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G. L. Baldwin
Norwalk, O.
Jany 14. 1858.
Wants an occasional paper or books.

Jan. 14, 1858.

Mr Douglas
Dear Sir

I present no claims because of fealty to your Party, though I sympathizes with you, in your present contention for the rights of the oppressed. I respectfully ask the favor of an occasional paper or book, such as may be at your disposal, and best calculated to interest one not a voter.

Your Obedient Servt.
G. Lewis Baldwin
Norwalk, Huron Co, Ohio Jany 14th 1858

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Stockbridge Ingham Co. Michigan
January 14. 1858

Hon S. A. Douglas,
Washington D.C. } Dear Sir.

As a simple voter — a single citizen of a solitary township in this great commonwealth, I venture to express the almost unanimous opinion of this vicinity, in regard to your bold and manly position ~~in regard to~~ upon the Lecompton Swindle. To the truly honest of both parties, this new phase of Politics, is peculiarly acceptable. And yet, it is only new, to as opposed to one still newer: viz: Mr Buchanans policy. Of course it makes but little difference to you, what a little huddle of Michigan voters think of your position, but we trust there is no harm done, in expressing our admiration, if it is done in ever so plain a way.

As an Individual, I would ask you to enter my name upon your "list" of those to whom you send speeches.

Respectfully

A. Herbert Beebe

Stockbridge
Ingham Co.
Michigan
Jany 14th/58.

H. Herbert Barber

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Meriden, Conn. Jan 14th 1858.

Hon S A Douglas

Dear Sir

As I am particularly interested in Kansas affairs, I would be very much obliged to you, if you would send me your recent speech on the Lecompton constitution, (as I wish it for preservation) and any other speeches or public documents which you may think would interest me,

Yours respectfully

J B Bissell

S. B. Bissell
Meriden Conn
Sept 14 1858

Wants your Recent
Speech

Speech sent

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Cadiz Harrison Co Ohio

Jan" 14th 1858

Mr Douglas

Sir with great respect do I ask you to send me a copy of your speech on the Kansas question If you will send me a copy of Stewarts and Brodericks you will oblige me to the above named place Your Obedient Servent

David S Bruce

David L Bruce
Cadiz, Ohio
Jan'y 14/58

Mans' Speech
also Stuart's
Speech

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Brewster's Station. Ny, Jany. 14, 1858.

Hon. S. A. Douglas

Dr. Sir,

Please receive my thanks for the copy of your speech on Kansas, which you sent me: I am much obliged to you for the trouble you took to accommodate me.

Truly Yours

J. H. Burdick

I H Burdick
Brewster's Station
N.Y.
Jany 19/58.
returns thanks
for speech

Post Office
South Charleston Ohio
January 14th 1858

Hon S A Douglas
Respected Sir

Permit to me to write to you altho I am a stranger to you I had an introduction to you on the Cars from Cincinnati to Columbus nearly Two Years ago by R Thompson Our Mail Route agent from Cincinnatti to Columbus I suppose you do not recollect me as you have passed through many scenes and saw many strang faces since then — but be that as it may,

I will say that I was a Douglas man when General Pierce was nominated for the presidency and have been an admirer of your course in the U S Senate also the course you took at the time the National convention was in session at Cincinnati when Hon James Buchanan was nominated And the labours you done to have him Elected and above all the good work you done for the Kansas

