principle of Democracy,
Popular Sovereignty, its final
 triumph is the most dearly cherish-
 ed desire of my heart, and will be
 hailed with greatest joy. I was about
 a year since assailed by a mob - I made
 to seal my profession to this cause with my
Blood

I have from time to time distributed many documents, but am now nearly out of many indeed entirely out of some of the most important doc^{ts}. And will take it as a favour if you will send me one or two (100s) of each of the following documents viz:

"The Kansas & Nebraska Act"

"Your Late Speech in Congress on Kansas Affairs"

And any other important doc^{ts}

will be thankfully recd, you send

I also want another work for information therein contained:

Viz. "Reports of Commissioners of Patents"

I am engaged in an important invention viz a Locomotion to be propelled by Steam, to run on a common road on Land for drawing plows on the broad prairie of the Great West or else where, for drawing Freight & passenger Coaches on common roads, and to afford motive power for City fire engines, &c &c

This invention is an entirely

new principle, being unlike any machine hitherto invented for these purposes - and so cheap as to be within the reach of the farmer of average means, and far thus reason superior to any thing of this kind - before the public, All of which I submit with the kindest regards

Your Most Obedt Serv^t

R. P. Gray
Kenia O.

Rp Gray.
Xenia, Ohio
Decr 30, 1857,

Sanctuary —
Wants Speech. —
Kansas Nebraska Act.

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Mechl Rep. & Pat. Off.
as engaged in invention

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Benton, Lowndes Co: Alabama
Decr 30. 1857

How Stephen A. Douglass
Sir

I wish to see your speech on the Kansas question now pending before the present Congress, This question seems ^{to} have got into a snarl, - the papers South have not published your speech in full and ~~they~~ not.

News Papers generally reflect the views of the people, but at times the people, favourably is kept in the back ground out of sight, which is my apology for troubling you at this time. I among others, am consulting to pack with you, the Plantation States, ~~South~~ and the Provision growing States, west ought to be bound by their Statesmen in ^{the} interest and friendship as they certainly are by nature, the one to supply the great staples to the world the other to feed even the plantation hands.

If convenient will you send me my address ~~from~~ ^{your} any speech that you have made or will make at this session on the Kansas question

Dear Sir,

Benton, Lowndes Co
Ala

Yr Obedt
Very Respectfully,
Jones M. Gunn

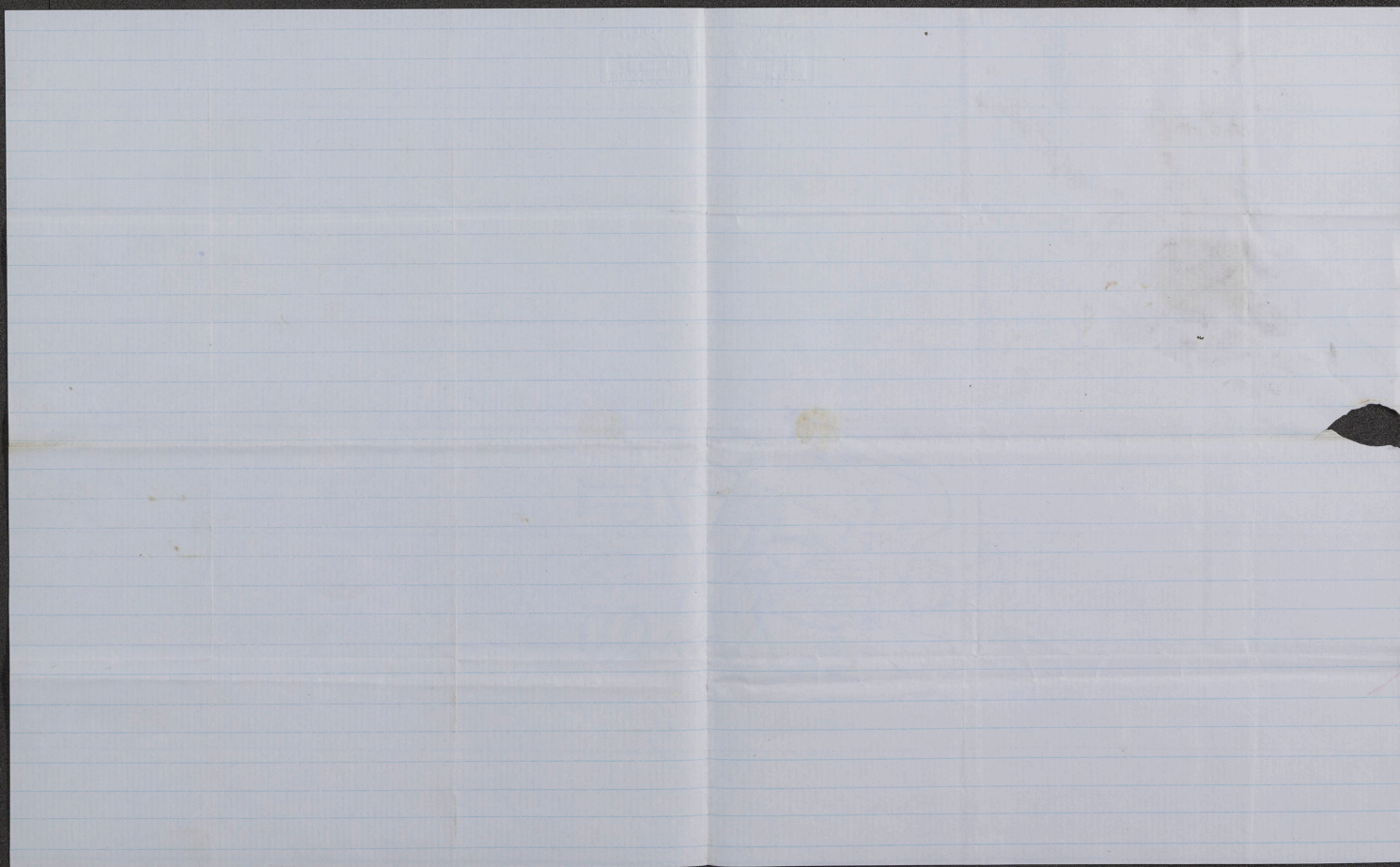
James M. Loom
Benton, Ala.

Dec 30/58,
Desires to read your
speeches &c

Wb

John M. Loom
Washington City
D. C.





