

Hon.

S. A. Douglass,
U.S.S.

General Land Office

Jan, 4th. 1858.

Sir;

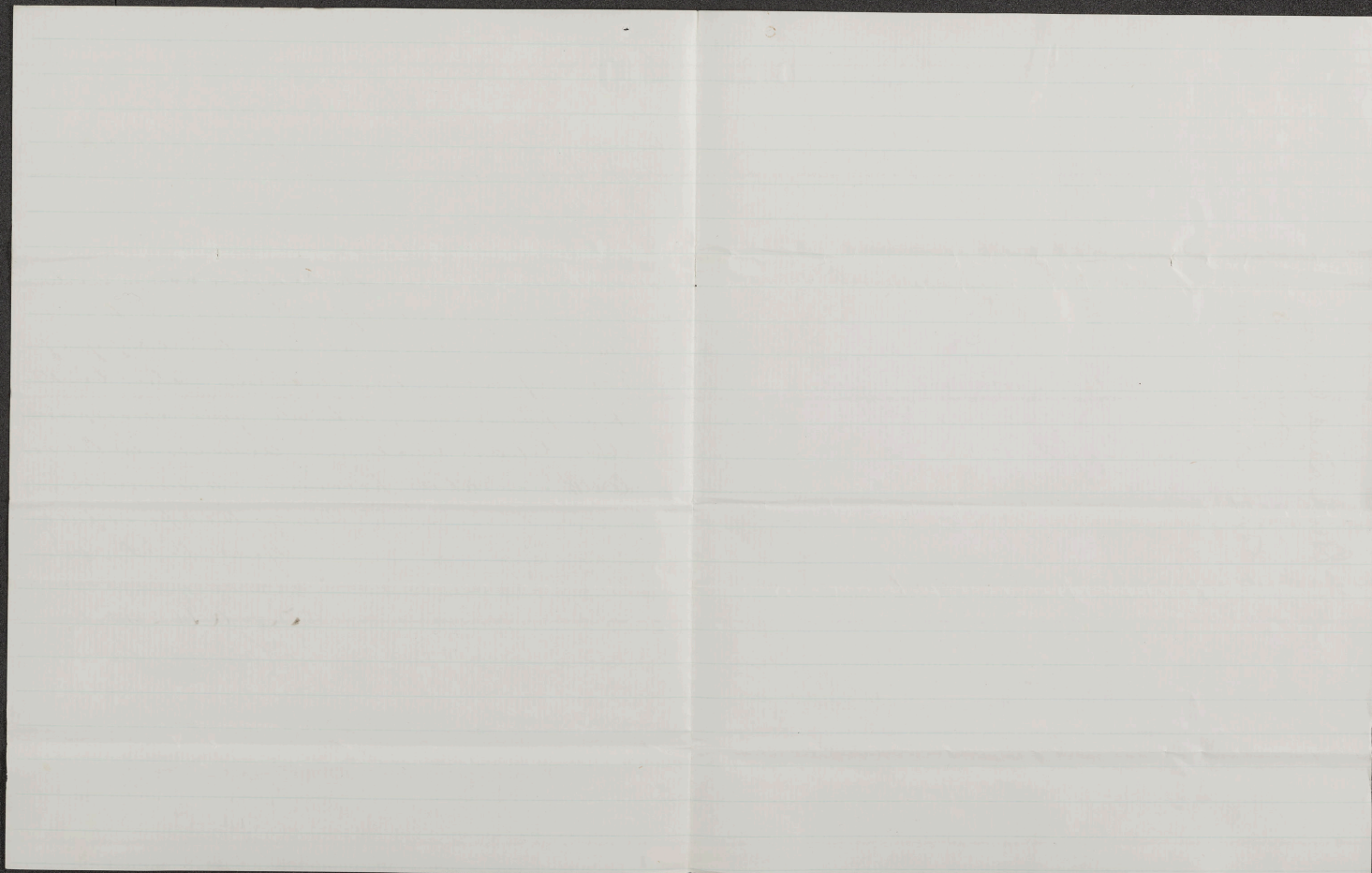
In compliance with
your request of 18th Ult, I have
the honor to enclose, a copy of
Preemption Instructions, the book
it is presumed, which your correspondent
Mr Chamberlain desires, whose
letter is also herewith returned.

Very Respectfully
Your Obedt. Servt

Thos A. Knicker
Commissioner

Genl Sand Office
Jan'y 4/58
Thos A. Hendricks

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New Hampshire, Rumney, January 4th 1858.

Wm S A. Douglass.