Nebraska bill and the firm friend of
of popular Sovereignty for when you was
burned in effigy by your enemies when
popular Sovereignty was Sacrificed at by
politicians and the mass of the people
were Jubilant at your (supposed) downfall
when preachers of the Gospel forsook
their holy calling and preached
Stephen A Douglas and him crucified
when their petitions were sent to congress
praying to crush out popular Sovereignty
when even negroes were hired to canvass
every school district to hunt out the friend
~~the friend~~ of popular Sovereignty and to
brow beat them and instruct voters how
to vote when these things transpired in
our Country when ~~the~~ cause of that
principle looked dark and dreary you and
its friends stood by it and at last triumphed
you are right to maintain it in its long
and to establish it on the housetops
Since the difficulty with you and the
Presidents message and some of our Democratic
friends I am still with you and think
you are right and I have publicly expressed
myself a Douglas Democrat. and will be
as long as I think you are right
I was pleased in reading your reply
to some Democrat that you would not be
dread out of the party you replyed that
you would not be dictated to, every by the
President of the U. S what was right or wrong
that I believe to be right and I am an
humble follower of that principle and
have been a Democrat since 1822 have
supported Andrew Jackson through his
Campaigns and Martin Van Buren James
K Polk Lewis Cass Franklin Pierce
and last though not least Jas Buchanan
I done it because I thought and think
the were the right men and I expect to
support any man who stands on the popular
Sovereignty platform let it be you or any
other man I hope it may be you (no flattery)
I am informed by a friend that there
will an effort made to have me removed
from the Post Office at this place because
I have expressed myself your friend
but there is no democrat here that is not with
me and it may all be a black Republican
plan and it will not prosper unless they
do it underhanded all the Democrats

are with me your friend and
I do not know any Democrat in our country
that do not think you are right I could write more
but must now stop perhaps at a future
time you may hear from me again
Please send us some documents
I Remain your sincere friend

J Bassard

Postmaster
J. Bassard
South Charleston
Clark Co Ohio
Jan 14 58

When you send anything direct
to me South Charleston Clark Co Ohio

Postmaster
Springfield
Clark Co

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Boston Jan 14 58

Dr Sir

At the voting for Fremont last election — I like the position you have taken on the Kansas question — and being unable to get a copy of your speech will you be kind enough to forward me a copy —

If you have any Pub Docs to spare — any copies of them would be acceptable — and would greatly oblige

Your most respect
Simeon Butterfield

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

Simeon Butterfield
Boston Mass
Jany 14 1858
Want your Speech
Send Speech

Smithfield
Fayette Co. Pa.
January 14th 1858.

F. H. Patton to Hon

Announcing his election as honorary member of the Wayland Literary Society —

George's Creek Academy
Smithfield Fayette Co Pa
Jan 14th 58

Hon S. A. Douglas
Dear Sir

At the last meeting of the Wayland Litterary Society, you in consideration of your distinguished merit & well known regard for the intellectual improvement of the youth of our country was unanimously elected an Honorary member of the Society. In communicating the fact to you, allow us to express the hope, that the intentions of the Society may be kindly regarded by you. and that we may be benefited by your connection with us

Most Respectfully yours &c
G. G. Clemmer
F. H. Patton
Wm. Abraham
} Committee

E. M. Cox
N. York
Jany 14/58
Wants your Speech

Sent Speech

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New York January 14th 1858

Honored Sir

I address you for the purpose of requesting your autograph, and if it be convenient that you will also forward me a copy of your celebrated speech on Kansas.

I am a student of the Freshman Class of the New York Free Academy and the high estimation in which you are held by all my fellow students and myself has prompted me to this request.

If you have not at present a copy of your speech, by sending me your autograph you will greatly oblige

Your humble Servant

Edwin M. Cox

351 6th Avenue

New York

To the
Hon Stephen A Douglas
Washington D.C.

Jany 14th 1858

Plymouth Rock Winneshiek Co Iowa

To the Hon. S. A. Douglass U. S. Senator from Ill.

Sir, Permit me to introduce myself to your notice as the Son of the Hon. Daniel Kruger formerly a M of Congress from New York.