[Dec. 30, 1857]

Will Senator Douglass have the
kindness to write his Autograph on the
Enclosed sheet and mail it to the address
of

Respectfully

His humble Servant

Thos. J. Ham
Honesdale
Penn'a

Dec 30 1857,

Thos J Ham
Honesdale, Pa
Decr 30/57

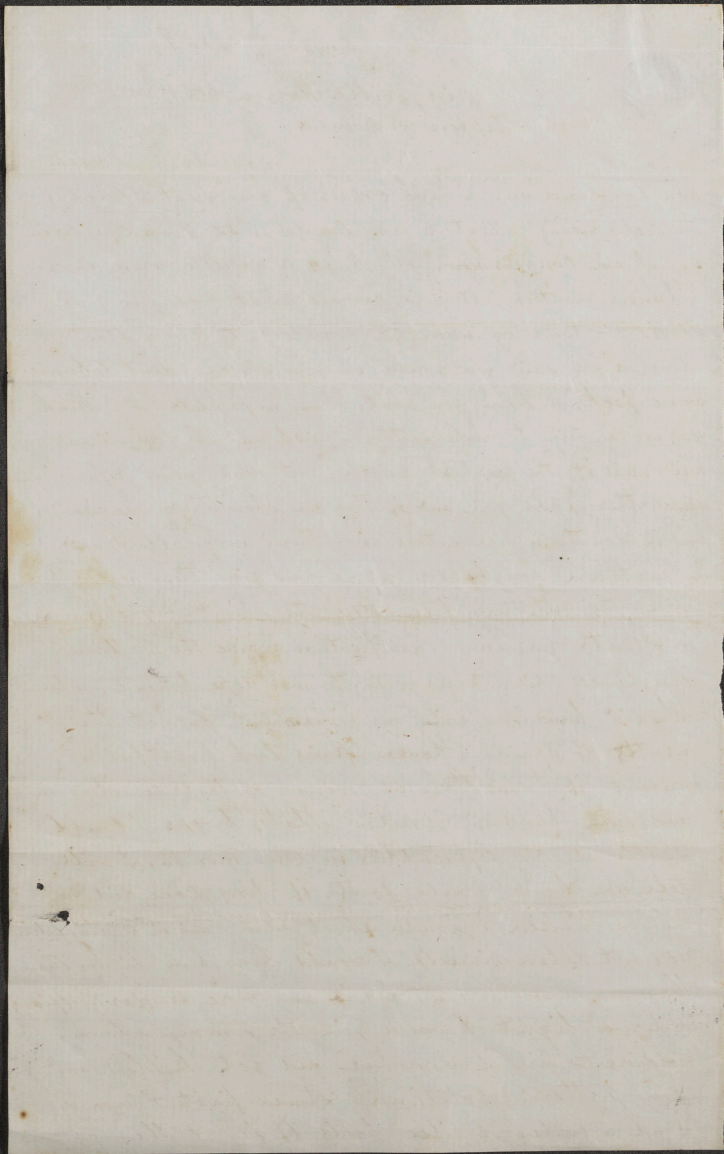
Wants Autographs

Ans^d

Dec 30th 1857

Ridgerville Warren Co. Ohio
Hon. Stephen A. Douglas,

Dear Sir; I wish you to send me a few copies of your "great Speech", as the Republicans call it, I was Douglas in '52, I was Douglas in '56 I am Douglas now, old Buck is a little wrong in Kansas matter just now you are right I glory in your Spirit, Stand by individual Sovereignty if you stand alone, as you said you would in your speech, don't take one word back, I know you won't, I am no prophet but I think you are a going to make another speech and the Republicans will call it the greatest Speech, but don't mind Republicans unless they oppose you, and if they do show them no quarter and if Southern fire eaters give them no quarters and if Northern doughfaces oppose you give them no quarter give the Southern fire eaters, the Spirit of Jackson on South Carolina Nullification, give the Northern doughfaces his language to the war department, when he said how long will our government pocket the insult of Spain, Kansas affairs look frightful at present, if I was there as governor of that territory and had five hundred United States troops I could settle all the difficulties in one month. I will tell you how I would do it, if Jim Lane did not behave himself I would shoot him, and if Spring fellow did not behave himself I would hang him higher than Haman was hanged, and if any more Border ruffians showed fight I would give the command to my soldiers to fire if somebody did get killed and if some Northern abolitionists showed fight I would send a volley of rifle balls to fly at them as



fast as the explosion of powder would send them, and if any body else showed fight, I would say Captain Bragg give them a little more grape, about that time Northern abolitionists would think I was in earnest and it would not be long until Calhoun & Co would think so too, and next pass your enabling act, (sweep out the Topeka Constitution, and Secompton also, and order a new election and guard every ballot box ^{in Kansas} so it took the whole of the United States along to do it and if free state men would not go to the polls and vote let them stay at home, and if proslavery did not want to vote let them do the same thing, and let a majority determine the character of the state, I could do it all in a month and that is promising a good deal, I am a Democrat I always have been one, I cast my first vote for Van Buren in '40 for President in '44 I voted for Polk in '48 for General Cass in '52 for Pierce and in '56 for Buchanan and I am a going to cast my next for Stephen H. Douglas and he will be the next President of the United States and here is my sentiment S. H. Douglas the next President of the United States,

Yours in haste respectfully

John Harkrader

P.S. Confidential you are at liberty to use this as you please with one exception my name must not appear in print, you may give it the Spirit of Jackson, Explanation the above letter was written at the time of its date but I was confined to my room by sickness and it was never sent

J. Markesader
Ridgeville
Haven Co.
Jan'y 8/60. This
speeches

I think it has lost nothing by age, but there is a great
 change ^{Since} it was written, please send me any documents
 that will be to your interest and the Democratic
 Party, here the whole map is in your favor with-
 out almost a single exception, and I believe you
 will get the vote of the State of Ohio if you
 are the nominee of the Charleston Convention
 you are sure of our State at the Convention
 unanimous, and I hope you may get the entire vote
 of the Union,

you can throw this foolish letter away as
 waste ~~paper~~ only send me documents & speeches
 so we may fight Black Republicanism
 with renewed vigor, and history will be
 sure to crown our efforts,
 Ridgenille Warren Co. Ohio
 Jan. 8th 1860, J. Harkrader

Jan 8, 1860

Huntingdon Tennessee
Dec^r 30th 1857

Hon. Stephen A. Douglass:

Dear Sir
If the speech which you delivered
in the Senate Dec^r 8th on the
Kansas question has been published
in pamphlet form as I presume
that it has you will please do
me the favor to send a copy to
my address

Yours respectfully

L. L. Hawkins
Huntingdon
Tennessee

L. W. Harkin
Huntington Ten
Dec 30/57.
one speech

Salem Ind^a
Dec 30/37

Hon J. A. Douglas ?

Sir,

Enclosed find resolutions of the Semiocratic County Convention of this (Washington) County also (Marshall & Floyd counties). It may be deemed obtrusive in me to thus read these resolutions & I should not have so done were it not that some are attempting to make the impression that Indiana is for the Leconte Constitution. Nothing is more absurd. Not a man in almost the entire Southern part of Indiana favors it. All denounce it without stint. I believe if any resolution is

passed on the 8th Jan^y at
the State Convention your course
will be sustained I voted &
spoke for it last winter in
our Senate & I verily believe
if it had been known that
Dr Fitch would have taken
his present position he could
not have been nominated.

If you please I would be pleas-
ed to hear from you upon the
probability of the admission
or rejection of Kansas with
her Levee Constitution
With many wishes for your
success

I have the Honor to be
Yours most
respectfully
Horace Appen

Salem, Inda
Decr 30th 1857

Horace Hefren.

