

Havana, N.Y.
Jan'y 21/58.
W. T. Jackson.



Havana N.Y.

Jan'y. 21. 1858

Hon S A Douglass

Sir

While I was
a member of the 31st Congress, I
formed a slight acquaintance with
you; I was there as a free soil Whig
you in the Senate a Democrat, we
consequently did not form that
intimate acquaintance that we
probably would have done had we
not differed so widely in politics.

Your present position
on the great and highly important
question of Popular Sovereignty. I
hold is right and must be the
ruling principle in organizing states,
under our Constitution.

During the last Presidential
Campaign I was a supporter



ms. no. 101
1-1-1-1-1-1
ms. no. 101

of Mr. Fillmore, while you are
for the present Chief Magistrate.

I speak of having supported Mr
Fillmore to show you the position
that I occupy politically in our
State, and what my views are
on the issue that now exists on
the question of popular sovereignty.

I think a large majority in
this State agree with you on that
subject.

In order that your
views may be fully understood by
myself and others in this commu-
nity, I have thought my ^{words} ~~and~~ ^{words}
"is a sufficient excuse for ask-
ing that you would favour me
with such speeches & documents
as you might feel willing to
favour me with my object must
be obvious to you.

Truly yours
W. J. Jackson

Wmison Jan 21st 1858

Now Mr Douglass

sir I should
be under obligation to you
if you would send me
a copy of your speech in
congress on the ~~House~~ Kansas
question our rep- is a
republican & does not send
any documents to the members
of the democratic party

Yours

Josiah M Kimmy

If any documents you send
I would distribute to the
friends of the cause.

Yours

Josiah M Kimmy

Wmison
Delaware to
Ohio

Joseph W. Kinney
Maison - Dela
Co. Ohio.
Jan 7/58.
Wants Speech.

Harberville
Bucks Co. Pa.
Jan 21/58
C. B. McChesney

wants documents

2858
Harberville
Bucks Co Penna
Jan 21/58.

Dear Sir

I should be pleased
if it comport with your
pleasure to receive from
you any documents
bearing on the present
questions which so deeply
agitate the Country. Tho'
an "American" I heartily
concur in your views so
recently so ably expounded
and shall take pleasure
in doing all in my power
here to advance the cause
and its supporter.

Yours Truly
The
Am. A. Douglas
C. B. McChesney
W. S. S. S.

199 Washington St New York Jan 21 1857

Hon Stephen Douglass

Dear Sir

You will greatly oblige me
by sending any documents which
you may have for general distribution
such as Reports of Expeditions, Speeches
&c