Having become reduced in circumstances, and encouraged by the efforts which you and a few more generous spirits were making for the passage of a homestead Bill, I emigrated to this western country with the hopes of securing a home for my family in the summer of 1854, losing a child by the way. Here for over 3 Years my family has endured the toils and privations incident to a frontier life, and just as our efforts were about being crowned with success, Our land was ordered into market by the late President. I made application to such friends as I thought might be able to assist me, but in vain. I then had recourse to those land sharks in human form (the Speculators), and got my quarter decided on time at 40 perct. Int. for one year and if we fail at the end of the year of paying up our notes for $280. they have the right of selling our land from under us. On the 17th of next April my time will be up and I have no more prospect of being able to pay them, than I had in the first place, and I fear as I now see I shall not only lose my land, but also the improvements I have made upon it. Most of my neighbors are in the same situation. I do not see how Congress can afford us any relief, in respect to

the Land we now occupy, but I would suggest the propriety, nay justice of having the Home Stead Bill you have introduced this winter, so framed that we may be entitled to share in its benefits, provided we are obliged leave our present possessions, and make a beginning somewhere else,

Let me entreat you to urge on the passage of the above bill, Congress has not passed a bill for many years past so important, not only to the poor man, but to the whole country, For the poor instead of being consumers on the body politic, will become producers, and so add to the strength and wealth of the nation, Let this bill pass this winter so that the poor man & his family can come on in the Spring in time to raise something this year to meet the wants of his suffering family, and you will merit and receive the thanks of millions who will be benefited by it and the applause of the good and true of mankind throughout the civilized world,

Very Respectfully Yours

Jefferson Cruger

Hon. Lyman Trumbull
Senate
Washington City

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Troy January 14. 1858

Hon S. A. Douglas

Dear Sir,

I inclose to you Hon D. L. Seymour's letter to the Tammany Hall meeting, alluded to in my former letter. He is the veriest Vicar of Bray, of modern times — If your chances in his estimation should be high, he would be the first man, to claim having always been your devoted friend. I hate him, & therefore you may make suitable allowances for my laying him open, that no one may be deceived in his character — You are liberty to deduct from what I say of him, just as much as you think right

Truly
Geo R Davis

NB Can you send me "Emery's Report"

Troy, N.Y.
January 16/58

Geo. R. Davies.

Enclosing letter of
Hon. W. H. Seymour
to Jan. 9th
Wants "Encyclopedia"

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Hon. David L. Seymour on the Administration Policy.

Letter to Tammany Hall Meeting, held Dec. 17th inst.

UTICA, Dec. 16, 1857.

GENTS:—I regret to say that by reasons of indispensible engagements I cannot attend the Democratic mass meeting to be held at Tammany Hall on 17th inst.

I avail myself, however, of this opportunity to declare my full and unqualified approval of the Administration, as developed in the Messages of the President. While our foreign relations are in the main on an amicable footing, yet some questions of great importance are pending between our country and foreign powers. With the Government of Spain we have for years past had serious difficulties. Wrong upon wrong and insult upon insult have been heaped upon our citizens, and as yet our claims for reparation have been unheeded.

The policy of the President respecting our relations with Spain is the bold and straightforward policy of promptly discharging our just obligations to her, while we submit to no wrong at her hands, but compel her, at whatever cost or hazard, to do justice to our claims.

The Central American question is treated in the Message with the same spirit of candor and decision. Desiring to continue amicable relations with England, whose interests of trade and commerce are so closely interwoven with our own, the President proposes to strip the question of the entanglements which the Clayton-Bulwer Treaty and the diplomacy connected with it have woven, and to maintain the just rights of our country against the arrogant claims of the British Power.

The means of perfecting easy and uninterrupted intercourse with our possessions on the Pacific, and the remedies for the financial embarrassments of the country are wisely conceived and clearly and forcibly stated in the Message. They cannot fail to commend themselves not only to the Democracy but to the candid and patriotic of all parties. Nor have I any doubt that the country will, with equal unanimity, adopt the declaration of the Message that "Kansas has for some years occupied too much of the public attention."

