

[Jan, 1858]

Hon. L. A. Douglass Sir

You would
greatly oblige the Writer by forwarding
your speech on the Kansas question
and oblige.

Henry Canfield
Newark

N. J.

W. Canfield
Newark
N.J.
July 58.
A. Speech

Innocent House
Sunday Morning

Sir

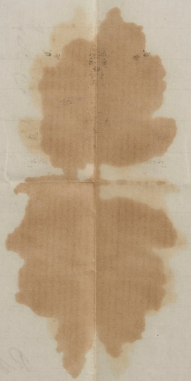
Can you give me
a private interview for ten minutes? To
accomplish my purpose it must be
strictly so - You have triumphed, it
can be scarcely more complete and
yet I fancy I can put you in
possession of facts that will add
something to it - You will not now
mistake me for an open enemy
or friend - Of course I am not your
friend and yet for reasons which
I can explain I desire to serve you
while needed I gratify myself - I will
await your answer in the reading room
of the Innocent House

Very Respectfully yours
Wm. B. Carpenter

Wm. S. A. Douglass

P.S. Of course I have no power to order

Mr. R. B. Carpenter
Chicago,
Ill.



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Mr Douglass

Will you be so
kind as to favor me with a
copy of your remarks upon
the Kansas question

J. S. Applegate
Hamilton N. Y.

J. S. Applegate
Hamilton, N.Y.
Jan'y 1858.

Wants copy of
speech on Kansas

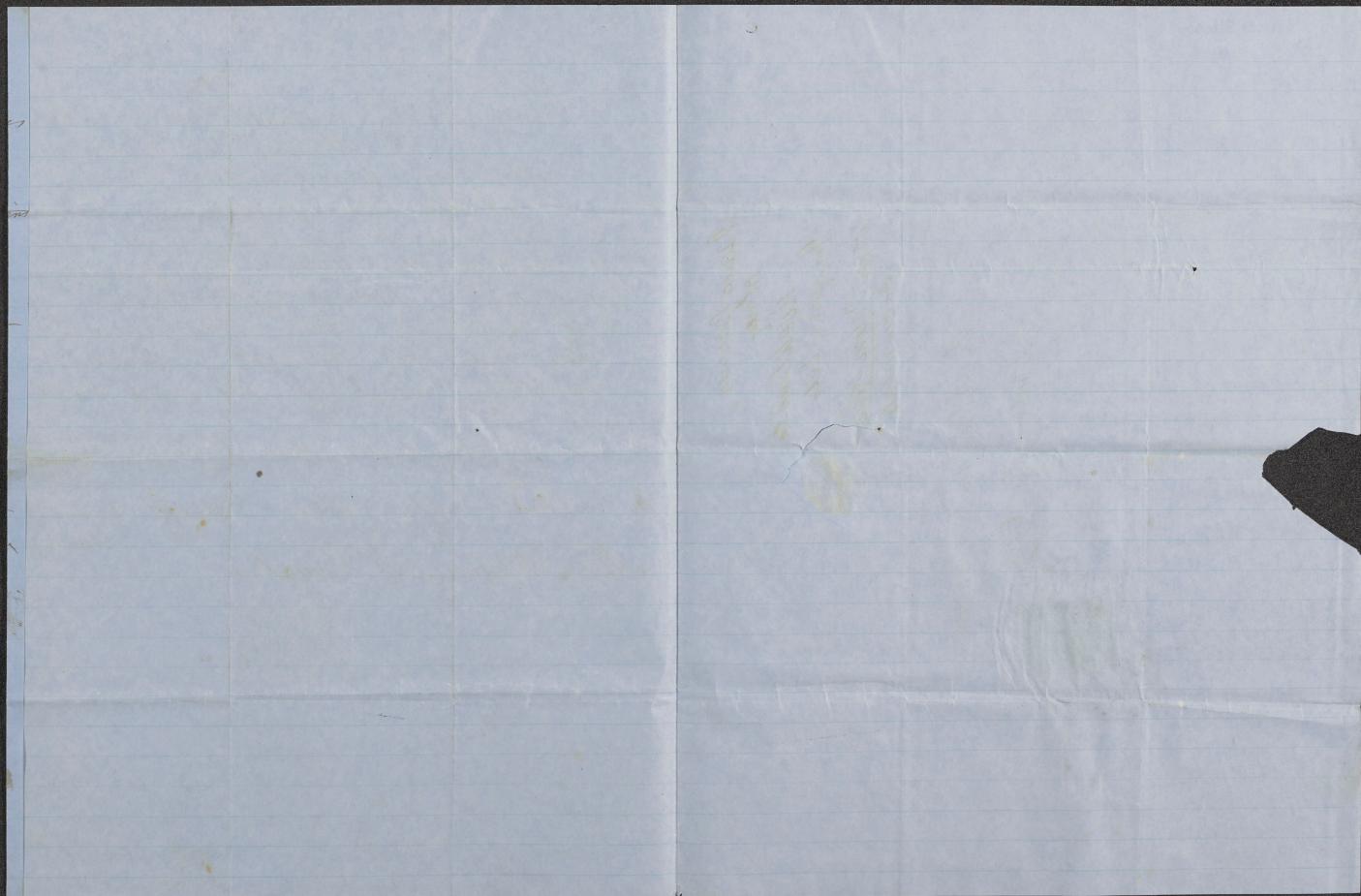
Olney Richland County State of Illinois
Mr Stephen A Douglas
after my Compliments to you
I would like if you can convene
ly to send Me any thing that is in
the Patent office that is for General
Circulation Patent office reports
if Convenient there Was some sent
here But they thought I Wasent
nothing Enough for the Post Master

