

Goshen Orange Co N.Y.
Jan 7th 1858

Hon S. A. Douglass }
W. S. Senate

Dear Sir,

As an admirer
of your Cause in regard to the Leconte -
Constitution in the Senate, I venture to trouble
you with a request for a copy of the Leconte
Constitution, and a copy of your speech relating
to the President's message. Hoping you will
pardon the freedom I take in thus addressing
& wishing you Godspeed in the Cause

I remain

Yours Respectfully
C. A. Bremner

H. A. Dremmer
Goshen N.Y.
Jan. 7 1881

Your speech
and a copy of
The Seecompton
Constitution

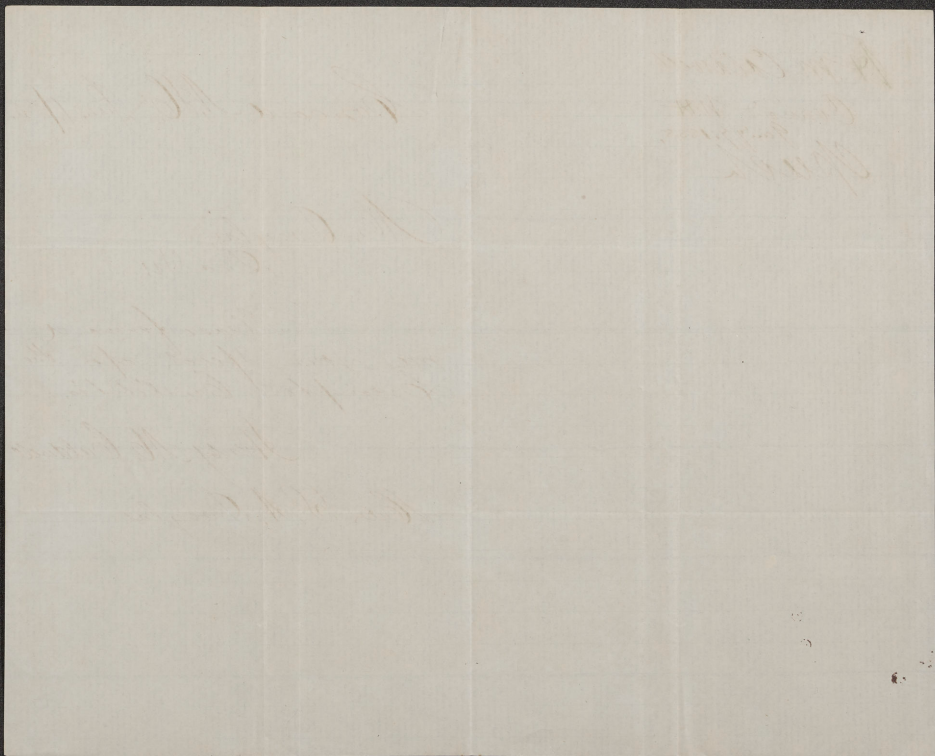
Wm Caldwell
 Concord NH
 Jan'y 7, 1858,
 Speech

Concord, N.H. Jan. 7/58.

Mr. Douglas,
 Dear Sir:

Please forward
 me your speech upon the
 Sedgwick Convention.

Henry M. Caldwell
 Hon. S. A. Douglas.



Charles Sumner Mass.
January 7th 1858.

Wm S. A. Douglass.
Washington D. C.

Dear Sir,

Permit me so far to encroach upon your valuable time as to request that I may be so fortunate as to add your autograph to those I already have. For some time I have been collecting them. I have the signatures of several distinguished statesmen and my humble collection would by no means be complete were your honored name wanting.

With much respect
Yours Obt Servt
Edward A. Clark.

Edw. H. Clarke
Charleston Map.
Jan. 7 / 58

Autograph

Sent.

Harrisburg, Pa., Jan'y. 7, 1855.

Hon. S. A. Douglas

Dear Sir—

The Pennsylvanian of the 4th instant contains an article taken from the Chicago Democrat of the 31st of December, calculated to produce the impression that your Democratic friends of Illinois and the Republicans of that State contemplate, or have already made arrangements for fusion, and that you are a party to the proceeding. Knowing the character of the Chicago Democrat I do not believe the statement; but there are others, not so well informed, who may be prejudiced by it, and for this reason I appeal to you for facts in order that the matter may be placed before the people in its true light.

