

Worcester Mass Jan 8 1858

To Hon S. A. Douglass

Dear Sir

I want <sup>achiv of</sup> your  
last speech; Will you send  
it to my address?

Respectfully yours

J. E. Alton

Quinsigamond Iron and wire  
works - Worcester Mass

J. E. Alton

Worcester, Mass

July 8, 1858,

He wants you  
last-speech

"Amazonia"  
family —

"Strong minded  
woman" or  
"women's rights"

Hon. Stephen A. Douglas.

A Friend of Liberty would ask, who are  
the People of Kansas? What lawful authority  
decides that only "white males are people of Kansas";  
that females of Caucasian or of African descent,  
are not people of Kansas? Who now has the  
right to say that any man or woman, of what-  
ever color or descent (except Indians who do not  
pay a tax) has not equal rights with the other  
persons of Kansas. Was not the word given  
that all the people of Kansas should have  
the privilege of voting for or against their  
Constitution?

Saying, that the primary constitution of a  
state will decide who will hereafter be the  
voters whenever the constitution may be amended  
should not every person <sup>to be governed</sup> of all sexes and colors  
in the state be allowed to consent, or not to consent  
to their constitution? Who has the right now to say

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that the women of Kansas shall have  
no hand in the government.  
Are not the People of Kansas, now on the  
same footing; the men and women of  
Kansas?

Governments derive their just powers  
from the consent of the governed.

Will not Mr. Douglas see that the women  
of Kansas have their rights?

Suppose a company of "strong minded  
women" should go and settle a territory,  
would you and Mr. Buchanan not allow  
them to form their own constitution?  
would you not admit into the Union?  
Liberte, egalite, Fraternite.

Amazonia Jan. 8.

Sharpsburg Bath Co Md  
8 Jan'y 1858

Hon Stephen A Douglass.

Washington City.

Dear Sir.

Will you be kind enough to  
forward me at your earliest convenience  
a copy of your recent speeches  
relative to Kansas.

Truly Very Respectfully  
A. L. Askby

A. L. Ashley  
Shambsburgh  
Bach Co.

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Harrisburgh June 8<sup>th</sup> 1854

