

Burlington, Vt.

January 5th /58

R. N. Allen,

Wants yr speech.

Burlington Vt. Jan 5th /1858

Respected Sis.

I would be very
thankful to you for a copy of
your speech referring to the Presidents
message, if it would not be any
trouble to you, and you will be
so condescending as to send me one.
And oblige yours humbly.

R. N. Allen
Burlington
Vermont

Hon S. A. Douglas, U. Senator

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Lafayette Ind. Oct. 5th 1859
[1858]

Lafayette Ind.

January 6th /58.

Mr. Amberry.

M. Amberry.

Wants Speeches.—

Being a warm friend of your principles in the Kansas question I take the liberty of requesting you to send me a copy of your two speeches on that question and oblige yours most respectful

Mr. Amberry.

To Hon. Stephen A. Douglas
U. S. Senator.

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mid latitudes
subtropical

Mentholo Ly Colver
Jan 5th 1859.
Hon S. A. Douglas
D. L.

As a former
Citizen of the old Quincy
District, I have always
felt a deep interest in your
Political career, and allow
me to say that in my opinion
your last able effort in behalf
of the great doctrine of
Self Government is the crowning
effort of your life, and will
give you hold upon ~~the~~ affection
of the People that will last
as long as our government
continues, as an humble citizen
of the United States I thank
you for defending such prin-
ciples, principles dear to every
American Citizen, I will
thank you if you will think

of my name when you such
distilute
publick doc^rs as may be thought
interesting, particularly your
late speeches, only two of which
I have seen."

There is but one
sentiment here with regard
to your course, and that
is that you are right, many
who have bitterly opposed you
are now your warmest
friends. Although they admit
you have not claimed a
Pardon the liberty I have
taken in thus addressing you
I felt it my duty to express
my thanks & approbation on
this occasion.

Yours true friend
Hon J. W. Douglas } Your true friend
} J. W. Henderson

N.B. The
brassr of this yrs
Thos El. Morgan visit your
city on business. He is a
gentleman & a young man
of talents. I will take
the liberty of recommending
him to your favorable
consideration, any favors
you may see proper to
extend to him will be
duly appreciated by a
large circle of young
men here

J. M. A.

J. M. Anderson
Montrose
Lee Co. Iowa.
Jan'y 5. 1858.
Approbatory
introducing
Thor E Morgan

J M Babcock Rm
Lake Road N.Y.
Augt 5 1858
Political

Lake Road Niagara Co. N.Y.
Jan. 5th. 1858
W^m S. A. Douglass
Dear Sir

A copy of
your admirable speech under
your frank name lately to
hand for which please
receive my thanks

Perhaps occupying the pos-
ition you do at this time
a few words from me may
^{not} be thought an intrusion.
I would therefore say
that I have not heard of the
first man of any and all
parties but sustains you
in the course you have
taken. All agree that the
President has committed a
great blunder, when he

might have he taken the
Stand you have taken
not surely done justice to
the people of Kansas but
he might have reestablished
the party here at the
north on its original basis

Go on then Sir ~~in~~ the
noble Stand you have taken
and if you are not sustained
now at Washington you
will be by the people
Yours truly
J. W. Babcock Jr.

J. W. Babcock Jr.

Morris, Ill. Jan 5 1855
Hon Stephen A Douglas

Dear Sir. May I ask of
you the favour to forward to my
address the last agricultural
Report from the Patent Office.

Our Member has enough
of his political friends to supply

Yours ever truly
A Bennett

Morris, Ill's
January 5th-1558.

O. Bennett.

Wants last edition
of Agricultural
Report of the Pat. Off.

Polk City, Iowa, Jan. 5-1858.
Frina Douglas.

Vince I wrote
you I have received your
second speech on Kansas
affairs; and I have the great
satisfaction of saying to you
that I believe there are int-
ter men, of any party, in all
this section of Iowa, in and
for fifty miles around, the new
capital, (Des Moines,) but
most cordially support your
views. Do you desire a demon-
stration in your favor, at the
capital city of Des Moines, by
a public mass meeting? or by
an exclusive party meeting? If
so, it shall be promptly done.
We are all Douglass men here,
and in Des Moines. Polk City is only
15 miles from Des Moines, and in the

same country, folks. I am with
you, and for you; in any &
Democratic measure you may
wish to carry out in this section
of the Union. I was one of the
two Presidents of the Democratic
State Convention of Iowa, at
Iowa City, and expect a few
summers to have been for them.
I hope our Senator, Gen. Jones,
sustains you. If he does, he
will be sustained in a coming
day, for the Democracy will again
triumph in Iowa. There is no
doubt of it — if you are
in the field, the Democracy will
carry to victory & triumph, but
otherwise.

