



Newburyport Mass
Jan 7 13th 1858.

Hon Stephen A Douglass
United States Senator
Washington.

Dear Sir

Some ten years since I had the pleasure of an introduction to the distinguished and Patriotic Senator from Illinois whom I now have the honor to address. at Congress Hall in Albany by my friend Hon Wm S. Macdlay. now a Member of Congress from New York and more recently I have to acknowledge the receipt of a copy of your able Speech by mail. which I have perused with much interest and great satisfaction and in which I have been pleased to accept my best thanks.

On the strength of that introduction and brief acquaintance I have taken the liberty at this time to inclose herewith the most important Bill ever presented in Congress, since the adoption of the American Constitution, involving hundreds of millions of National and Commercial Revenue, the great National interests of the American Union, the future destinies of our country and National Government and the Trade and Commerce of the world. Big with the fate of any Administration, Party or Men that dare oppose its passage at the present session. and this Bill I wish to have presented and introduced by you Sir as a Western and National Man, independent of all other Bills and Projections, as a measure of National Salvation and National Union, which defies competition from any quarter and opposition from any party. This Bill and

Magnificent Project has cost me twenty years time and labor to perfect, and altho' its principles and policy are democratic from beginning to End. Yet it will unite the Support of all parties and the whole country, in building One or three Roads, and in creating an inexhaustible new Source of Internal Revenue for the Support of our Government for the next hundred years of from \$15,000,000 to \$100,000,000, thus favoring the Commercial principle of Free Trade urged by the present administration.

This Revenue under the practical & Constitutional ways and means which this Bill presents will be derived

- 1st From the Freight & Passages of three Great National High Ways to be paid by this One company to the U.S. Government in a Bonus for guaranteeing the principal & interest of the Comp's Stock
- 2 From the Advance & premium of 10 to 15 per cent bids above par on the Comp's Stock on \$350,000,000 Cost. (for 3 Roads) which this General Banking Law & Government Guarantee will surely command
- 3 From an Annual Government Tax of 1 per cent on the Cost of all 3 Roads. And on \$500,000,000 of Banking Capital organized under this National Law, of Free Banking
- 4th From an Increase in the Value & Sale of 1500,000,000 acres of the Public Lands, which at only 10 cts. an acre will pay the Government \$150,000,000.

5th From an Increased Commercial Revenue which the Roads will create from Commerce in the Pacific & with new Channels of trade with all parts of the world

I have not time to make a fair copy and have to send it as it is. With an urgent Request that you will lose no time in having it presented and introduced in the House as a Revenue Bill when all Revenue Bills must originate by the Constitutional requirements.

If Senator Swin had 500 such Bills as his depending on bids of Contractors, & on granted lands. He could not get a dollar of Cash Subscriptions to the Stock at this time even if they could subscribe at 25 cts on the dollar.

Hence the importance of Government Guarantee & Government Credit.

If the work is to support the Government as it will do for 100 years, and benefit posterity it is right that Government should aid its construction and posterity should be taxed to pay for it.

Please inform me by Return mail, if I shall send the Bill to you. & if you will present it or have it presented for me in the House at once

With Great Respect

Your faithful Servt. Wm. J. Batch.

Wm. Walsh
Newburyport Mass
July 13/38

Political no

Sheikh sent.

Buchanan is a great fool to oppose
this National Free Banking Law

It is as sure to kill him (politically)
and his party, as there is a God in Heaven.

"Hous. Vermons"

Hamibal Mo.
Jan'y 13/58.

J. O. Berry
P.M.

"You have hosts of
friends in Mo. -
want speeches
& documents for
distribution. -

P.O. Hamibal Mo
Jan'y 13th 1858

Wm L. A. Douglass
W. L. Swaine

Washington City D.C.

Dear Sir: I should
be pleased to aid you
in the dissemination of
documents which you
sincerely wish the sovereigns
of my state to read.

I have had numerous
inquiries for your very able
speech on the Kansas question
but have had none to give.
You have hosts of friends
in Missouri as true as steel.
Please remember to send me
any and all documents which
you may desire to have created

ted and it will give
me great pleasure
to direct them further
and aid you in any
way in which you may
feel disposed to con-
mand

Very truly yours &c

H. Perry
P.M.

and continued

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Wm G. O. J.

1899

Wm G. O. J.
and his family
wholly devoted
to the service of
the Church

Chicago Jan'y 13 1858

Hon S. A. Douglas
U. S. Senate

My dear Sir

I am late
in expressing to you the
pleasure which I have
felt, from the first, in your
position on the Kansas con-
stitution issue. Of course
no opinion of a "layman" in
political matters like myself
can have much weight. Still
I felt that I could not refrain
from expressing to you the belief
that the doctrines of your
excellent speech must one
foot or tittle less will satisfy

the large majority of the elements of the North & many also of the South. - I have just returned from a tour in the Southern & middle sections of the State which has afforded me opportunities of conversing extensively with leading men of diff^t places. I found scarcely an exception to a general & enthusiastic sentiment of approval. Such men as Gov. Matheson (whom by the way Mr. Montross would feign have the public think of a diff^t mind) Gov. Moore - Col. Sloup, Gov. Reynolds Dr. Roman Mr. Hunt & many others speak out only for themselves but as the representatives of public opinions. I see some of the papers are clamoring for Mc Leavelle for the administration but I am assured by Gov Moore &

Col Sloup that he is right. But you need no assurances on this subject from one being doubtless in communication with much better sources of information. Public demonstrations however afford no right index to the ~~the~~ interest really felt in this matter owing to the atrophy of the public mind & specially that of individuals in the prevailing monetary embarrassments.

