

New Haven Jan. 15. 1858

Dear Sir

Will you oblige me with a copy of your Book on Kansas? I have of course read it in the Intelligencer, but am desirous of a copy in a more convenient form for preservation.

I was glad to hear a leading democrat say, a few days since, that after a careful perusal, he considered your argument unanswerable. And such I believe - without presuming to speak ex cathedra - to be the general sentiment of the democratic party in Connecticut.

I am with great respects
very truly yours
Roger N. Baldwin

Wm. P. A. Douglass
U. S. Senate
Washington

Hon R S Baldwin
Two Lane Cove
Aug 13 1888

Wants your speech
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Chicago, Ill. Jan 15 - 1858

Hon. Stephen Douglass

Dear Sir,

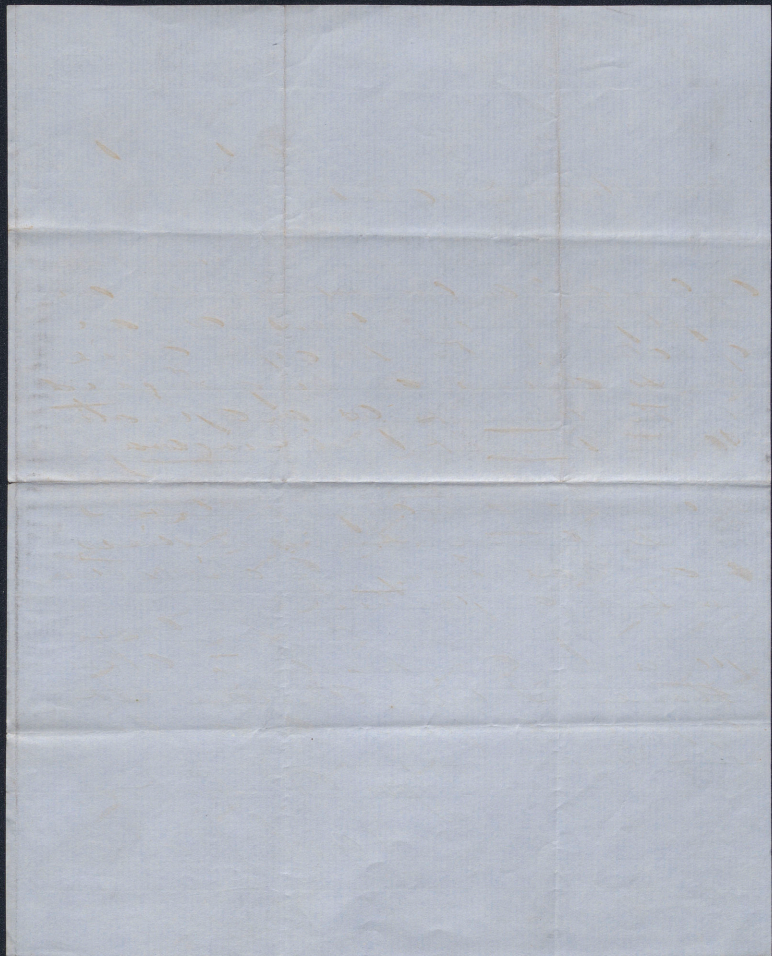
Mark R. Brown

A young man who has been in our
Employ for some years as an
Operator in the telegraph office
he is desirous of being engaged
by the Government as an Operator
on the Government vessel Niagara. I have

known him intimately for years
he is quick in his business
and has every qualification
for such a position.

If in your
power to get him on the above
Steamer I will consider it
a personal favor and will
be ever remain

Yours Obt Servt,
Lam W Ross



Assembly Hall, Madison Wis Jan 13th 1836

To Hon S. W. Douglas

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The undersigned
Democratic Members of Assembly believe that
the interests of the Democratic party of this State
could be materially advanced, by a circulation
of the Speeches of our National Representatives
in Congress, respectfully Solicit from Hon
Such patronage as is denied us by our
Republican Delegation.