To remove all apprehensions on your part of the propriety of communicating freely with me on this subject, I will state to you that I was for twelve years a member of the Democratic party of Rock Co., Wisconsin; that I established the first Democratic newspaper in that County, and that in 1852, as Chairman of the Democratic Ex. Committee, I addressed an invitation to you to speak before a mass meeting at Janesville. In addition to this you may see in the published proceedings of the mass meeting held there on the 30th ultimo, a letter from me expressing my sentiments on the Kansas question. Your position is sustained by two-thirds of the Democratic party of this State, and nothing can induce them to desert you short of a conviction that your design is to coalesce with the Republicans.

You will therefore confer a particular favor on myself and many others
of your warm friends in this region, by giving us all the information
you feel at liberty to communicate in regard to the alleged con-
templated fusion in Illinois.

Very respectfully and truly Yours,

George W. Crabb.

Geo. W. Crabb
Newburgh, Penna
January 4 1858

Rel to the fusion
of the Dem & Republican
Party in Illinois -
Wrote to know of it
as I do not believe
the story

Jan 7th 1858

Pucksonville Lehigh County Penn

Dear Sir.

The noble and independent position which you have so recently assumed, to secure to the bona fide residents of Kansas, their Constitutional rights, meets with the universal approbation of men of all parties ^{on this part of Pennsylvania} and the policy enunciated in your recent masterly speech in the senate of the United States, seems to be the only feasible one, to quiet the present intense excitement in and out of Kansas, and to secure to the actual inhabitants of that unfortunate territory, those inalienable rights which our Constitution guarantees. Combat as you have done heretofore, the Decoy Constitution and rest assured that a grateful and appreciative people will not fail to extend to you a well merited reward. Dear sir be so kind and send me all speeches which you may deliver on the subject of Kansas, addressed as above.