I am under obligations for a copy of your speech & other documents under your press. Allow me to solicit any one's best favors for our excellent University agent J.B. Alcott of Springfield. Constantly travelling as he is, in intercourse with men of all classes, & with a great

deal of energy & tact in the
insinuation of opinions, few
men - not even on the stump
can do more than Mr Olcott
& he is disposed to do all he can
do.

In minority matters our
progress is necessarily slow but
I have reason to hope it is
progress -

With kind regards to Mrs Douglas
I remain Dear Sir

Very truly Yours
Wm Brewster

Chicago
Jan'y 13/58
of. W. Brewster
Political & makes
speeches - does - & does
Wm Brewster
Stoughton, Me.

S. L. Carpenter
 Elk Horn Wis
 Jan'y 13/58,

Wants to be
 placed on yr
 doc list.

Elk Horn Wis. Jan'y 13, 1858
 to Alameda County

Chas S. A. Fonglass

Mr Sir - Pardon
 me if I ask you to put my
 name on your list of donees
 of Pub. docs - our Rep. are
 all of the Shanghai order
 & their doc's are of that
 stamp - wishing you as
 great success as in your
 positon consistent to
 remain one of the North Western
 Thins and who are ready to
 "shell out" their "bottom dollar"

to advance the interests of
S. A. Douglass & the Abol. party

Amn. in young in the
Cause of Democracy
J. L. Carpenter

To
Am. S. Douglass

List of names

Austin Cass

Candidate N.H.

Candidat H. Jan 12 1858

Mr Douglass. — sent —

Dear Sir.

Will you

please send a copy of your speech
on the Lecompton Constitution.To the following persons of the democr
atic party in this place. The
papers of the party refuse to print
your speech in this State,Very Respectfully
Austin Cass

Candidat H. H.

Hon S. A. Douglass.

Messrs

Moses Barnum

Alfred M. Colby

A. D. Little

Jonathan Currier

George Emerson

all sent

James Smith
Wm B. ~~Thorn~~ Thorn

Parker Morrill

John Pillsbury

Joseph Palmer

Gilman Richardson

True Foster

Nehemiah Colby Esq

John Moore Esq

P. W. Sanborn Esq

R. C. Patten Esq

John Smith Esq

Joseph Noyes

John Dearborn

Jona. Hobbs

Sargent Currier

Nehemiah Brown

Samuel McDuffee

Peter Veil

John Veil

A. J. Liffield

c Jan. 13, 1858

Des

Will Ples
 forward me a copy of your speech
 on the Kansas question
 and oblige your friend
 E. K. Crawford

Hon

Wilmington, Del.

Stephen A. Douglas

Jan 13 - 1858 -

E. K. Crawford
Wilmington
Delaware

Jan'y 13/58

Wants speech

Wt Pleasant Jan 3rd 88

Dear Sir
 you will please excuse the Liberty
 I take in Addressing you - I am
 a Democrat and I cant tell
 May I have not a Right to
 Address a person of the same School
 I should like to have a copy
 of your speech on Kansas in
 short put the down for public
Use

Yours Respectfully
 Wm H Lawes Huntardan
 County Ks

To Hon S A Douglas

Amos Dawes

Mo Pleasant NY

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Middlefield January 13th 1858

Hon J A Douglas Sir I have received ~~the~~ a
copy of your speech that you delivered at the
opening of the session and I was delighted in reading
it if you can send me a copy of all that you
deliver during the session I will thank you for them
or any thing else that you can send me

Please direct to J Dickson Middlefield
Mass

Yours respectfully
J Dickson

D. Dickson
Middlefield
Jan'y 13/58. Mass

Middlefield Mass
Spec^y Hon Stephen A. Douglas

Member U S S.

Washington

District of Columbia

Mr. L. Dunning
 Dept. P. M.
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 Jan'y 13/58

Marsh Census
 + Pat. Off. Reports.

Byron Ill Jan. 13th 1858

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S A Douglass

Dear will

you be so kind as to send
 me A Patent Office Report
 & a Census Report & oblige
 Yours Truly

L Dunning
 Dept. P. M.



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Moses Eggleston,
East Bloomfield
Ontario Co. N.Y.
wants speech -
Jan'y 13. 1858.



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East Bloomfield Jan 13th 58

Hon Stephen A Douglass,
Sir

I should
like your speech on Kansas
if convenient.

Yours with respect
Moses Eggleston

To Hon S A Douglas } East Bloomfield
Washington D.C } Ontario Co
N.Y.



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Davenport, Iowa. Jan. 13/58.
Wor Stephen A. Douglass.