Documents furnished
us at this place, would be, very thankfully received

With special regards.

We respectfully subscribe

E. D. Campbell Sec. Treas. - Do

J. S. Gray

Alvin B. Alden

J. W. Mather.

H. H. Belding

Alexander M. Alling

Bo. Zerkowicz

Paul. J. J. J.

W. D. York

W. Stever

James Kenealy

C. G. S. S. S.

Joseph Wagner

David Roberts

H. M. J. J.

J. J. J. J.

D. Corson

Edgar C. C. C.

J. C. Hall

H. H. H. H.

Ed Campbell Esq,
Assembly Hall
Madison, Wis.
Advocate

Members of Wis.
Legislature ask
you for speeches
for distribution
Jan 15, 1858.

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W B. Clark
 Boston
 Jan 15/58. Mop
 Speech

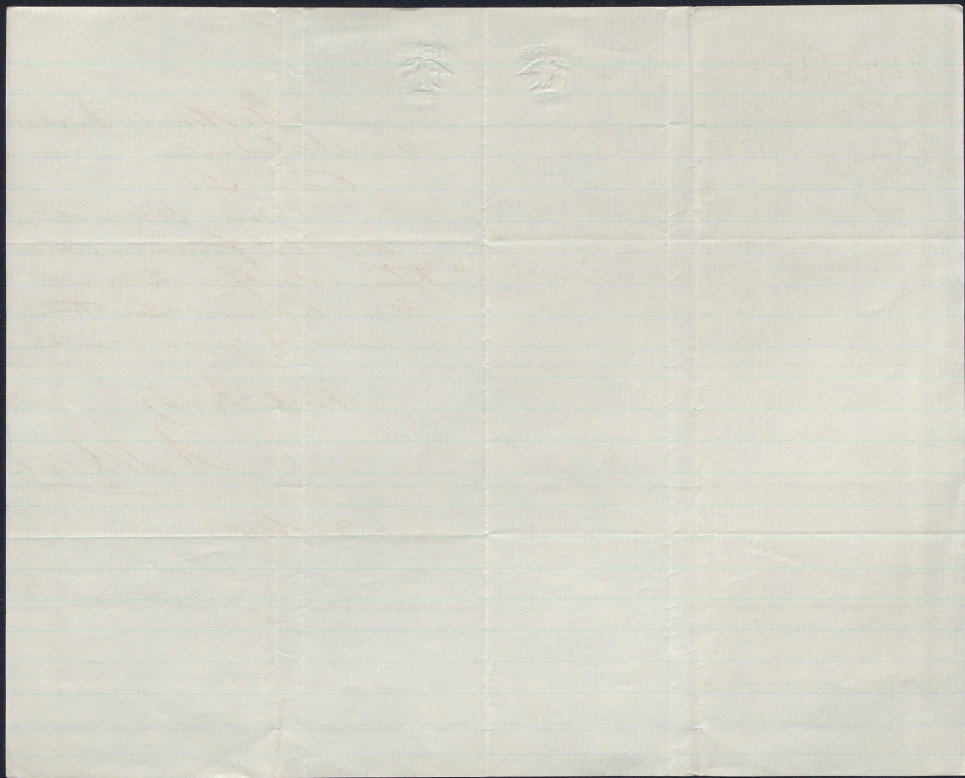
Boston 15th Jan 1858
 Hon^{ble} S^r Douglas
 Dear Sir

you will oblige
 me by forwarding me
 a copy of Lot Speech on
 the Kansas Question
 One of your friend

Very Truly

A. B. Clarke

Box No 964.



Centertown, Mead
Co. Cal. Jan'y 15/58.

Saml Colman, Esq.