Hon S. A. Douglass

Dear Sir

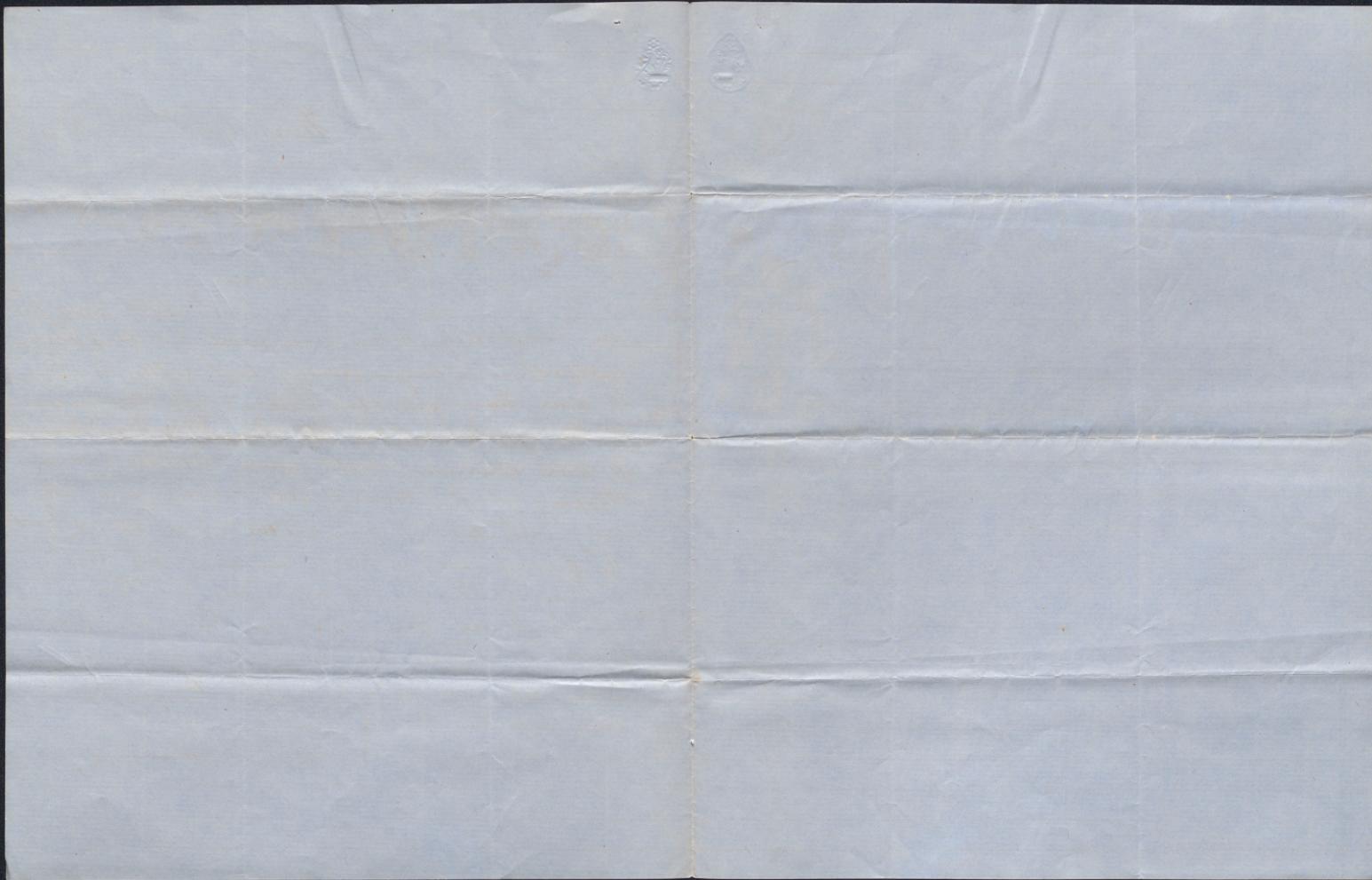
I left Washington on Wednesday and have been at this place yesterday & to day & having but little to do I have been quietly picking up the views of the people here on the Secession measure. I have conversed with nearly all the persons stopping at this House (Her's Hotel) and all every one sustain your views upon that subject. The persons with whom I conversed say that outside of the federal appointees and those dependant on them, not one man can be found to sustain the Secession measure. Please give my respects to your lady & your may show this to Mr. Stuart.

Yours A. P. Kelly

A. A. Bell  
Harrisburg Penn  
Jan 1838

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Geo. W.  
Theo. Blague  
Jan. 8 1858  
Old Saybrook  
Conn.

Wants 12 Copies  
of speech -



Old Saybrook, Connecticut  
January 8<sup>th</sup> 1858

Hon S. A. Douglas

Dear Sir

Will you  
be kind enough to send me  
one Dozen Copies of your  
celebrated Kansas Speech and  
much oblige as many of  
your admirers

Yours very Respectfully  
Theo Blague



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8<sup>th</sup> Jan. 58

Hon. S. A. Douglass. — Resp. Friend, —  
my Son Henry previous to his re-  
-turn to Minion, furnished to one  
mutual friend Ed. R. Smith, the  
names of many of his neighbors  
and friends with their Post Offices,  
which, I hope will be furnished  
again, by the application of Mr.  
Chandler, so that his friends and  
your constituents and friends may  
be furnished with your late  
speech. — I sent the 10 I had among,  
and could have sent many more.

A letter from Henry says there  
is no two opinions" among your peo-  
-ple, — they are all with you.

Truly yours  
W. B. Boyan

Hoe-Room  
Senali Jan 8/58  
B. S. Bogaw.

Cheshire Mass. Jan. 8<sup>th</sup> 1855

Hon. S. A. Douglas

Dear Sir - Please

Send your late Speech on Kansas  
and the Leominster Convention to the  
following persons who will <sup>be</sup> very much  
obliged:

J. B. Wells  
J. J. Jinks  
Mr. B. Wood  
J. Richardson  
S. Lincoln  
Mason Mansfield  
N. W. Mason  
E. J. Allen  
J. Wood  
J. Pettibone  
A. M. Bowker

Jr. S. J. Cole  
John C. Wolcott  
R. M. Cole  
C. S. Cole  
Thos. Brown  
A. Bliss  
H. Mansfield  
J. B. Spear  
Geo. Brown  
J. Farnum  
J. B. Farnum  
L. H. Brown

Sir - Many anxious eyes are now  
looking to you to be the Standard bearer  
of the Anti-Slavery Oligarchy party in  
1860. - I have been a Free Soiler  
from the start (1848) always voting  
with that party; but am ready to forget  
the past and sustain any man who  
will best unite the forces of the free States  
in opposition to the Slave power. Should  
you stand true to your present position  
you must be the man whether you  
are the first choice or ~~not~~ many of our  
men or not - you will occupy a place  
where you cannot <sup>be</sup> put aside -  
Remember not to waver in the  
smallest degree.