Sir

I would like to
be remembered in the distribution of your
Speech on Kansas and the Leecompton
Constitution. The bold stand you have
taken meets with very general approval
among intelligent men of all parties here.

Respectfully Yours.

Lorenzo Fairbanks



~~See Aug 1st~~

Havenport.
Iowa;
Jan'y 13/58.

George Fairbanks

Approves of course
+ wants speech -

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**LORENZO FAIRBANKS,
ATTORNEY & COUNSELLOR AT LAW.**

NOTARY PUBLIC.

And Commissioner of Deeds for New York.

OFFICE NO. 6 HOFFMAN'S BLOCK, MAIN ST.,

DAVENPORT, IOWA.

Law Business promptly attended to in the Courts of this State, Illinois,
and the United States Courts. Collections made in any
part of the United States.

MONEY LOANED. LANDS BOUGHT, SOLD AND LOCATED.



La Fayette Jan 13th 1798
 Hon J. A. Senglap
 Washin-

Will you
 send to Mr. Adams for Express
 or otherwise a lot of your
 speeches on the Le Compton
 Question. I wrote to an
 Hon Friend of mine at
 Washington for some of your
 speeches and received by
 return of mail the presi-
 dent's Message & Green's
 speech of Missouri the bank
 & files of the democracy, and with
 you, and our old farmers
 want to see a your speech
 Yours Respectfully
 P. W. Bond

Hon J. A. Senglap
 Washington

J. W. Fonda
Lafayette Iowa
Jan'y 13. / 58,
want a let-^r of yr speech





c. Jan. 13, 1858

Hon. S. A. Douglas,
Washington.

My dear Douglass! Things are moving along splendidly although it may be that we shall not be able owing to the timidity of some of our friends to push resolutions through our Legislature. This however is not yet settled. I go up myself tomorrow or the next day to attend to it in person. I have never known so much feeling on any subject as that which exists in Pennsylvania, particularly since the action of the Indiana and Ohio Democracy. New Jersey will move in solid column in a few days. Our friends in the different countries are fighting manfully. I am very anxious to hear from you what is to be done in Kansas in the event of the attempt being made to commit the people to a recognition of the Lecompton Constitution by their vote for State officers on the 4th. This is of very great importance. Please let me know at your earliest convenience. The

attempt to turn individuals out of the
party must be extended to a crusade
upon States which I think will be a
still more difficult job than cutting
your head off or that of Gov. Walker.

Resent my best and kindest regards
to Mrs Douglas and believe me to be

Your friend,
W. W. Cheney

R. C. L. S. Office,
Jan'y 13/58.



Mr. W. Forney
Philadelphia
Penn

Jan 13/58

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Jan. 13th 1858

Hon. S. A. Douglass.

My dear sir, there is but one feeling here, as far as I have been able to learn, in regard to your Kansas policy, with the exception of two Republicans, It ^{is} one general out burst of applause, you allways had a strong hold on the affections of the people here, but you still ^{had} enemies. But nearly all are your friends & friends in earnest too. I am pretty much crazy for Congress news, ^{I read} a contrast of your speech & several replies to other Senators Criticizing on your position. as far as I can learn you stand a head & shoulders above any one else here, I ought hardly to use this freedom with you, but I am a Douglass man all over. All honest, sensible & good men must wish you success in this now. I be Elected president in '60, please send me what documents may be convenient & any thing will be thankfully received.

Most Respectfully,

L. M. Grimes

P. S. My Post Office address Charleston Rich-
land Co, S. C.

L. M. G.

J. M. Grimes
Claremont
Richland
Co. Ills

Political
Treas. doc

Jan'y 13/58.

Emmetsonian Report
Dat. April 20/58

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Claremont Ill
Free
Jan 23rd

Wm. L. A. Douglass,
Washington City D.C.

Washington January 13th 1858

Sir

The undersign respectfully represents that he has been struggling to obtain employment for a number of Months without success and his present necessities are such that he is driven to approach Gentlemen who are strangers, in hopes of meeting with the good fortune to elicit their good feelings in his behalf And knowing the prominent position that you hold before the People and of your sending off a great Number of Documents he hopes it might meet with your views to employ him in directing them or any other service you could or would be pleased to give him