Dear Sir

No apology in these political times, is necessary, in writing to one whose face I know not, but whose Character, Scenery, & political Standing I well know. Of the acts of Congress, and the platform of the democratic party, I have kept respectfully well posted for 10 years past; of the history I am not going to speak; I wish at this time simply to say, that I have no doubt, you are right, and where you have been the last four years, since the Nebraska bill, The President is just where the Republicans, have said he was, one sided & Pro slavery, in his acts, as developed by Walter, and his ^{President's} Message - I hope you will not give up your position, it is the democratic platform, and will be supported by the East, North, & West in every State, and a part of the slave states; the democratic party is only a fifth of the free states, if the President persists in his Kansas, views - At this time

19/20 of the demagogue in M^t are with
you, but should you & the President stick
to your positions, he with his Government power
will add to his strength, enough, at ~~last~~ ^{must}
to stand perhaps one to five - The Republics
God, forgive them, if ^{they} ask it, & promise better
acts in future, will go with you, and a
party overwhelming in power will spring
from your position - If the President & his
friends yield to it, if not, let the
split come & all will be well - Most of
our democratic papers say you are right, but
premature, but they do not publish your
speech, nor Walker's letter - Forgive Gen. Calf
(a good old democrat,) for the flimsy reply
to Walker, especially, that part that assumes
the English mobility, that can't stoop to reply
to a subordinate officer, and one other position
that the President, never entertained, or expressed
the opinion, that any portion of the Constitution
but the Slavery clause should be referred to the
people &c; thus denying that he the Pres.
ever was for the doctrine of popular sovereignty.

I wish you to send me ^{fifty} copies
of your speech, ^{against the President's known position} in a form for distribution -
Also all future debates, speeches, & acts upon
the subject - Who of our, Hoar, Colver,
Tappan, or Briggs, will tell you - Send

the Speeches soon. If you will very
much oblige a Free. Douglass & Co
Democrat.

Samuel Herbert

P.S. Should you see fit to enquire for my
wheabouts, if those referred to, please give
my best wishes to them.

Same, Herbert
Rumney N.H.
Jan'y 11/58,

50 copies of
your late speech
solicited for
distribution

"Methodist Book Concern" printing-office,
Cincinnati, January 4, 1858.

Hon. S. A. Douglass,

Dear Sir,

If you have a few spare copies of what has been characterized as your "great speech," recently delivered in the United States Senate, which you will furnish me I will supply several of your personal advisers, who desire the speech complete instead of the mutilated extracts which are going the rounds of the press. I congratulate you on the position you now occupy before the civilized world—the most ultra champion for true Democratic principles now living. It had got to come to this—the people either are or are not entitled to the right of self-government. If you prone or intentional to flattery as you have heretofore been to threats, your hold upon the masses will be similar to that exercised by Andrew Jackson, than whom a purer patriot never lived. Unless the Democratic party—of which I claim to be a humble member—stand fair and square up to the true principles of the Kansas-Nebraska bill, it will surely not elect the next President of the United States.

B. C. Holcomb.

W. D. Holcombe
Cincinnati Ohio.
Jan 4 1858

Haste your Speed &
Political

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Near New Boston,
Henry Co. Tenn.

Jan'y. 4th 1858.

Hon. Stephen A. Douglass:

Dear Sir:

I have recently enjoyed the great pleasure of reading your truly great Speech, upon that portion of the President's Message, relating to Kansas and Kansas matters. Permit me, as an humble citizen of this great Republic, and one who has heretofore or before the Presidential election - differed from you in politics, that I - and with one hosts of others, of all political parties - permit me to say, that I most cordially agree with you, in the position and stand you have there taken, in favor of submitting the whole Constitution of the Territory of Kansas, to the whole of the bona fide citizens of the Territory, for their approval or rejection, before submitting to Congress. Such has always been my own understanding of the organic law, the Kansas-Nebraska bill, as it is generally termed - that the Constitution of a Territory was to be submitted, all and every part of it, to the whole

people - to every bona fide citizen - for ratification or rejection by them - before going to Congress; and that a non-compliance with this - a submitting of only a part of that Constitution to them - would be an infraction of that law; and one too fraught with evil consequences.

The doctrine or principle advocated by the President, in his message, - or submitting only a single clause of the Constitution to the people of Kansas - the clause regarding slavery - does look to me, not only like a departure from that law, and a palpable violation of it, but like an attempt to force slavery upon the people against the will of the majority - or whether or not, whatever their sentiments or wishes may be! And it must wear this appearance to every candid, well-informed man, whether belonging to the Democratic party or not. I have no right to question the sincerity or motives of the President, upon this subject; but I do very seriously question his policy, in this particular, as I believe that it is fraught with great evils to

Kansas and the country, and calculated to foment and keep alive that spirit of civil commotion, political agitation and internal war, which has been so ripe, and which has threatened the destruction of the Union! - while the submission of the whole Constitution to all the bona fide citizens, would have been in accordance with the "letter and spirit" of the Nebraska bill, and have put an end to all this.

