

Dear Sir

New-Burgh Jan. 25/55

Will you please
send me your speech
on the Presidents mes-
sage & oblige your
ob. Servant

John B. James
New Burgh
N.Y.

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

Mr. B. James
Newburgh
Jan^y 12/58, NY
Speech



For a list of
the names of
the persons
who have
been
admitted
to the
Society
of the
Friends
of the
African
Race
in
the
City
of
New
York
in
the
year
1861

Uriah Kildow
Selma. O

Jan'y 11, 1858.

Request such
Doc^t as it may
suit your conve-
nience to send

2576

1858
Selma Ohio Jan 12.
to the Honorable
Mr Douglas Sir being a red
hot Democrat I take the
liberty of requesting you if
convenient to send me
the Patent office Report
and all other Documents
that may suit your
convenience our Representative
in Congress is a Republican
and of course he will send
all of his Documents to
the Negroes. please Direct
to Selma Clark Co Ohio
Uriah Kildow

Back 10/10
10/10

Dear Sir,
I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 10th inst. in relation to the matter of the 10th inst. and in reply to inform you that the same has been forwarded to the proper authorities for their consideration. I am, Sir, very respectfully,
Yours, very truly,
J. H. [Signature]

3577
c Jan. 12, 1858

Wm. W. Douglass.

Esteemed Sir

I have a great desire to read
your Speech, lately delivered in the
United States Senate on the Kansas
question, and if you will mail
one copy of said Speech to my address
You will greatly oblige.

Respectfully

Edward Barendse

Cleveland Ohio Jan 10 1858

E. Sandicks

Cleveland O.

Jan. 9 1888

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Faribault, Minn. Jan'y 12th 1858

Senator Douglas

Sir

The humblest citizen in the Nation may well be allowed to feel & express the deepest interest in the politics of his Country, when questions of great public concernment are directly involved.

May not I then be permitted to express my gratitude to you for the elucidation & defence, in your recent speeches in the Senate, of the doctrine of popular sovereignty & self government; - a doctrine to which American Democracy stands committed before the Country. I have read the speeches with instruction & profit. The occasion & the effort constitute the crowning glory of your senatorial life.

Heaven grant that your life & strength may be preserved till this great doctrine, in all its essential elements, shall have become so universal in the minds & hearts of men, as no longer to require the eloquence of a living Statesman, and when it may be sufficient on any new emergency, simply to refer to those recorded speeches as the embodiment & repository of the wisdom & learning on that subject.

Respectfully

H. C. Howell

Fairbank,
W. T.
Jan'y 12th / 58.
H. C. Lowell

Shedist

T. W.

1845-51, printed

Wm. S. H.

Bloomington W. Jay 12. 1815

Hon. J. A. Douglass Dear Sir

I have this day sent a Model with the money and all that the Law requires for a Patent on a New Chain that I have invented. I am a poor man with a large family I have no money to employ Patent Agents to attend to my claims. Some of my friends here Samuel Pake, Jonathan Glimmer Dr. Rogers and others advised me to write to you and solicit your assistance, assuring me that your influence, ability, and generosity could only be beneficial to me. if it is agreeable for you to attend to it I will remember you for it and remunerate you for it in any and every way that I may be able. If the Model is not in the Patent office it is at J. Dennis Gun Washington City where I sent it.

Yours Respectfully John Maddock

Bro Maddox
Bloomington Ill

Jan 7/12/58.

About an invention
of his for which he
solicits your friendly
aid & influence -

Wm R Morrison

Watertown Ill
Jan 12. 1858.

Wants you to
attend to a
memorial in
the Senate

2580

Watertown Ill. Jan 12. 1858

Dear Sir

I have just enclosed
to Hon. Mr. Smith, a Memorial of Joe W
Hilton our Civil Castrolog. When
Mr. Smith has attended to the matter
in the House will you be
kind enough to see that it is not
lost in the Senate. I ought to
have to trouble you about so small
a matter just now, but after
all a man's bread & butter is
about as important as any
thing to him

Yours respectfully
Wm R Morrison

Hon S A Douglass

W. F. Knott
Washington
D C

10th Nov 1891

10th Nov 1891

10th Nov 1891

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10th Nov 1891

Auburn July 12 1858

Mr Doylas

Dr Sir

we are Waded all most to death
with publick Sackernents in
our Neighborhood but there
is a few of Good Old Democrats
Still living in Gauga Co that
dont Recieve any we would
be much Oblige to you if
you would send us a few
Agricultural and other Sackernents
Such as you may See fit

Yours
Address

David Nelson
Bridge Creek
Gauga Co
Ohio

David Nelson
Bridge Creek
Jan 7/17/58 Ohio
Hans doe -

Tom Venable Co. Ill.