Political

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2093
D. H. Humphreys
Troy Ny
Dec 30/57.
In autograph

Ans^d

Troy N.Y. Dec. 31, 1857
Rev. E. A. Douglass
Sir,
I am
forming a Collection of Autographs,
and would beg of you the
favor of yours
Very Respectfully Yours
D. H. Humphreys

Cincinnati Ohio
Dec 30/57.

Dear Sir,

You will please except
my thanks for the kindness you
have me in sending me your
copy of the speech on the Presiden-
ts Message delivered in the Senate
Dec 9th by you.

I am, Sir,

Your obliged friend

Chas. W. Keenan

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

Pro W Keenan
Cincinnati Ohio
Dec 30/57,

Return ~~us~~ thanks
for Speech.

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[Lozings?]

Cincinnati Dec 30th 1857

Hon Sir

In behalf of a few friends who admire & applaud your course in the noble stand you have taken against the administration, in behalf of the cause of humanity & the world at large, I drop these few lines to you to ask the favour of 10 or 12 copies of your last speech before the U. S. Senate for distribution among those friends all of them with the exception of myself were firm supporters of Mr Buchanan until the delivery of his message when they become disheartened on the remarks he made in it in regard to the great Kansas question. & they ask me to bid you go on in the great work you have so nobly begun & you will find hundreds of thousands to back you in it.

Hoping you will grant the favour I ask. I bring my short epistle to close by subscribing myself your friend,

James C. Lozing
No 80 Bank St
Cincinnati

No 80. Bank stit
Cincinnati. O.
Decr 30th 1857.
Jas C. Sizing.

Want 20 Copies of
Your Speeches —

Marion Sim Co.
Iowa.

Recd Dec. 30th/87.
"W. H. Mc Kee.

approves your
course on the Kansas
question, and wants
copy of yr speeches
& other documents

Marion Sim Co. Iowa Dec 30. /87.

Hon. S. A. Douglass.

Dear Sir Permit

me altho a stranger, & but an humble
Citizen to express my pleasure & admira-
tion at the manly, independent &
consistent course you are now
taking as a Senator, in relation
to the affairs of Kansas. And
let me assure you that altho you
may lose many of your former
friends, a host of women & more
disinterested friends will gather
around you.

As a Minister of the Gospel, I do not
feel it to be my duty to enter the polit-
ical arena. Yet I feel a lively interest
in every thing connected with the Iowa
& stability of our glorious Union.

My prayer is that He who

teaches Senators wisdom. may
sustain you & give you counsel
& wisdom to act in every thing
connected with the welfare of our
highly favored nation.

I have not had the pleasure of
reading your recent speech.

I will respond to it as soon as
you would send me a copy.
or any other documents you
might see fit to send me.

With best wishes

I am - respectfully

Yours
S. D. McKee

Head Quarters, 1st U. S. Volunteers,
Camp Scott, Utah Ter. Dec 31. 1857.

Hon. Stephen A. Douglass, Sir.

Permit me the liberty I take
in thus introducing myself to you on a subject
of interest to many American citizens who are at
present under arms in the service of the United States.

From a long acquaintance with your reputation
I have thus singled you out believing that you
can exercise influence enough to be a great benefit
to those for whom I am pleading.

Now are aware Sir of the troubles that now and
have for a short time existed in Utah Territory,
that the Mormons would not permit the U. S. troops
to pass into the city of Salt Lake. Also how they
burnt and destroyed two Government trains together
with Fort Bridger and Supply. The officer in
command - Col. Johnson - previously already known
issued a proclamation for the raising of Volunteer
Companies. As always has been the case in our
country when a call was made to fight the enemy
abroad or defend us at home it was always heart-
ily responded to so in this case they cheerfully made
themselves at once to put down traitors and rebels.

home. They can receive no pay whatever until an appropriation is made by Congress for them. In the mean time they have to pay extortion prices for the many little necessities of life they are compelled to purchase and such of them as have not the money are compelled to incur debts that will be heavy and with the small allowance of eleven dollars per month hard and inconvenient to discharge. Our State at present is anything but convenient and comfortable. The regular trader suffers and can get the few articles necessary for their comfort in this high latitude on credit from one day to another. But none of these running Mercantile goods will accept the duties of the Battalion of Volunteers in consequence of no appropriation having been made for their payment so they are laboring under great difficulties.

So if you will exert a little of the influence under your command for a speedy appropriation by Congress for the payment of the Volunteers and for an increase of their pay in proportion to the extremely high prices they have to pay for actual necessities your efforts will be kindly remembered and if an opportunity should present itself will be gladly reciprocated.

Yours Dear Sir
Wm West 6th Serv't.
Capt Daniel McLaughlin
Battⁿ 4, S. Volunteers
Camp Scott Wash Territory

Head Quarters
Battalion, Vol's
Camp Seco, Wab. Ter.
Decr 20 1871.
Capt. Dail McLaughlin

Wants you to use
your influence to have
Congress make an
appropriation for
the volunteers in Wab.
Sist of prices in Wab.

The following is a list of the prices that
are charged for the articles below

Stoga Boots	per pr.	\$10.00
Horns	" " from	\$5.00 @ \$7.00
Sugar	" lb.	.50
Coffee	" "	.50
Three & D Sack of 100 lb		\$50.00
Chewing Tobacco	\$ lb.	1.00
Smoking Tobacco	\$ lb.	2.00
Whiskey	per Gall. ^{per article at that}	8.00
Stoga Shoes	per pr. from	\$3.50 @ \$5.00
Salaratus	per lb	.50
Salt	" " "	2.50 (at 3.00)

Every thing else in proportion from
a fish hook down to a hunter bag.

Yours Respectfully,
Capt. C. McLaughlin.

Wm L. A. Douglass

Omaha Dec 30th 1857

Hon^{ble} S. A Douglass

Dear Sir

Allow me to recall to your recollection the name attached to this letter. I was introduced to you last February, in the Senate ante chamber, by the Hon^{ble} Jas B Steadman as a gentleman from Cincinnati. I there and there told you of my purposed removal to Iowa. Your remark! that you expected to see me in 1860 as a delegate at Charleston, still continues fresh in my memory.

I feel compelled thus, to intrude on your time and patience in order to post you somewhat as to the popular feeling in regard to your present position.

The Democrats as a mass heartily endorse you so much so that the office holders and the "Northwest" dare not make it an issue in the Spring election.

The idea of turning you out of the Party is highly preposterous - as well might one of the Siamese twins try to turn the other out of doors without going himself.

My impression is that the Administration will have to back out, and that decidedly or not have a single supporter in the House after next election, from the North. //

Yours to Command

Wm McLuan

Dubuque, Iowa
Dec 20th 1857.
Wm. Mc. Seney.