By doing so you will greatly
oblige

Yours truly
Edw Mann

Please direct to

Edw Mann

199 Washington St -
New York City

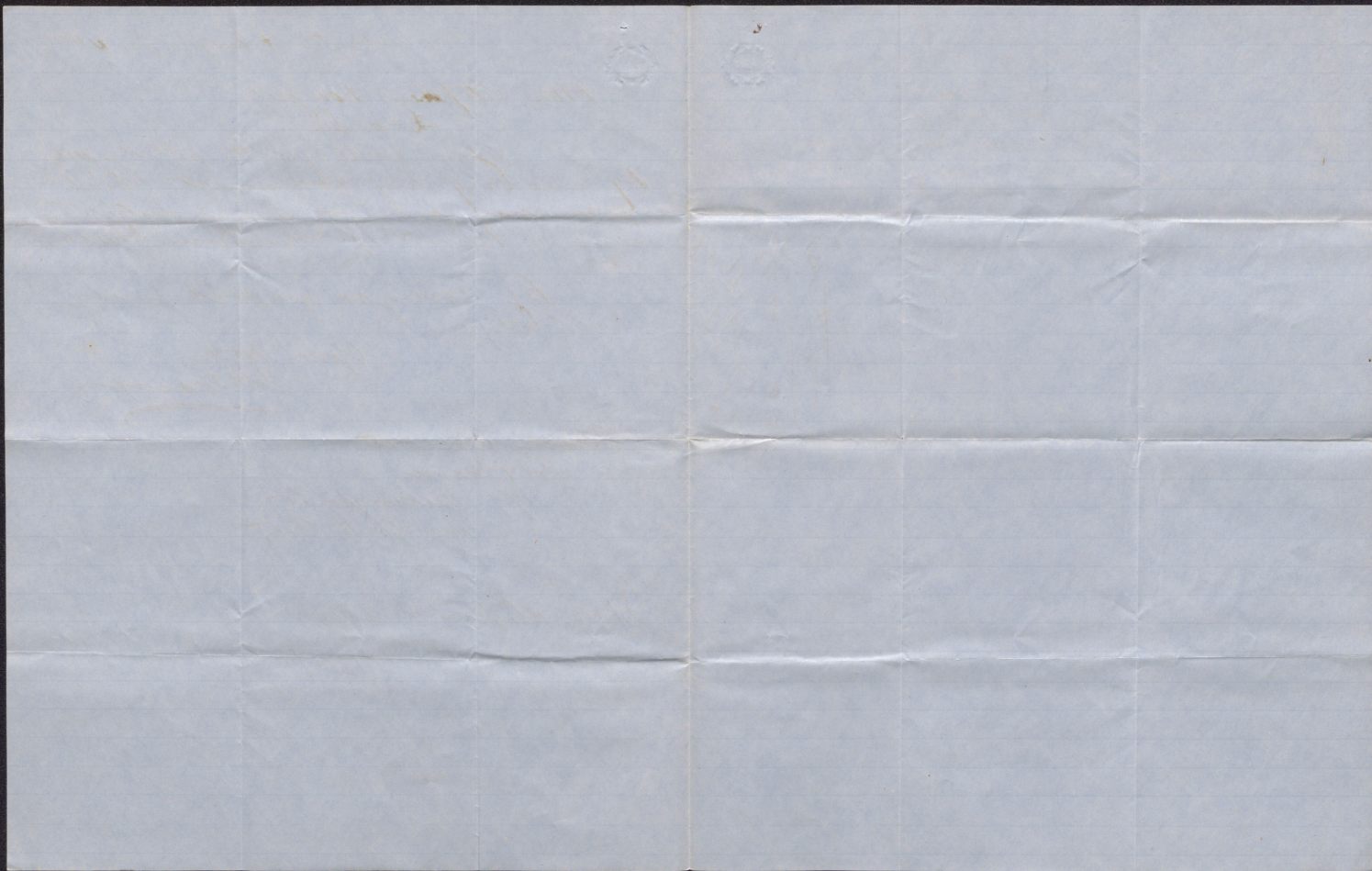
To

Hon Stephen A. Douglass

Ed. A. Mann
199 Washington

Jan. 20. N.Y.

asking dries



Letter of
Jno. T. Mason
Jan'y 21. 1858.
Introducing
Mr. Baughen.

2890
Baltimore January 21 1858.
My dear Sir I beg leave to make you ac-
quainted with Mr. J. C. Baughen, a member
of the long established and highly esteemed
firm of J. P. Stearns & Son, importers and
dealers in liquors of this City.

He visits Washington on
matters connected with his business,
and it gives me pleasure to say, that
he is a gentleman in whose word the
fullest confidence may be reposed,
and whose business transactions may
be in all respects relied upon.

Very Respectfully Yours
Chas. L. Smith.

Thos. Thomson Mason
Hon. S. A. Douglass
Ch. S. Roberts



Handwritten text, possibly a signature or name, in cursive script.

Frederick City Jan. 21, 1858

Stephen A. Douglas

Sir:—Being an ardent admirer
of your political dogmas, you will oblige me ex-
ceedingly by forwarding to me by return mail
^{4 copies} a ~~copy~~ of your speech upon "Kansas and the
Lecky Constitution" as I wish not only
to give it a careful perusal myself, but would
like my friends to have it also.