Commends for
course I want
"Red Scott" decision

Red Scott decision
Sent him. April 16/58

Centertown Jan 18 /58

Dear Sir

You favoured me with a copy
of your speech of 9th December in the
Senate And you may rest assured
that when I say it is a great speech I
say what I believe, and it not only my
opinion but it is so considered by all
who have read it with whom I have
conversed, there are some of the Dem-
ocratic papers circulating in this Office
that take the administration view of the
question viz Western Process & Pittsburgh Union
but this would not amount to much I think
if they would let you speak for yourself
in their columns, As far as I can
or have seen (and I think more here especially
an examination) each No of these papers have
lauded Bigler & gave extracts from
his speeches yet silent as regards

any retract from you & at
the same time speaking disparagingly
of your Position, This is wrong
The people should have the premises,
should have the question on each
side, then they are, and not till
then responsible for their position
If the principle of "Popular Sovereignty"
is to be carried out it must be in
all things and not in the presidential
view of the extent of "Domestic
Institutions" I hope, sir, you may
be able to stand in the right. I
think your Country will approve it
and I know God & your Conscience
will

Accept this token of respect and
ever I remain yours

Samuel Coleman P.M.

Amos A. Douglass

I have one favour (of course) to ask
of you and that is, If the Dred
Scott decision is published in full
by act of Congress If it would be
convenient for you to write
your name in one send it to

P.M.

Center town

Mercer Co

Penn.



Chicago, Jan. 15. 1858,

Hon Stephen A. Douglas.
Dear Sir

If you
have for disposal copies of
the report of the U.S. Japan
Expedition, you ^{would} do me a kindness
by sending one to my address.
Respectfully yours,

C. Dickinson
Chicago Ill.



E. Dickinson

Chicago, Ill's

Jan'y 15, 1858.

Wants Japan

Expedition.

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Michigan City
Ludá Janis 15/58

W. W. Hammond

Political

Jan, 16, 58

Michigan City Indiana
Hon. S. A. Douglas

The feeling now on your
course on Kansas is our
among the voting masses
Ill. is all right so is
Indiana, although Bright
Fitch et al. prostitute all
their talents and energy to
defeat you but tell you
the State of Ind. is with
you and no mistake

In Chicago there are too
many leaders to our Party
therefore I think we are
doomed to a bad and sad
defeat Men who have just
broke into the Party and some head-
ed Office seekers are bad leaders
you well know Could we
run Keith or some strong
man for Mayor we could

Carry this love - It looks
a little as though Cook
would be the nominee if
you see. When we are and
will be yet Cook is my warm
personal friend and I will
with pleasure do all I can for
him but he is not my man
I confess I am for Keith
and for Anna Coss for judge
of Records leave Bob Wilson
is an old bagabond and I
cannot get him without a
Fair nomination // I will
be in Washington in ten days
and then talk over

Do your duty and stand
up to the Ruck and if the
will take good care of you
but we should have at least
if the Cook Co Delegation.

I am &c
W. W. Brewster

L. W. Dutton, M.D.

Bullies, P.O.,
Independence
Richland Co
Ohio - Jan 15/58.
Wants speech

Butler Post Office, Independence,
Richland Co. Ohio. Jan. 15. 1858.

Dear sir,

Will you be kind enough
to send ^{me} a copy of your speeches
made in the Senate upon the
admission of Kansas under the
Secompton constitution?

An indisposition on the
part of many of the Demo-
-cratic papers to represent
this side of the question, & my
desire to have it understood,
are the apologies I offer
for presuming to make this
request without a further
acquaintance.

Yours Truly
S. C. Douglas }
U. S. Senator. } L. W. Dutton, M.D.

Mr. W. W. Butler
 100 N. 1st St.
 Philadelphia
 Pa.
 Dear Sir
 Will you be kind enough
 to send a copy of your speech
 made on the 10th of the
 address of the American
 Association of the
 the independence of the
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 State papers to represent
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North White Creek
Washington Co New York
Jan 15 1858

Hon Stephen A. Douglas Sir,

The undersigned, representing respectively, the Democratic County and Senatorial Committees of our respective districts, beg most respectfully to solicit your attention to our communication. We are Democrats from principle, practice and association thoroughly committed to the principles of popular sovereignty as embodied in the celebrated "Kansas Nebraska bill" of which you are the acknowledged author. We rejoiced at its endorsement by the American people in the Exciting Contest which resulted in the triumphant Election of the Democratic Candidates in 1856. In common with every other Democrat outside the "obscure power of public plunder" we feel pained at the present position of our pet Administration in relation to the affairs of Kansas - thus the pledge

of the Democratic party have been
violated and violated by those in whom
we reposed implicit Confidence.