Respectfully Your obedient servant

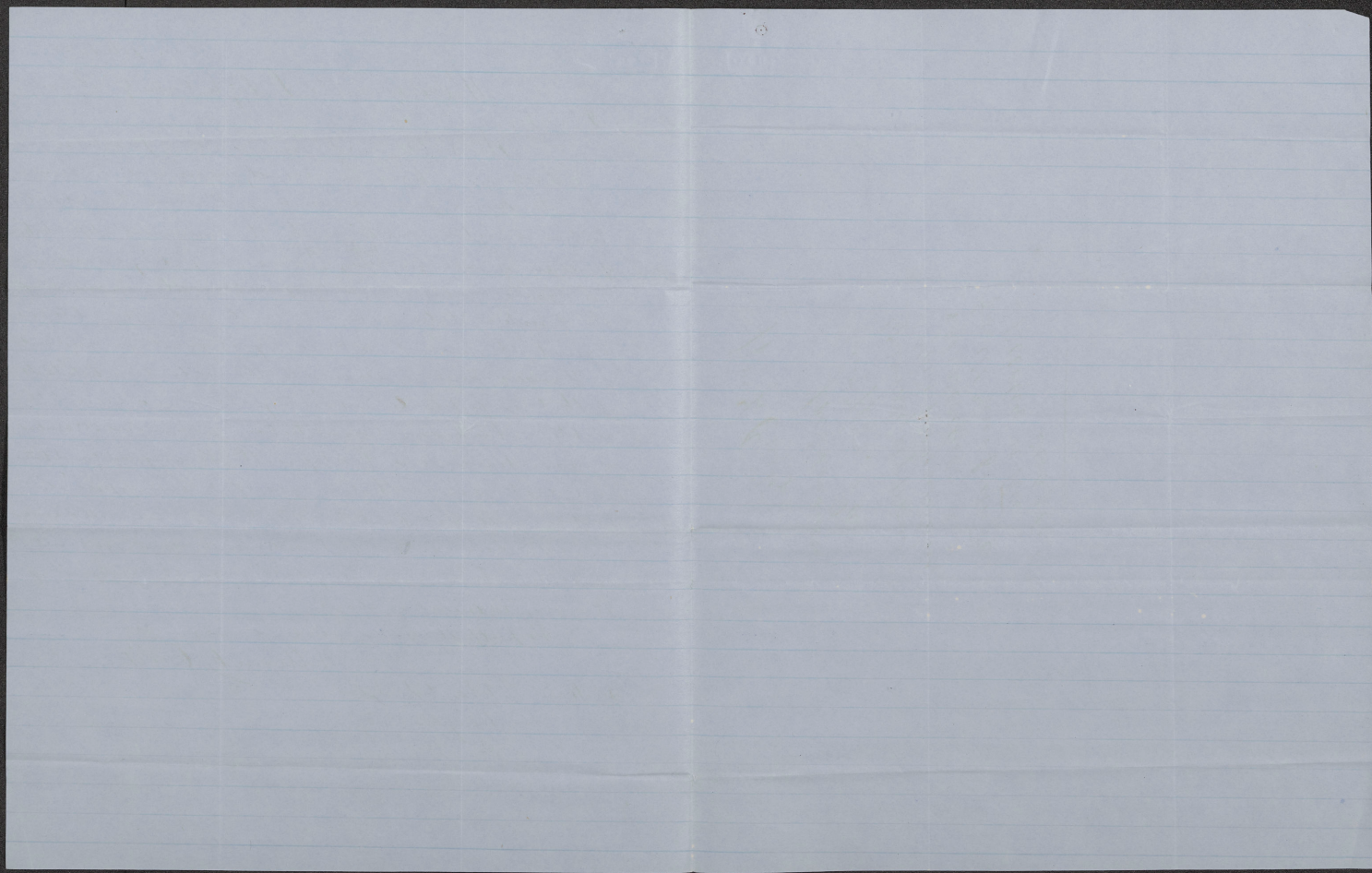
William F. Crockett

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

Wm F. Creitz

Jacksonville
Jan'y 7/58. Pa

Warmly approve
of your present course
& respectfully ask
for all your future
speeches on the
subject.



Galveston, Ills.
Jan 7th 1858.

H. G. Crouch.
(Editor "Daily Courier.")

Wants Congressional
Globe & Appendix of last
session. I send the
Democracy as with
you. R. C. —

no

Office of the Daily Courier,

CARTER'S NEW BUILDING,

Galveston, Jan 7th 1858

Hon. Stephen A. Douglas.

Sir:

If not too much
trouble to you, I would be glad
to obtain a bound copy of
the Congressional Globe &
Appendix of the last session
of Congress.

In these times, when
men manifest such "easy
virtue" in their principles, it
becomes necessary to have the
record close at hand to
refer to the point. For that
purpose the "Globe" becomes
indispensable.

A word with regard to you

position in this section. With
perhaps a half dozen exceptions,
& those unimportant, there
is but one side on the present
phase of the Kansas question,
& that is of unqualified
reprobation of the adminis-
tration policy, & endorse-
ment of your own position.
We feel that our safety
and existence as a party
here depend upon as liberal
an interpretation of "popular
sovereignty" as was ever
pledged by Democratic
speakers from the stump.
The "Daily Courier," you

may be assured, will second
your efforts to the best of
its ability within its
limited sphere.

Very Respectfully,
H. G. Crouch

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Mount Pleasant Iowa
January 7 1858

Hon Stephen A Douglass.

My dear Sir

I herewith transmit to You the Resolutions of Our democratic meeting in Mount Pleasant Henry County. They speak the sentiment of every leading (unbought & untrammelled) Democrat in the State. And I assure You Sir that Your Movement is the only hope of the Political Salvation of the Democratic Party. For Heavens sake and for the sake of the Democratic Party, Persevere in Your Policy in reference to Kansas. There are not, in the Democratic Party, of the State of Iowa, 5000 votes against You in any Contingency. As a Choice there is not 500.

Pardon my intrusion upon Your precious time, And rest assured that the Prayers and votes of the People of Iowa are immovably with You -

There are some verbal inaccuracies in Our published Report, but they speak an intelligible language. You will see that You are fully sustained and will be. Success in this enterprise will mark the proudest day of Your life as it will assure the lasting peace of the whole Country, and the unbroken harmony of the Democratic Party, the defeat of these measures, fearfully threaten the ruin of the Democrats if not the destruction of the whole Country.