June 18th 1858

Mr. S. Mayhew

Will you please send me
the Pacific Road Report or the
Agriculture Report in 3 volumes of
1855-6 which I should be happy
to get. Please comply with my
request at any early period and
obey your friend and

Camarader

Wm C. Ott

Box 176 Peru

Ill.

To His Honor
S. Mayhew

(Sent Washl. Rpts. June 1858)

Wm C Ott
Peru. Ill.

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Syracuse Jan^y 12. 58Hon S. A. Douglass
U. S. Senate,

Sir,

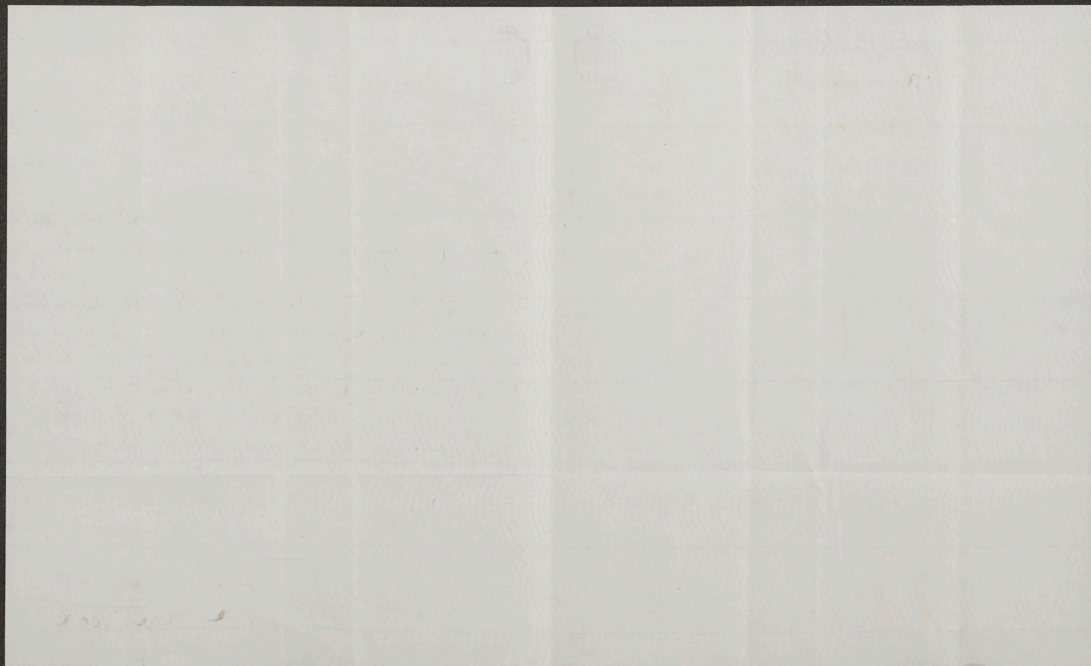
I am pained
to see Democratic papers in this and
other quarters refraining from the publica-
tion of your speech on the Kansas-Lecompton
Convention. In my judgment, it is an
unanswerable exposition of the doctrine
of Popular Sovereignty. It confirms
the views I entertained as a Delegate
to Cincinnati, and which I put forth
as the Candidate for Congress in this Dis-
trict. If you will forward me a bundle
of them, they shall be judiciously distributed
in this quarter. —

Your Obedt Servt

John D. Teck,

John Peck B
Syracuse N.Y.
Jan. 12/58.

want a few
copies



Augusta, Jan. 12. 1859.