Please send and Oblige ^{your} friend

W Stephen A Douglas { Isaac Barnes, County
Surveyor
Mr Stephen A Douglas

Isaac Barnes
Olney
Richland Co
July 9/1858 Ill
Trans- Patent Office
Documents

Mr Stephen A Douglas
Washington City
D.C.



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Wm Douglass

Will you be kind
enough to send me some copies of
your "Speeches" for distribution in
these parts. I have a good opportunity
to distribute them & shall take great
pleasure in so doing. We are awake
here in Old Connecticut as well as
New England generally upon this issue.
I shall place my name upon your list
& send you time to time such
documents as are of the right stamp
to distribute & believe me Sir very truly
Yours in the cause

Admrs

F. S. Parham
East Kent
Litchfield Co
Conn

F. S. Bastram.

East Kent

July 4, 1858. CP

A good copy for
distribution old et-
all right

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Shelby Co Ohio

To the Hon. S. A. Ingalls
I shall feel very greately
to you for the agricultural
Reports of the Patent Office
if you will condescend to do the
the most of a favour

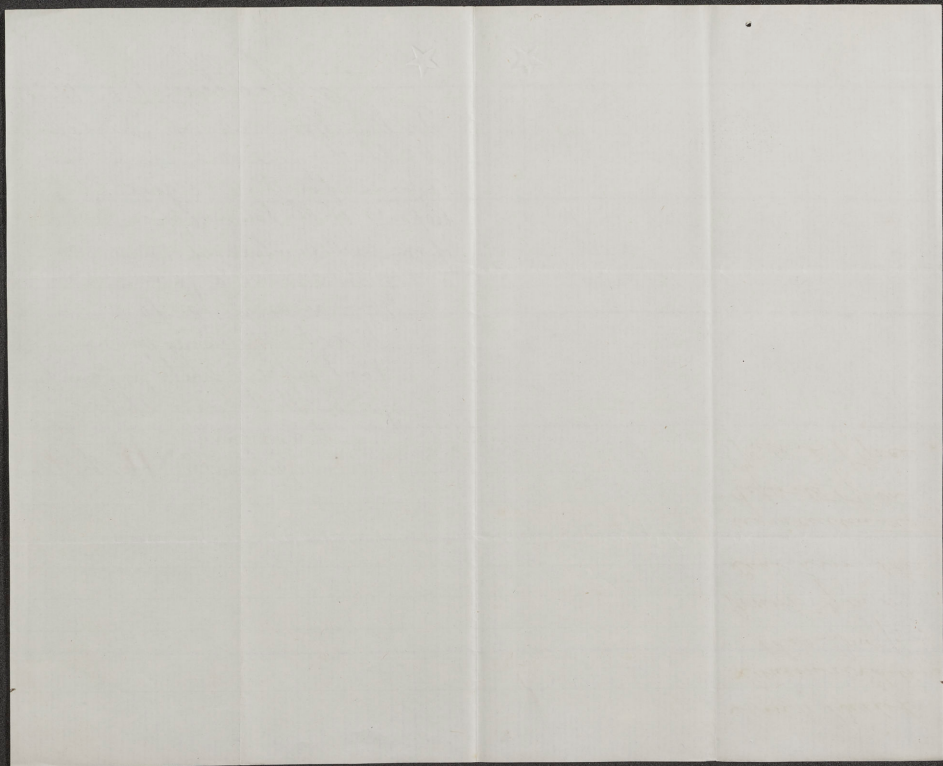
You will please to

Direct to James more
Post office Shelby County
your Hub and obt

Servant

John W. Bishop

John W. Bishop
James more
Post office Shelby
County Ohio
Patent Office



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Jan. 1858

Parkburg, Wood County,
Virginia -
Went - S. A. Douglas

Dr. Sir:

Will you
be kind enough to send me
a copy of your late speech
in regard to the admission
of Kansas under the Lecompton
Constitution? By doing so
you will confer a favor
upon a stranger, but a young
friend.

Yours with the
highest regard -
Jacob S. Boteman

Jacob F. Breman.
Parkersburg, Va.
Jan'y 1858,
Wants speech

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Cedar Bluff Anderson Co K^y
Hon S A Douglass

Dear Sir I was once
a Constituent of yours in Illinois but have
emigrated to Kansas It would ~~have~~ be
a great favor to me if you would send
some Political Documents to Kansas for
distribution suitable for this territory

Your able Speech on
the Presidents Message and many other
documents that you may think best

Your compliance with
the above request will confer a great
favor upon your humble servant

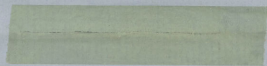
Yours most Respectfully
P Bowen

P.S Direct to Dr P Bowen
Cedar Bluff Po
Anderson, Co K^y

P. Bowman
Edna Bluff

Jan'y/58, N.Y.