After a long and exciting conflict the Kansas Nebraska act was passed by Congress. No friend of the Union of the States can desire to revive the bitterness and sectional jealousy which arose out of the passage of that law, and the action under it. At the last Presidential election the Democracy triumphed upon the great principle of popular sovereignty announced in that act; the power of the people to organize and establish their own Government. This power was given to the Territory of Kansas by the organic law. With sedulous care has the President provided for the full and free exercise of this power in the Territory. Able and experienced men were appointed to fill their executive offices. The military power was present in force sufficient to preserve order and assure to every legal voter the free exercise of the elective franchise. The ballot box was opened, and the people of Kansas invited to exercise the sovereignty secured to them by the organic law. Those who chose met in their primary assemblies and exercised at the ballot box this sovereign power.

As must necessarily be in a large Territory, they delegated their powers to their representatives—and the Constitution framed by them is according to the theory of all republican Governments, the sovereign act of the people of Kansas, through their representatives.

The submission of this Constitution to the people was not required by the organic law. That act only provides for a submit only of the question of slavery as a domestic institution of the new State. This submission the Convention has provided for according to the law. Whether the other provisions of that Constitution should be submitted to the people was not declared. This question was left with the Convention to be decided by them. If the opponents of slavery in Kansas have neglected to exercise the power given them by the elective franchise, for the prevention of slavery in the new State, and have for any reason chosen to leave the election of a Constitutional Convention to their political opponents, surely neither the President nor Congress is responsible for the result. The President is not called upon to interfere between the people of Kansas and their representatives. He has nobly discharged his duty under the law. It now remains for the people of Kansas to act upon the proposed question of slavery and the work is done—Kansas is an independent State of the Union; and who will then say that as an independent State she has not the same power over all her domestic institutions, and her people the same attributes of sovereignty, as the people of Virginia or New York have today?

That memorable declaration of President Buchanan, in his Inaugural Address, "*it is the imperative duty of the United States to secure to every resident inhabitant the free and independent expression of his opinion by his vote,*" has been faithfully carried out in his administration of the affairs of Kansas. The beneficial effects of this policy have already become apparent.—Sectional agitation and the fanatical appeals of disunionists no longer occupy the public mind to the exclusion of all other political considerations; but they have given place to that love of country which holds sacred and inviolate the rights of each and all the States under the Constitution. Agitators, disunionists and fanatics may deprecate the restoration of peace and harmony to the country. But the wise policy of the President will be sustained by the intelligent and patriotic masses, while all attempts to withdraw from him the confidence of any portion of the Democratic party will meet condemnation as prompt and decided as have the efforts of our political opponents to organize a sectional party, and to sow the seeds of disunion.

Very respectfully,

DAVID L. SEYMOUR.

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C. R. Dow
Atkinson
Jany 14/58. N.H.
Speeches &c

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Atkinson N.H. Jany 14/58

Hon. S. A. Douglas

Dear Sir
Will you have the kindness to send me some Speeches and Pub. Documents.
As we have not any Democratic Delagates from New hampshire I take the liberty to rite to you for some Speeches.
Our Party do not get any from Congress. If you will send some to my care I will esteem it a favour from you and distribute the same
Truley yours
S. Caleb R. Dow

Providence Jan 14. 1858,

Hon Stephen A Douglas

Dr Sir,

I cannot resist the temptation of writing you at this time, If there be any truth in rumors or reports in circulation here in reference to the appointments of the chief federal offices for Rhode Island then one of our Senators has been guilty of high handed treachery to the democracy which ought to consign him to infamy, The democratic party of any State have been not only butchered but cut up into fine mince meat If it be fact that the recommendations of all of the leading men have been disregarded and thrown aside as so much worthless chaff, The have recommended