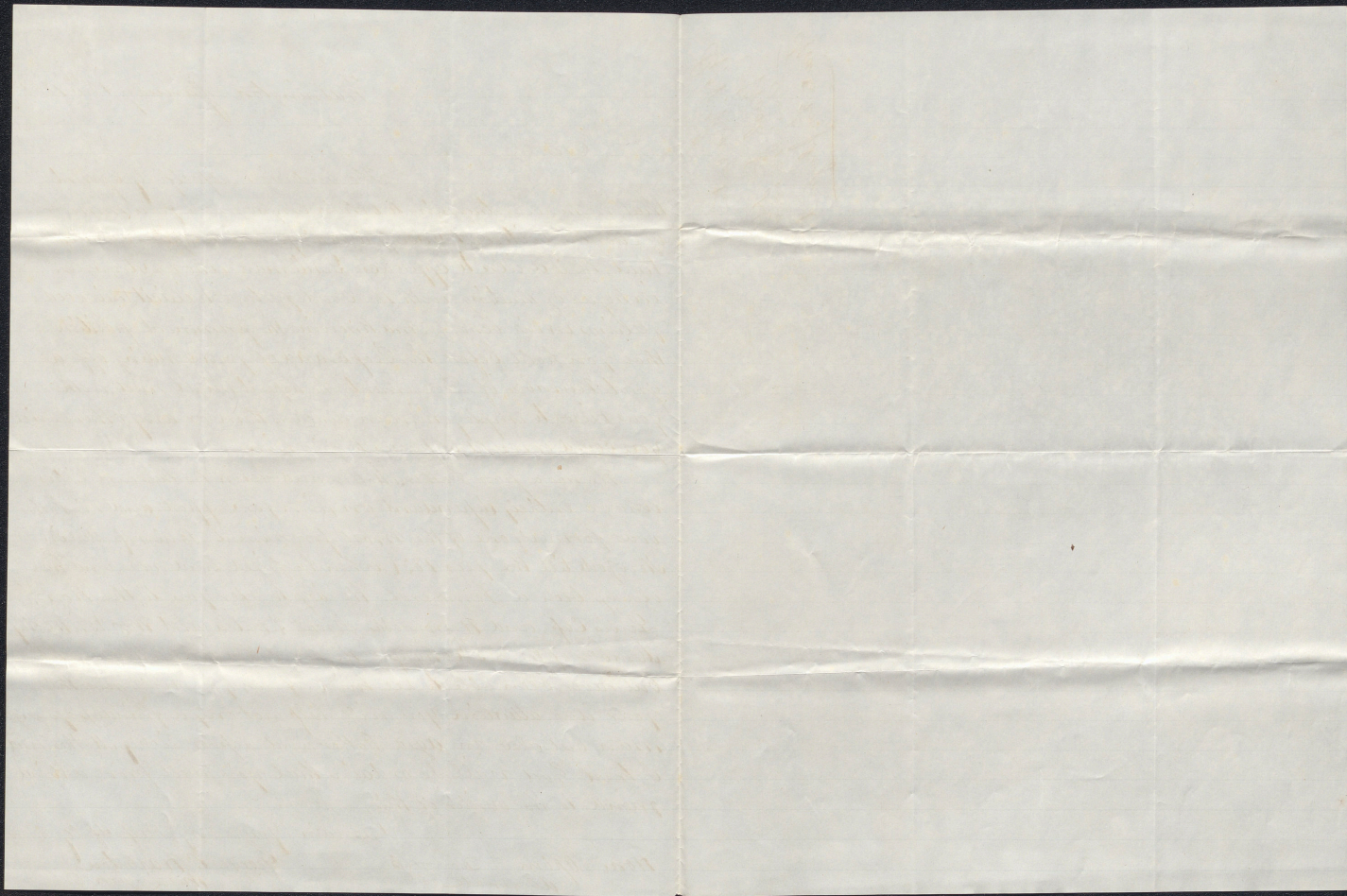
He has a poor Father, Mother, and Seven Brothers and Sisters - who are entirely dependant on him for Support and his Father was formerly one of the most prominent Business Men in New York till the year 1831 when he failed and was and has always been a Democrat He beg to refer you to the Hon^{ble} Lewis Cap. and Honourable Israel T. Hatch and Wm B. McClellan Members of the 35th Congress He has called to see Mr Douglass but never been able to see him If Sir, you will give this your due attention you will help not only a friendless young man but also an Aged Father and a poor sick Mother and I trust God will so ordain that you will prove a kind friend to the writer of this

Remain Yours Very Respectfully

Hon. Stephen A Douglass
US Senate

George P. Harleston
Washington D C

G. V. Harlenton
Washington D.C.
Aug 13, 1888.
Wants Employment



[Jan. 13, 1858]

West Amesbury Essex Co Mass Jan 13th 57
Hon Stephen A Douglas

Dear Sir

I take this opportunity to address a few lines to you to ask a few favors of you, I have ~~been~~ made it a practice to take the Washington Union for the reason that I could gain that information that was impossible to get from another paper, that is Speeches of the most importance in regard to the things that was ~~of~~ the the affairs of the Country, I have been looking for your speech and have been disappointed, I may after reading your speech take the same grounds that Sumner has, but I do not like the idea of their learning your speech out, there may be some little difference as to regard to some little things but I cannot make up my mind, that you are to leave the Democratic Party when you are the most needed, Massachusetts has always been opposed to the general Government — and so far as my information is concerned, the masses want information, The town of Amesbury, and Doveriee have not received any kind of Public Documents, for the last 5 years, I have been Post Master of the Office, West Amesbury for 9 months, and there has not a Public Document go through the Office, and such has been the case at the Amesbury & Doveriee Office's, While the Rep^l have placed the State full of all kind incendiary Documents, The Democratic Party need

need a paper which would compete with the
Tribune and be issued for \$100 per year all
that makes that paper take so well is that it
contains all the Foreign & Domestic News, while
one half that take it never look at the Editorials
but they are circulated among the young and they read
the Editorials and that is the reason that so many
young men oppose the Democratic Party all that is
wanted is the right kind of a paper, so as to drive
this infernal thing out of existence, I think that
all the reason of the defeat of the Party for the
last few years has been because that they want
the right kind of information, and the Democratic Party
have all the facilities to make such a paper.