This comes from a true  
southerner - But I know the views of many  
again with mine

A. M. Bowker M. D.

A. M. Parker  
Cheshire Mass.  
Jan. 8/55

List of Names  
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Cowego Jan 8<sup>th</sup> 1858.

J. A. Douglass

De Sir

Will you please favor  
me with a copy of your late speech on  
the President's views relative to the arrest  
of Walker by Gen. Paulding.

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J. P. Burghard  
Cowep. N. Y.

S. B. Burdick  
Oswego NY  
Jan 7<sup>th</sup> 1858.

Ward's speech on  
Searanque  
affairs

Sacruces New Mexico  
 Jan'y 8<sup>th</sup> 1858

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

I take the liberty of writing you a few words, in relation to the proposed new territory of Arizona. A pretended election was held by some strangers here, belonging to a Waggon Road party, at which four votes were given, and thereupon a certificate of election was given. A convention of the people has been held, a candidate nominated, and an election will be held tomorrow, and the person elected will immediately proceed to Washington with the proper credentials; and my object in writing you, is to ask that the whole matter be delayed until he can arrive.

Very Respy<sup>ly</sup> Yours  
 Jas. H. Carter  
 J. H. Carter

Saig Cruces. N. M.

Jan'y 8<sup>th</sup> 1858.

J. J. M. Carby.

Relative to an  
election held in  
Arizona

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The Times New Series  
May 8, 1893

Wm. D. Hooper  
Washington  
D.C.

the liberty of writing was a few words in  
relation to the profession in  
of Virginia. A first-class  
was held by some changes in the  
to a degree, but of which form  
in to the given, and therefore a sufficient  
of letters was given. A committee  
the subject has been held a committee  
committee, and an election will be held  
thereafter, and the former election will be  
instituted, for the first time with the  
proper credentials, and members in writing  
now, is to ask that the whole matter be  
deposited into the same series.  
Wm. D. Hooper  
Washington  
D.C.

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Washington  
D.C.

Julius Cushman

Boston Mass  
Jan'y 8/58.  
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Boston Jan'y 8<sup>th</sup> 1858

Sir should be much gratified to receive a copy of your speech on "Kansas" and any future remembrances will be thankfully received by your admirer

Julius Cushman

Milton Cushman

Boston Mass

Dear

S A Douglass

Wm C

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Amstern Jan 8<sup>th</sup> 1858

Wm L. G. Douglass

U S Senate, Dear Friend  
No doubt you are sufficiently  
assured that your course in the Sen  
ate on Kansas affairs, is fully  
approved, in our state in this the  
Glorious 8<sup>th</sup> having a little time  
and having conversed freely with  
our people I can say all is right in  
Old Fulton that the Gates of Hell  
cannot prevail against your  
impenetrable position and position  
of democracy - principles we  
are all well. I send you one  
of our Circulars of Fulton some  
interesting and if you can get us  
some Books & Documents that  
would be suitable for our  
Summary Library you would  
emph a favour on us - if you  
cannot attend to this personally  
if you will say this to our  
friend & Friend C. G. McClellan &  
you have some friends I have no  
doubt he would attend to it

Thank you & Admire as ever your  
Friend

W. P. Burrows

W. P. Burrows  
Merritts Blk  
Jan'y 8. 1858.  
Melbourn Vicaria  
Fullin Anniversary.  
Approve, your  
courage and desire  
that you will send  
them next year &  
send me tickets  
for the Anniversary  
Wray

H B Evans  
President  
Fulton Seminary  
Lewisston  
Fulton Co N.Y.

July 8. 1858.

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Wants books for  
the Institution

~~Smithsonian Report~~  
Vols 1, 2 & 3.  
Mechanical Report  
The Agricultural  
Sent April 18/58.

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Report on Finances  
1857. Sent April 24/58

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Please Post this Conspicuously.

