

Hartford January 16th 1858.

Hon. Stephen A. Dingle.

Sir:

As we have not the pleasure of a personal acquaintance with you, we beg to apologize for this intrusion, which we get to trust you will excuse when you shall perceive the circumstances under which it is ventured on. We are the proprietors and publishers of a Democratic Newspaper in the German Language issued in Hartford for special circulation throughout the New England States. We engaged in the Enterprise from an honest conviction of the soundness of Democratic principles, - and as a proof of the correctness of

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of our views we mention that we have the countenance of General James T. Pratt, and of the Editor of the Hartford Times. - We were moreover, impelled to the undertaking from a conviction of the absolute necessity of affording the German population a political medium through which they might be guided aright and their vote secured for the Democratic candidates. This could only be done by giving them a paper, with which they could read and understand - one in the German language. - For to them as a body a paper in the English Language is a sealed book. We felt it to be the more necessary that they should be furnished with such a paper, that they might not become the dupes of our intriguing political adversaries, who go about, like Satan, seeking whom they may devour.

Our plan is to establish a second press in the city of Boston leaving here and New Haven a branch business, and we have engaged one of the best Editors, we hope to bring satisfaction to our friends.

To effect our object, we have invested what little capital we had in the materials necessary for the business, and had not the present Bank stagnation and pecuniary distress occurred, we could have got along, with the ordinary accommodation and rigid economy. - but nothing that we can do is adequate to the exigencies of the present crisis for we have exhausted our resources, and no supply can be obtained in what used to be the legitimate way. If trade was flourishing, and operatives were in full employ, their patronage would be prompt and regular. but at present they want all they can get for bread and can afford nothing for news.

Still they are very intelligent, and would
gladly read if placed in their power
and we assure you, Sir - the German vote
in point of Number is not to be despised
but they want a political guide, in order
to being misled into casting their votes
in the wrong direction. -

Sir, It has been occurred to us that
from your known liberality and rea-
soning to further any object of which
you approve you might be disposed
to afford us such a kindly pecuniary
assistance, as with what we have
reason to expect from others of your
Friends, would enable us to sustain
the conflict to its issue. - and we
much candidly confess that without
such friendly aid we fear we must
abandon the field to our enemies
In the hope that you will honour
us with a gratifying reply.

We are Sir

Yours very respectfully
L Lanthorn & Co.

Hartford Ct

Jan'y 16/58,

J. Sankauk

The Editors of a
German Paper,
- propose to extend
their publishing
business. Request
your aid.

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Crescent Village
Refugio Co. Texas,
Jan'y 16th 1838.

Hon. Stephen A. Douglas,

Dear Sir:

I received, by our last mail, from my brother, Gen. Wm. C. Lincoln, your recent able, lucid, and unanswerable speech, in the Senate, upon the President's Message; have read it with the liveliest interest and satisfaction; have handed it over to one of my neighbors, and shall keep it moving until every man in this part of the Country has perused it.

The object of this note is, very respectfully, to request you to do me the honor to place my name upon your list of recipients of documental favors, and send me, if you please, all your published speeches. Be assured, Sir, I will make good use of them. True, I am not one of your constituents; yet I hope the day is not far distant when I shall be.

Your position upon the doctrine of popular sovereignty can not be shaken; and should be sedulously maintained and cherished by all democrats in every State of the Union.

Without this great fundamental principle in
the Democratic Creed, vigorously maintained and
carried out in all their legislation, the party
would, in a short time, be crushed out of
existence by the mighty political and ga-
notical influences that are brought con-
stantly to bear upon it. I therefore, con-
sider it inseparably connected with the
continued existence and triumph of our party.
And I rejoice, that there is one gentleman
in the Senate of the United States, who has plan-
ted himself upon this great doctrine, with
the determination with it - "to sink or
swim."

Pardon ^{me} Sir, for the liberty I have
thus taken, and believe me to be,

Very respectfully,

Your friend, and obt. servt.,

S. Lindsey

Crescent Village

Refugio Co. Texas

Jan'y 16/58

S. Lindsley.

Comments in
course - want

all ~~now~~ printed

speeches - to be
placed on doc
list -

Sincerely
 June 16 1858

Dear Sir

I wish to procure your
 various speeches at this season upon the
 "Kansas question" and if they could be had
 the report of the Committee of unification
 appointed by the House of Reps, and the report
 made by you as chairman of the Com. on For.
 You will confer a favor by sending to me such
 of the above mentioned papers as can be
 conveniently procured.

Respectfully

Wm. D. Boylston

Wm. L. Dwyer.

Geo. B. Payne's
Lexington, Ky.
Jan'y 11/58,
Wants speech
Report to on
Kansas affairs

Cardinal Jackson County Illinois
 Jan'y 16. 1858

Friend Douglass

Dr Sir
 You will please send me the present office report of 1856. I am something in need of the number which contains the pictures of birds &c. Agricultural also., and oblige a Douglass Dem.