If it is not asking to much of you I should like
to have you send me some of your late Speeches
for distribution to this office, and for my self
I should like the Census that was last taken and
something on Specie Currency in relation to the
Banking system, and any information which will
tend to promote the good of the Party and myself
I live in the hot bed of Slave Sainism and all
kind of fanaticism, and it is hard work to keep informed
besides to take all the papers of the day it cost a laboring
man no small sum, so you see that a few Public
Documents might save a good deal, and give me more
information than I could get out of all the papers in
the country asking Pardon for the liberty that
I have taken to intrude upon your time, wish
I have reason to think must be all taken up,

Yours truly
Wm. H. Hunt
New York

Very Respectfully
Wm. H. Hunt Post Master
New York

Madison Wis.
Jan'y 13th / 58.

P. W. Mc-Jolly
Congratulatory
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Madison Wis Aug 13th 1858

Hon Stephen A. Douglas

Dear Sir,

One of the happiest things I ever
witnessed was the high but well
deserved Compliment paid you
last evening by the Democratic
members of the Legislature of this
State, in Convention. The Noble old
Democrat Col. Henry M. Billings
was chairman but after hearing
others speak, took the floor to tell
his brother members their duty to
their Country, the Democracy and
yourself. That settled the question
swindle, and your course was
unanimously endorsed, you will
have received a Copy of the resolu-
-tions. The fact is the people are

with you and in this matter wholly
regardless of President or Cabinet
I have not met six Democrats in
the State (out of office) who do
not give you the warmest support
in my own County (Chippewa) we
will stand by you and popular
sovereignty as one man.

God give you health and strength
to still lead in the great cause.
Very Respectfully your friend

Ph. W. Hall

Chippewa Falls
Wis

Wm. W. W. G.
Chippewa Falls
Wis.

From Cape to Lee Jan 13/57

Hon. Stephen A. Douglass
 Hon. Secy.

Will

you do me the kindness to send
 me a Census Report if there any
 not distributed and Oblige

Yours very

truly J. P. Maston

J. P. Martin

Dynow. Ayles

Co. Ill. - Jan'y 1/58

Wash-Census
Report.

Thurs Jan 13th 1858
Hon A. A. Douglass.

My dear Sir -

I would be obliged to you if
you would do me the kindness
to transmit to my address in this city
a copy of the Patent Office Report for
the year last past.

Very Respectfully
Yours

W. H. Merriam.

W. H. Merriam
Eng. N. Y.
Jan'y 13, 1858,

A copy of the
Patent Office Rep-
desire,

The Town of 17-17-17
Hon. Mr. [illegible]

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New York Jan^y 13/58
 Hon S. A. Douglass

Or Sir

Mr Dean
 Richmond will be at Washington soon.
 I hope you will assist me all you
 can to secure the appointment to one of
 those "Cutters" Wm Corning & Hatch
 are all right - I propose to have the
 appointment as coming from Buffalo
 district - If I cannot get a "Cutter"
 would like to be appointed Light House
 inspector - By interesting yourself in
 my behalf you will confer a great
 favor upon me - which will be reciprocated
 whenever the opportunity presents itself
 I am very respectfully Your
 Obedt Servt

Chas^y. Richmond

P.S. I shall be absent to England
 until first of March - which will
 be sometime before navigation opens }

Chas T. Richmond
New York N.Y.
Aug 13/88

Rel to the appointment
sent.

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Jan. 13, 1858

Office "Berks County Press"
Reading, Jan. 13/58

Hon: S. A. Douglass,

D. C. Sir:— Mr. Wm.

Dyer, has flooded this County—"Old
Berks"—with his famous rejoinder to
your ^{speech} on the Kansas question. What
his object is, can easily be
divined. If at all practical,
you would do a favor to
many of your friends, by
franking as many of your
speech as you can spare,
enclosed in one package
to this office, when I will
write the names of those,
on each one, who will be
glad to read it.

Very Respectfully
Geo. Law: Rightmyer

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P L Rightmyer
Editor
Reading Penn
May 13/38

Wants your Speeches
Sent,

Sent 50 English
50 German

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Slaterville, Tompkins Co., N.Y.
Jan 13th 1858

Hon Stephen A. Douglas
Senate Chamber
Washington D.C.

Dear Sir

I am happy to inform you that a great change has taken place in regard to you in this place, with the people. They are now coming to their second sober thoughts, and, ^{finally} really after all, that the Nebraska & Kansas Act is not so bad. If you remain firm upon that true principle of popular sovereignty, all will be well. Kansas may come in with free or with the slavery clause if the unbridled will of the people make it so. No smother game must be allowed on either side, but let a fair chance be given to the people to decide this engrossing question, and all will be well with the Nation. But should it be other wise, what will become with our Republic God only knows. I am one of the few in this place (and bless how few we were) that stuck to this great and grand principle, and now in the course you have taken many friends are being made daily for you - the Act, and Democratic principle of popular sovereignty.