C I R C U L A R  
O F  
**F U L T O N S E M I N A R Y .**

The Trustees of this Institution are pleased to announce to the inquiring public that the First Term of their New Seminary will open on the 2d of December ensuing. We have secured the services of the

**REV. W. D. F. LUMMIS, A. M.,**

of the Peoria Conference, as Principal, and such Assistants as authorize us to hope for a good representation from the young Ladies and Gentlemen in this portion of Illinois who are anxious to secure a thorough English and Classical Education.

Prof. LUMMIS was formerly principal of Foster Institute, Wis., and from his success both in governing and in imparting instruction to those committed to his charge, the friends of the institution are confidently expecting prosperity for their Seminary.

The first Term opens as above, and closes the 31st of March; the Second, after a vacation of two weeks opens the Fourteenth of April and closes the Twenty-first of July, 1853. There will be, at present, two departments of study—English and Classical.

**TERMS:**

Tuition in English, will be \$6 65, per Quarter. Classical, Latin and Greek, \$7 50. Music on the Piano at the rate of \$40 per annum. Incidental Expenses 75 cents, first term, and 25 cents, second term. Tuition, as usual, due at the beginning of the Term.—Tuition is charged for the remainder of the Term when the Student begins two weeks or more after the term opens.

**LOCATION, &c.:**

FULTON SEMINARY is finely located in the moral and healthy village of Lewistown, in which is no dram shop with its attractive accoutrements; and is easy of access from all quarters, and is but ten miles from the Illinois river. The Trustees have just got in readiness a princely Brick edifice, seventy-six feet, by forty-four, four stories high with the basement, and containing twenty-seven rooms for students, recitations and lectures, and is mounted with a tower in which is to be a bell weighing 1000 lbs.

Students can get rooms to board themselves in the Institution. A limited number can get boarding in the Seminary boarding hall at \$2 per week. Board can be had in good families in and about the village. Tuition is not so much as the above for Stockholders.

Scholars can be received who are able to begin with the study of arithmetic and grammar.

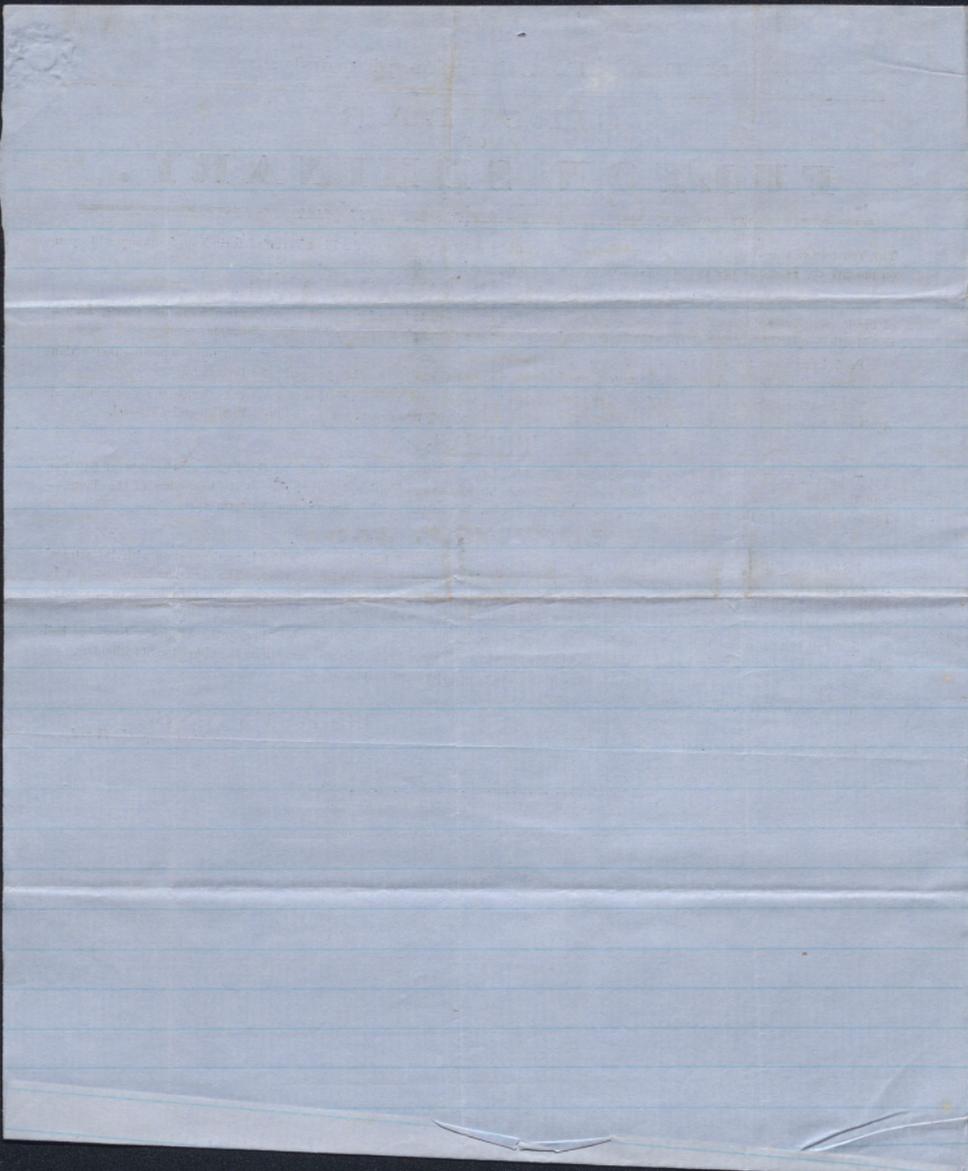
Books can be had in the Sanibary.