Yours &c

James Murdoch

To Hon^{ble} S. A. Douglas

Herald Office Fred^{rick} Md

Geo Murdock

Frederick City

Md Jan^y 21/58,

Wants
4 copies speech

Jos T. Pease
Edgartown.
Mass - Jan'y 21/58.
Wants "Financial
Report"

DANIEL FISHER, President.
JOSEPH T. PEASE, Cashier.

2898

Martha's Vineyard Bank.

Mass
Edgartown, Jan 21 1858

Hon S. A. Douglas.

Dear Sir

Will you
have the goodness to send me
a copy of the Financial Report
of the Secretary of the Treasury
and oblige your Obt Servant

Joseph T. Pease

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Pleasant ridge Harrison county
Mo

Nov 21st 1858

Dear sir—, Seeing the position you have
taken on the Kansas question this winter
meets my views and likewise a great many
friends in this county I therefore wish you
great success in your undertaking. I will there
fore give you a list of a few names of friends at
this place, yours with respect

John I. Price

J. W. Beck
Henry Howe
James Strait
J. Welden
James Price
Eli Strait
Aaron Fair
John Worth
Peter Pettitt
B. Archer
Veazey Price
Wm L. Price
L. M. Bush

Address Pleasant ridge Harrison
county Mo

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John J Price,
Pleasant Ridge
Harrison Co. Mo.
Jan 21. 1858.

Wants Speeches
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gives names,

Portsmouth New Hamp Jan 21st 1858

Dear Sir

I am collecting at the present time the "Autographs" of distinguished men of our Country, and having a desire to place yours among the number address you at this time.

Excuse me for troubling you at present, and allow me the honor of receiving what I so much desire, your Autograph.

Respectfully

Yr Obedient Servant
John S. Brand

To
 Hon Stephen A Douglas M.C.

B.S.

Your recent course in reference to Kansas matters has won my lasting respect & unfeigned gratitude, and New Hampshire's sons gladly thank you for your great speech in behalf of right.

John. Rand
Portsmouth
N. H.

Wants Autograph





Trumbull, Ind:
Jan'y 21st 1838.

Dear Judge,

I have not written you because I knew that you were already overwhelmed with letters that you had no time to read, much less to answer - I knew too that you could manage your own affairs in your own way, and when I read your great speech - great in principle, great in its clear logical exposition of truth - great in forcible argument, I felt that one universal outburst of applause from the North, the East and the West would sustain you in your position, as that mortal man could wish.

Such universal approbation ought surely to satisfy your highest ambition.

It was a triumph in which your friends feel proud - I have never seen

such universal approbation given
to any speech as to this of yours-

The Communists now feel that you are
the defender of their rights - that the principle
you advocate is that which is dearest to them -

It is plain and easily understood -

You are perhaps more familiar with Indian
politics than I am, in the main, at the same
time no man can understand how odious
the Secessionist principle is to everybody
here unless he mixes among the people -

As far as I care, I will endeavor
to throw some light upon the State
Convention of the 8th which you may
not well understand -

First then, few weeks before that Convention
was held Bright had his emissaries traversing
the State and packing the County Conventions.

Almost every man was promised an office
who asked or was thought would ask and
add to these those already holding office
and there was quite a formidable array
of working men. Working as they thought

for bread - It made no difference what
resolutions of instructions were ~~given~~
passed at the County Conventions, they
managed to get men to go as delegates
to the State Convention, who would violate
them - Of all that passed on the evening
of the 7th Mr Davis can inform you -
It was conceded by all that the friends
of the popular sovereignty doctrine had gained
the advantage that evening -

When the time came to organize on the
8th the Bright faction came into
the hall blanched and pale. At the very
onset they were unfair and so continued
all the while - They put in nomination
for President of the Convention the Governor
and many of the Counties which would
have voted against any other man, voted
for the Governor - But every man of them
tumbled at that vote, when they saw
County after County arrayed against
them - The Gov. was unfair for he
did not select one single man upon

resolutions who was a Douglas
man - It was the most excited
popular assembly I have ever seen -

Bright made a failure, a baulk in an
attempt to speak just before the introduction
of the resolutions - He was pale and trembling
and had no language and no ideas,
and his friends seeing the failure had
the Committee on resolutions to walk
in and of course he stopped -