I am with greater respect
Yours most truly
Ephraim Schutt

Over

Slaterville N.Y.

P.S. Please Send me Your late Speech
in the Senate and also Yours in the Breard
Scott Case

E.S.

advised
H. J. Adams
204 St. James
St. Louis, Mo.
C. J. Adams
204 St. James
St. Louis, Mo.
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Slaterville
Tompkins Co., N.Y.
Jan'y 13/85
Ephraim Schutt.

approvingly &
wants speech on
Kansas & W. Dred
Scott case —

W. E. Seelye
Chicago.

Jan'y 10/58, Ills

Wants documents
& speeches sent.

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Chicago Jan 13th/1858

Sir

Please accept my
Thanks for an occasional
public document rec'd from
you - and if you will favor
me with such others as
may be of interest you
will still further greatly
oblige

Yours &c

Most truly

W. E. Seelye

Hon. S. A. Douglas



W. B. B. B.
Chicago
Ill.

W. B. B. B.
Chicago
Ill.

D. J. Luman
Smybrook Ohio
Jan 12, 1858.

Asks that his name
may be placed on your list
endorses your position.

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Baytown, Ashland County, Ohio
Jan 23, 1858.
Hon. E. A. Douglass

Dear Sir,
This district
being represented by L. L. Laddings
in Congress, the Democracy stand
but little chance of getting any other
kind of Congressional documents than
that which is pretty highly spiced
with black republicanism.

Let you undoubtedly keep a list
of names of such persons as you
wish to supply with pub. doc.
I have taken the liberty to request
you, if it suits your pleasure to
add my name to the list.
I shall be glad to get any documents
that will be interesting & profitable
to a Democrat. Particularly
any speeches or reports of which
you may be the author.

There is not a Superabundance
of democrats in this vicinity
but what there are. They are
with you & a man almost in
your interpretation of the Kansas
Organic act. If you stand
to your position the democratic
map at the north will
endure & sustain you. You
are certainly entitled to great
credit & lasting gratitude of
all men who truly & sincerely
love democratic principles.
By your opposition to the
Exemption Summell you have
saved the party from utter ruin
& that constitution come
before Congress & receive the
approbation of the democratic
party & democracy at the
north will be annihilated
at the next election.

Stand firm - May God

blep you & enable you to succeed
in this controversy -

That you may be the candidate
of the democracy for President in
1860 & that it may be permitted
to vote for you is the prayer of
your hum. Servt.

D. J. Sherman

Henry H. Strong Jr
Philadelphia
Jan^y 13/58

Wants Doc^t

and speech

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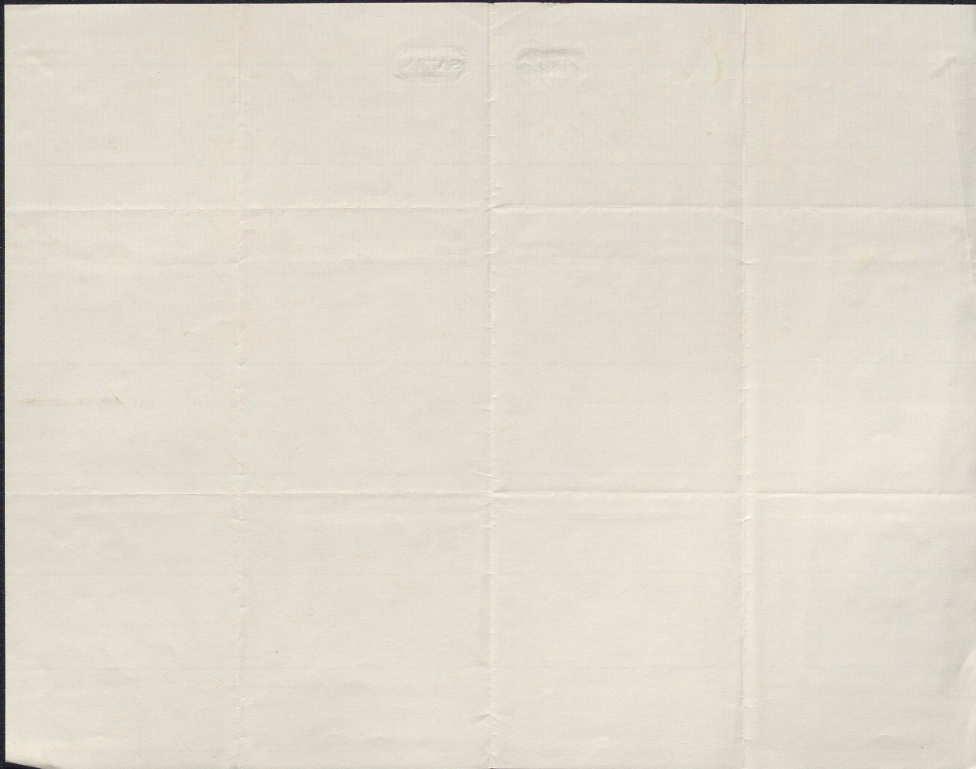
Phil^a Jan^y 13th 1858

Hon. S. A. Douglass

Dr. Sir

I am a resident of Dix on, and have been for twelve years. I make bold in addressing you in regard to a few works I am desirous of getting. They are - Penn. Perry's Expedition to ~~Papua~~ ~~Chile~~ also the Astronomical Expedition to Chile & Peru. I am happy to say that your course on the Kansas question meets the views of the majority of the people of Lee County, and that the next Member will be in your favor. I shall pass the winter in this city, and if you can favor me, please do so. Direct to 311 South 3^d St. Philadelphia.