You are aware the I am
a man of high degree, and
you can approach me in all
the confidence of the brotherhood.

where necessary is required.
Please enclose me such documents
as you may deem interesting.
Please make the acquaintance
of R. B. Hall, member of the House
from Massachusetts, as he is a
man of very great influence in
New England, and he writes
as he is decided with you.

Permit me to enclose you a
few slips from one of our local
Daily Miners papers, the copy
certain would give you an
idea of the points.

Very truly yours,
J. B. Bennett.
J. B.

I. C. Bennett
Polk City, Iowa
Jan'y 5. 1858

Politically.

Endorses you fully.
The people are all with
you in Iowa

W.W.

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SHOT.—A son of John D. Pollock of Polk City was accidentally shot on Christmas day by a son of Wm. B. Hopkins. The boy is not dangerously wounded, and "a few weeks," says his attending physician, Dr. J. C. Bennett, "will restore him to his soundness."

HERMETICALLY
SEALED
CLES—Oysters, Lobsters, Honey Corn, Peas,
Beans, Corn and Beans, Tomatos, Peaches, Raspberries,
Strawberries and Pine Apples in two lb. Cans and
Glass.

J. McWILLIAMS.

Hawkeye Brick Yard.

BRICK BY THE MILLION

S. A. ROBERTSON & JAS. MONKOS,

of Philadelphia, have this day entered into a
partnership in the manufacture of brick. Their E

HIGHWAYS.—A proposition, we understand, will be presented to the Legislature this winter, for the passage of a law declaring *all section lines and thirty feet each side thereof, public highways.* The Legislature of last winter, and the session preceding that, were petitioned on this subject. This we believe to be a good move, and Dr. Bennett is entitled to much credit for his perseverance in the renewal of the proposition. If a law of the kind is passed, roads will be *permanent.* The establishment of section lines as public highways, will be of great public utility.

ted to the people, and they should . . .
by their vote, a legislative repeal, between
the dates of the submission and of the elec-
tion, would not affect the validity of the sov-
ereign act of ratification.

The true purpose which, in my judgment,
ought to control your legislation on the pres-
ent occasion, and that which is, perhaps, the
most pertinent and practicable within your
power, is to provide for the regular and legit-
imate exercise of the sovereignty of the peo-
ple, on those points in which the convention
has attempted to trammel or restrain it; in
other words, to provide for a direct vote,
under your own authority, upon the adop-
tion of the Constitution which is to be par-
tially submitted, on the 21st inst., under the
authority of the Constitutional Convention.

EXACT A NEW LAW FOR THE CONSTITUTION.

MUNICIPAL JUDGE.—The establishment of a municipal Judgeship, for Des Moines, with concurrent jurisdiction with the Judge of the District Court, has been somewhat agitated recently. If this office is created, it must be done by legislative enactment. The subject has been placed in a tangible and explicit form by a gentleman of this county, Dr. J. C. Bennett. We append the reasons which he employs for the introduction of a new office into our municipal regulations:

"There were over four hundred cases docketed for the last term of the District Court, and the fact that the District Judge could not hear and determine [said cases], has rendered a special term absolutely necessary,—nor could any court have fairly adjudicated said cases within the time allotted. This single fact is a strong argument in favor of a *Municipal*, or some other *local* court, being established, that the docket will rapidly accommodate with the increasing influx of population in city and county, none will deny. By establishing a municipal Court, with concurrent jurisdiction with the District Court, the ends of justice could be more *readily* and *cheaply* obtained, as said court could at any time continue in session until all cases docketed could be properly adjudicated.

"The fact that in most cities the *Recorder* is a *JUDGE, de jure* and *de facto*, and his court a "court of record;" and every *Alderman* a *CIVIL MAGISTRATE*, as he should always be; and that *all* cities require a *Police Court*, does not, in the least, in my estimation, militate against the necessity of establishing a Municipal Court, at this time, in Des Moines.