with great unanimity most of
of the present incumbents for
reappointment, but we are
told that their places are
to be filled by new men,
One of our city papers of to days
issues in speaking of the con-
firmation of Mr Clifford states
that a letter writer, who is an old Democrat
said that
Senator Allen "unexpectedly"
came to the rescue and voted
for the confirmation, Before
Senator Allen left home for
Washington he expressed
himself strongly opposed
to the Lecompton Constitution
Time will determine on which
side his vote goes on that
question, If in favor, then
where may we look for
the key to explain his course,
Can it be possible that
there can be such a thing
as bargain and sale, And
can it be too that the dis
position and control of
the offices here in the
consideration or value
received, And I will
here state a fact which I
ask you to note and
remember, It is this, If any
aspirant for the highest hon-
ors expects to procure the
vote of the democracy of this
State in the Charleston con-
vention through Mr Allen
in any way, he will be
purely disappointed, The
(Allen, may bargain with
as many as he chooses, or
as chose to bargain with
him, the man who gets
the vote of this State in the
next national democratic
convention will have to get

it of the democracy nine tenths of whom are decidedly in favor of the reappointment of the present incumbent to the national offices in this state. I know whereof I write and I know that it is true. If you desire to know why I am I will refer you to Genl James. Before I finish I desire to ask you to refer to a letter I addressed to you under date of March 2d 1854, "every word of which is as true as holy writ". This may be too late, but if not I would request you to call

for the recommendations of the Postmaster and Collector here of the democracy in their favor. No ~~[illegible]~~ men ever had better.

in haste
Yours &c &c

Alexander Eddy

Alexander Eddy
Providence R.I.
Dec 14/58

Political

Dem Speech

Ethna, Green Tuscarawas Co. Ohio Jan 11th 1858

Hon. S. A. Douglas

Respected Sir, I had the pleasure of reading Your famous Speech of December the 9th 57. against the views of the Presidents Message. I would be pleased if Your would enter my name on Your Franking list in order that I may receive Your Speeches. I am truly sorrow to witness this diversity that now exists between You and the President and his Firm Supporters.

I write these lines that I may have a full view of Your reasons for dissenting from that portion of the Message which relates to the affairs of Kansas.

Yours in Political Faith

Samuel, S. Irwin

Saml G. Irwin.
Chas Green.
Koskinsko Co.
Ind. Jan 14/58

Wants to be placed on yr list for speeches

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

Chas Green
Pentland Ind

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Cloverport Ky
Jany 14 1858.
J. Henry Gibbens

Says the people of
So. Indiana are
with you. —

Partridge Post Perry Co. Ind.
Jany 14/58

Hon S. A. Douglas

Sir

I have just returned home from a ride to Mount Vernon, Posey County; had the pleasure of meeting a large number of old, influential Democrats; all but 3 agree with your views on Kansas affairs. The Counties of Spencer, Warrick & Perry in their County conventions have endorsed your course fully. be assured the Democracy of South Indiana & with you

Your Friend
J Henry Gibbens
Cloverport
Post Office Ky

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D. Hewitt, P.M.

Edwardsburgh
Cass Co. Michigan
Jany 14/58.
Wants a no. of
your speeches
for distribution

P.O. Edwardsburgh, Cass Co
Michigan Jany 14th 1858

Hon. S. A. Douglass

Dear Sir

You would confer a great favor on me and a large number of your friends in this Section of Country. if you would send me a number of your Speaches for distribution, which was delivered by you on the 9th of Dec. last

I have yet to see the first Democrat who does not approve of the course you have taken in the Lecompton fraud

Respectfully
D. Hewitt P.M.

Madison Mis. Jan 14th 1858

Hon Stephen A Douglas

Sir

As a stranger though a democratic friend, who had an introduction to you at the Capitol House on your last visit to this City, I beg to request that if you have a list of recipients of public documents and other favors of that Kind in our State that you will please my name upon it, for I shall be much gratified with the receipt of any thing of that description from your hands

It is not probable that amongst the large number who were presented to you on the occasion above refered to you will remember me, though you may perhaps recollect that I stated that I was P. M. here by the appointment of President Polk was removed by Gen Taylor and would here

no objection to be an incumbent of the same office again. But whether my name and person has passed from your mind or not it does not lessen my anxiety for the notice which my request would enable me to receive from one whom the whole state are delighting to honor, for his firm support of those principles which have always been a fundamental with all true Democrats

With much esteem
Very respectfully
Your Obt. servant
D. Holt

Madison Wis —
January 14th/58.