LEWISTOWN, FULTON CO., ILLINOIS, NOV. 4, 1857.

**H. B. EVANS,**

*President of the Board.*

DAVIDSON BROTHERS, PRINTERS, LEWISTOWN.



Washington Jan<sup>y</sup> 8 1838

Wm L. Douglass,  
My Dear Sir!

I have just carefully read  
your speech in the Senate on the 9<sup>th</sup> Inst. which  
you had the kindness to send me, & although  
a political opponent, allow me to congratulate  
you on the positions assumed by you.

In my opinion they are invulnerable  
to successful attack from any quarter.

The Missouri question is big with Michigan,  
and its speedy settlement on the basis proposed  
by you would be a national blessing.

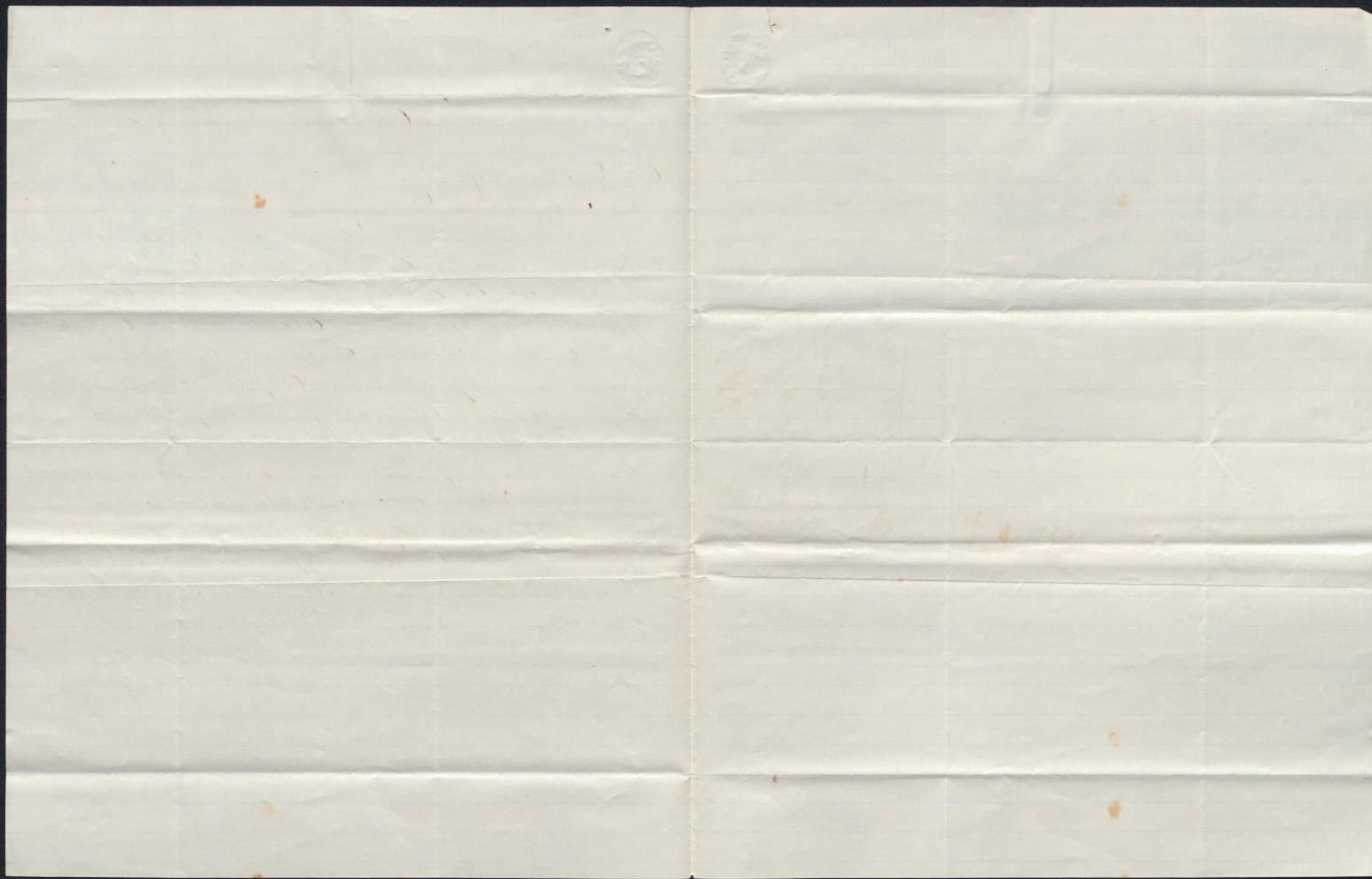
I earnestly hope that you will be  
sustained by all Republican Members,  
and that your efforts will be crowned with  
success.