Hon. Stephen A. Douglas

Dear Sir:

Permit
me introduce to your favorable
acquaintance - Hon. Israel Chadbaine
of this State - the bearer of this. He
is one of the democratic State Con-
ventions of Maine - and is moreover
a democrat who worships at
the shrine of principle. He is
a gentleman of integrity &
character; and stands high in
the "democratic Church north." Any
attentions you may be pleased
to bestow upon ^{him} will be gratefully
received by him, & regarded as
a personal favor by me
Truly yours Daniel T. Pike

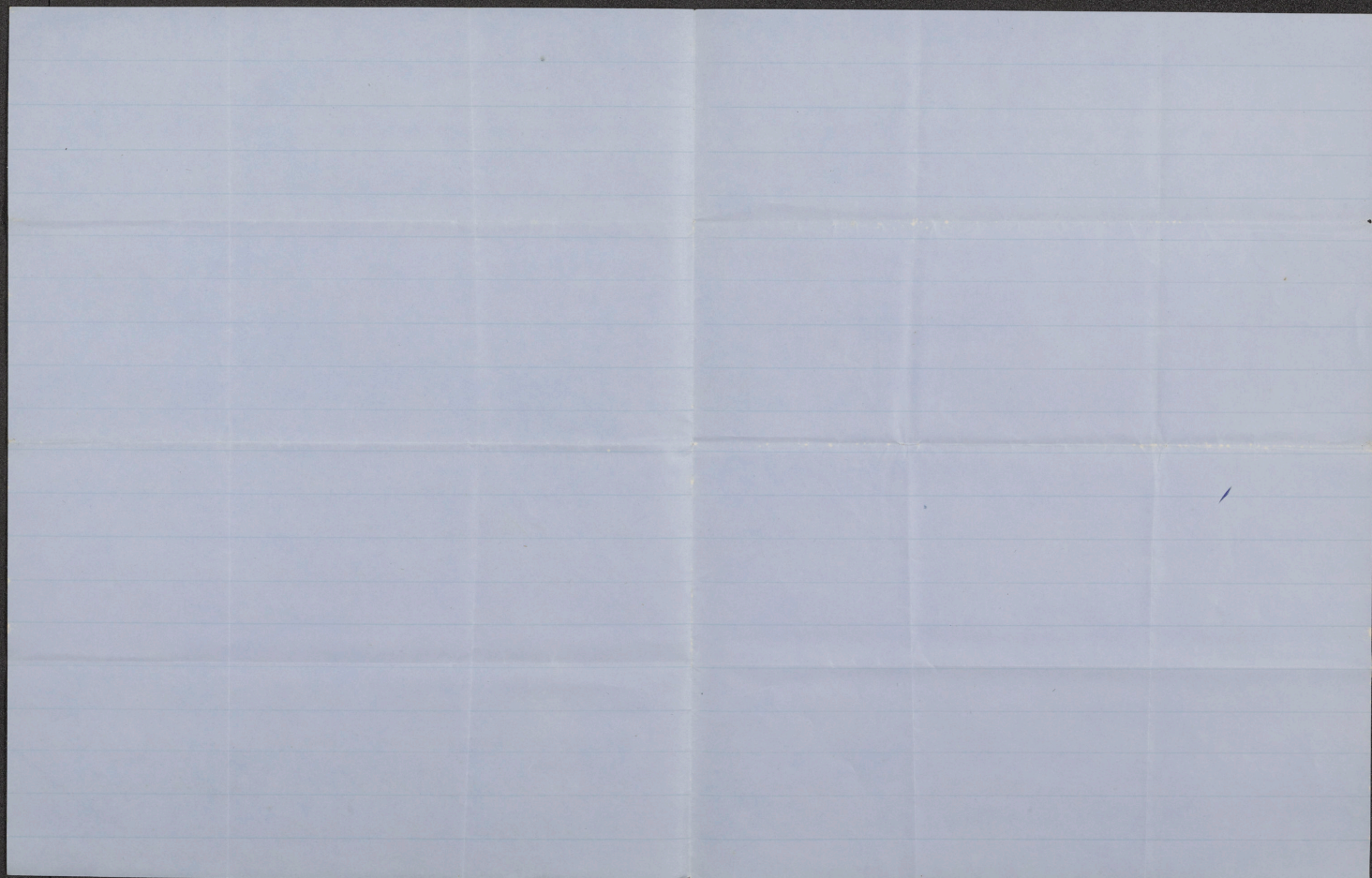
Sam. J. Pike

Agnata

Jan. 12 ^{me} 1859.