Yours With Respect
Henry H. Strong Jr



c Jan. 13, 1858 2627

To the Hon Senator. A. Douglas

Wth Sir permit me to trespass on your valuable time, your career of preeminent nobility & philanthropic perseverance, an honor to your state, & a benefactor to millions yet unborn, your surpassing appeal in the Senate which I received from you, emboldens me to address you on a matter in which I beg your assistance, and for which I shall ever remain your debtor, the circumstances are these, one year since the Democrat Electors of our Town got up a petition to be presented to his Hon the Post Master General, praying my appointment as Post Master of this Town Burlington Racine Co Wis, I wrote to Hon Daniel Wells M. C. from our Congressional Dist then at Washington on the subject he said he would present the peoples wish to his Hon with pleasure I therefore forwarded the petition to him, Wells, but he instead of doing what he agreed to do, ~~disappeared~~ ^{suppressed} the said petition. To J. Sandus, ^{Esq.} Racine informed me of the facts as he was at the time at Washington and ^{was} written to on the subject he examined the records & found no such document on file in the office, by the advice of Wth Sandus I got up an other petition signed by all the Democrats of our Town but twelve this second petition he forwarded so he says, and told me his influence was such at Washington that I would have the appointment by the first of June last but it now appears Wth Sandus is trying to get it for an other man a German who keeps a Lager Beer Saloon an illiterate man who cannot write his name in English

The German Mr. Walderman has been a Free sater since 1848
policy caused him to stay two weeks previous to the Election of 1856
that he would vote the Democratic ticket, previous to that time
he was a Fremont advocate, he since admitted he voted
against Mr. Haskins for Congress & against Ayers our member of
Assembly, which of truth was known he voted the Republican
ticket, last fall he aided to defeat our Member of Assembly
his Sir is his true Character, I cannot account for the cause
why Mr. Sanders should take the cause he is pursuing, towards
me I never gave him offence to my knowledge, unless it
was at State Convention I aided the man he wanted eliminated.
U. M. Talbot, all I could, my own law was Secretary of that
meeting and promised me if there was a chance of Mr. Talbot's
nomination he would give him the vote of his Co. delegates,
but there was not, I he voted for Mr. Cross, this is all the
cause I am aware of that induces him to inquire me in
this office Sir I am a Discontent of this County haven't two
years I never sought office though often solicited but never
would consent to hold office, until Jan 1st 1857 my fellow
Citizens met in Caucus to almost compel me to accept the
office which it appears is for another, on the Election day
last fall the Citizens in a body went to the polls and
requested the Supervisors to write to his Hon. praying him
to appoint me to the office, which was done by them
and forwarded to Washington, I have labored in the Democratic
Cause for sixteen years as a Citizen my letter through the press
had always their effect, I was born a Democrat and shall
while I live remain so

Knowing your Hon^{rs} unsparing liberality my fellow Citizens
request me to address you on the matter, your shame & now
laurels by those who heretofore coupled it with disgrace
but to us Democrats there is no change in our estimation
of the powerful Statesman, whose name will just be
recalled amongst the greatest Statesmen of the past or present,
and which the people will repay by placing you on the
highest pinnacle to which man can aspire, to persevere
over a free nation, Sir do not account me a despothant
because I ask you to aid me, my better Spirit abhors
the name on the actor, this concise tribute is the expression
of a heart which glories in an independent mind battling for
right regardless of might Sir I fear the perusal of this letter
but your act of patience on account of its being so lengthy,
but ask of you to aid me and I remain your humble
Servant

Michael O. Sullivan

Burlington Jan 13th 1858

P.S. if your Hon^{rs} would condescend to answer this
it ~~will~~ ^{will} be a gratification to those here, who wish
you a long and glorious career in haste
M. O. S.

Burlington
Nov. Jan'y 13/58

Michael V. Sullivan
wants to be
Postmaster.

Bloomington Monroe Co. Ind.
 Jan. 13th 1858.

Wm Stephen Douglass.

Dear Sir!

I think that you would not object to hearing privately of some American "bird matters" that are in the latitude of "birds" rather "cloudy times" relative to the Good & Bad Birds. I take this occasion of it doing, in as few words as possible, to make heard notes of the laughable proceedings of the recent Indianapolis Convention, & that it was a principal feature the end bird Bright, & the Union bird Little Hawk. On Bright's own dunghill. Haha-ha. But to the point, I have conversed spoken of, amongst him, and appeared of, by number of all the better, with a convincing voice, "I have referred to the Kansas matters", & the Postmaster at this place, which is the residence of James Hughes, N.C., "who is so hot for the administration" has been quite of the subject until by the suggestion of said Mr. Hughes, he was removed, which seemed to put an end to it, but since his removal he is a good deal better, he has been warmly in your favor." I think it can reasonably say that you are by far stronger than the Hon. Mr. Bright, in this Union State to day, those that are against you here if any are spinning against such a thing, cannot but they have no desire to talk, you probably are

which is spoken of here that similar rights are
granted, and bring in the war, but I hope
he had seriously hoped himself.