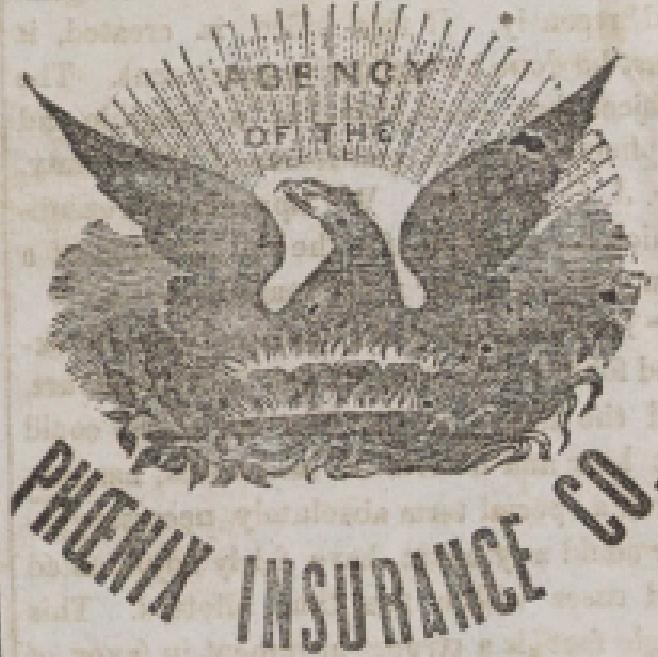
"This letter, however, is simply a suggestion. I propose the measure as a *citizen*.—If the Des Moines Bar, to whom I must cheerfully accord a superior judgment in matters, determine that no such court is necessary, I shall most cheerfully acquiesce.

With due respect,

Yours, truly,

J. C. BENNETT."

INDEMNITY.



HARTFORD, CONN.
CASH CAPITAL, 200, 0
With a Large Surplus.

S. L. LOOMIS, President.

H. KELLOGG, Secretary.

The undersigned, an Agent of the PHOENIX INSURANCE COMPANY, would respectfully call the attention of property-holders to the very superior advantages in respect to the rates of Premium, and a liberal, prompt and satisfactory adjustment and payment of losses, offered by this Company, for Insurance of real and personal property, against loss or damage by fire.

The Phoenix Insurance Company has a **Cash Capital of Two hundred Thousand Dollars**, with a large and constantly increasing surplus, invested in the very best stocks and securities the country affords. The Capital is **sound and available**, and not in any way hypothecated as collateral to any outstanding obligations. In regard to the prompt adjustment and payment of losses, no Company stands higher, or has a better reputation than the "Phoenix," and it shall ever be our aim to maintain the reputation we have by honorable means obtained.

Applications received and Policies issued by

CHARLES C. DAWSON, Agent,
at the "City Bookstore," Sherman Block,
Des Moines Iowa.

Nov. 25 v 2 n 41-ly.

INSURANCE CAPITAL ENLARGED.



Baltimore,

May 5th

1858

Dear Sir

You would greatly oblige
me by sending to my address a copy
of your speech as I have a great
desire to read it and you would
do me a very great favour

Respectfully Yours

George Bickerton

No 101 Bank st one door from
Broadway

Baltimore

Geo Bickerton
Baltimore
Md
Jan'y 5/58.