Introducing
McClintock

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Albany Jan'y 12 1858

Hon Stephen A. Douglas

My dear Sir

I have watched with interest Your course in the Senate, in relation to the affairs of Kansas, as they are now presented, and although heretofore a stranger to you, I take the liberty of saying, that Your position, not only, has my cordial approval but I believe, you have the approval of a large portion of the democratic party of this State. I am fully persuaded that you are right, and it is my firm conviction that the Democratic party cannot and ought not to sustain itself, upon any other ground, than that, upon which you have so boldly placed yourself.

I believe, that if the Administration have the power to force the Supreme Court to uphold upon the people of Kansas against their current, it must result in placing the democratic party of the North, in a position, where to maintain

the right, and present a decent regard
to consistency, they must and will sustain
You, at all hazards. If such an issue
is to be presented, I have no hesitation in
saying, that I shall Enlist under your
banner, and while there are many
whom I prefer to be in favor, with
French power, than to be right, I am
sure that in any such contest You can
rely with confidence upon the cordial
support of a large majority of the
democracy of New York.

You have no doubt observed, the
wiggling of one of the leading Demo-
cratic papers of this State, published
in this City, in relation to this question
and You may assume that it will
endeavour to keep in line with the
administration policy whatever it may
be. (For one of its Editors is a candidate for
Parliament) but be assured that this
paper has not the confidence and cannot
control to any considerable extent the
democratic party of the State of New York.

My associations with prominent men
of the democratic party of New York have been
somewhat extensive and intimate, and I
feel confident I am not mistaking
their views in regard to Your course on
the Kansas question. I was a subscriber
of Gen. Can in 1848. I was in the Cincinnati
Convention, as one of the "Hard" Delegates
from New York. I named Mr. Buchanan's
nomination, I yielded my assent to
the repeal of the Missouri Compromise
with some reluctance, yet I have agreed
with the doctrine, that the people should
be allowed to regulate their domestic
institutions for themselves, and I am now
prepared to give my assent to the
plain violation of that principle, which
appears to me will be involved in the
adoption of the Democratic constitution.
I desire to say thus much to You, and
to express my admiration of your bold
and manly defence of the free principle
upon which the last Presidential Election
was successfully conducted, I should

but for myself here, and I know that I
reflect the sentiments, sentiments of a large majority
of our party. When I with your success in
your noble efforts to maintain the center,
You have so well language

I am with sentiments
of the highest reverence
Yours ever

John A. Reynolds

John A. Reynolds
Attorney at Law
July 12 1838.
Official
Shedden

[Jan. 12, 1858]

Boston Jan^y 12th 1858Hon. S. A. Douglass
Dear Sir

Approving as I
do most heartily your recent course
in the Senate in relation to Kansas
and Nicaragua I should as a humble
member of the Democratic party from
the days of Jackson to the present —
consider it an especial favor could
you send to my address any speeches
or other documents in accordance
with your own views touching these
important subjects. I remain very
respectfully

Yours truly

Charles Rice
"Clerk in P.C."

Boston Mass

P.S. Aftah I would include as above —
C.R.

Charles Rice

Boston, Mass

Jan'y 12, 1853,

Approve, your
course & want
speeches

2587

New Berlin, Union Co., Pa., Jan. 12, 1855.

Hon. S. A. Douglas:

Dear Sir = As the M. C. from
this district is a Black Republican, but
few documents are sent to this office. —
Such being the case, I wish you would
send me an occasional document. Your
position on the Kansas question is ~~under~~
sustained by a very large majority of the Demo-
crats in this section of country. The able speech
on that question, ^{delivered by you} in the Senate, has made you
many warm friends in this county. If you
have any spare copies left, please send
me some for distribution.

Hoping that you will continue
to resist the Leconteville Swindle, I
remain

Yours Truly
D. Houston Roach.