After the resolutions were passed a few
voices cried out for Bright, but the majority
yelled no, no and hissed, and yelled
for Wallace and ^{cried} turn off the gas -

It was for an hour a perfect bedlam -

The Wallace resolution was passed at night.
This however does not satisfy the party
for the reason that coupling it with the others
it forms a platform that no man in
the State of Indiana dare stand upon and
ask for any office - Upon that no Con-
-stable or magistrate could be elected -

A candidate for the meanest office
in the gift of the people would have

to get upon a better platform -
With every other resolution stricken
out, we can carry the State of Indiana
largely by an overwhelming majority
on the Wallace Resolution -

We intend under these circumstances
to hold County Conventions in every County
in the State and form an out and out
popular sovereignty platform and then
have a mass Convention on the
22nd of July at Indianapolis
where a similar one will be formed
for the State - In no other way can
this State be saved - This will give the
State into the hands of the Douglas
men and the next Legislature, unless
they are brought after they reach
Indianapolis, will name Saml Bright
and Fitch to the Senate -

We expect them to be turned out
and we don't intend they shall
get back again -

After the first time Mr Bright's right
to rule this state was questioned—
He was hissed and scoffed at, and in
language which he could not mistake
he was informed that his power and
influence were gone—The people, who are
mightier than Presidents and Senators
were against him and he tumbled as he
stood before them—

His brother Mike, on the morning of
the 8th told Judge Huntington that
it could not be disguised that
49 out of every 50 of the inhabitants
of Indiana were against the Secession
Constitution, but that the adminis-
tration must be sustained—in other
words, his brother Jesse—

Just before Congress met Mr Bright
was here on evening and Sheridan
and myself called to see him—

Judge Borden was with him and the
Judge asked Sheridan, how the people
of his part of Illinois felt in regard
to the Kansas question—Sheridan

said, that they were universally in favor
of submitting, my sentence, was one
Syllable of the Constitution to the people
for their rejection or approval—

The Judge remarked, I am glad to hear
you speak in this way, Mr Head—that is
unquestionably the only true policy—
Mr Bright said yes, the whole Constitution
ought to be submitted to the people—This was
the precise language used—Both of these
gentlemen seem to maintain different
views now— I give you all this, just
as it is, from which you can judge of
the acts of our Indiana politicians

Can you come to Indianapolis at
the mass Convention on the 22nd of
July? It would give an impulse
to the mighty ^{of popular indignity} man, which is
swamping every thing before it—

Come if you can— If it could be
known that you would be present
and speak, there would be a demonstration
that would make the factious of
the State hide themselves in shame—

The Cin: Commercial of to day says
"The Douglas democracy of Indiana are
not satisfied with the position in which
they were placed by Bright's Convention of
Postmaster the other day - A mass
democratic meeting is to be held -

The best thing that Bright can do about
this, is to let it alone" -

I am sorry to trouble you at a time
when my moment is so valuable to you,
but as you have the President and part
of Congress in your pockets and your
foot in the ballance of the warglers,

I hope you can be spared long enough
from public affairs just to glance over
what I have written -

As ever, very faithfully
and truly your friend

E. A. Reed
Political

Hon S. A. Douglas

U. S. Senate

Washington
D. C.

Copy -
Jan 21st 1858.
E. A. Reed.

Cyrus B Smith
Northampton
Mass.
Went's Autograph

2195
Jan. 21, 1858
Stephen A. Douglas
most honored sir

My wish to
preserve the autograph and
sentiment of the man, who
I believe is truly great,
is ^{the} apology which I present
for the Liberty used by me
in addressing these few words
to you. If you will pardon
and favor me with a reply
indicating the true road to
greatness, it will ever be pre-
served and cherished by your
humble servant and admirer,

Cyrus B. Smith,
Northampton,
Mass.

Jan. 21st 1858.

Yours truly
 Wm. L. G. Smith
 Capt. to Genl.