Hence I highly applaud the bold, fearless and correct stand you have taken; and I believe that you will be sustained in your course by the great body of the people. You will have fearful odds to contend against; but what is this compared ~~to~~ with that sense of conscious rectitude which you will have to solace your mind? - Permit me, therefore, to say to you, Go on in the noble course upon which you have entered. You have risen above all party influences; and standing sublimely erect ~~above~~ upon the Constitution, the safeguard and palladium of our liberties, you have a sure foundation beneath you, that will support you through the

great struggle in which you have engaged. The President may frown upon you, and scowl at you; and the servile minions of his power attempt to crush you - to "read you out of the party," and all this; but heed them not, in such attempts. As long as you adhere to the Constitution, and the organic law, you have nothing to fear. Their attempts will but recoil upon themselves.

I stated that I had differed from you in politics. I had always been an "Old Line Whig"; but now, since the party has been broken up by Know-Nothingism, I am more a Democrat than I have ever been - indeed almost one. A Know-Nothing I never could be. My political brethren and friends tried hard to make me one; but could never get me into their councils. I can now look back at the escape I made - when almost every Whig around me was going into the party, and rejoice at the escape I made. - I have but little to do with politics any way, beyond casting my vote. I shall be thankful to receive any public documents you may please to send me. My address, at present, is - Dr. John R. Howard, New Boston, Henry Co. Tenn. I am most respectfully, &c. Mr. R. Howard,

P. S. As you are no doubt in favor of the Pacific Railroad, and endorse the views of Mr. Buchanan, in his Message, as I do myself most cordially, and I believe nearly the whole country, permit me to invite your attention to another great enterprise, which was considerably discussed, some years ago; and seems now to be again attracting the attention of the Government and the public. I mean the interoceanic Ship Canal across some part of the Isthmus between North and South America. I regard this as a work of the greatest importance — not as the Panama Railroad, to our own country altogether, but, while we have a greater interest in it than any other nation, it is a work of world-wide interest and importance. England, France, Germany, Spain, &c. all every commercial nation in the world — have an interest in it. The saving, in navigation, in distance, time and expense, would be immense — almost incalculable — had we and the rest of the commercial world, this Canal. Our ships of war, merchantmen, and whaling vessels, as well as those

of other nations, instead of going having to go ^{as} now all the way of the circuitous rout around the "Protuberance" of Brazil, and having to double Cape Horn - having to veer to almost every point of the compass, in making the voyage - including several ^(sometimes almost a year) months, and a voyage of twelve thousand miles, or upwards - exposed to the burning rays of a tropical sun, and the rigors of an ant-arctic climate, these two extremes - to a long, perilous, expensive voyage - could, by this Canal, had we it, by a few miles and in a few hours, lie ^{from the Gulf of Mexico,} in the Pacific Ocean, and if there, vice versa. - Such would be its advantages - ample to authorize its construction, whatever might be the expense; and almost any vessel would rather pay a toll of \$500, or \$1000, or perhaps even more, to go through such a canal. I do hope that it may engage the attention of Congress, at the present session; and that the initatory steps towards it may be taken, in making arrangements to procure the right of way from New Grenada, and towards inaugurating the commencement of the work. If we do not, we may be

anticipated by some other, some European nation; and lose the great advantages which we have it in our power to avail ourselves of! The subject is one of such great and urgent importance that it demands the immediate attention of Congress; and deserves a select Committee to sit upon, and Report, setting forth its importance and advantages, that should be published, and go forth to the country. I trust that such will be the case. - That the enterprise is entirely feasible, has been shown by Commodore Paulding, who, you no doubt are aware of, under the direction of the Secretary of the Navy, examined the route along the Panama Railroad, and has returned or made a most favorable Report. It would be a good plan, to introduce the subject into Congress, and call their attention to it, to make a call upon the Secy. of the Navy for the information communicated to him, or the Department, to be laid before that honorable body. - I could say much more about this Canal, but this is perhaps sufficient. I beg that you will accept of these hints as suggestions,

made to you, in the spirit of that
deference and respect due to your
station, as a member of one of
the most important and august
political bodies in the world, and
to your transcendent abilities and
great experience as a statesman., by
~~you~~ an humble citizen of this
great Republic — a mere looker-on;
upon the arena of political discus-
-sion and public affairs. — And if
not deemed expedient or wise to take
up the subject now, I trust at the
present Congress, I trust that it
will engage your attention here-
-after, at some future Congress.
But, "the sooner the better," when
all things are taken into consid-
-eration. — From the notices I
have seen in the papers of your
highly estimable lady, please ten-
-der to her my best respects and high-
-est regards, which I trust, will be re-
-ceived by her, although from a stran-
-ger, who may never see her or yourself
on earth. — Again, let me repeat that
I shall be truly grateful for any thing
you may send me, in the way of public
documents — addressed to Dr. John R.
Howard, New Boston, New Co. Penn.