An old constituent of Yours
would like to receive 50¢
from you for distribution in
Kansas



Lanesborough Berkshire Co ^{Jan. 1853} Mass ²¹⁰¹

Hon S. A. Douglas Sir (the next
President) as a Democrat one that was
confirmed a Democrat when 17 years old by
Elder John Lealand by laying sh hands
I could not be any thing else but a Democrat
I would be very much obliged to you to send
me the Patent of his Report on Agriculture with
your Name Written on the Blank leaf I should
consider it a great Present
The first President I Ever voted for was
Andrew Jackson & Every Democratic
Candidate Down to the Present incumbent
I am sorry he is quite so much of an old Batch
Destiny says S. A. Douglas is the next
Man There is not an other Northern Democrat
that would draw half as many Southern votes
we do not care anything about those Negroes
only a few of those best Men's votes
I & the Reason Folks I have a Rigid Farm
to work the Report is a good guide I wrote to
Hon. H. Law Republicon I think he forgot it
I did not help to send ^{him} Franklin Bradlee
Yours Truly

F. Beodie
Lanctborough
Berkshire Co
Jan'y 15th Mass
wants P.O. report

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Mr Whitney asked 32 miles in width to build the Pacific Railroad with. I think afterwards 60 miles wide for the same work. But this winter Alternate Sections & 25 Millions of Dollars is now asked. At last 10 Millions of Dollars & alternate Section. When Land has passed to companies at the name of 200 per acre settlers can have this Land for \$6.10 per acre & if upon interest 12 years \$12 per acre interest & all. Will our Congressmen please as an Attorney for the settlers & prove that \$2,500 at 12 years end & \$2,500 before that time in annual installments as first proposed in Railroading for the Masses of Settlers in the Land Office District Common Schools of Railroads unlike & better than any R.R. Co. upon the round globe, is better than the giving over \$10 for \$6 worth of Land in order to have the unspeakable privilege of paying in the prices of all their crops away & merchandise back as long as winds blow & water runs. for transportation over & over again in eternal circles of 10 years for dead unfed unagent breeding damn ant gradings of wast reakers. And must the inanimate corpse the skeleton of scouping & banking of the lively Pacific Railroad be paid over every 5 years by the Citizens of our whole Country for intruding to feel for the warm heartstrings of Settlers & have put my fingers upon the purse strings of the Universal Yankee Nation of 31 States & countless Territories.

If Two Millions of acres Land were Devoted to the building of the Pacific Railroad of the Choicest Situations to be sold for what in due time it will fetch from \$2.50 per acre to 1000 or more per acre & to be brought forward to the best advantage to help build the Pacific Railroad. This would be well to get some 10 or 12 or 20 Millions of Dollars to hasten on the great work. But with this exception

Every acre of Land should be 4 fold in price half to be in

12 years to settling preemptioners & half prior to be in yearly installment for the Pacific Main & Lateral Railroads & the necessary branches leading there to be taken up as needed & other Lands & Land Offices taken out of market. But when the Pacific Railroads are located the branches will fast be set back into all markets all the Domain States. But before Springs feed comes at all the entire Frontier from Lake Superior & to Red River of Texas line should be fitted out with a miniature timbered track & a route carried if possible to the Forks of the Nebraska River & by Springs feed to San Francisco & thence back to the Californian Gulf & up to El Paso & when the summer feed fails the Government should open Land districts from the Mouth of the Ohio River & from New Orleans to Red River of Texas & by the last of February 1857 open from St Charles 15 miles above St Louis to Council Bluffs the called Missouri Northern Railroad & the coming year the Memphis & Vicksburg route as far east of V as possible to join the Florida route. & also of Northern Lake Michigan. The Government should make an outfitting of \$1,000,000 at the start in this winter & if profitable next spring & Summer \$1,000,000 more & should pay part prices for transportation until a Grading & Super structure is fitted with the grain & the steam Locomotion. The outfitting to consist of grain for feed for men & teams & tools & all things necessary for a timbered lengthwise of 1000 miles & compasses & very light & new for moving the trunks at some 5 miles per hour to bring up timber & luggage of necessary freight. If part prices were given to Government for as much Grading & Transportation as has been done in the utmost year yet & if that it would be worth for all that is done more than it is average than to at part prices. In that way the Government would reimburse itself for that expense & after the building completely of the finished track of Locomotion if the same could be done freely or nearly so as to be quite as cheap as any possible can ever profit forever. But I would say entirely freely but then when the time comes the right course may be known then the Two Millions of acres of Land for Gifts can be paid for in that way very

Submitted with deference. H. S. Chamberlain

Stoughton
mile Chamberlin
July 1855
Relative to
Pacific Rail Road
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