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A copy of your speech made
for much praise

made originally
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Baltimore D. O. 23rd Ward Philadelphia
(Dec 30th 1857)

Hon S. A. Douglass

My Dear Sir

I take the liberty to say a word to you in reference to the course you have taken in your place in the Senate. Upon the Kansas question, why Sir I have no doubt you have gone over to the black republican party, and I must say that unless you speedily retreat your steps, we the Democrats of this mighty Nation, will place you in the same category with Martin Van Buren and David Wilmer we have politically buried them beyond the hope of any resurrection. I certainly coincide with the views of the Administration and those who sustain Mr Buchanan. But you charge us with acting the part of policy and expediency. I regret exceedingly that this is the very part you are acting. I had hoped better things of you, I have hitherto considered you were governed by the fundamental

principles of Democracy, I hold the view
that whoever has the Democratic prin-
ciples implanted in his breast, can never
desert them, and, that the individual
who swears from them simply assumed
the garb for expediency. When you spoke
at Springfield, came into my possession
I read, it with great pleasure, but
you soon recently contradicted it
most positively, the idea you now ad-
vance of popular sovereignty, would en-
tirely destroy our representative system
for no act of theirs would be binding
unless passed upon by a vote of the
people. This is the plain and fair de-
mand, to be made from your own
arguments. If the people of Kansas had
been left to their own individual sove-
reignty there is no doubt every thing
necessary for their welfare and prosper-
ity would long since have been settled
the earliest way now to accomplish
this to my mind is to rescind the
Constitution already framed, either
with or without Slavery as the people
of Kansas may determine themselves

In case the whole Constitution should
not meet the approbation of those
who are to be governed by it, there is
nothing to prevent their altering, or
amending it, at their pleasure as
we here in Pennsylvania have done
the past fall. I regret exceedingly that
you have placed yourself in your
present position, I had always believed
your Democracy was like the virtue
of Caesar's wife above suspicion. It is
charged upon you by some as aspiring
after the Presidency in 1860 and again
by some that the State of Illinois
last sent a Black Republican Senator
to Washington hence the expediency
of taking your present course I have
spoken very plainly, I detest acting in
any covert manner, but have simply
spoken the honest feeling of my heart.
In conclusion I ask you to place
your heart upon the eternal principles
of Democracy and there stand immova-
ble I invoke the blessing of Almighty God
to rest upon and direct you
Very Respectfully yours James B. Miller

Jan. B. Miller

Phila

Decr 30/57.

Political

Anti-Secession

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Office of Boston Locomotive Works,

O. W. BAYLEY,
Principal of Mechanical Department.

(FORMERLY HINKLEY & DEURY.)

HOLMES HINKLEY, President.

Boston, December 30th 1857.Hon Stephen A. Douglass
Washington

Dear Sir:-

A friend kindly sent me
your President's Message Speech which I read with great sat-
-isfaction. You are right at last. I shall be thankful for
copies of such speeches as you may hereafter make, which
may be forwarded to the above address.

Very Respectfully
Joseph F. Morton.

Jos. F. Morton

Boston

Nov 30/57, Mass.

Harcourt's speech

likes it. you are

tight at least. wants

future speeches

Office of Boston & Maine

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A H Mylin
Andover Mass:
Dec 30. 1857.

As Chairman Ex:
Hens. Com. of
Essex Co., invites
you to attend
Grand Mass Convention
endowing your views
to assemble at
Lawrence Jan'y
8. 1858.

Reply earnestly
solicited - your
or none.

Andover Mass
Dec. 30. th 1857

Dear Sir;

As Chairman of the Democratic
Ex. Com. of Essex Co. I invite you
to attend the grand rally and mass
convention of Democrats of the
surrounding counties to reaffirm
and endorse the Cincinnati
platform, the Kansas-Norfolk
act & your present position in
Congress, which will assemble in
Lawrence on the 8th day of Jan. 1858.
Every mail brings ^{cheering} news that the
Convention will be the largest &
most enthusiastic ever held in
Eastern Massachusetts. A reply
of acceptance or non acceptance
is earnestly solicited. We should
also be glad to receive copies of
your last speech for distro-

tion on the 8th. I hope you
will comply with unexpressed
desire of the freeman of this
vicinity. By attending to the
above you will much oblige
your faithful friend

A. M. Mayfield

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

Mr A Norton
Millville
Dec^r 30/59. Pa
Wants a Speech

2052
Sirens Columbia Co. Pa.
Dec 30, 59.

Mr Stephen A Douglas.

Dear Sir,

I have
perused the same paper reports
of your late speeches, in the
Senate, upon the Kansas question
with deep interest, & in the event
of your revising them & publishing
them in pamphlet, I shall
read it in especial favor, if
you will forward a copy to me.
My best office address is ^{Calhoun} Millville
Columbia Co. Pa.

With great respect
Yours sincerely

John A Norton

2053-2



FREE

Stephen A. Douglass, Esq.,

City Washington...

D. C.



Little Compton December 30 1857

Sir, Dear Sir, I do not want to say in this
 way you want them this as much as we do in Little Rhode Island this is de-
 serve lot of property a remedy what was a century ago is not now time for
 bring forward a bill of \$250,000 Annually until 1900 lands the time in ma-
 jors and supervision of the territory of the Interior with Receipts Bonds for the
 strict performance of the Colonization Society for their aid and assistance to Libe-
 ria of their Emigration taken in Return freight their timber logs for to supply
 by our own Mills on our Coast from New York to Boston to Supply our Wash-
 ington in want of that Lumber that let us is the Grain for Federal and
 State Quills and Quills is nothing but Chaff Delusive Phantoms I mean
 that let make the Husbandman Wise the Mechanic and Labourer bring
 home the fruits of their Industry to their family the Merchant enrich him-
 self by his pursuits Companies formed to penetrate the bowels of the Earth to
 bring out the Mineral Resources then you will hear the whistling of the steam
 of the furnace, the humming of the wheels the ringing of the lifting hammers
 the clattering of the spindles the clattering of the flywheels the clattering will
 take place bring out the Nations all more and unknown school houses be
 built primary schools even to seminaries be founded & spires of Churches be
 Dedicated that Eminent Statesmen once said Henry Clay spread the Gos-
 pel of his Son Al. A. Thurstin will follow in rapid succession this is so plain
 a school boy will understand the title of Senator Union has brought in a
 bill for Virginia recommended the President North of the Elder if you think pro-
 per apprehend be 33, 3 on 34 to the North of that let bring in a bill to organize a
 Territory but assume the name of Missouri of 160 Acres of Land to support prop-
 erty the printing press support the Territorial and State printing on the Colu-
 mbia River of the West with a wagon Road from Santa Fe through the passes on
 to the River and continue on to Los Angeles for the Adams Stage Route through