Reside Mr. Charles C. Shinn, was
a member of the Democratic State State Com.
in May 1861 for State officers, & has been
graduating in the Law Department of the
And State University, Hall Wilsons home,
in March next. I should like much
please to hear from, or see you, at
any time.

In haste, Yrs. Geo. A. Smith &
Wm. C.

Wm. C. Smith,

I hope the ship in time, I shall have the
time, I hope.

Wm. C. Smith
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Bloomington
Ludā Jarvis 13/58.

Jas B. Turner.

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JAMES B. TURNER,

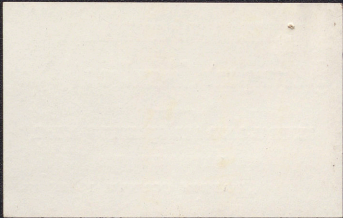
Attorney and Counsellor at Law

— AND —

GENERAL LAND AND COLLECTING AGENT,

ELIZABETHTOWN,

HARDIN COUNTY, ILLINOIS.



Cincinnati, Ohio:

Jan 13th 1858.

Senator S. T. Toulson:

Dear Sir:

you would greatly distinguish yourself ~~and~~ besides rendering an essential benefit to your fellow Citizens: Suppose you introduce a Bill in the House compelling the Government to redeem the ^{silver} dollar coin: and after a certain period; say 3: 6, or 9 months, to reduce it ^{in value} unless presented before the ~~this~~ expiration of the said time: ^{or redemption} This will have a tendency to make change plenty; the Banks of New York & elsewhere will throw it out. The Country will be relieved in a manner of its present distress. And ~~while~~ while all will be benefited, no one will be the loser by the result. Of course, the Government will allow gold for the silver. She will lose nothing, the Banks will receive a fair exchange for the coin. They disgorge, and as I said above, all parties will be benefited thereby.

You are now in the ascendancy (Politically) and the People all over the Country are becoming your warm friends: Be careful not to balk in the appointment, if there is any debate on the subject, look well to this subject.

Politeness cost nothing you make yourself enemies by neglecting to consider the kind and friendly communications of person desirous of extending to you their friendship: the respectfully yours,
 Mrs. M. Ward

A letter will reach me at Saline, Michigan.

J. M. Ward
Saline
July 13/58 Much
Currency
Bolivia

New York.
Jan'y 13/58.

E. C. West.

Wishes a "Boston"
copy of your
likeness sent to him
by express - -

Sent March 14. 1858
two likenesses ~~these~~
to the friends of Hon.
Jas. McKean.

2650
New York Jan'y 13. 1858.

My dear Judge.

Some young Democrats
have applied to me for one of
your Pictures in order to have
it enlarged according to the
New Style. Will you give
directions to ^{have sent to} ~~send~~ me, by
Express, a "Boston" Copy -
which is so much superior
to any thing I have to present
to them -

Always Yrs.

E. C. West.

Hon.

S. A. S. D. S.

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Lawrenceville, Georgia

Jan 13, 1858

Hon. Stephen A. Douglass Esq. &c.
D.C.

D.C.

Through the
solicitations of several gentlemen of our
town I am induced to request you
to favor us with your views upon
the Kansas question as set forth
in your late & recent deliveries in
6 papers. Be pleased to send it to
each gentleman whose names follows:
Col. R. D. Winn. Francis F. Fahan Esq.
Dr. J. K. Mitchell, John M. Mills and
to myself. Any other document of
public interest you see enough
to favor me with will be gratefully
received.

I have the honor to be,
My dear Sir, your obedient humble servant
Saml. L. Winn

Lawrenceville
Geo. Jan'y 13/58

David J. Minn.

Wishes speech
sent to names
Enumerated within

WINDSOR

New Orleans 13th January 1858Hon^{ble} S. A. Douglas -

Dear Sir,

I have the honor to be in receipt of a printed copy of your speech and for which I return you my sincere thanks.

I need scarcely say that the combination of eloquence, and reasoning exhibited in the pamphlet now before me, commands not only my entire approbation, but I have no doubt that of the thinking and reasoning portion of the whole South.

It would be a libel to suppose for a moment that you, who have so long, and so nobly fought the battles of the South, would under any circumstances voluntarily throw yourself into the arms of the Black Republicans.

The True Delta as you may perceive stands by you, believing firmly in your faithfulness to the Southern Cause.

You would favor me much were you kind enough to allow me a dozen or more copies of the pamphlet, for the purpose of disseminating among my friends.

I have the honor to be, Your obed^t Servant

J. Wright

New Orleans, La.
Jan'y 13 / 58.
J. F. Wright.

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