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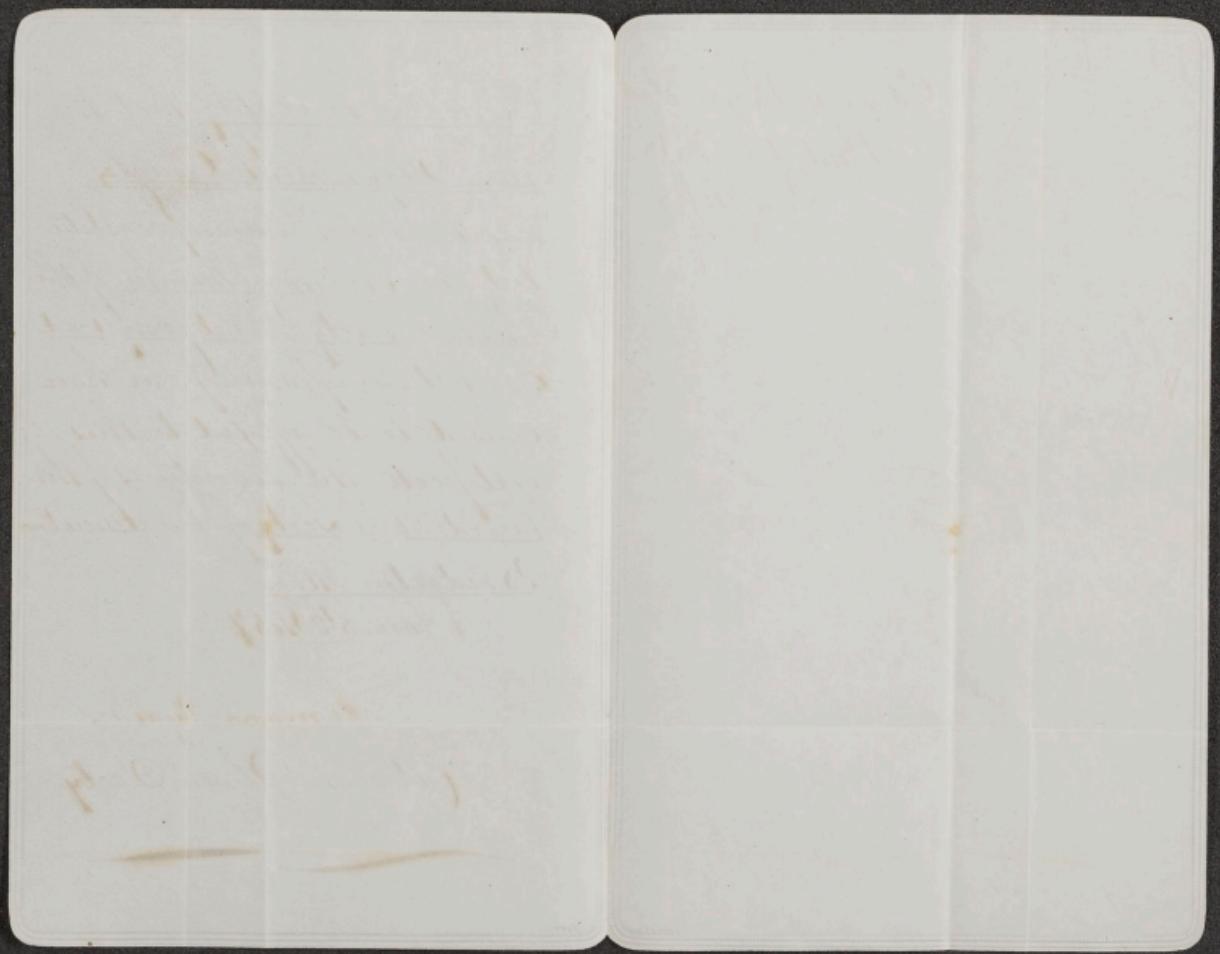
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[Jan. 5, 1858.]

This is to Certify that the
Hon. Stephen A. Douglas
has been unanimously constitu-
ted an Honoray Member, of the
Phil. Society of West Jersey Acad.
In testimony whereof, we have
caused to be affixed to this
certificate, the signatures of the
President & Secty of our Association
Bridgeton, N. J.
Jan. 5th 1857.

Edmund Biggs Pres.
Uriah Gilman Secty.

Edmund Bigler Post
Bridgetown N.J.
Aug 4/38

Sent speech



Dayton O. January 5th 1858
Hon. S. J. Douglas,
Dear Sir

Being in the habit of
Piling and preserving important Speeches,
that I can get, And would therefore be
under many Obligations to you for a
Printed Copy of Your Very able Speech
Delivered in the U. S. Senate a short
time ago, on the Subject relating
to the Kansas Matter,

By sending me a copy of the above
you will greatly oblige an old
Democrat.

Yours truly
H. W. R. Brunner

Any favor from you during the
winter will be gratefully rec'd

Dayton O.
January 5th 1888

H. W. R. Brunner.

Wants speech.

East-Berkshire, Hoga Co. A. B. Jan. 5th

Hon. S. D. Douglass:

Accept my humble thanks
for the receipt a copy of Your Speech on the
President's Message of Dec. 9th —

I've given it a careful perusal, and it meets my
approbation, which I'm willing to say frankly and
cheerfully; and the position you've taken on the
question of the Decamption Convention —
I fully endorse —

I would beg the indulgence to humbly request
some 3 or 4 copies of your document for my friends.

Very Truly Yours &c.