2 Senators Anti and Bell presented petitions to give 160 Acres to Occupants and Actual Settlers the purpose is we not stated where locations to be build they
stated on the Colorado River give 160 Acres to each head of a family for Occupancy and
Actual Settlers on the banks of that River they set them a line from Mouth River of
Kansas Jurisdiction West North Demarcation 48,330 then West to Rocky Mountain
they have been settling build the Capital at Denver 160 Acres same to help put the
printing press 160 Acres to Occupant Actual Settlers head of family on the banks
of that River and Little Laps Lake up to the source they set upon the bank of Che
yenne a Range Road from Kansas Settlements to Santa Fe Road from Ft. Lyon
it is to be sent on to Lays Ferry about a few South East to Eastern Texas somewhere of the
Legislation of Texas give 160 Acres of Land to Occupant and Actual Settlers head
of family West of Gaudela Lake Mountains to a place on Northern boundary bet
\$25,000 to the Slave States to assist in Emigration to that Western Texas if they will con
sent for the Southern and Slave holding \$25,000 to assist the Emigration to the
Colorado River Mexico Territory \$125,000 grant them if they grant to get their own
this is more for Emigration to Louisiana West to Chicago up to the River from the
river and Little Laps Lake Doubt that Sum then they cannot trust me be
understand all this as and a little more besides as far into a Million as they
are a pushing of it we will compromise with them again if they will let us
over the Tariff as it were prior to the Alteration at the least Jefferson as we cannot
our Cotton Mills in operation they find a Market in this Cotton as we can raise a
good mill at there here have some California some are Cheyenne some are Cahula some
Lyon and part of Samaula just of you can then if the Northern Mexicans Southern
can find it back again they are only Reaping up Cotton and some like Cotton
dates figs Raisins Spanish Wine & figs &c. Capital Settlement outside Settlements
National benefits your farming are in heart of Gulf in your State the Slave to
occupancy of families have nothing to do if many were at hand to Emigrate to
our country your country is more than we could cover any Country before
they are in if they had Employ would be of a great help to your State there.

and those left behind is that are many can be derived for their removal
but West our little State can spare 15000 to our family Massachusetts
it is not 10000 family is not only out of business the more help you farm
ing have the more school you will have but children to support their schools
in your Great and Growing Country depends on schools to perfectuate our free
Institutions the East West have to fighting gate in where the Settlements is so
if you do it will be to make up 15000 to give Employment to teachers Disposition
down is the same as you State in the way of of Robbery in times so many
but of Employ of Congress cannot give no means Removals from the East to
the West for the future the Southern States is destined to Rule the Nation make
those preparations to meet their Opposition to settle their Country with an
Indigible people of the Southern think they are in heart of assistance to them
will to Southern Louisiana Texas &c. be our Duty to promote some to a slave
and Northern laws Respectively or Abolition Power

Abraham Pearce
Little Compton

Mrs. ?

Dec 30/57.

Propose to appropriate an-
nually \$250 000 for the
negroes.

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His Honor

[Dec. 30, 1857]

Frederic Douglass Esq. U. S. Senator

Dear Sir,

The subscriber, although a foreigner and not yet a Citizen of the United States, begs to state to you, that he follows with the most intense interest, the course you have taken in the U. S. Senate, concerning Kansas. Admiring and perfectly approving (in my mind) the boldness and fearlessness, you in counter the numerous attacks of your political opponents; I take courage and liberty to beseech you for a copy of the magnificent speech you delivered on the 22^d. C. (as a reply to the U. S. S. Fitch). By conferring upon me this favor as a stranger to you, I shall always feel honoured and call myself with the deepest respect.

Your most obed^t. Servant
Ignaz Reichenbach

West-Wayne Mo. December 30/57

to Hon Frederic Douglass!

Symaz Ruedenbach

Fort Wayne Ind,

Dec 30/87

admirer your Speech

writes a Copy

is not yet naturalized

Peru Ill Decr 30th 1857
 Hon Stephen A Douglass
 U S Senate
 Washington City

My Sir

Enclosed you will find the reflection of the Editor of the Union (Democrat) from your City. You might think from this that the Democrats of Peru County do not indorse your course in the Leecompton Convention. I do not think ^{there} is a Democrat in our lot but who do most heartily indorse your course in full. The Democrats are in high spirits.

Yours &c

Addison Ruby

A R

Please find my some Pub Documents
 & you will much oblige
 A Ruby

A Ruby
Peoria, Ills
Decr 30. 1857.

Enclosure Slip from
Peoria "Union" -

Says, however, there
is not a democrat
in the County does
not endorse Douglas.
- Democrats in high
spirits -

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Mannville
Jeff Co N.Y.

30th Dec 187

Dear S. A. Douglass, M.D.

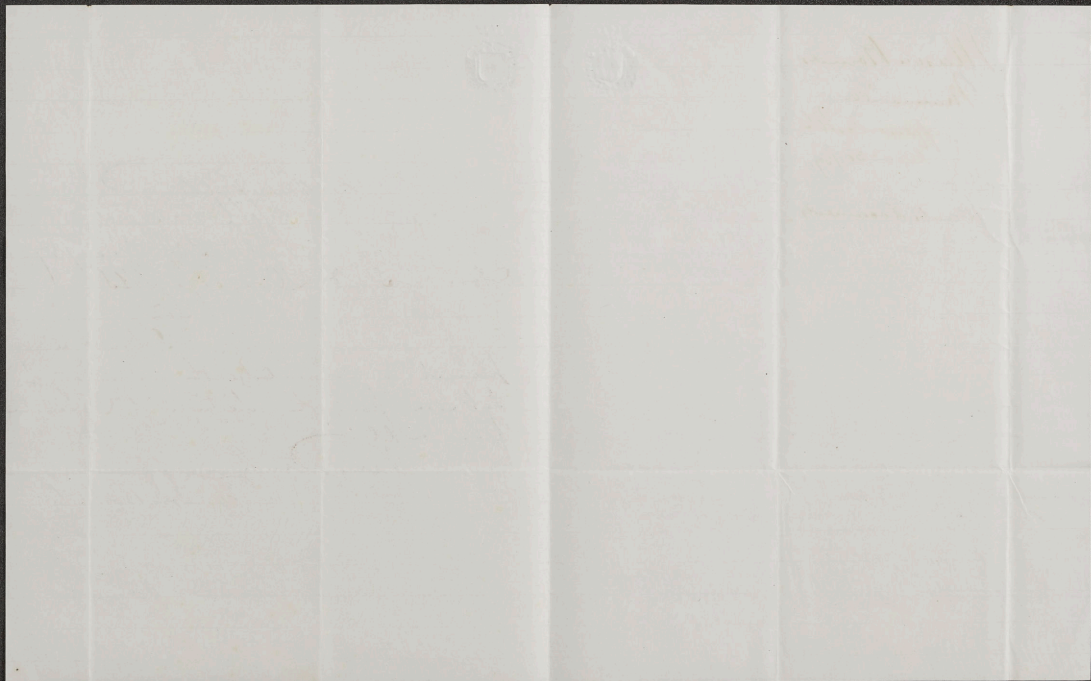
Sir

I would be
pleased to acknowledge the receipt of
Pub. Sec from the distinguished Senator
from Ill

Very truly yours
Mason Rouns

Mason Rounds
Mammothville
Jefferson Co. W. Va.
Dec^r 30. /54.