As the People take action upon this subject
I shall take great pleasure in sending you what
the People say in Your defense...

Goodbye You

Yours Truly

W C Dean

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Wile Pleasant, Iowa

Jan'y 7th 1858

H. C. Deaw.

Enclosing Proceedings
of a democratic meeting
at Wile Pleasant.
Endorsing opi course &c

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Democratic Meeting at Mt. Pleasant.

Pursuant to notice given, a meeting of the Democracy was held at Mount Pleasant, and the following proceedings had. On motion of H. C. Dean, Jerome Virden was called to preside over the meeting, and B. J. Hall was selected to act as Secretary. H. C. Dean, then stated the object of the meeting. After which, upon motion, a Committee of five was appointed to draft resolutions expressing the sense of the meeting upon the political questions of the day. Whilst the meeting waited upon the Committee, they were addressed forcibly and eloquently by Mr. Jordon, of Salem. The Committee, which consisted of Messrs. Dean, Hall, Davis, Beers and Dewy, made report of the following resolutions,

Whereas—A crisis has now arisen in the history of the Democratic Party, which makes it necessary and imperative that we take a stand not to be misunderstood by any one; and,

Whereas—We have fought against the wild sectional issues of the Republican party, to sustain the political rights of the people of Kansas, and of the whole country. With equal earnestness, we now repudiate the base-born abortion of fraud and perjury—the Lecompton Constitution, which is now presented for the arbitrary, self-constituted government—petty despotism—without a parallel in the history of the country. We repudiate all tricks of policy, which propose the enslavement of a free people, and the disfranchisement of the popular will. There-

Resolved, That we heartily endorse the Administration of Gov. R. J. Walker, Gov. Fred Stanton, acting Governor of Kansas.

Resolved, That we endorse the course pursued by the Hon. S. A. Douglas, in defending the great doctrine of Popular Sovereignty, the natural offspring of that cardinal principle that all power is inherent in the people—and that no delegation of power to agents, can by any possibility deprive the people of the absolute right of determining, by popular vote or other like expression of the popular will, the character of the Domestic Institutions that shall exist among them.

Resolved, That the domestic institutions of a people, extend to every subject matter of organic Law, and the right to regulate one gives the right to regulate all.

Resolved, That we will stand by and defend against all persons whomsoever, these great principles as the very life blood of the Democracy of our Democratic fathers.

Resolved, That to impose upon the people of Kansas the Lecompton Constitution without the consent of the people, would be an outrage upon the spirit of our institutions, and a sequel for the desolation of the Democratic party of the nation, and in violation of the Cincinnati platform, and every pledge given by the President to the people.

Resolved, That we will contend with equal ardor for the rights of each and every State, and for State rights, and for the rights of the people to form their own local institutions in every portion of our great country, and similar and equal rights to the people of the Territories.

Resolved, That the proceedings of this meeting be published in the Burlington Gazette and papers of Mount Pleasant.

Upon motion, the meeting adjourned.

JEROME VIRDEN, President.

B. J. HALL, Secretary.

I will not believe that he will make the measure a party one which he does not recommend in his message. I will not believe that he will ask his party to go for a measure to which he would not commit himself on paper. I will not believe that he wishes us to run our necks into the halter of disunion and civil war before he takes the lead and points the way. The absence of a recommendation in the message shows that no man can, consistently with the President's dignity of character, assert that he is in favor of this measure. Then, I say, let us restore peace to the country by ignoring the irregular Convention at Lecompton, by ignoring that irregular Convention at Topeka, by passing an enabling act in proper form, authorizing the people to form a Constitution and State government for themselves. Such an act will restore peace to the country in ninety days. In fact, the day you pass it everything will be quiet in Kansas.

The people of Kansas will then see that Congress is going to carry out in good faith the principles of self-government. They will see that Congress is going to let them have slavery if they want, and prohibit it if they do not want it. They will see that Congress is going to allow them to make their own constitution and laws in their own way. The moment they discover that impartiality is to prevail, and justice is to be carried out, they will be content; all will be quiet; there will be peace at the North, peace at the South, peace in the Democratic party, peace throughout the whole country. I trust that we shall discuss this question in calmness, in good humor, and in a kind and respectful spirit, as we have discussed it to-day.