The position you occupy meets our hearty
endorsement and approval. We congratulate
you upon your integrity and firmness, and
thunder our tender sympathy and
support.

Well knowing the folly of disorganized
action, we most earnestly desire you
to advise us as to the course you deem
your friends to pursue.

Shall we organize outside the pale of
the Administration, or shall we silently
and quietly succumb to personal abuse
and misrepresentations of your admirable
position, from the pecuniary vipers that hang
around the petty Post Office, and other places
of plunder to suck out the life and energy
of any protest ~~and~~ hopes for the sympathy
of the people?

In the most earnest good faith we solicit
a response at your earliest convenience.
With Great Respect

Yours Obedt.

J. M. Colby
P. S. a receipt

Recd. John W. Colby

P. S. W. - Dec 1

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North White Creek
Wash - n Co. D. C.

Jan'y 15th 1888

J. W. Eddy &
H. W. Hall.

Approve of course
& desire a reply to this.

Watertown (Wisconsin) January 18th 1858.

To the Honorable Stephen A. Douglas
United States Senator at Washington.

Dear Sir,

My object in addressing
You is to enlist your favor and influ-
ence in my behalf in securing for me the
appointment to a Consulate in Germany.
I am favored with a recommendation of
the last Legislature of this State and also
of the State Officers for the Consulate
at Frankfurt on the Main or a like
position in Germany. This recommendation
was given freely without any interference
of mine. Honorable Sudge Butler of
this place sent it over to Governor
Dodge, then one of the Senators from
this State. (His Certificate is en-
closed

closed). I was then favored as a working member of the democratic party and especially for the services, which it was presumed I had rendered in the Presidential campaign for Mr. Buchanan.

But up to this date I have not heard anything of the fate of my application, and the reason of my seeking your influence at this time is, that a short time ago I was unfortunate in having most of my property destroyed by fire and am greatly in need of such aid.

As to my being qualified for such an appointment I would say, that I have been for about 20 years a Minister and School Superintendent in Germany, now nearly seven years in this Country and about

two years United States citizen.

For every body knows your great influence in Washington, many know your humanity and though not personally acquainted with you I have been recommended to appeal to you by my democratic friends here.

To this Humanity I undertake now to appeal. By aiding me with your influence you will not only greatly oblige one who has been unfortunate but also many democratic friends in this section of the Country.

Respectfully Yours
John B. Engelmann.

My very dear Sir

Mr. Engelmann desires me to state to you, that he (E.) is represented to me by a very reliable friend of mine as well worthy of the position he seeks. I know how very little weight this declaration of mine will have with you but as Mr. E. insisted upon my making it I did not wish to offend him by declining. With you kindly present my best respects to your worthy lady and allow me to sign myself

Yours obedt servt
Francis A. Steffmann

Chicago, Jan. 16. 1858.

Chicago
January 15, 1881.

Francis W. Hoffman

Enclosing application
Offno. B. Engelmann
of Wis. for a cow-
milk by Germany.



Chicago
J. H. W. H. W.
J. H. W. H. W.

Chicago
J. H. W. H. W.
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Watertown, Wisconsin,
January 2, 1838.

I do hereby certify, that about the month of March last past, I enclosed to the address of Senator Dodge, then in the City of Washington, D.C. a petition or recommendation addressed to the President of the United States, & subscribed by (I think) all the Democratic Members of the Legislature, and the State officers of this state, asking the appointment of Consul to Frankfurt on the Main or to some other German city of similar rank, for John B. Englemann, Esq. of this City. It was mailed to Gov. Dodge, but whether he received it, and if so what disposition he made of

It. I am not advised.