We (dems) heartily endorse your course in "Kansas policy" and intend to sustain you against attacks, let them come from what quarter they may. I am Dr. Sir humble servant &c

To Hon S. A. Douglass
 Washington City
 U.S.

W. A. Perrier

Carbondale
Jackson Co. Ills
Jan'y 16, 188.
Mr. W. Perrine.

Approvingly, &
wants Pat' off R^r
for 1856. —

Manhattan, Kansas, Nov. 16, 1858

Wm Stephen A. Douglass!

Dear Sir — Will you be kind enough to place my name among the recipients of your Congressional favors? I should like Document from the Senate and as I have no acquaintances among Western members except my friend Parrott in the House, I have taken the liberty of addressing you. Anything no matter how far back will be interesting to us, as we miss very much the privileges of our Northern Libraries and the reading. For the many and consistent courses you have taken this Session, be assured, you have the entire sympathy and hearty thanks of the people of Kansas.

With great Respect

Your Very Res. Servt.

John W. Robinson

Wm S. A. Douglass.

U. S. Senate }

John W. Robinson

Manhattan

Jan 16/58.

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High Point M.O. Jan 16 1839

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

Dear Sir

Although
I am not one of your immediate Constitu-
-ents I am none the less a profound
-admirer of your Course Political &c —
And if it will not be trespassing on both
your time and duty to the Nation Democracy
of Illinois should be highly honored
and most pleased to receive such Public
Documents as you can conveniently send
to me from time to time &c. Hoping that
your future career may be as illustrious and
successful as the past has been —
I remain

Yours in Democracy
J. D. Sherman
High Point
Moniteau
Co. Mo.

J. D. Sherman
High Point
Jan. 16. Mo.
asking dr's



Buffalo, Aug 16 1858
 To the Honorable

Stephen A Douglass Esq
 Sir I take the liberty of addressing you
 at this time on the subject of an appointment
 to be made that of collector for the
 port of Buffalo believing as I do that
 in all the appointments the public interest
 should first be subserved and that of the
 of the democratic party should be consulted
 and from what I have been able to learn
 I feel that I am representing the general views
 of the democracy of our section that
 there should ^{be} a change made at this
 time as the present incumbent has held
 the office four years I will have no comment
 for your consideration John W Bedwiler
 a sterling democrat of the old school
 as a worthy and reliable democrat who
 has the confidence of the party and is
 well qualified for that office and would
 solicit your influence to have him appointed
 to that office if you should feel at liberty
 to do so you will confer a favor on
 one of our worthy democratic friends and
 the public I will now say that I have

no personal interest to gratify in this
appointment what I have written has
been from a sense of duty that I feel
for the general welfare of the party
and the public interest and am so
wedded to the great principles of the
party as I am drawn by Jefferson
Madison, Monroe, and Jackson
that it is hard for me to subscribe
to any new principles at this time.
I am advocated by the fire eaters
of the South or extreme radicals of
the North I feel that I am Whitney
a man who holds the same principles
with the great democratic party of
the Union. I will now say to you
that the measures and positions you
occupy in relation to the Cons. Question
are fully sustained by the democracy
of this State. Should you wish
further evidence as to my passion
for forty years I will refer you
to the Hamble Armas, P. Grange, M. C.
from Onondaga Co. State of New York
with due regard and Esteem
Wm. H. Smith

this article has given the blind
an old democrat of 60 years

Wm. H. Smith
June 11, 1861

Buffalo, N.Y.
Jan'y 16/58.
Josh H. Smith

no

Port Chester (N.Y.)
 West Chester
 New York
 January 16, 1858

Mr Stephen A. Douglass
 Senator in Congress. Dear Sir.

Send me your printed speeches - also a
 Diagram of the Senate Chamber.

Yours Very Respectfully
 Your Obedient Servant

L. E. Washington Smith.

Geo. W. Smith
Rochester
Jan'y 16/58, My
Want your sketches
of a diagram of the
Senate



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W. P. Stowell
of Amherst,
Mass -

Wants your
Autograph

Amherst Jan 16th 58

Dear Sir,

I am endeavoring
to collect the autographs of some
of the distinguished men of our
country, and if it would not be
troubling you too much I would
like yours, together with what
ever advice you may see fit
to give a young man in
College, and one who tries to feel
a deep interest in the affairs of
his country. If you should see
fit to answer this, please direct
to W. P. Stowell Amherst College,
Amherst Mass, by so doing you
will greatly oblige your friend,
W. P. Stowell
Hon. Stephen A. Douglas

Nov. 9, 61
Haverhill, Mass.
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Haverhill, Mass.
Haverhill, Mass.

McClellandtown
Pa - Jan'y 16/58
Ashbury Stubb

Political
Names for
speeches etc.