J. G. Burnell,

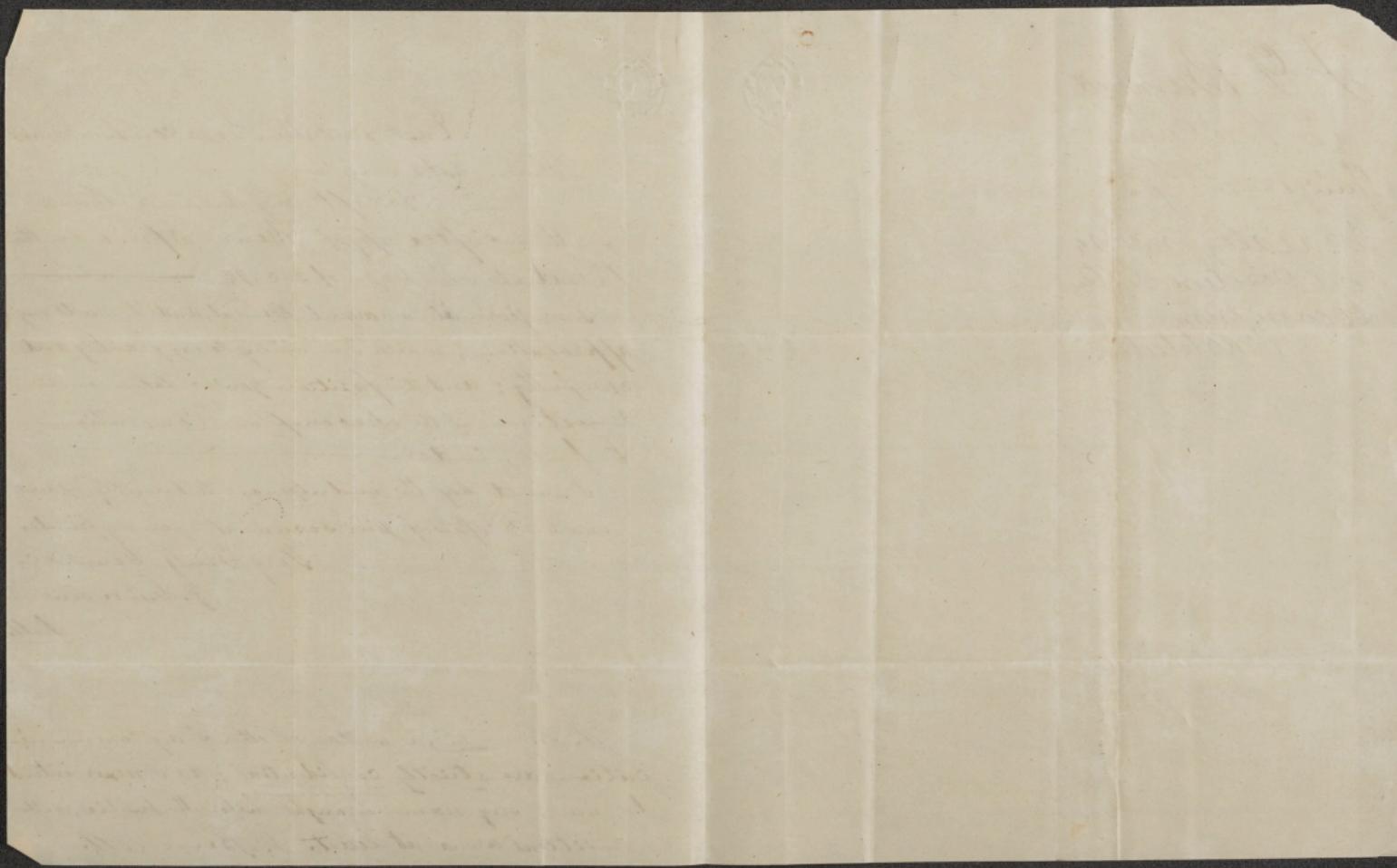
S. M.

S. S. This, as well as all other of my communica-
cations are strictly confidential; as I never intend
to have my name brought before the public, in the
political arena at least. J. G. Burnell.

J. G. Burnwell
E. Berkshire
Jan'y 1858. NY

Cordially endorse
your position on the
Comprom^{ise}
Constitution

[Jan. 5, 1858]



D. V. Burbank,
Baltimore
Jan'y 5/58. Md.,
Speech
+
message

Baltimore Jan'y 5th 1858.

Hon Mr Douglass -
Dear Sir

Will you please ~~to~~ forward to me
one of your late Spencer now in
pamphlet form - on the "Kansas
question" - and if you have a copy
of the Residents Message relating
to the same subject, will thank
you to enclose one also -
And oblige one of your
unknown friends

Very respectfully yours
David Burbank.

For the remainder

of the world
in India
and elsewhere
the same
is true.
In
the
United
States
there
is
no
such
thing
as
a
country
with
a
large
population
and
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small
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area.