Wm. T. Butler.



Geo. F. Garritt
North Dighton
July 15/58 Mass.

Agri! Report for
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North Dighton Bristol
Massachusetts Jan 1958
Hon. S. A. Douglas

Dear Sir:

Mr.
Liberty Triffin of this
place wishes me to request
of you the favor of a copy
of the Agricultural Report
for 1856.

Yours Very Truly
Geo. F. Garritt P.M.



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Bloomington
Ind. Jan'y 15/58

J. W. Gorman &
others —
Indiana University.

"Out of 48 Ministers
45 are for Douglass."

Wants books,

no

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Bloomington Ind. January 15th, 1858.

Mr. L. A. Douglass.

Dear Sir:—

In 1834 the Indiana University was destroyed by fire together with all the Libraries connected therewith. At that time the Philomathean Society had a fine collection of Books, obtained by the exertions of its Members and friends.

This lamentable disaster we now seek to repair by soliciting the friends of the Society and also the friends of general Literary information, to aid us by donating Books, that our Library may reflect credit upon the Society.

The importance of a good Library in connection with our Society, has long been felt by its Members; and feeling confident that you would be happy and willing to render us all the assistance in your power, we most cordially solicit contributions.

J. W. GORMAN,
J. G. STRONG, } Committee.
N. VANHORN,

Philomathean Hall.

Out of 48 ministers 45 are for Douglass.



St. John's, Nfld.
24th June 1894

Example of
the letter

to the
Hon. Secy of the
Dept. of the Interior

St. John's, Nfld.

New York Jan 15 58

Sir

I beg to take the liberty
of requesting the favor of
remitting a copy of your
late speech in the United States
Senate on the arrest of
Walker your truly

W. Gowans

Hon. S. A. Douglas & 81 Centre St.
U. S. S.
Washington

W. Gowns

81 Centre St

Jan'y 15/58. My

Your speech on
the Walker Question

Canandaigua, N.Y.,
Jan 15, 1858.

Hon. S. A. Douglas,
S. M. S.,
Washington

My dear Sir:

Will you be so kind as
to send me "The Patent Office Report, Me-
chanical, for 1856?"

Your speech, which you
sent me, as per request was received. As
I told you, the West is speaking daily!

Yours Respect

Ch. H. Haskins.

Chas H. Haskins

Canandaigua

N. Y. Jan'y 15/58.

Wants "Pat Off"
Report - Mechanical
for 1856 —

54 West 36th Street
New York Long 15/58

Wm L. Douglas

My Dear Sir

The first term you were in the U.S. Senate, I had the honor of hearing from you frequently, by way of public documents & occasionally by letter, I not only thought highly of your public acts, but predicted for you a popularity equal to that enjoyed by Silas Wright, our national statesman. But I regret to say, that since that time, I have not been so close an observer of your public course, it being generally understood that you had formed a copartnership with a Southern Lady, who had enlisted your sympathies with the South, and ^{caused you to} leaving the interests of the north to others. But I am pleased to know that your views on national matters are still popular with us, and we must still consider you the Gato of the Senate, with as fair a prospect for the Presidency as Wright had. The fulfillment of which was only defeated by the King of Terrors.

But the main object of this writing, is to say something to you in confidence about my private matters, or rather, public matters which I am privately interested in. Having used my time among sinners to promote the redemption of sin-

Buchanan to the Presidency, and my Democratic friends believing me worthy and deserving of the situation of appraiser of the Customs at this port. Papers of recommendations to that effect, were forwarded to the President, and are now on file, I presume, in the Treasury Department, But being informed that it would be several months before these appointments would be taken up, I mess, at my own request, turned over to Collector Schell for the selection of Deputy Collector, my claims were presented to him in my last card were found in all respects ample and fully satisfactory, and he promised that my appointment should be one of his first. I accordingly expected my Commission on the first of July last. But the promise was broken, and it has been renewed & broken as often as once in every fifteen days since that time. I have had the most implicit confidence in these promises and have continued to wait from time to time with great anxiety and patience, until further patience would cease to be a virtue. It is now deferred until his nomination is confirmed by the U.S. Senate. I presume you propose to best your influence for him, if so, I should esteem it a very great favour, if you would learn of him before doing it, whether or no, he intends to fulfil in good faith, his promise with me as soon as confirmed. If otherwise, and he has no regard for his honor, or that of the Government with whom he is to be entrusted, he certainly would not be a fit person to be entrusted with the interests

of our Government, I trust you will not forget to do me this favour before the action of the Senate on his nomination.