Truly yours

Wm Douglass  
C. P. Johnson

C. Pope Ferry  
Waukegan Ill  
Jan'y 8./58.

Wmms M. Smith



Marion O'Neil 8/58

Hon S. A. Douglas

Sir

You will please  
send me 100 copies of your late  
"Kansas's speech". Mr Clark sent  
for several copies but you did not  
send enough, I desire them  
immediately. Trusting that  
you will comply with my  
request

I remain

Very Respectfully,  
C. S. Field,

Marilla, O.  
Jan 8<sup>th</sup> 1858

J. G. Field,

Wants 100 copies of  
your speech on Kansas.

C. M. Fitch  
Wm's Town  
Jan 8<sup>th</sup> / 58. Moos  
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Wm's College  
Wm's Town N.H.  
Jan 8<sup>th</sup> / 58

Hon S. A. Douglas

Dear Sir

Being much  
interested in the politics of the  
Country, and liking the course you  
have taken in the Kansas question,  
I take the liberty of asking you for  
a copy of your last speech.

Yours Very Respectfully  
Edward H. Fitch

To

Hon Stephen A. Douglas.



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Truchburg 3<sup>d</sup>  
Jan. 8<sup>th</sup>, 1838.

Hon. Stephen A. Douglas

Dear Sir:

As one of the Editors of the Republican newspaper of this city I have, while freely criticising the views submitted in your late speech in the Senate, steadily maintained that you had not and, from anything known to the public, did not intend to array yourself in opposition to the general policy of the administration and the Democratic party. As one who has been a warm admirer of your political career in the past, & would be extremely gratified to applaud it in the future, will you do me the kindness to inform me whether I have correctly interpreted your intentions as to your present & future relations to the Democratic party?

I do not wish a letter for pub.

lication, but only for my own  
individual satisfaction and  
such friends as I may wish to  
communicate with in social  
intercourse.

I have the honor to be  
Very respectfully  
Yours obt. servt  
R. H. Chap.

R. W. Gleason  
Ed. of Nebus

Synagogue  
No.

July 8/58

Received

July 9<sup>th</sup> 1858



Bethlehem

Penn<sup>a</sup> Jan<sup>y</sup>. 8<sup>th</sup> 1858

Dear Sir,

Will you have the kindness  
to forward to me one or more copies  
of your address or speak on the  
Kansas question

I oblige

yours &amp;c

Rufus A. Grider  
 Bethlehem  
 Northampton Co<sup>o</sup>  
 Penn<sup>a</sup>

Berkshire.  
Northampton Co. Pat.  
Jan'y 8. 1858.  
Rufus A. Spicer.