L H Roush

New York

Jan'y 12/58 RA

Document - a
the Kansas work
wanted

Ripley Tappah Co. Miss. Lamy. 12th 1838

Hon: Stephen A. Douglas

Dear Sir

I learn there is a man living in Chicago by the name of Ira Theyer, formerly of Anderson Dist. South Carolina but more recently of Indianapolis Indiana not knowing any person in Chicago to write to I concluded to write to you. Said Theyer is largely indebted to my late Father in law died and I am anxious to know his whereabouts and pecuniary Circumstances, also whether the laws of your State would bear legal proceeding. The claim is in Judgement obtained in South Carolina some fifteen or twenty years ago. There are three notes of one thousand dollar each that were not paid on. the whole will amount to 25 or 30 thousand Dollars you will Confer a Special favor if you can obtain any information in the premises, and Communicate to me. I hope you will not think me importunate in asking so much of you Hoping to hear from you soon. I am your Obedt Servant

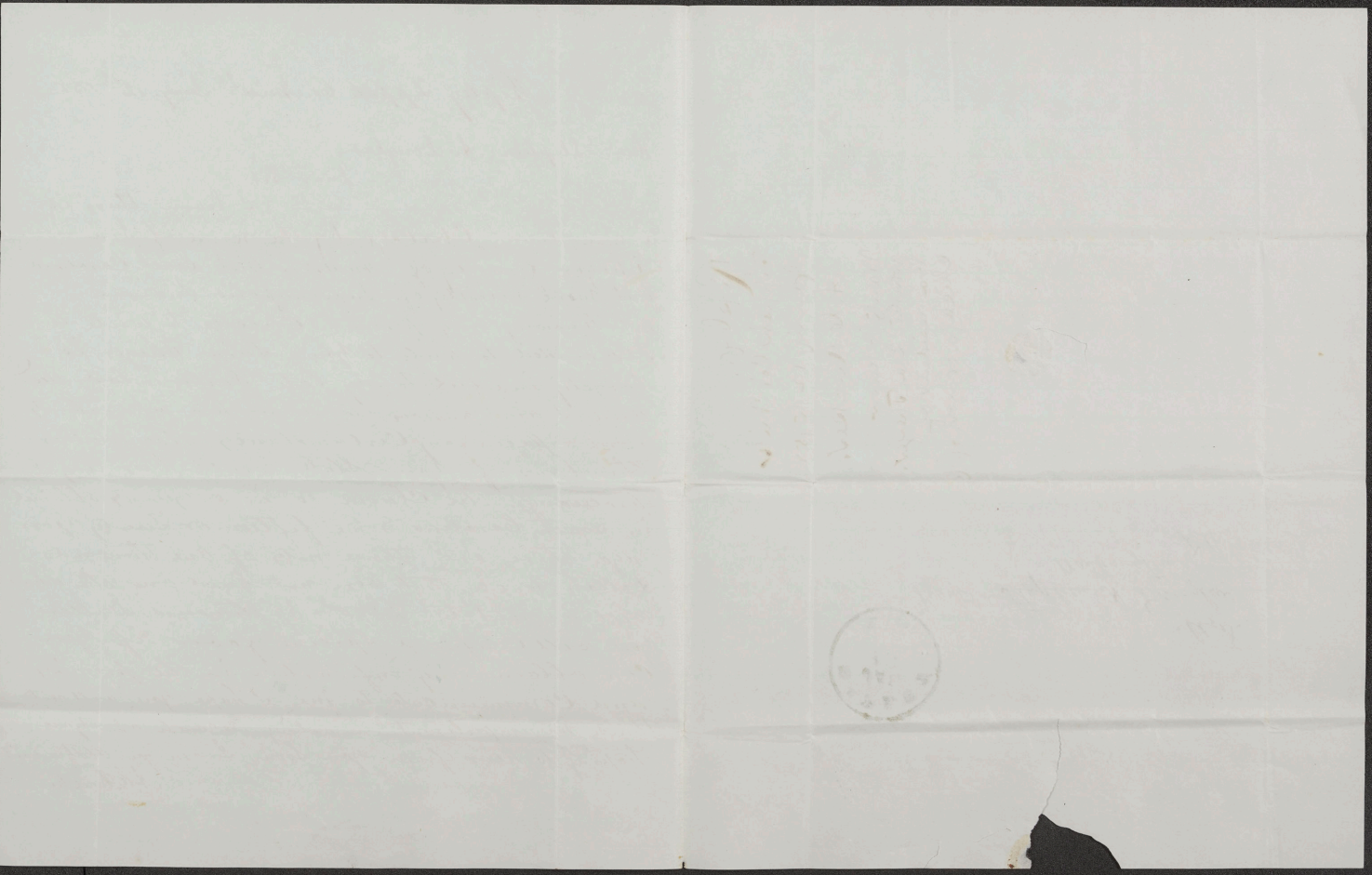
A. C. Pucher

Ripley.
Siprah Co. Miss.
April 12th 1858
A. C. Rucker.