Wants documents.



The Union.

OFFICIAL PAPER OF THE CITY.

GEORGE W. RANEY, Proprietor.

PEORIA, TUESDAY, DEC. 23, 1857.

The Pursuit of Knowledge.

The pursuit of knowledge under difficulties has been variously defined. It is sometimes supposed to be studying the occult sciences with unwearied industry, and making some progress in them; but its most usual signification at the present time is the acquisition of information upon any subject, useful or otherwise. The boy who climbs a high fence in summer time to steal fruit, and is driven off by a fierce bull dog, learns after a hard trial that perseverance in pursuit of a forbidden object is not always successful. The vicious who are overtaken in crime, learn, to their cost, that the way of the transgressor is hard.

But knowledge may be more innocently gained, that comes unwelcome to the possessor. The aspirant for fame who misses his goal—the toil-worn plodder for wealth who wins his prize only when his physical system, by being overtaxed, is destroyed past recuperation, have each acquired information which, if they were to renew the race of life, would lead to a material change of their plans, and manner of executing them.

We are all our lives learning something. In affairs of magnitude or in trifles knowledge is constantly coming to us, which, if treasured faithfully, may be of service as we move farther into the future. The close student, not of books simply, but of every thing that is passing, gains knowledge all along life's journey, by which he is fitted to be an adviser and instructor of his fellows.—From the simplest event that transpires, and the most unsophisticated individual with whom he is thrown in contact, he learns something that is of use to him, and which he can render serviceable to society. In short, he is nature's own type of a true man, and the world is made better for his living in it.

Washington Correspondence.

NATIONAL HOTEL, WASHINGTON, Dec. 25.

To-day is Christmas, and congress having adjourned till the 4th of January, the city is much more quiet than I expected to find it. A large portion of the members of both houses have either gone home, or left the city to spend the holidays with their friends in neighboring cities. The public mind appears to be entirely engrossed with the affairs of Kansas, the dissension of Mr. Douglas, and with speculations as to the final course of the administration. It is the opinion of the best informed that the president will adhere strictly to the spirit of his message, and favor the admission of Kansas without regard to the question of slavery in her constitution, and indeed, I do not see how he can advise any other course. The Lecompton convention has been recognized as a legal body, and it has fairly submitted the slavery clause to a vote of the people, and this question of slavery is the only real question in the case. A vote of the people is the only true way to settle it. "Should the enemies of that mode of settling the much vexed question of slavery in that territory," we quote from Mr. Douglas' excellent Springfield speech, "blindly and obstinately refuse to examine the rights assured them by the laws of congress, upon their heads, and on their heads alone, will rest the responsibility." It is thought here, that the conservative of all parties, will sustain the president in his view of the Kansas difficulty, and approve his mode of restoring order to the people of that unhappy territory.—A deep anxiety pervades all classes of society here, to hear the result of the vote on the Lecompton constitution, and until it is made public, no action will be taken in Kansas affairs, unless rendered necessary by new popular outbreaks.

I will write you again in a few days when I may have something of more importance to communicate.

Yours, &c. R.

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August 17, 1855.

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LIGHTNING

Towson town, Baltimore Co. Md.
December 30th 1857.

Hon. S. A. Douglas,

Sir,

Be pleased to send
a copy or two of your late speech in
the Senate, on Kansas, to the address
of

Wm H Ruby,

Towson town,

Baltimore Co.

Ind.

Wm H Ruby,
Lowroutown
Mo.
Dec 30. 1859.
Wants Speech.

Patterson, N. J. Dec 30th 1857

Hon S. A. Douglas

Dear Sir

Having obtained the
autographs, of some of the most disting-
-uished men, in the United States,
and ranking you among the number.
I have had the boldness to ask for
yours, hoping you will grant my
request.

I remain your Obedient
Servant

H. B. Sanders

A. B. Sanders
Paterson
N.J.
Decr 30. 1857.

Wants Autographs

ms^d

Belleville, Centre Co. Pa.
Dec 30, 1857.

Hon. S. A. Douglas:

My Dear Sir - Be pleased
to accept a New Year's Present, from one
who has always! admired your talents and
political course. I send it because you
are referred to in the address.

Truly Yours

S. V. Veely

Ed. "Democratic Watchman"

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S S Seely

Bellefontaine

P. A.

Dec 30, 1857,

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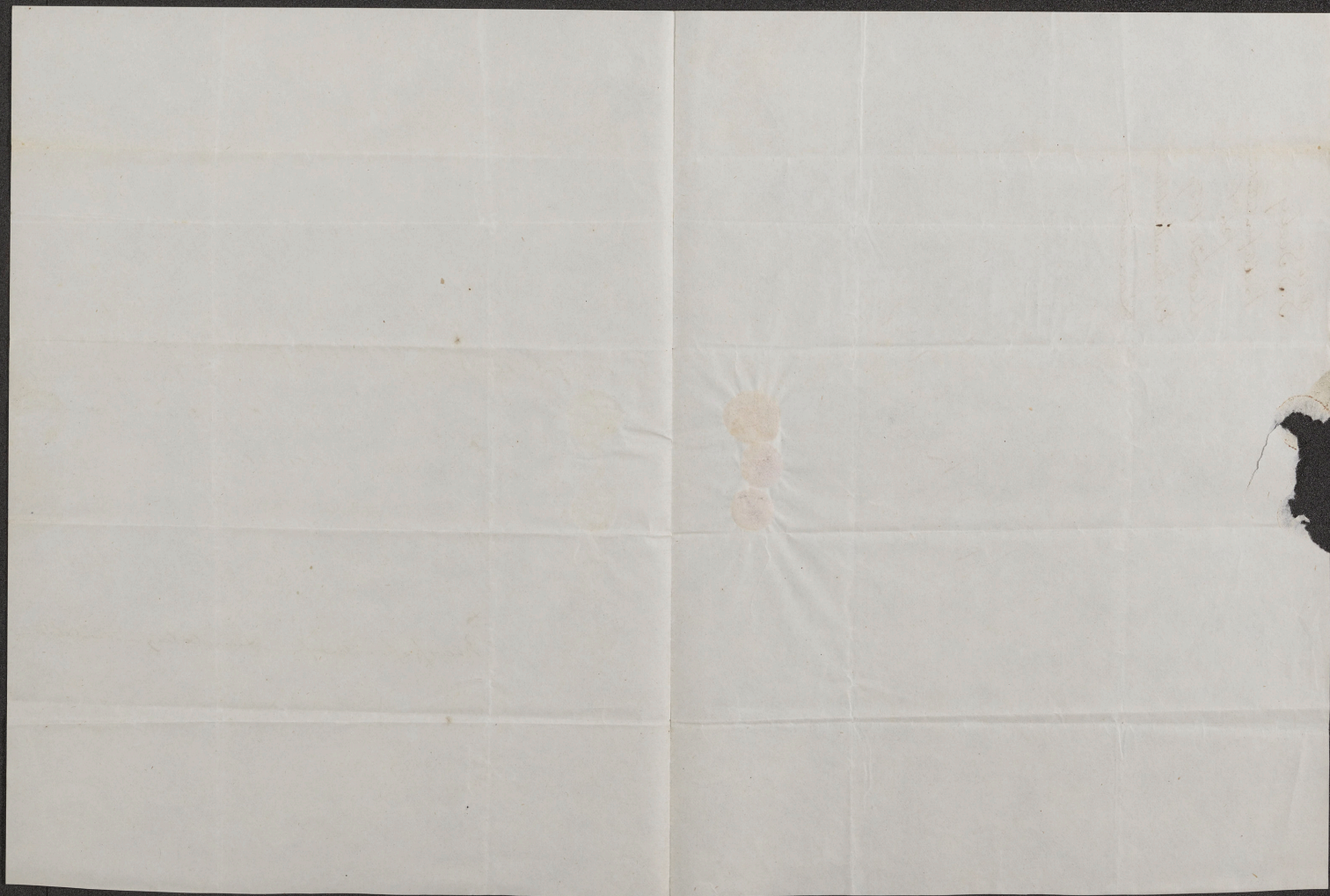
Lancaster.