Preston Randolph County. Illinois
January 5 1858

Sir

If the Smithsonian Institute is from
the Patent Office, I would be pleased to
receive one from you, Books &c;
superceded by that of Preston, do all you
can for the rights of the people, from
your Democratic Friend

Respectfully your
Dickinson Burt

Hon Stephen A Douglas

D. Burt
Preston Randolph Co.
Jan. 5, 1858,
Document

Norristown Pa Jan, 5 /58

Mrn, S. A. Douglas, Dear Sir, please receipt
this short note, and this new years address by
my Daughter, Miss Bell Bush, With my best wishes
for your good Success, in maintaining
Equal laws, and Equal rights, I am Sir, very respectfully
Yours fellow Citizen

Harney Bush

Morristown, Pa.
January 5/58

Harvey Bush

Incluses New Year
address & congrat-
ulates you.

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Boston N.Y Jan. 5 1858

Hon. S. A. Douglas,

Dear

There are a
number of democrats in this
vicinity who are very anxious
to read your speech on the
Sequoia constitution —

All who have read it are con-
vinced of its truthfulness
Please send me a few copies
& I will distribute them with
pleasure Yours &c

H. A. Garrison

P.S Please address Boston
Eric Co. N.Y.

Boston, Decr. 11, 1858.

Mr. A. Curran,

Wanting a few copies
of my speech for
distribution —

Livingston Myerson
Jan'y 5. 1858

Judge Douglas Sir!

The opinion of an individual unknown to you, and as private and obscure almost in the community in which he lives, as he is to the public at large, I am anxious can be of little worth to you respecting any of those great questions of public policy which occupy your attention as a Statesman and legislator. Notwithstanding this, I cannot withhold the expression of my sincere admiration at the truly democratic and patriotic stand taken by you in the Senate of the U.S. in relation to the admission of Kansas into the Union under the Lecompton Constitution.

That position as Mr Adams once said about the right of petition will stand the test as well of examination as of time and though it may rain for a time the same storm armed your heart which assailed you on the introduction of the Kansas Bill, I have not the least doubt that it

will in the end meet with the same
endorsement which that measure finally re-
ceived at the bar of public opinion.

From the beginning I have been an ardent
advocate, and so far as my action at the bal-
lot box has gone - a constant supporter of
the principles contained in the Kansas Bill
not so much from any actual advantage
that I supposed could accrue from it
to either section of the Union - but as a
measure of simple justice due alike to the
settler who might go to Kansas, and to the
South in removing a partial, and, as has
since been decided, an unconstitutional re-
striction against her. I hope now to see the
principles of that bill forgotten away, or whittled
down as they have been by the late Convention
of Kansas. The question of slavery or anti-
slavery in that territory is now lost sight
of in the far greater and paramount question of
popular Sovereignty or self government - and it
is for your noble efforts in behalf of these
principles that I have been tempted to intrude
my thanks,

I have the honor to be &c &c

Stephen Dettolff

Stephen de Wolfe
Lexington Mo
Jan'y 15758 —
Political
Commander of Course

no

Elgin, Kane Co Illinois
Aug 5th 1858

Respected Sir

Please accept my
thanks for your recent
Speech in the U.S.S.

In the distribution of
your valuable doc I beg Sir
that you will remember
me, for which I shall
be truly grateful,

Respectfully

Yours A. Davis

Hon. S. A. Douglas
U.S.S.

H. Davis
Elgin Ill
July 5. /58.

Pat. Docs,

Wassens Ferry Jan 9th

Hon S A Douglas
Dear Sir

Be
kind enough to send two
copies of your late
speech on the Barnes
question one for
myself, and friend

I respectfully
Yours, T. Eastman

Thos J. Barnshaw
Harper's Ferry
Jan'y 5/58. Va
Two species

and postcard

are about the same

and one of them said
that many children
and other adults
were seen to pull
up many traps.

W. R. Wolf

Small child

W. R. Wolf
Small child

Willoughby Jan. 5th 1858
Hon. S. H. Douglass
Sir

You would confer a great favor
on the undersigned by sending
him documents of interest
relative to the territory of
Kansas.

J. S. Eller
Willoughby
Lake County
Ohio

Hon. S. H. Douglass M. S. S.