I have the honor to be very truly
your friend & adherent
Wm. H. Olds

Wm Aldredge
54 W. 36 St
Jan'y 15/58.
N. York
Political & Personal

W

Mount Carmel Wabash County Illinois

January 15th 1858.

Hon S. A. Douglass U.S.S.

Sir

I am altogether unacquainted with the Manner of writing to Senators and Representatives in Congress, therefore if my Manner of addressing you should not be so polished, and finished as others, you will have the goodness to not think hard of me; and if I approach the Subject of my Letter rather bluntly, I feel satisfied that you will attribute it rather, to my ignorance in such matters, than to any desire to offend.

I have heard a great deal about Commodore Perry's Japan Expedition, and have a great desire to have and see it. Some Books I know are printed and distributed, but whether this is one or not I am entirely uninformed; S. S. Marshall Esq. our representative in Congress has sent me some Patent Office Reports, very excellent Books in their way; and interesting to Farmers and Mechanics, and a good book for every person to read. Still there is not that in them that so interests me as does reading about New Discoveries in the World at large, such as are likely to be printed down in the work referred to, and if it would not be asking too much; and you could without any inconvenience

to yourself, Send Me a copy of the said Works. I
Should feel under great obligations to you, but if
I have asked too great a favour of you, Please excuse
Me, for it is through ignorance that I ~~shall~~ have
Erred;

Permit Me before closing, to say, that the course you
have pursued in regard to the Locuston Constitution,
meets, with a hearty approval in this Section, and men
who a short time since were bitterly opposed to you,
are now publicly avowing, that they are "Wrong of Me";

Asking your forgiveness for forcing myself upon
your notice, allow me to subscribe myself your
humble servant

James S. Johnston

Mr. Carnel.
Mabash Co. Ill.
June 15-18-8
Jas. S. Johnston

man's "Japan
Expedition"
approves of
course. R

Lancaster, Jan. 15th. 1858.
Hon. Stephen A. Douglas,

Having seen it announced, in "the Press," edited by Col. Geo. W. Fowrey, that you intended to announce the death of Hon. Thomas L. Harris, in the Senate, on Monday next, and also several eulogies upon the same, to be delivered both in the Senate and the House, I hastily pen you these few lines, to ask you, if possible, to send me as soon as you can, a copy of the "Globe" containing the eulogies upon the death of Thomas L. Harris, for the following reason:—On the 22nd of February next, the Sabbath School of the St. Paul's Methodist Church, intend giving an exhibition, in order to free the church from debt, and being in need of some speakers, the Committee of arrangements called upon me and several of my friends, and respectfully asked ~~me~~ to take a part in the exhibition. We gave our answer in the affirmative, and I, myself, having consented to speak the Valedictory Address, can find no subject to suit me, and having seen the above announcement, which I have mentioned, I selected as my subject, the death of T. L. Harris, Esq., and I thought by obtaining your eulogy upon the deceased warrior and statesman, and those of your friends, I might become better acquainted with the subject, and be able to select better ideas from your address than from any other writing I have seen. I have several sketches of his life, but they are so short and seem to be wanting of something, that I am unable to glean anything from them. I will be under many obligations to you for a copy of the "Globe" containing the eulogies of yourself, I mean

Monis, Adrian, &c., upon the death of the
Hon. Thos. L. Harris.

Yrs. Respectfully.