Want to know
whether Dr. Thayer
is a resident of
Chicago, or not, &c.



Wm. Stephen A. Douglass
Washington
D.C.



2589
West Farms Near New-York Jan. 12th /38.

Dear Sir, — As your late speech on the Kansas question, has been printed for gratuitous distribution I would feel obliged if you would send me (if you have any beside you) fifty or one hundred copies of it. I could distribute them to advantage I think in the Factory where I work.

Being heart pressed sometimes by the Administration-ists I'm desirous of being thoroughly posted up on the bewildering Kansas question.

Excuse this intrusion and believe me with admiration for your present proud position —

Respectfully Yours

Thomas Skiel

Thomas Sheil
Westfarms N.Y.
near N.Y. city

Wants 50 speeches

Jan. 12/58

Monkton, Vermont.

Jan 12. 1858.

Sir: Some months ago I wrote to you, at Chicago, a letter asking you as a brother Vermonter, to aid me with your powerful influence to obtain the appointment of Consul to Odessa.

The present Consul at that place is a foreigner a Greek merchant (Mr John Ralli) notwithstanding, as I understand, an influence has been used to have him retained in preference to appointing an American. The question whether foreigners shall take precedence of Americans in such appointments may come

before you as Senator to decide,
especially as one of the Committee
on "Foreign Relations". As the
acknowledged leader of progressive
America I believe you will favor
Americans. Letters from Mr
Smalley, Mr Taughton, Gov. Hayes
Gen. Chase Mr Tucker and other
gentlemen prominent in the
Democratic party in this State
recommending me for the
Consulship at Odessa have
been presented to the
President and Secretary of
State. Should it be in
your power directly or
indirectly to secure for
me the appointment and
if you could consistently

Do so, you would at the same
time confer upon Vermont
and Addison County an
unaccustomed honor, and upon
your humble servant a
very great favor, for which
he would be ever grateful.

With great respect I am
Truly Yours.
Wm. A. Douglas. Timothy C. Smith
W. S. Peniston & Co.

L. G. Smith

Marbleton Vt.

Jan 12 / 58.

Concerning the
appointment of
Consul at
Odessa



Illinois State University.

Springfield Illinois Jan 13/58.

Hon Stephen A. Douglas.

Dear Sir

Permit me to trespass upon your
time which is more, I know, very precious, by asking you
whether you can procure for me a copy of Schomburgk's
North American Indians and of Perry's Japan
Expedition. I am very anxious to get them for my
own use and as I have learned that they are
limited documents I have undertaken to write to
you through a stranger. You will oblige me by procuring
both or either of them for me if you can or letting
me know how they can be procured. I will be thankful
for any documents which you may send to me.

Address

Rev Benj. C. Sheddrott.

Illinois State University

Springfield

Illinois

Rev. B. C. Lussac
University
Springfield Ill
Jan'y 12. 1858.
Schoolcraft No American
Indians

Curry's Japan expedition
& such other books as you may
be pleased to send would be
most thankfully received.

Dear Sir,
 I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 10th inst. in relation to the above named matter. I am sorry to hear that you are unable to attend to the business of the office at present. I am, however, glad to hear that you are recovering from your illness. I am, Sir, very respectfully,
 Yours,
 Wm. L. Garrison

[illegible]

H. P. Stoddard
Sydney N.Y.

Your Autograph
+
Your speech desired
Sent,

Sydney N.Y. Jan'y 1858
Hon. S. C. Douglass.

Dr. Sir

Please do
me the favor to forward your
autograph or a copy of your
speech (the speech) to my address.
This favor will confer great
pleasure on

Yours Respectfully
H. P. Stoddard

At Quaw. Co. Pa.

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Small, Ohio
January 2^d 1858

Wm. Stephen A. Douglas,
Dr. Sir:

Years having elapsed

Since I had an introduction to you, and not been permitted to pass the compliment of the day with you since such introduction, I feel that you will excuse this trifling production inasmuch as it comes from an ardent and working supporter of your political views and course in relation to the Kansas & Nebraska bill.