Yon January 16th 1858
Hon. Stephen A Douglas

Dear Sir Being pleased with
Your political course, desire now
that your views in the Kansas
affairs should be fully sustained
and carried out. The Democratic
Editor in this County has not
given any of your speeches on the
Kansas question only part of your
Explanations and short answers to
Mr Bigler. Your speeches therefore
come to this community through
Republican papers which is rather cal-
culated to prejudice the case. indeed but
few of the Democratic party here will read
a Democratic speech published in a
Republican paper and as our Editor ap-
pears to take sides with the president and
Mr Bigler, and ^{the Democrats} not having your speeches
can hardly be fully capable of forming a
correct opinion. I therefore desire you
to send your speeches to a few individuals
in this County under your own name

could your Speeches be laid at Once
before the whole Democratic Party
public Opinion would soon burst on
Congress with such force that could
not be resisted, it is therefore an imp-
ortant matter that your Speeches should
be universally read. I have not yet under-
stood which side our member Mr. Wm.
Montgomery has taken. If he takes
your side of the question it will be well
for him, and in so doing he ought
to pour in your Speeches in torrents in-
to this County. Thousands of your Spee-
ches ought to be printed in Great
and sent out. I am no politic-
ian, but stand a head and shoulder
above the political world, on a good
Pennsylvanian farm, from which I
would not descend for any office but desire
as an American citizen to see justice
done, I here give you names I desire you
to send to. Isaac Crow, Michael Ridler
Hugh Gilmore, Philip D. Stenzl Esq
(McCallandtown Fayette Co Pa.
John & Jonathan Sterling Josiah Allabaugh
Rev. Jacob Mack. Measontown Fayette Co
Pa. These are influential Men of the Demo-
cratic Party, most respectfully yours
Wm. Callandtown Pa. Lehigh Valley

J. H. Treat,
Andover, Mass.
Jan'y 16, 1858.
Wants speech.

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Andover Mass Jan 16th 1858

Sir

You will greatly
oblige me by sending me
your speech on the Free-
dom Constitution.

Yours very respectfully
J. H. Treat
Andover Mass

Hon Stephen A. Douglas

Went of early
Jan 10 1857
Hoboken N.J.
H. A. Green

Received from Mr. A. D. 10 1857

Sir

Yours will please
be sent to the
care of the
Rev. Mr. A. D.
Hoboken N.J.
A. D. 10 1857

Yours A. D.

Sunbury Livingston Co. Ill. Jan 16/53

Hon. S. A. Douglass

Dear Sir

I am in want of the Mechanical Patent Office Report & if you will send me the same & one of your Speeches on the Kansas Question I will consider them a great favor and be under lasting obligations to you for the same. And will say in my opinion your future political course will depend on a firm stand on that question that the people may decide their own interests at the Ballot Box and hope you will not flinch in your efforts in carrying out that great & vital principle.

Hoping your effort in preserving the purity of the Ballot Box will prevail
I subscribe myself yours
Truly
Olen Weeks
Hon. S. A. Douglass

Sunbury
Livingston Co. Ill.
July 16/58,
Eben Weeks

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Warsaw Illinois
Jan 16th 1838.

Dear Sir, S. A. Douglass

I wish you to send me Prof Eschscholtz's last Rpt
on Meteorology, and first Vol, Pacific
Rail Road explorations over Rocky Mountains.

Our winter has been one of the mil-
dest ever experienced so far, River open
Boats Running - ground has been
but 5 inches frozen yet, two light frosts
of snow, Mercury ranging from 32° to 50°
trade improving -

Your Position on the
Kansas Question meets with the favor
of the Democracy as well as the Rep-
ublicans, Ross, Wozley, Stephens,
and all Gen Fremont endorse the
Stand taken, the Missouri Republican
has disappointed its Readers awfully in
the Stand taken on the Decempr Convention.
from this on it will lose its influence -
the "People" are displeased with the
President on Banks, and Kansas affairs
If you are at a lops for a visitor

from Illinois to West Point. You can
just supply the State by the use of my
name and no harm will be done
either in the one case or the other
although I desire being in
Washington soon. I do not call
on you and know an old
acquaintance as far back as
Sixteen Days

Please remember me
when you have occasion for business
there And believe me to be

Yours Truly
Benjamin Whitaker

P.S. The feeling is strong here to raise
a Regiment for the Uta Expedition
and our friend Col Stephens is
on the "ground",

Mr. Carr
of Virginia
of Virginia

Warsaw, Ill.
Jan 16 / 58.
Benjamin Whitaker

Monticello N. Y.
Jan 16th 1858

Hon. A. A. Douglass
Sir

Will you have
the kindness to send the Patent office
reports 1856. Agricultural to
Jesse Sumner
Sent
W. H. Higgins

W. H. Higgins
Monticello
N. Y. Jan'y 16/58

Wants Pat Off
Repts for 1856
Agricultural

Boston Jan^y 16th 1857

Hon. Stephen A. Douglass

Sir

You would confer
a favor on me by sending me a
copy of your Speech Delivered in the
U. S. Senate Decr 9th 1857

Very respectfully

Your obt^d Serv^t
Owen, J. Winn

Direct. O. J. Winn
Boston Post-office

Owen J. Winn.
Boston Mass
Jan'y 16/68.
Wants speech.

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