Geo. W. Hendrick

Geo. W. Kendrick
Lancaster
Jan. 15 Pa

asking copy
Harris' Envelopes

No.
Pa.
Harris' Envelopes

Albany Jan 15 1858

Hon S A Douglas

Dear Sir

Will you please to send me
your Speech Delivered before
Senate

And Oblige Your Most Obedt

G. N. Kirk

Albany

G. W. Kirk.

Albany, N.Y.

Jan'y 15/58.

Wants speech.

Five Corners, N.Y.
(Cayuga Co.) Jan'y 15/58

R. L. Sanborn,
Political & news of each

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Jan. 15, 1858

Five Corners Cayuga Co. N.Y.
January 15th 1858

Hon Stephen W Douglass

My Dear Sir

It is with pleasure that I view
your position upon the Kansas ques-
tion + your opposition to the Leas-
ton Constitution. The principle
or rather doctrine of popular sovereignty
- as expounded by you is the only ten-
able position that - can be main-
tained so long as the question of
slavery is dominant in the Re-
public. As soon as they (slaves) are
admitted to the grade of citizenship
(which my God grant may never be in this
Republic) that doctrine as regards
their institution will not be worth
maintaining. But so long as slavery
is maintained your interpretation

of their principle is the only true and
valuable I do not mean by this
that - Slavery is right. No, No, I
believe it one of the most gigantic
wrong ever published upon a race of
human beings. But still I believe
this I do not admit the propriety
of their being admitted to the ~~rights~~
political rights and privileges of
our white fellow citizens along with
said citizens. But give them a place
by themselves, not necessarily on this con-
tinent, but ~~in~~ ⁱⁿ Liberia or some other con-
tinental clime - place those of them who
are unable to govern themselves in a po-
sition most adapted to their develop-
ment and let them grow up a separate
nation by themselves - ^{as an} independent and
~~the~~ sovereignty - Would this not be hu-
manity? Would it not contrast
favorably with their present degraded
condition? But I do not expect
this. As long as it is for the interest of

slave holders, to hold slaves they will continue
to ~~hold them~~. It is very nat-
ural to look to one own interests, or at least
one may sometimes do in his interests.

Thus slavery will continue to be perpetu-
ated down to the latest generation.

But my Dear Sir I thank you
for your noble and generous ~~acts~~
in maintaining the rights of the
people of Kansas and establishing
a precedent in relation to all future
states to be admitted into the Union

The right of "the people to govern
themselves is inalienable." (But
why not give it to the black as well
as the white? Or why not as much into
the hands of it?) The process of forcing a
government upon a people against
their wishes is truly a usurpation and
usurpation of the descendants of those who
fought in times "that tried men's souls."

May you be successful in your oppo-
sition to this monstrous encroachment
(the assumption of the Constitution) is the fervent

wish of your blood
is my humble wish! and
may the time ^{soon} when the doctrine
of popular sovereignty shall be applied
to all races of men, black as well as
white, and when the principles of
Liberty, and bounded liberty, shall be
every where acknowledged. I
would like a short reply to this
if in the pressure of your official
business. You can soon make a
moment to do so. An all round
pleasure and me your cheer
against the Reunion monument

I am sir yours

obed servant

Blanche Lamkin

5 - Greene

Logans on N. Y.

Washington D.C., Jan 15th 1854

To The Hon S. A. Douglass,

Dear Sir,

Pardon me for the liberty I take in addressing this note to you, but I am necessarily compelled to do so, I was brought here with the expectation of receiving a situation that would sufficiently remunerate me, but when I arrived here I found I was mistaken very much, I am here without means to convey me to my family in Ohio, I should be there, for without me they may lack the necessaries of life, I call upon your generosity, for to donate me the small sum of one dollar, - this to you is nothing, while to me at present it is everything, therefore do not hesitate to comply with my request, by doing this you may save a family from disgrace, answer as expediently as possible, direct through post office, I have ~~not~~ written to others members on the subject - do this and I shall be under obligations. G. M. Lewis

G. W. Lewis
Washington DC
Jan'y 15/58
Wants a donation
of \$1 —