P.S. Eller

Milnoughly Ohio
Jan'y 5/58

Wants Doc's

sent speech

Gp Grove Jan 1858
Mr Stephen A Douglas

Dear Sir I would like if
you could obtain the Patent office Report
of 1856 for me and send them to Gap Grove Illinoia
LaSalle County Illinois

Yours Respectfully
Daniel J. Emery

D. S. Emery,
Gap Grove
Jan'y 5th 1858.
Patent of Repn.
Wanted

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Beijing Jan 8th 58

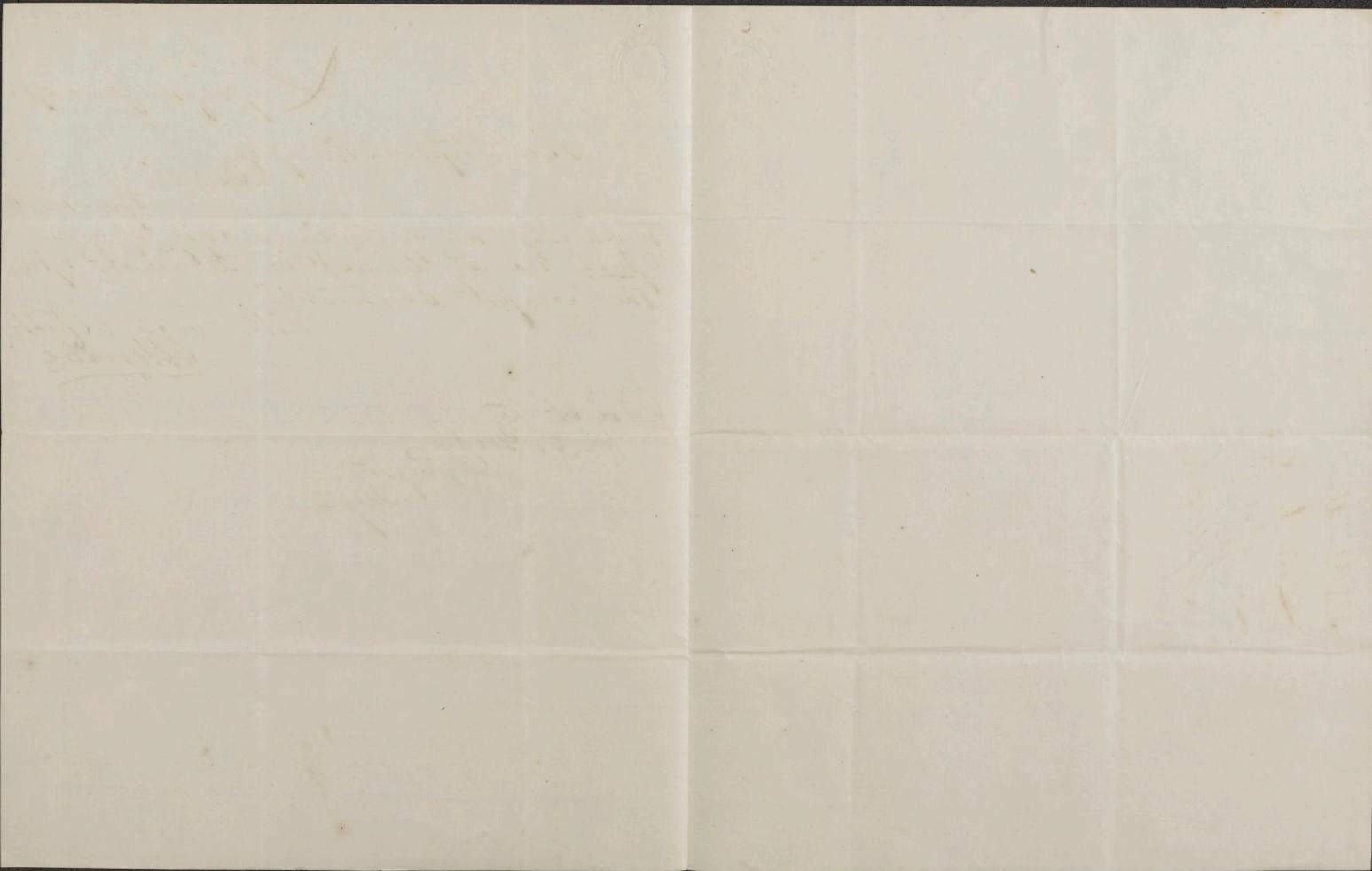
Dear Stephen A. Douglas
Dear Sir

You will
much oblige me by sending a copy of your
"Speech" recently delivered in the "Senate" upon
the "Compromised Constitution".