Wants one or more  
copies of W. Speck.



Free Labor, Columbia  
Jan 5th 58. County Ohio

Judge Douglass  
United States S. Dear Sir

Having been among the  
few in this County that sustained you after the  
passage of your Kansas & Nebraska bill, when  
this County ayed its self against you, by the  
wire works manufacturing democratic sentiment  
against you, charging you with every thing but  
what a ~~fair~~ <sup>man</sup> was right, and having taken  
a deep interest in your bill believing that the  
bill was not understood then by the democ-  
acy, and the success of the democratic <sup>party</sup> could  
only be ~~stam~~ <sup>an</sup> ~~on~~ <sup>the</sup> pacification of Kansas  
depend ~~on~~ <sup>on</sup> the harmony of this <sup>union</sup>  
~~affair~~ <sup>perpetrated</sup> and having the ~~being~~ gratification  
of seeing your bill acknowledge us one of  
the democratic measures, this same wire puller  
misrepresenting your late position, I would like  
to have several of your late speech that  
the Democrats may have a fair and impar-  
-al opportunity to see your late views

Yours friend  
Amathan H. Harbaugh  
Old Democrat

J. J. Harbaugh  
New Lisbon O.

Jan. 8 1858.  
would like  
several of your  
late specimens

James Hayden  
Manchester N.H.  
July 8, 1858,  
Wants a copy  
of the Globe on  
last session

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Manchester N.H. July 8, 1858  
Dear Sir

Perhaps it is no news to you when I tell you that it is only a short time before our State Election and as usual the opposition to the Democratic party have nothing to harp on only Kansas it is all Kansas, Kansas and then are several things that occurred during the last Congress that I wish to put myself a little on therefore I have taken the liberty to address you and ask you to send me the Congressional Globe for that last Congress last Session but ~~not~~ excepting the extra Session

and I will ever be very  
gratefull I have no claim  
upon your generosity but you  
you very well know how our  
state is represented at Congress

Funds asked by the Democratic  
party receive little or no  
attention. Trusting to hear  
from you soon I remain

Truly  
Yours  
James Hayes Jr.

S. A. Douglas

U. S. S.

Washington  
D. C.

Saugus Jan 8 1858  
Mass. 7<sup>th</sup> District

Dear Sir

I take the liberty of requesting  
my name placed on your list, for the occasional  
frank of a public document

Few except Republican publications of this sort  
find their way hither, though it may be claimed  
that consistent honest democrats of this State  
neither holding or seeking office deserve to be  
well remembered

I may be allowed to add that your position  
on Kansas affairs is warmly approved by dem-  
ocrats of this section, who were every so handsome  
an opportunity to close that matter creditably, and  
add strength to our party North, was unsurpassed  
by the president

Had the administration pursued the course  
marked out by yourself, we believe this might  
have been effected without compromise of principle  
or denial of the fullest rights of the South