J. W. Hunter

New York

Jan'y 4, 1858.

would feel honored
by having his name
put upon your list-

New York Jan'y 4/58

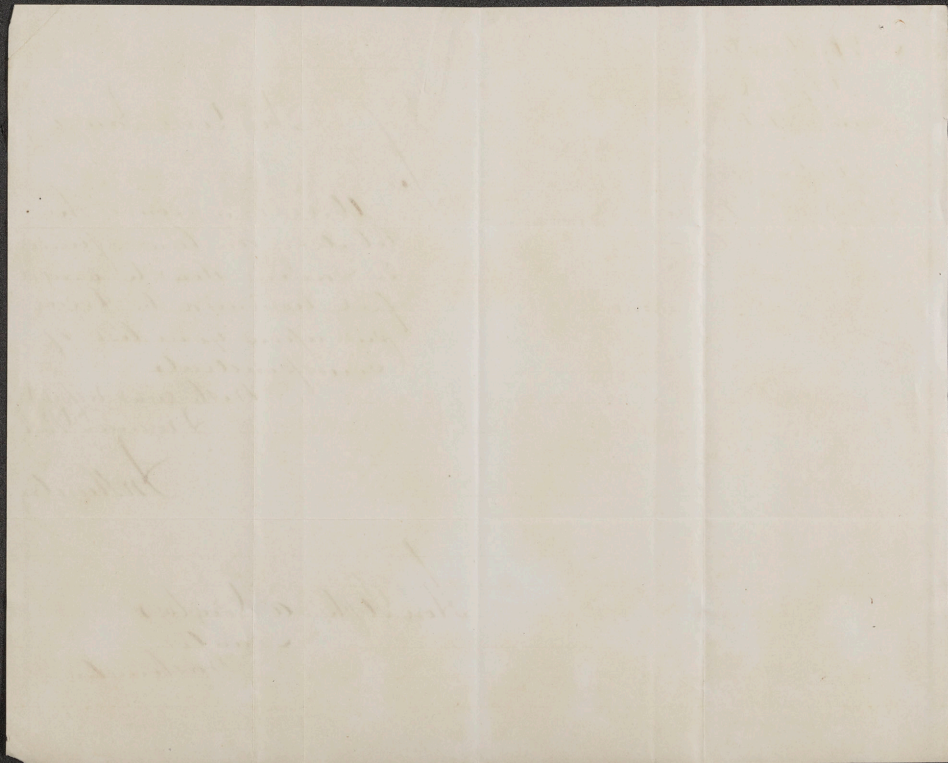
Sir

Will you excuse the
liberty of an honest friend
in saying that he would
feel honored by being
put upon your list of
correspondents.

With great respect
I remain Yours

J. W. Hunter

Hon. Stephen A. Douglass
Senator
Washington



Murphysboro Jackson Co.
Illinois Aug, 4. 1858

Hon. S. A. Douglass
Washington City D.C.

Dear Sir -

There is a tract of land in this county, consisting of part of the following Sections, (15, 16, 17, 21, 22, 27 & 28, in Town No. 9. South, Range 3 West, and embraced in Survey No. 449, which was set apart and reserved for the Kaskaskia Indians and therefore none of the said lands are subject to preemption or sale. A number of years since one Robert Worthen made a large farm on said lands to wit: on Sections 15, 16, 17, 21, 22, and built thereon a dwelling house and other buildings and resided thereon till the time of his death, in the year 1852, and died leaving his widow Rebecca Worthen in possession of the same. Since that time one Daniel Worthen a relative of the deceased, the widow, confiding in him as she says, managed to get her off of it and got the possession of it himself. He claims to have paid her for it. She says not. Be it as it may, many people think not.

Some time since I wrote to the Commissioner of the General Land Office, on behalf of the said Rebecca Worthen, to know in what manner she would have to proceed to get a title for that portion of it on which her improvement is situated. The Commissioner informed her that it could only be done, by "act of Congress authorizing the sale of the land."

She is informed that said Daniel Worthen will make an application to Congress this winter to have an act passed authorizing him to purchase said land at a fixed price. She asks your aid to prevent this, And further, that if such act could be passed in favor of any individual, that she may be authorized to purchase sections 15, 16, 17, 21, & 22, that part on which her improvement is situated.