With much respect
J. S. Goodloe

Direct to
Dr. J. S. Goodloe
Beijing
My -

S. S. Goodloe
Senr. to R.
Jan. 1st 18.
Speech



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[Jan. 5, 1858.]

Hon. S. A. Douglas, U. S. Senate.

Dear Sir!

It is now the time, that the undersigned, after having been studiously lowered in your estimation, should approach you once more to show his true character.

A few words in explanation may be allowed before touching the question in view.

When the campaign of 1856 was over (and up to this moment), I found myself rewarded for my services as follows:

Receipts for all kind of print work below the actual expense by — \$3.83.04

Pay for five months services as editor publisher and speaker — not one cent,
Pay toward the establishment of the printing - office, as for types, office furniture &c. — not one cent,

Promises to have met a demand for part of the administration of the National Gazette - enterprise at the beginning of last year — shallow huckling;

Promises to give place — similar results after four months' ruinous protraction; final consequence of my attachment to the democratic party, and sacrifices for the success of Mr. Buchanan —

bankruptcy and cruel privation. Thus my case went; wife and children had tasted a bit of starvation, when

I rose up, dropping faithless political friends, and seeking refuge among my own countrymen. Near one thousand dollars were therapon furnished me by them, to enable me to establish myself as druggist and chemist, and to forget party iniquity . . . and while I quickly prospered in my business, I had the satisfaction to see my at one creditably vic'fier go a begging almost on his knees for another paltry pittance.

This much of my past past history, and now to the subject in view.

My printing material (although under pawn at present) is still there; and my head and hand although engaged in a more genial calling, are still ready to serve the cause of truth, consistency and fair dealing.

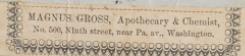
If your friends will therefore make provision for a small capital only (say of 1000 to 1500 dollars within the next three months) the "National Gazette" shall forthwith be revived through my agency, placed in reliable hands, and editorially conducted by me principally without any charge whatever for my editorial labors.

If this proposition finds a response in your heart and head, please send

word through the friendly bearer of these lines, Prof. Stackrath, to inform me, when it will be your pleasure to receive me in person.

Washington
5th January 1858.

With high regard
Your obedient servt
Magnus Gross



Magnus Groop
Wash DC

Jan'y 5. 1858.—
Inward to the National
Gazette & corracted

Felicite

WY

*John C. Smith
J. H. Green
W. H. Dall*
 Smithsonian
Institute.
 Meeting on
 20 Jan'y 1858.

Smithsonian Institution,
 WASHINGTON, --- Jany 5th 1858.

Dear Sir:

I have the honor to inform you that a meeting of the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution will be held in its hall, in the Smithsonian building, on Wednesday, January 20th at 11 o'clock,

A. M.

Very respectfully,
 Your obedient servant,

JOSEPH HENRY,
Secretary.

J. A. Douglas.
 Hon.

REGENT OF THE SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION.

Aug 19 1866

1866

A. J. Hodder
Greenville
Jan'y 5/58 - Ohio

a few copies of
your late speech
desired

Greenville Ohio
Jan 5th 1857

Adr. 3 A. Douglas
Washington D.C.

Drs,

Will you be kind enough
to send me a copy of
your late Speech in the
U.S.S. on the Seacompton
Constitution?

If you will send me a
bundle of them I will put
them in circulation among
our democratic friends.

I wish to advance the
doctrines therein set forth, knowing
they are truly democratic &
must prevail. The Democracy
of this district are with you.
Yours &c A. J. Hodder

Damres, Meji.
Janvry 5th 1858.

Wm H. Hood.

wishes Mrs D-

to send him

Speech on Kansas

Damres Jan 5th
1858

Mrs Douglas.

Please send a
copy of your Husband's
Kansas Speech, and oblige
one who Admires His present
position.

Wm H. Hood.

Damres
Meji

John Adams
1792 journal

Aug. 11. 1792

Good weather
wind east
sun & clouds

Washington 5 Jany 1858

Dear Sir

The President has appointed
W. S. Rowland formerly of New York City
Consul at Riga. I urged this
appointment myself and it is considered
a general appointment but if
changed to any State - New York is
to have the credit of it -

I have taken a deep interest
in Rowland as an active energetic
Young Democrat -

I hear this P.M. you home - In quiet
I can not see you - Present my best respects
to your kind wife & when our sincerely
Hon S. Douglass - Your friend J M North

W M Howell
Washington
Jan'y 5. 1858.

Pres' has appointed
W S Rowland,
Consul at Riga.
Father deeply interested
in him, &c.