W

Hon. Stephen A. Douglas.
Washington
D. C.





Decr 30, 1857,
Manchester Col. Ind.
Wright's Corner.
Dearborn Co., Ind.
B. W. Smith.

Wants Some Fair
Speeches

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Decr. 30, 1857.
Manchester College Ind.
Wright's Corner
Dearborn County
Ind.

Hon. Steph. A. Douglas
U. S. Senator &c;

Dear Sir;
Pardon

The presumption of a stranger
for this intrusion upon you in
one of the most busy & trying
times of your public career.

I am a "Republican," but I trust
am not so partisan in my feel-
ings as to be blind to the interests
of my country & the merits of her
defenders. Besides I am a Virgin-
ian, but still I am not a Secession-
ist. You have friends
here - all of the Republicans (almost)
and a great majority of the Democracy

The favor I have to ask is
a few copies of your Speech
on the Annual Messago-
made in the Senate the 8th inst.
I will make send you as good
a purposed as possible. I write
you in good faith. May God
bless you & your noble wife who
now covers you with the shield
of a noble woman's affection
and well directed energy.

Yours Truly
Philip Smith

Dec. 30. '57.

Prine, Mand. Col's Inst.

P.S. If you prefer to send your speech
to individuals, I will subjoin a few
names.

Prof. J. Smith, Sparks Blended Esq.,
Eaul. Hozier Esq., G. M. Lozier Esq.,
and C. J. Smith.

B. W. L.

Windsor Ohio Dec 30th 1857.

Hon Stephen A Douglass.

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Sir permit me to enquire of you what I can procure about 400 copies of your Kansas Speech. I am nearly the sole proprietor of a Democratic newspaper just started in our County Edited by D. de Broughton & R. Hutchins called the National Democrat.

I am anxious to send one copy to every democratic subscriber at any rate and to as many more as possible. I can assure you that there are some persons that have heretofore denounced you as the most corrupt man in the union that are now chattering over your course in Congress and think you an honest statesman. I confess that I have not much confidence in their professions but time will determine whether they are sincere or not. One thing is certain that the Democracy of this section with but a very few exceptions are with you and will continue until the ship goes down.

Hon George E. Pugh, ^{or Mr. Pugh from Columbus Ohio} can inform you that I have always been a reliable Democrat of Madison Co Ohio and had the honor of being one of the delegates to the Cincinnati convention from the 7th Congressional district of Ohio. Of course a democrat for encroaching on you without an acquaintance.

Yours truly P. L. Smith

J. M. Smith
Ed^r of the Democrat,
London Ohio

Inquire how he can get 400
Copies of your speech to send to his
Subscribers - Your former one -
was a new yr. friend -



Confidential

Times Office LaPorte

Dec, 30th 1837

My Dear Douglas

I embrace this opportunity to wish you and family well & happy -

The political horizon looks somewhat cloudy, but the darkest hour is always before the dawn. If you have been at home, you have no doubt seen the action of our County Convention -

It was pub. in the Times Col. Walker informs me he sent you a copy of the Res. I was in Sterling Ill, at the Session of the Convention - I am going to Indianapolis as a delegate to the State Convention

And I anticipate a pretty
success time. But finally, I
am your friend, and will
fight for you to the Utter
end." Now on rights, my
whole heart is with you,
and my judgment approves
~~the~~ ^{your} cause. But finally what
I am going to write I
wish you to keep strictly
confidential. Mr. Everett
writes me that Mr. Briggs
intends to introduce a Bill
to divide the State into
two districts and re-
place him (Everett) Marshal
of the Northern Dist.

I have heard that
you thought of opposing
this Bill. I hope you
will not for such
a measure will not in-
crease Mr. Briggs' influence

any perceptible amount, but on
the contrary, will help sustain
the Times, which I promise
shall be devoted to you.

If Everett gets the appointment
of Marshal, he can to all
intents and purposes retire from
the Times & I will conduct
it myself, while Everett
will do the poor thing by
me, in an indirect way,
and no person will be
any the wiser for it.

In short the prospects of
the Marshalship will go
in part to sustain the
Times, while conducted under
my name as Editor & Pro-
prietor. As a newspaper is
less more influence in this
Dist. than all others put
together. I hope you will

give you your support to the
Bire - allow it to pass.

We need a portion of the
emoluments of the Marshal-
ship for the benefit of our
paper, as it is large and of
itself, will not pay.

You know you can
rely upon my support -
Give Messrs Briggs & Fitch
enough, & the Demo-
cracy of Indiana, will
soon pay them their
funeral obsequies -

I expect they will carry
the Convention against us

But we can beat a safe
retreat - May I not hear
from you soon?

Fraternally Yours

Wm S. W. Douglas
Washington D. C.

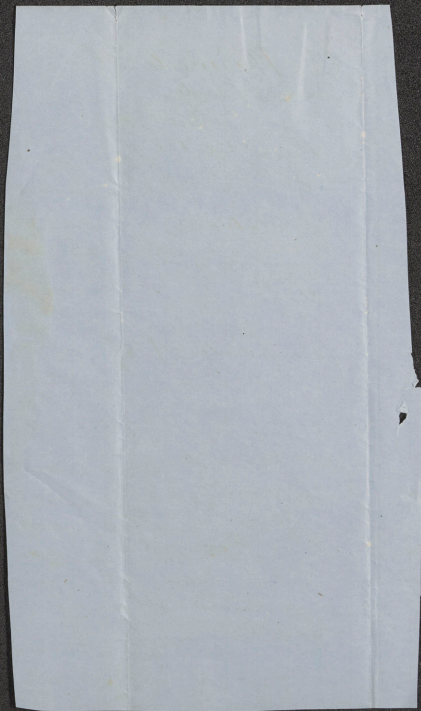
Geo W. Sweet

Gov. H Sweet
La Porte,
Inda
Dec 30, 1857,

Political
— You are right
Lee.