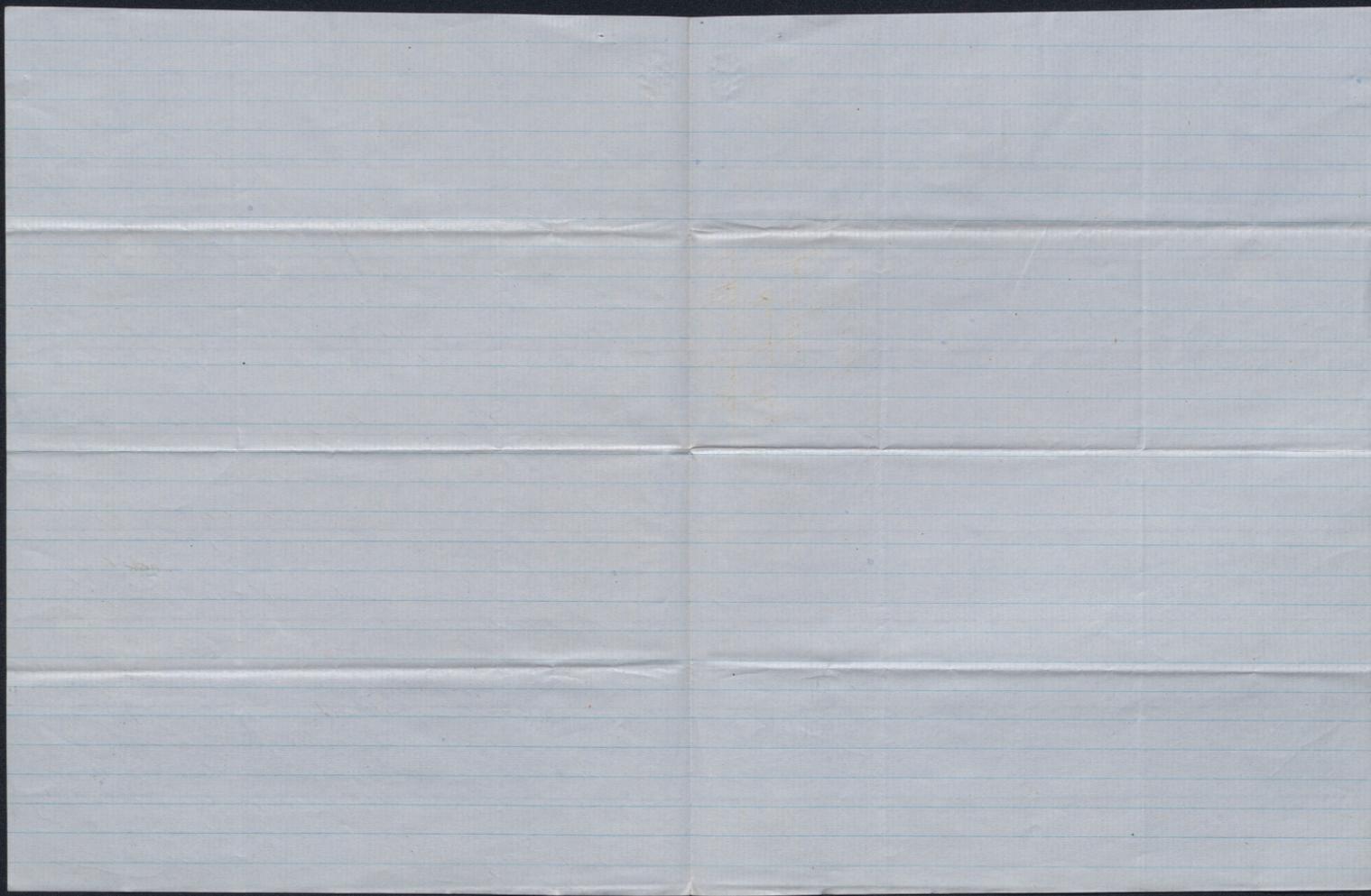
What has been lost by others we still hope may  
be regained by yourself for the party and Country  
Hon

S. A. Douglas  
U. S. Senator

Respectfully Yours  
Wickmore Jackson

Pickman Jackson  
Sanger Mass.  
Jan. 8 / 58.

Speech



Stratton N. J. Jan 8. 1858

Hon. S. A. Douglass

Dear Sir

Enclosed please

find 25 cts for which you will please send me  
copies of your Speeches in the U.S. Senate  
occasionally. Lead to Heals Eddy Delaware Co  
N.J. the place of my residence

Truly Yours

Wm. J. Payne  
Heals Eddy  
Del. Co  
N.J.

Heals

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Wm H. Jayne  
Hales-Eddy.  
Delaware Co. N.Y.  
July 3/58  
Encloses 2 sets for  
speeches. —  
but 50 speeches

Martindale - Depot -  
Jan. 8<sup>th</sup> 1858 -

Hon. S. A. Douglas -

Dear Sir - Your position is creating no little interest, at the "North", in relation to the political phases of the times. Will you do me the great honor, to add my name to the list of those, who shall be honored with your published speeches, during the winter.

Most Respectfully,  
Your obt. servant,  
J. A. Kent -

Address - Martindale - Depot, Columbia Co. N. Y. -

P. S. - To whom can I apply for a Manual of Congress - the "old Kent Book"? and what is the price?

I. A. Kent  
Martins Depot  
Jan'y 8/58. My

Wants his name  
placed on your list  
to receive occurrence  
fund

J. Kinn  
St. Paul  
Recorder Co Ind  
Jan 8. / 58.

Wants documents

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St Paul Recorder Co  
Hon Stephen A Douglass

Dear Sir

Will

you please send me some  
Public Documents I under-  
stand that our Congressman  
Tuley is on the wrong side &  
consequently can not expect  
anything from him

Yours Respectfully  
Jonathan Kinn

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