In the event that such special act can not be passed in her favor, that the lands be brought into market, and sold to the highest bidder, but she thinks she ought to be permitted to purchase that part of said lands on which her said farm and improvements are. Your attention to this will confer a favor on the Widow, and will be doing no more than justice to her, and

that which a majority of the people acquainted with the whole matter believe to be right. It being a kind of family difficulty, people do not like to take part in it,

Yours Respectfully
A. B. Jenkins

A. B.

The petition of Rebecca Worthen
costs will be sent by next mail
Jenkins

Murphysboro,
Jackson Co. Ills
Jan'y 4, 1858.
A. W. Jenkins

Requests your
attention to a contested
claim for certain
lands in Ills —

Pontiac Livingston Co Illinois
January 4th 1838

Dear Sir I am well aware
that you are ~~that you are~~ often called on
for favours in the way of documents but as
this is the first time that I have done so, I
think the apology sufficient when I say that I
have always since Jacksons first election been
an advocate of the democratic party, and am still,
our County gave a Majority for Fremont of 105
that was principally owing to a small paper started
in Pontiac called the Livingston County News.

Since the Presidential Election I have taken
an interest in the paper & changed the politics &
at the November Election I was elected County
Judge by a majority of 74 votes, which was about
the average democratic majority of the County &
give my respects to Genl. Joe Lane. M.C. from
Oregon I had the pleasure of his acquaintance
whilst in California near Shasta City, since which
time I have not seen him.

Henry Jones

Wm Stephen A. Congliff

H. Jones
Pontiac Ill
Jan. 4/57.

Wants documents



Portage City
 Wis. - Jan'y 4/58
 A. C. Ketchum
 Wants to be placed
 on yr document list.

Portage City Wis
 Jan 4th 1858

Wm O. D. Douglas

Sir

I should be pleased to have
 you put my name on
 your list of documents
 as our Senators are better
 Republicans. I do not feel
 like asking any favors
 from them. I feel a deep
 interest in the struggle
 that is now going on in
 Congress, and am gratified
 that your course is approved
 by the Democracy of this State
 with few exceptions. If you
 continue to work for making
 Missouri a free State you certainly
 will be remembered by the

American people

I am
Dear very respectfully
your most attached

A. C. Fletcher

P.S. I should not trouble
you if my old friend
Gus Gally had been
there

just a great
many of the
state of the
country at the
present time

Charlestown Mass. Jan'y 4th /68

Hon Stephen A Douglas
Washington D.C.

Dear Sir.

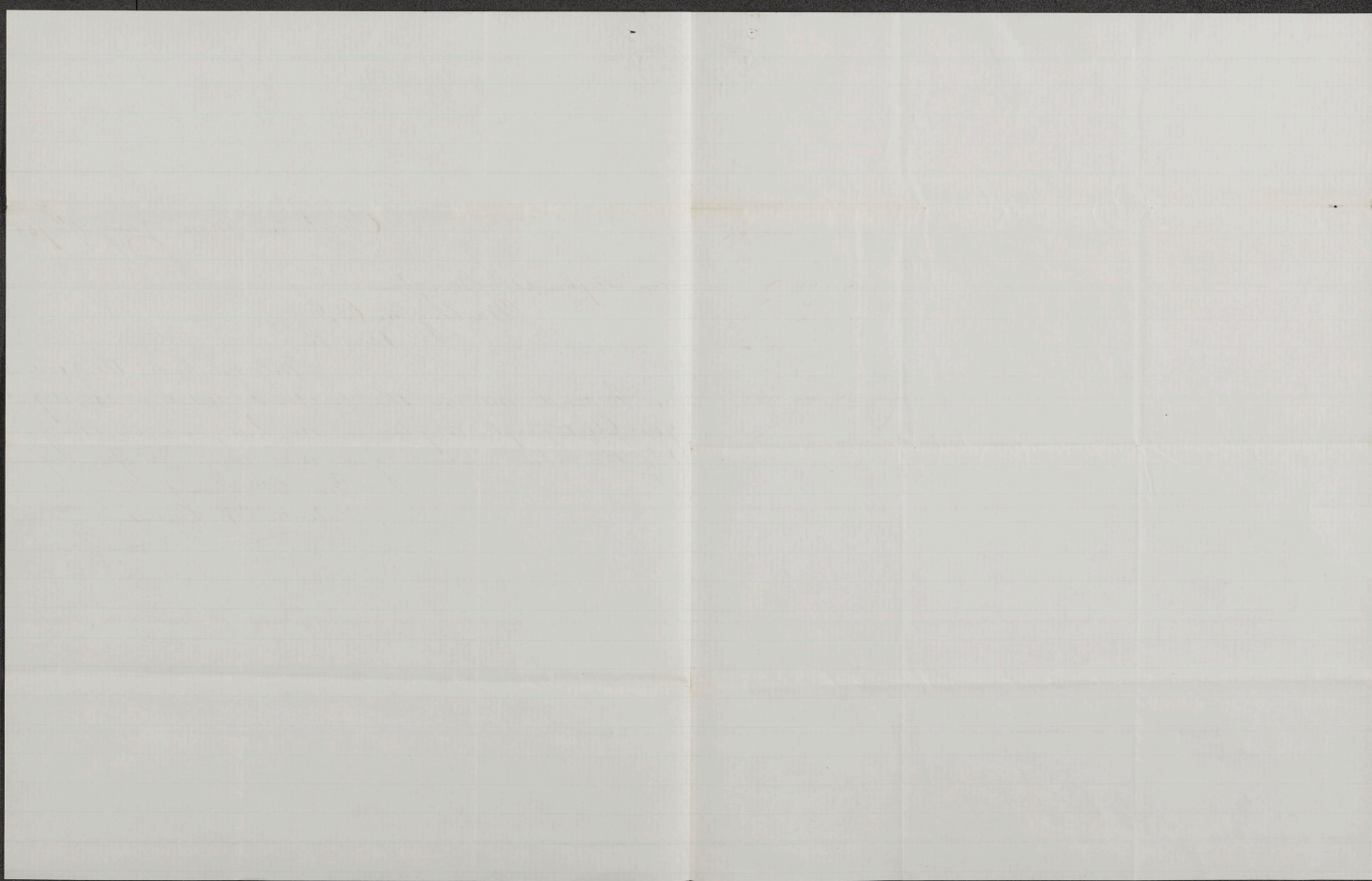
Will you have the goodness to send me in the enclosed address envelope your Autograph to place in my list, and in granting the above request you will confer a favor upon