Sir: I have carried the Kansas, load through the ranks of an enemy only to be found on the Western Reserve, in the State of Ohio. I have labored for a Resolution to be passed in ^{the} Ohio Legislature, sustaining you, and am confident such will be the fruit of our common labor. Senator Rich. has lost much of the confidence of the democracy

in the State, by not sustaining your course

Judge. Our Legislature is democratic, I have a petition signed by every democratic Member for a Captaincy, in the U.S. Army, but cannot rely upon Senator English, for any favor although was instrumental in securing him his election to the Senate, having a Brother and friend in the Legislature at the time. I served in the war with Mexico - was promoted for Service, and remained in the regular Army about five years, served in Florida, and Kansas, now been in command of a Company, Quartermaster, Commissary and Adjutant of a Military post. Can pass an examination in tactics with any First Pointers, & feel fully competent to serve my Country with credit in the Service and honor to the profession. I hail our worthy Mr. S. S. Cox, also Judge Hall, and ^{all} who are not waiting for "facts" S. S. Cox, will be presented at the meeting of the next Legislature, as a candidate for the U.S. Senate. Should I remain a private citizen - shall labor for him

to give Gray, of the Plain Dealer, some hard political rubs - knowing his former position so well and find him now waiting in common with Tagh, for facts Gray, has always agreed with me, and was an ardent Douglass man - He of course is now consulting his purse. Judge Stand to good will and democratic cause - and we can have the pleasure of (should we live), & living under a democratic administration we have been fighting for former Anti-Slavery nomination to the present.

Should you find time and deem it consistent with your views of propriety, I would be pleased to hear from you in relation to the Army appointment, &c., &c. I have given you the runs of our Legislature, which of course you can decipher if you so prefer.

Very Respectfully
Mrs O. W. L. S.
A. Schuyler, Sutton

A. J. Schuyler Station

Normal R Ohio

Jan. 12 1858.

Politics

Commend yr course
Want an army apt.

Union Academy

L'Anquille Post Office
St. Francis County

P.

Ark. Jan. 12th 1858-

Hon^{ble}. S. A. Dougless

Hon^{ble} Sir

I am anxious to have you send me your speech upon "Kansas affairs". By so doing you will confer upon me a great favor. I have seen extracts but not the speech in full.

I admire your course. Any other public documents which you do not wish to dispose of otherwise, will be cheerfully received and placed in the Academical reading room belonging to my Academy with your name upon them as the donor.

Accept my best wishes for your welfare

Truly

Yrs Respectfully
H. F. Newkbury
Principal

H. F. Jewkett
Principal Jan 12/88,
Union Academy
St. Augustine
St. Francis Co. Ark.
~~at present~~
Wants speech
a doc. for reading room

J. C.
Washington

U. S. G.
Sten. & J. A. Douglas No. 6.

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Done

Madison Jan 21st 1888

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Washington Jan'y 12. 1858.

Hon. S. A. Douglass.

Sir. I stated to you yesterday that the Legislature of Nebraska at its Session for 1856-7 passed a Memorial to Congress that a new Territory north of 43 degrees of Latitude be set off from that Territory. Upon an examination of the Laws of that Session I find no such Memorial. I know however that such a memorial did pass through nearly all its regular stages. It was introduced into the Council, referred to a Select Committee, reported back, passed that body, was sent to the House, was there referred to a Select Committee, was reported back with a recommendation that it pass, and I am very certain that it did pass, of that however I am not positive, I was present during each of the previous stages and know the facts. I make this statement lest you might be misled by what I said yesterday.

Yours respectfully

Levi S. Thomas

Washington May 12
1888.

Lewis A. Thomas

Relative to
New Territory
North of 43° to
be set off
from Nebraska.

Francis A. Walker
North Brookfield -
Mass
Jan'y 12, 1858,
Hans' Speech

2596

{ North Brookfield, Mass.
January 12th 1858

Hon. Stephen A. Douglas;

Dear Sir:

I wish to procure your
late speech on Kansas &c - in such form that it can
be bound with other Congressional documents; which
I do not find in the newspaper reports of it. May
I become indebted to you for it?

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Very respectfully

Francis Amasa Walker

Baltimore
Jan'y 12^d / 58
A. G. Waters
No 3 Law building
Wants speech.

2597
Balto. Jan'y 12/58
Sir, Will you be good
Enough to send me a
copy of your late
admirable address
upon the President's
Message, and oblige,
Your friend &
att. servt.