KIMBALL & Co.—Speaking of business houses and business men, reminds us that passing around the other evening, we dropped in on Messrs. Wright & Chamberlin of the above named firm, and after a social chat took a survey of the premises. The Dry Goods department, over which Mr. Wright appears to have the sole control, presented not only a neat and tasteful appearance, but gave evidence of an abundant variety of goods. And while the counters and shelves looked full, there was every evidence to show that the attendants were not idlers during business hours—taking into consideration the tightness of the money market, we should say from the evidence presented, they were doing a very fair business in that line.

In the Grocery department, of which Mr. Chamberlin has the management, we found the same evidences, in a well arranged and varied assortment of Staple and Fancy Groceries, of a fair and paying business. The principal part of the sales in this department, we are informed, however, consist of staple articles—fancy articles are not so readily disposed of, yet we should think from the very obliging and gentlemanly manners of the head of this department and his attendants, that if a man had any intention of buying he would be sure to do so after making the acquaintance of the firm of Kimball & Co.

Hogs Arriving.—Some six hundred head of hogs, were brought in yesterday by the cars of the Burlington, and Missouri River Railroad, and something over one hundred reached the city on foot. About one hundred head went forward, the balance will be slaughtered here. The change in the weather appears to have started the hogs to market, and a lively time may be expected at the slaughtering establishments for some weeks to come. Prices about the same, to wit: \$3.00 to 4.00.

BRYANT & STRATTON'S LECTURES.—During the past eight weeks our lecture going public have enjoyed a succession of entertainments of an interesting and instructive

Bloomfield Iowa.

Jan 7th 1858

Hon S. A. Douglass.

I was much gratified to receive your great speech upon the Kansas policy. I know you have a thousand and one letters to read and answer these times. Therefore need not expect you to read this fully until you have time, But thinking that possibly you might be called upon to act in a case that may affect me personally, And if so, I wish you and all others to fully understand my position. The Democratic portion of our General Assembly and Constitutional Convention, last winter recommended me to the President,

through The Hon G W Jones of
this State for Marshall of this
State, I suppose that Gen Jones
presented these Recommendations
to the President, And it may
be that my case may come up,
But it is understood that all
persons, in order to be success-
ful to office by appointment, must
indorse the Kansas policy of the
President. To this I must plead
ignorance, for from the Message
I do not understand fully what
the President favors, or what his
Kansas Policy really is.

I will give my policy, and if
this suits the President all
right. If it does not meet
his approbation its all right.
I take the grounds that all

people should be permitted to
vote for, or against, any Fundamen-
tal^{Law} that they have to live under,
That if Congress should admit any
new State, under a Fundamental
Law that the people refused to recog-
nize, that the word admit means
in that case force, And that
Congress has no Constitutional
power to force any State into the
Union, That if all admit that
 $\frac{3}{4}$ of the people are in favor of
Slavery in any Territory, and the
 $\frac{1}{4}$ should manage to get a
Constitution framed prohibiting or
~~continuing~~ Slavery and submit
that clause only to the people
for ratification, And the $\frac{1}{4}$ only
should vote upon that subject,
and make a free State, I would say
that Congress ought not to admit
or force it as a free State, into the Union.

neither should Congress admit or
force it into the Union if a slave
State under the same circumstances
This is my opinion, And the
prospect of office could not change
this opinion. Every person here
sustain you, The Democracy in our
General Assembly will not sustain
General Jones, If he takes any
course in opposition to your Enabling
act, If you have time please read
this letter, I remain your
political Friend,
W Dunlavy

At A. W. Dunlavy
St. Louis
July 1. 1858.
Explains his position
on the Kansas issue.
so in favor of your policy.