Your Obedt Servant,

Sylvester W. Laurie

Lyttelton W. Laurie
Charleston Map
Jan 4 1858

Wants your autograph
sent speech



Lancaster Jan^y 4th 1858

Wm S A Douglass

de Sir

As the friends of the
 Wm Com Bigler, is spreading his Speech
 in reply to you, broad East over this
 County, and none of Yours. I take
 the liberty of addressing this note
 to you asking you to be kind enough
 to forward a few copies of Yours
 as what I have seen of it meets my
 views of what is Democracy. And
 right in the Kansas Difficulty
 your friend here are numerous
 and influential. And a few
 copies of your Speech my friends
 your future prospects. At least
 some. Most Respectfully An
 Antislavery friend

Any Documents you

R. D. Lawson

See fit to send, Direct
 to Lancaster Clarion Co

RD
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R D Lawson
Lawsonham Pa,
Jan'y 4/58

A few copies
desired for distri-
bution

Goshen. Ind.
Jan'y 4th 58.
P. Lowry,
Political-

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Goshen, Ind., Jan 4/58

My Dear Sir:

Knowing you must be over-run with letters I have abstained writing, but, whatever may be the result at our State Convention, I send you our local paper and enclose herewith a copy of the resolutions of our County Convention to show you we are all right here.

I have written to friends in nearly all parts of the State, and a majority of the county conventions that have expressed themselves, as near as I can learn, are with us. I have strong hopes, even under all the adverse circumstances, of our State Convention sustaining your course, but if overborne, many of us will at last die in the last ditch.

Hon S. A. Douglas

P. Lowry

David McGrew
 Alexandria, Ohio
 July 11, 1858,
 Wants Speech
 Gov Walker's letter
 Cincinnati &
 Phila Platforms

New Alexandria, Virginia to this
 Nov. 24, 1858

Dear Sir

I take the liberty to drop you a
 few lines for the purpose of
 asking a favor of you.
 I desire you to send me your
 speech in Pamphlet form if
 you would send me one I
 can circulate them to your
 advantage.

Please send me Gov Walker's
 letter of Reorganization in Pamphlet
 form if you can obtain one.

I wish also that you would send
 me the Cincinnati Platform that
 set forth the Democratic position
 and the Republican Platform
 in Pamphlet form if you cannot
 obtain the two Platforms for me
 please write me and let me know
 where I can procure them.

we are almost universally
Douglass men here and the
Republicans are few and they
blame us for coming over
to them we only want the
two Platforms to show who has
come over

The Popular Sovereignty doctrine
as explained by you is the
doctrine we always advocated
and do not intend to
depart from it at least
until we are convinced that
it is wrong

any other Document of
importance send me

I have been corresponding
with ^{the Hon} H. C. Pugh but cannot find
how he stands on this great question
therefore I have taken the liberty
to write to you

Hon Wm A Douglass

Senate H. S. David M. Green

If your answer please direct to
 J. M. Croarty
 Care of Bapitt & Kent
 Toledo Ohio

Toledo January 4, 1868

Howe' S. A. Douglas

Dear Sir

The first Candidate
 for President I ever voted for was Mr Ba-
 chman, I want to vote for you for my
 next; and because I have any particular love
 for you as an individual but because I
 believe you to be the best living representa-
 tive of the Democracy in the United
 States. In the position you have taken on
 the Kansas question, except those who hold
 positions under the administration, I believe

that the whole party in the state are with you, and would be called on back again, as far as you have gone, if a fair expression of their feelings could be had. But you know that this is a hard thing to accomplish, owing to the fact that generally the best political managers hold the offices, and have the power. I don't like the aspect of affairs, and with every other good Democrat am anxious to prevent a split in the party, if possible. But if it must come let those who have caused the wound heal it.