D. Holt.

Wants to be placed
on the document
list — Political M.

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Vermillion Janry 14 1858

Dear

Sir you will, I trust excuse for trespassing on your valuable time but the case that the Democratic Party have to settle at this time is a very important one we have but one leader whom the Party can rely on with confidence that than country will be represented with true american dignity when our party was about to be wrecked there was no remedy but to make a platform of your Bill which you so manfully fought inch by inch through the US Senate and at last you placed the party where it could stand on the broad stand that allowed the people to regulate their own Domestic affairs as they saw fit we nomated a candidate on your platform and have succeeded and now at this time repudiate that doctrine when nothing but the promise to the people that the Compromise should be kept and applied faithfull which we all as supporters of Mr Buchanan expected. and was very much disappointed to see to the Contrary but we feel proud of your noble stand in meeting your old

established Democratic principles that the people must make their own laws and govern themselves. In all my acquaintance with the Democracy I have taken notice in all conversation that not one single man that does not approve of your course on the Kansas Question and all the Democrats that left the party ~~that~~ last fall and went with the republicans at this time say they want no better man than the author of the Nebraska & Kansas Bill. This no group work but facts and unless the Democratic Party take grounds against the Lecompton Constitution we will be swept out and remain in ~~the~~ a minority in every North West and Western State in the union. Ohio at this time may take the vote and you be in the field on the ~~latter~~ issue and you would not have fifty thousand votes in all that would not count for you we want unity for 1860 the momentum is all ready made and our candidates in the field we only want a national convention to ratify the nominee and if the convention will not represent the people this time the people will represent themselves and place a man of their in all places and fund time and letter to the editors

you will I trust excuse my intrusion for my duties are plain and my letter is not in the style of a politicians Prudence but in the Gab of one who earns his living by hard labor and Economy. My profession is sailing on the lakes but one thing we can do well that is to vote and defend our soil and maintain our rights when we can have good true leaders who will place them when we place them in power. Our party is safe so long as you maintain your ground but the very hour you leave the post and position you have taken we drop to pieces nothing but a true appreciation of your bill will save our party

hoping you may succeed and get us strength in our for the battle of 1860

yours truly

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Hon. Stephen A. Douglas
United States Senator from Ill.

Dear Sir Allow me to introduce myself to you as a Douglas Democrat and having at heart the moulding of the Political mind of the County of Ulster as well as of the Union for the Campaign of 1860 I desire (if it be consistent with your plan of operation) that you forward to me such Documents for distribution as will have a tendancy to advance the Great Democratic Priciples you advocate. by an early infusion into the public mind of the proper spirit I Believe Ulster County can be made to give a bouncing majority for the Democratic Candidate

for President in 1860 provided the Democracy pursue the course pointed out in your Speech before the Senate on the Kansas question. that Speech has not been properly circulated in this County although I believe a majority of the Democracy are with you. a few of those Speeches will prove beneficial

Very Truly Yours
Milford Vernon
P. M. at Kickapoo

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Hon. S. A. Douglas,
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Dear Sir: -

The speech which you sent me was rec'd. And after giving it perusal, I feel that if I had a few copies more, that I could distribute them for ~~out of~~ good among several of my friends, who - to my mind - are much in the dark upon the great question which is a subject of so much discussion just now. Therefore if you can send me a few. I would thank you for them.

Truly your friend
Silas Ketchum.

Warner, New Hamp.,
Jan. 14. 1858.