And^w. G. Waters,
3 Law Buildings.

Wm. L. A. Douglass—
U.S. Senate.

1800
The first of the
year was a very
cold one. The
winter was very
early and the
spring was very
late. The summer
was very hot and
the autumn was
very dry. The
winter was very
early and the
spring was very
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very dry.

1801
The first of the
year was a very
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Wardin Shelby Co Ohio Jan 12 /58

Hon Stephen A Douglas Dear Sir

I take the liberty of asking a favor of you I am now in a debate Retainer to your cause on the Kansas affairs I have enough to keep me ~~me~~ until about the first of next month I would like to have your speech of this winter and the Kansas & Nebraska Bill and Dutch others documents or note Book of service in the debate If you could furnish me with the Congressional Globe of last winter it is referred to frequently But I cant have access to it it is in the hands of the other Party the Resolution is as follows Resolved That S. A. Douglas is bearing out the Principles inculcated in his Kansas and Nebraska Bill I take the affirmative I have strong opposition Please send immediately - -

Believe me truly yours

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

Henry Wheeler

Wardin Shelby Co -
Ohio

Henry Wheeler
Harden Ohio
Jan 7 1858.
The Globe & last-
winter, the Nebra-
ta & you especially
deserve.

{ Lebanon, Wilson Co., Tenn.,
January 12th, 1858.

Hon. S. A. Douglass,

Sir:

Please favor me with your
autograph by return mail.

Very respy

R. L. G. White.

R. L. C. White
Lebanon
Tenn

Autograph

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Indianapolis 12 Jan. 1858

Dear Sir

I am informed as follows: 1st. That under some law or regulation, no surety of a public officer defaulting can himself be appointed to an office: 2d John M Talbot, lately appointed Post Master is one of the sureties of his brother-in-law Alexander T. Morrison late prison agent, at this place, removed for defaulting, & since removal deceased, and whose defaulting remains unpaid

Will you feel sufficient interest in the matter to have it looked into?

Very respectfully

W. H. Wick

W. H. Wick
Indianapolis Ind
Jan 12/58.

Primary questionis
to

Elgin 12th Jan'y 1858

Dear Sir

Your position upon the Secession
 folly or fraud is a noble one and enables us to tri-
 umphantly call the attention of black republicans to
 their infamous falsehoods against your honesty of pur-
 pose in the inception of and engrafting upon the Kan-
 sas Nebraska bills the fundamental principle of the peo-
 ple's sovereignty. They now see you earnestly and they ad-
 mit slowly but continuing ^{as} true as the needle to the pole for its
 unrestricted progress to its logical conclusion. And yet
 they denounce you as bitterly as ever. Never during my
 experience in life have ^{known} ~~any~~ so perfect ^a union of sentiment up-
 on the action of public men at Washington as ^{the} approval of your
 course during the brief period, since you left Ill. I have seen
 but one man in or about Elgin, who utters a dissent and he
 only hesitates. The democracy of Illinois are with you &
 How can such renegades as John Van Buren or Doc Litch
 have the cool impudence to talk of apostasy at all and
 especially in reference to S. A. Douglass. If Bigler &
 Bright and Pugh forget or compromise a cardinal demo-
 cratic principle, to the democracy they will be compelled to
 render an account ^{crushing them upon a political annihilation}. While your democratic constituents wish
 award you the highest honors in gift, ^{then} ^{all secession men} they may suddenly
 find themselves out of the democratic party.

Our General Corresponding Committee have noticed a
 call for a democratic meeting to be held on the 20 inst. the

first wish of Court. Our paramount motive is to sustain
and strengthen you for the conflict while we shall in no
way conspire the President or his Cabinet advisers

With thanks for a couple ^{copies} of your speech of the
9th ultimo I venture to ask you ^{to} send a number more of
them to me, and also a like number to Thomas B.
Grosvenor Esq of Elgin for distribution in our vicinity

Should your subsequent remarks in reply to Biggs
Fitch and Green be put in pamphlet form let us also
have them.

I am respectfully yours
E. Wilcox

Hon S. A. Douglass
U. S. Senate
Washington

Elgin
Jan'y 21st 8.
E. Wilcox
Appreciating
or making a couple
copies of speech
for himself, to
wife and to John
or Grosvenor.