Mr B— was elected on the principle laid down by you in the H. 'S' B' bill. on that the Cincinnati platform was made, and that was the accepted doctrine of the successful party down last W's election and consequently the expressed will of the great majority of the whole people of the Union. I was a stump for Mr Buchanan and in all our state & county campaigns

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since his election, and honestly believed Mr B— was mine. When he said he was no longer John Buchanan, (but &c &c) Cincinnati Platform.

If you will stand firm in the position you have taken, I judge from the conversations I hear every day, the State of Ohio will give you a larger vote than it has ever given any other man Candidate for President. I wish to you to know if it would do any good to have a meeting of the whole Democracy, provided their endorsement of your position can be obtained, if so write me to that effect, and I promise you every Democratic vote in our city except the office holders. Mr Pugh, Mr Crockett Mr Pennington Mr S. C. Cot Mr Lew Campbell or Sen Henderson can tell you who I am; or Mr B. show him a Kansas &c. Omaha bill & Union Democrat and hands to vote for you for the next President with respect S. D. C. G. G. G.

P. J. McGraw
Toledo Ohio
Jan^y 4 1888.

Political desir's
an answer

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W. R. Mead.

New Oregon Co.
Iowa

Jan. 4 / 58

Few Specks
wanted

New Oregon Howard
County Iowa
Jan. 4, 1858

Hon. S. A. Douglas

Dear Sir

Can you send
me a few copies
of your speech on
the Kansas question?

and oblige

Very truly yrs

W. R. Mead

My dear Mother
I have just received
your letter of the 11th
and am very glad to hear
from you.

I am in the best of
health and hope to be
able to visit you soon.
I have just received
your letter of the 11th
and am very glad to hear
from you.

My dear Mother
I have just received
your letter of the 11th
and am very glad to hear
from you.

White Post. P. O.
 Clarke Co. Va
 Jan. 4th 1858.

Hon: Stephen A. Douglas

My dear Sir -

I am anxious to procure a copy of your speech delivered in the Senate upon that portion of the President's message relating to Kansas affairs. I have as yet been unable to do so. and therefore take the liberty of requesting that you will enclose one to my address.

I am Sir

Respectfully yrs
 Wm F. Meade.

Wm F Meade

White Post Va

July 24, 1858

Specimen

Bathmon Jan 4th 1858
Hon S Douglass

Dear Sir

You will
greatly favor me by sending
it my address a copy of your
speech on the subject of
Kansas

Very Respectfully
George Mayman
26 35 No. 1 day St

Baltimore
Jan'y 4th 1858
Geo. Merryman.

wants speech.

W. A. Kenney
For Dodge
Jan. 4/58.

Wishes to Consult
Your opinion on
the Swamp Land
Question

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Fort Dodge Jan 4th/58
How S. A. Doyl
if you will not
consider it an intrusion I
should like your opinion
on a matter in which I feel
somewhat interested which is
this will the several States
where the Swamp Lands
have been sub selected &
returned receive any thing
from the Government for
Swamp Lands Entered previous to
patenting of said Swamp
Lands to the State & further
some time last winter I
as County Judge of Webster
County State of Iowa sent
the returns of the said Sw-
amp Lands of this County
to Mendrick the Commissioner

By our Abner Taylor whom
I presume you recollect
& Mr Hendricks informed him
that the report would be
made some time in Feb-
ruary which has not yet been
done now I would like if
it can be done to have said
report made soon & any
thing you can do in the
matter will be duly appreciated
by the Citizens of this County
I wish you to write to me
as soon as you receive this
also write to the Hon L L
Pence now County Judge
what your opinion is upon
the questions here asked
Respect yours

William McCreary

Sec. of the
Wilder County Court

The Principles you have
ever held & now hold on
the Kansas question is
supported by a large ma-
jority of the Democracy of
Louis & we now make
the Republican party ac-
knowledge that they were
the fundamental Principle
of the same Kansas &
Nebraska Bill Hoping
that you may carry your
point

I remain your

Respectfully

W. McCreary



Office Hotel International
San Francisco

July 4th 1858

Honble S A Douglas

U S Senator

City of Washington

Dear Sir

Will you do me
the favor to place my name on
your List of Correspondents, and
send me such Pub Documents as
you may be sending out from
time - to time -