Wm. M. Cays
 Jan'y 4. 1858
 Boston Mass
 Speech

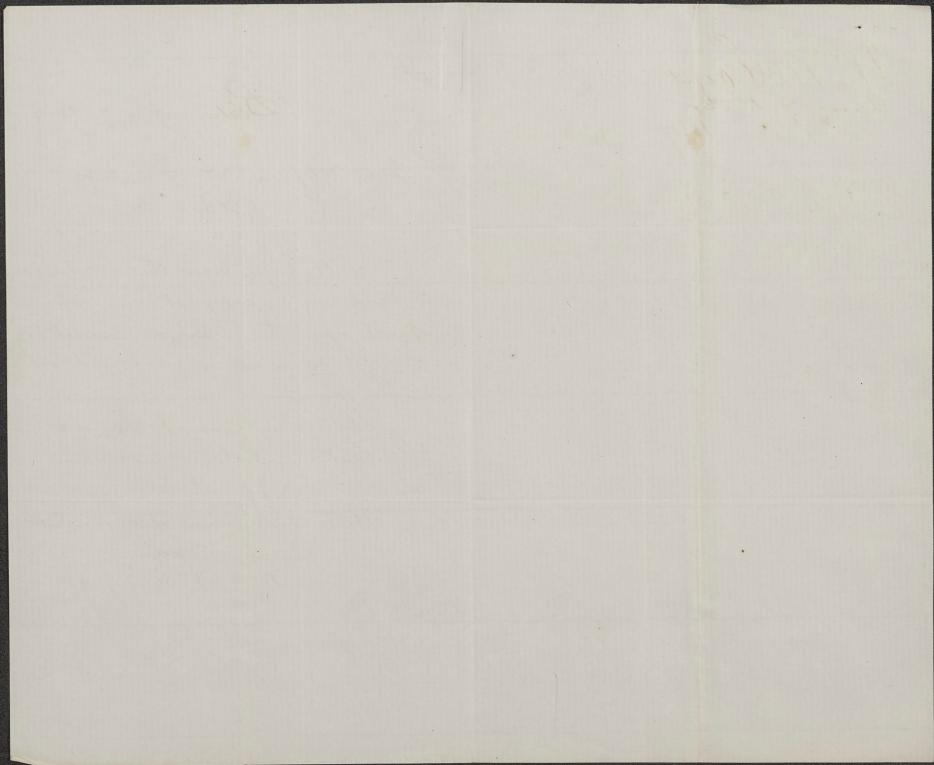
Boston Jan'y 7th 1858

Hon Stephen A Douglass.
 Dear Sir -

Will you have the kindness
 to send me a copy of your late
 speech upon the Kansas Question.
 It will be to me a great and val-
 uable favor

Address me care at Cays &
 Fairbanks. Boston - and believe
 me -

With considerations of deep regard
 Truly Yours
 Wm. M. Cays.



C. C. Felton
Prof. Cambridge
Mass.
Jan'y 7/58.

Introducing
Mr Eddy, from
England.

2422

Cambridge Jan. 7. 1858.

My dear Sir

My friend Mr Eddy from
England - an officer man - is
about to visit Washington, and I
take the liberty of asking for him
your kind attention. He is a
gentleman of large knowledge, and
I feel assured that you will be
pleased with his acquaintance.

With kind regards to Mr. Douglas
I am, with very high regards
U. S. S. &c &c
C. C. Felton

June 1st 1880

My dear Mr. Brewster
I have a great pleasure
in writing to you
and hope you are
well. I am
very much
interested in
your work
and hope you
will continue
to do it.
I am
very
truly
yours
J. A. Allen

Newark, N.J.
 E. S. Ferris,
 Jan'y 7th 1858

List of names
 to whom speeches
 should be sent.

All sent.

Hon. Stephen A. Douglass
 Washington
 D.C.

Newark N.J. Jan'y 7/58

Dear Sir

Please furnish
 and favor the gentlemen
 whose names are presented
 below, with copies of
 your speech on "Kansas
 Affairs" and much oblige

Yours Affly,
 E. S. Ferris

George Seymour & Clinton W.
 of N. Washing
 Geo. Malt - machinist
 Augustus Crane
 Chas. A. Ferris
 Joseph Shipman
 Albert Delano
 W. H. Richmond M.D.

All of the
 above place

J. H. Shaw
June 2, 1881

1881 June 2

Received of
J. H. Shaw
the sum of \$10.00
for rent of land

New York January 4th 1857

Wm L. A. Douglass

Washington D.C.