("Confidential")

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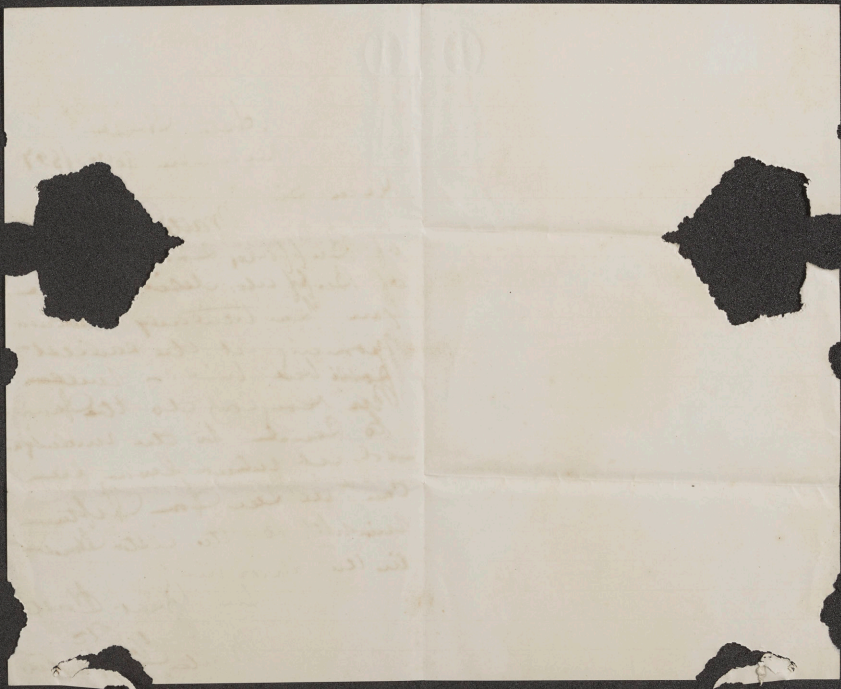
Astor House
December 30th 1857

Dear Sir

Walter
of Buffalo, La.
of Buffalo, desires
you particularly
morning at the earliest
possible time - will
Mr. Conglar do the favor
to send to the undersig-
ed at what hour he
can be seen for fifteen
minutes to the Astor House
in the morning

Yr. Great Nephew

Truly etc.
Walter



New Kingston Cumberland Co Pa Dec 30th 1837
Dear Sir

I received your Speech the other day
and was happy to receive it and read
it with great interest I shall be happy
to receive & read all your Speeches and
all documents that you shall see
fit to send me

I remain your sincere friend

W. W. Vanbaugh C. M.

W. W. Waubaugh

New Kingston

Pa

Dec 30/84.

Thank for your

Speech wants

Other & Drch

Dayville December 30th 1857
 Honorable Mr. St. A. Douglas, Esq.

Honorable Sir.

I acknowledge the receipt of your Speech on the Canes Question in behalf of the Presidents Message and return my best thanks for this kind favor.

The Opinions, as who is right, you or the President, are divided among the Democrats here. One old honorable Democrat, Major Brackenridge, defends the President, while I and others take your side of the Question.

The republicans to a man rejoice, and speak in high favor of you, whether they are sincere or whether they are in hope that the Democrats will divide on this question so as to give strength to their Party, I know not - at least I hope this will not be the case.

Hoping that you will be sustained in your views on this Question, and every thing settled amicably,

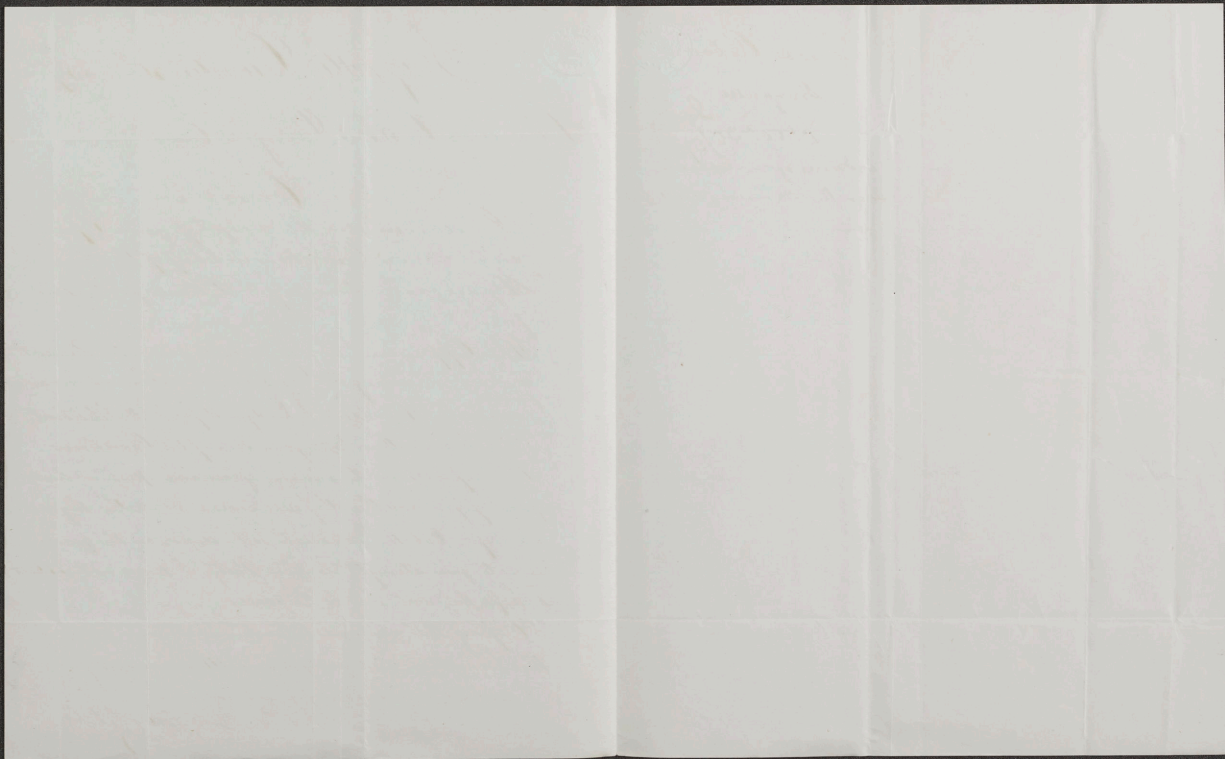
I am sir very sincerely your friend

Jacob Weber

Jacob Weber

Princeton Ind
Dec 30/57

admires your speech, &
says the democracy is all for
you



Bry P. Wilson
 Harrisville
 Dec 30/57 N.H.
 for a speech

Harrisville N.H. Dec. 30/57.
 Hon. S. A. Douglas Sir.

Will you
 please send me a copy of
 your speech on the
 President's Message, and
 oblige your obedient
 servant.

Braman S. Wilson
 Harrisville N.H.