Respy Yours

Thos J. Nicholson

Pro. J. Nicholson

San - Francisco

Cal. Jan 4/53,

Wants to

be placed on list
for Pikes Peak

L. Odell
Cryberville
Jan'y 4/58. My
Politicks
Congratulations run on
the noble position you
have taken.

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Cryberville, Mo.
January 4, 1858
Hon. S. Douglass
Although not
enjoying the pleasure of a
personal acquaintance, I yet,
as a citizen, feeling a lively
interest in the prosperity of our
Common Country, and in the
development of political truth,
take the liberty of congratulating
you upon the noble position you
have taken upon the issues at
present pending in Kansas.
I hear but one opinion expressed
in this section of Country upon the
subject, and that a decided
approval of the doctrine that
the people of the Territory should
be protected in passing upon
every Section of their Constitution

for themselves, without hindrance
or molestation, or interference
from any quarter — Having
taken our ready position in favor
of this doctrine, and contended
for it through the entire struggle
in which it has been made an
issue, I had hoped that the
contest was ended, and that Kansas
would become a State under the free
volition of her citizens without further
trouble — In common then with the
united voice of our people I cannot
too strongly express the surprise I have
felt at the gross attempt that has
recently been made to defeat the
popular will, and to which the President
has allowed himself to become a
party. — Go on Sir, in the good work
you have undertaken, and the people will
hold up & strengthen your hands for the fight.
I have the honor to subscribe
Myself truly Yours — L. Q. C.

Columbus Jay 4th 1858

My dear Sir,

We are having brief & exciting times here. A strenuous effort has been and is being made to defeat Gerrit Smith & his associates. The influence of Federal Office holders, Officers, soldiers, congressional friends, & what not has been enlisted to stifle an expression of feeling in reference to the Secessionism fraud. Moreover most of the Members are new and are sensitive about perfecting any action that may lead to get into a division. Judge Rankin of this county was prepared with a Resolution and intended to open it this morning - but a joint caucus has just been held at which it was decided to withdraw Gerrit Smith's name a joint caucus would be called tomorrow night. The emissaries of the Administration see that our chance is in steady eye - for it is evident that when brought to a final vote there are not over 2 or 3 Secessionism men on the Union side. Every member is for Douglas & the members represent the popular sentiment to be strong in your favor. The outbreak will take place where the perfectitude comes up before the Senate to admit the Secessionist Gerrit Smith. Even the timid members say that when that point is reached they will speak out.

Another cause has its influence - A man presents the Senate a compromise to bring forward in the Senate and his friends fear that Gerrit Smith may embarrass him & therefore prefer to move a few

May realize they have fallen herein - I have been surprised to hear
the declarations of Wash W. Dean & Barker - the former speaks of turning
Medicine is a manner that strongly contrasts with their professed friendship
for you. It looks as though they have used you and are ready to be
transferred to the next highest ladder. This is for your private ear
but I shall have some queer developments for you when I see you.
Ire haste

Columbus, O.
Jan'y 4 1888,
H. B. Payne
Political

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Alden Center, Erie Co., N.Y.
4 Jan'y 59.
Mr. J. Perry, P.M.
1858
Advocate of Cause

Dear Stephen & George,

Let me say first
at this time as you are being
arraigned by the New York News
& other journals as being factions, in
the position you have taken in
defining the principles of the Cin-
cinnati Platform & the rights of
the People of Kansas to the prin-
ciples of Popular Sovereignty, in
forming their Constitution & settle-
ment of all local questions free
from all outside or inside pressure
Government Official & Expedient
tricks on the part of the Administration
to shirk around the responsibility
which it owes to the Son of the
Nation, to settle this question upon
the broad National ground which
has been marked out by your
past & present policy, the principle
upon which all states can be admitted

without creating just the kind of
disturbance in the Democratic
Party if you have power enough
to plant this principal fairly & squarely
on the National Democratic Party it will
be sustained & you though a Union
or Union man be your political fate
will stand the most popular with
the Mass of the People & so far as I
am worried on the expression of some
of my views you will be sustained
I voted for Caleb Bunker Post Prin
Buckman & never had any false
solid sentiments, but now if the
same is to be made on this question
and this is to be a breach in the
Party I am by the principle of
Stephen A. Douglas

Allen Post & Wm. H. Perry Esq
Cin & N.Y.

I sent for 4 New York News & I find to the
expression of some here did not accord with this view

Norfolk Va January 4th 1859.

Sir,

You will confer a great favor
by sending me a copy of your speech

I have the honor to be,

Very respectfully

Your Obedt. Servt.

William Pierson

(Formerly of Chicago, and
one of your ardent admirers)

Hon: Stephen A. Douglass

U. S. Senator from Illinois

Wm Pierson

Norfolk Va

Jan'y 4. 1858.

Speech