Dr Sir

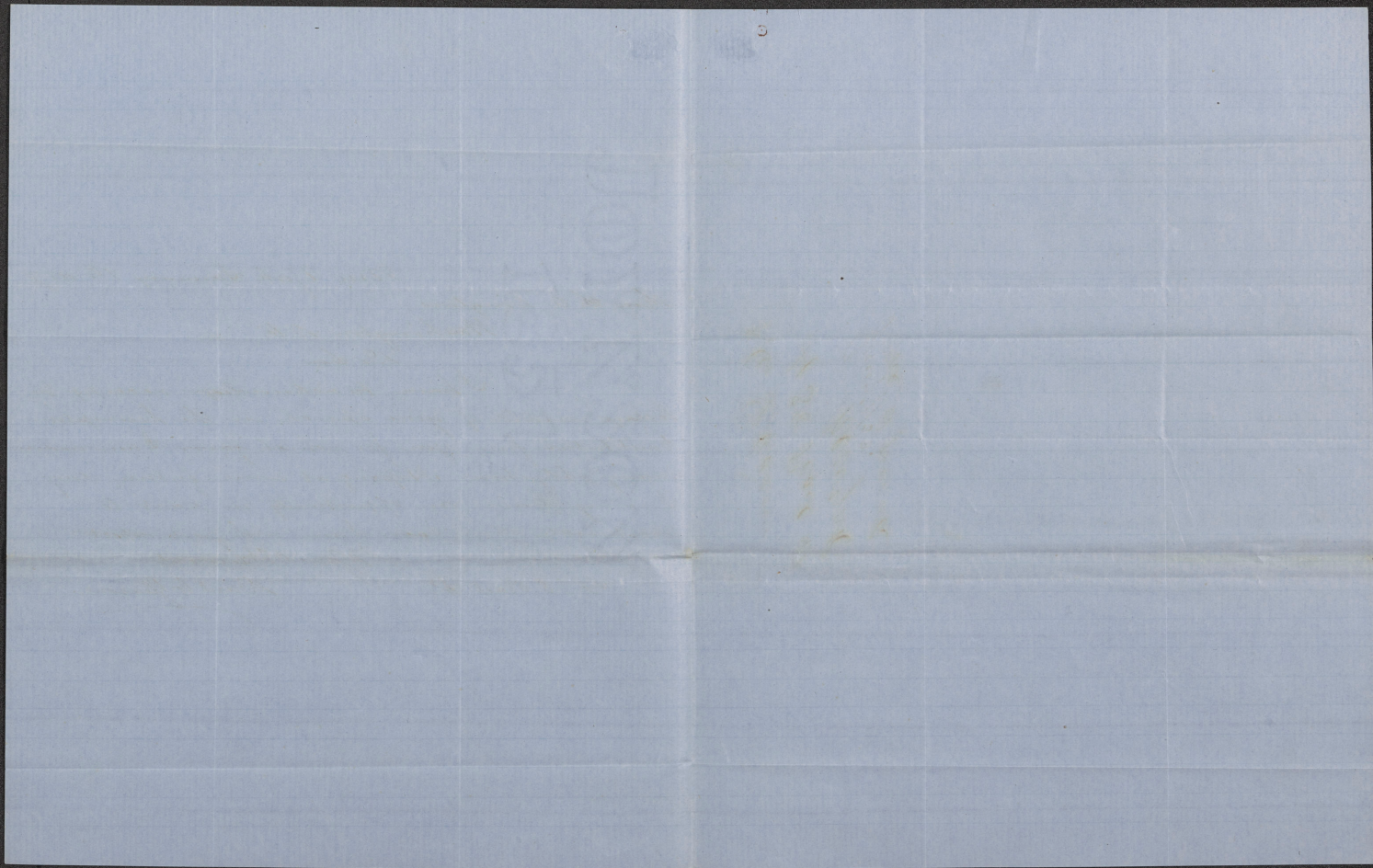
I have to acknowledge receipt by
today's mail of your speech on the Leecompton
Constitution from you for which favor I am under
many obligations. Hoping at some future day
I may have an opportunity in part to
reciprocate your favor I am with great respect

Yours Obsequant

438 Pearl St.

David Gleason

D. C. Lhasan
438 Pearl st
New York
Jan'y 7/58.
one & peech



E. J. Green
Trenton
Jan'y 7/58.
My
Speech

2425

Trenton Jan'y. '58
Hon. S. A. Douglas
Dear Sir

Will you
be so kind as to send me
a copy of your eloquent
speech upon the "Disruption
Constitution" and oblige
me of your young friends
who is

Very Resp. Yours

Edw. T. Green

Trenton

A. S.

1870

Wm. L. Rogers

1870

1870

is a book of 100 pages

a copy of which is

sent to you by the

author, and which

is of some value

to you

Very truly
yours

Wm. L. Rogers

Wm. L. Rogers

Wm. L. Rogers

Cocktown Tenn Jan the 7 1858

Hon Mr Douglas

Sir please to send me a few copies
of your speeches the Democrat papers
dont publish your speeches please to send
me a few copies of the konstitution of
kansas

No more at present

William Hancey

Wm Raney
Cooks Town Pa
Jan'y 7/58
a few Speeches
desired

London - 10 Jan^y 1858
Wm. E. Douglass, Esq. Dear Sir

Please send me a
copy or copies of your
Speech, also any others
upon the subject which
have been made. If
others are made of any consequence,
if you can please remember
my direction.

Very Res. y^{rs}
Geo. A. Cartwright

Cleveland, Ohio
Jan'y 7th 1888.

Jas. A. Hartkopf.

Wants speech. vs
speeches

Wm H Keene
Laura-ville, Md,
Jan'y 7, 1858
Speech

2429
Jan. 7, 1858

To
Hon. Indes Douglas.
Washington.

Sir, Can I beg of you
the favor, to Enclose a
copy of your Speech
to your most humble
admirer and servant.

Wm H Keene Jr.

Laura-ville P.O.

Balto. Co

Laura-ville. Md

Jan'y 7. 58.

To

Mr. J. B. Allen

Washington

Dear Sir, I beg to
thank you for the
copy of your report
to your committee
on the subject of
the proposed
amendment to the
constitution of the
District of Columbia.

I have read it with
great interest and
am glad to see that
it is so well
prepared.

New Bedford Mass Jan'y 9/58

Hon. Stephen Douglas,
Dear Sir,

I may as well tell you at once that I am an old worn out clergyman born, toward the close of the last century, under the shadow of the Plymouth Rock. When I say one thing more, you will know enough about my whereabouts and my position - There is not and never was one particle of radicalism in my composition -

I was old enough to join with the nation in mourning the death of Washington. I have seen some occasions for national mourning since, but shall not live to see many more -

As I have the principles of the Revolution in my very bones, I go for free suffrage, and the rule of a majority, whether I be found with the many or the few - You will conclude of course that I am with you in your powerful Kansas speech - From your position, in that speech, you can never be driven. The mass of a free people, will support you. I am thankful that one, so able, and so bold, has made a stand - Every true American ought to be willing to go wherever such principles will lead him -

Please send me that speech, and any other documents or reports you may have to spare -

With sentiments of high respect,

I remain yours, S. Holmes.

New Bedford. Mass.
Jan'y 7th 1858.
S. Holmes.

Approves yr Course
Desires your speech.
documents - reports &c

Hon. Stephen Douglas

U. S. Senate,
Washington
D. C.

Thos J. Craig
Reading Pa
July 7/58.

Your Speech and
a copy of the Lecrap-
ton Constitution

2430

Reading July 7/58

Dear Sir

Not having read the
Lecrapton Constitution, only
Extracts therefrom, I wish you
to send me one or two Copies
and also your speech in reply
to William Bigler on Kansas
or any other Public Doc:-

And oblige yours &c

Thomas J. Craig

Jm. R. Lively
Mt Airy P. O.
Philadelphia
Jan. 1. per
Speeche

2431

Mount Airy Jan 7th 1838
Hon. W. Douglas, Senator,
Dear Sir

Please send me one
of your Speeches, and oblige your
Friend

Joseph R. Lively
Mount Airy P. O.
Philadelphia