Wm. L. G. Smith
 Capt. to Genl.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 10th inst. in relation to the matter of the 1st Regt. of Col. Smith's 1st Div. of the 1st Army Corps. I am sorry to hear that you are unable to attend to the matter at present. I will endeavor to do so as soon as possible. I am, Sir, very respectfully,
 Yours truly,
 Wm. L. G. Smith

2896
Mr. J. Smith.
Philad^a Pa.
Jan^y 21/58.
Wants speech

Philada. Jan^y. 21/58
Hon S. A. Douglas
Dear Sir

I would
esteem it a great favor,
if you would furnish
me with ~~you~~ a copy
of your speech of the
2nd ult. in defence of the
great principle of
"Popular Sovereignty"
With the greatest respect
I remain gr. &c -

W. Smith.
634 Spruce St

W. J. F. Smith
W. J. F. Smith
W. J. F. Smith

A. R. Spencer
Chicago
Jan'y 21/58. Ill's
Wants Pat-
off. Reports
-1856-

2897
Chicago Jan. 21/58
Hon Stephen A. Douglas
Washington

Dear Sir

Have the goods
- refs to send me copies
of the Patent Office Report
for 1857. for which
I am ~~gr~~

Yours Obedt Servt &c
A. R. Spencer

Wm. F. L. S.
Chicago
Ill.
1881
1881

Mrs. Bogdes

Philá. Pa.

Jan'y 21, 1858.

Wants Capt

McSellen's Report

on Crimea

Speeches & on

Kansas —



Central High School,

PHILADELPHIA,

Jan'y 21st 1858

My Dear Sir

Would you oblige me
if not attended with any trouble
or inconvenience to yourself
by sending me a copy of the
Report of Capt. McSellen et al
on the subject of their visit to
the Crimea, recently published
by the Senate, together with
any matter relative to the
Kansas question.

Remain very
Respectfully

Yours Friend
Stephen Douglass
Jm Bogdes



Central High School

STUDENT

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Faint, mostly illegible handwriting in cursive script, likely bleed-through from the reverse side of the paper.

2900
Jos E. Waldron
Danvers Port.
Mass Jan 21/53.
Wants speech.

Danvers Port Massachusetts.
Jan 21st 1853.
Hon. Stephen A. Douglass.
Sir.

Will you oblige
me, by sending one of your speeches, which
you have delivered in Congress.

Yours Truly
Joseph. E. Waldron.

Hon. Stephen A. Douglass



Wm. H. 2 604
West Avenue 4
- Glen
St. Louis - Mo.

A. W. Weeks
 Lowell
 Mass - Jan'y 21/58.
 Wants speech

Lowell, Jan. 21st 1858

Hon. S. A. Douglass,
 Dear Sir,

Will you please send to
 my address a copy of your
 late speech on that part of
 the President's Message relating
 to Kansas, and oblige
 Yours truly

Augustus W. Weeks.

Wm. W. W.

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Saxtons River Vt. Jan 21. 1858.

Wm. L. A. Douglas

Dear Sir,

My son has for years been one of your warm admirers, and has labored very perseveringly & quite successfully to bring me over to the democratic cause. He wrote and obtained from you copies of your speeches and other productions which were read with great interest in my family. Your recent speech on the Leecompton Constitution we have also read with pleasure and with entire approval.

For these reasons, although I have never seen you I seem to be acquainted with you. I am a clergyman—not one of the 3050—but I do not mention this fact from an injurious suspicion that you harbor any resentful feelings towards that worthy body—and therefore take a liberty which might not be proper in a man belonging to another profession. I admire you, Sir, as a profound statesman, and as unequalled in Congressional debate and political foresight; but you will pardon me in saying that I cannot avoid the apprehension that you may not be a christian, and it is for this (strange?) reason that I write you. I look forward to the end of all earthly honor and glory and see you grappling with the king of terrors and fear that you will not find the blessed Savior there as a friend to support and comfort you.

A Christian in my apprehension is one who takes Jesus Christ as his master, as well as savior—who, under a deep sense of the love of God to man in the blessings of creation and providence, but especially in the gift of his son to die for our sins, gives himself—his talents, affections, possessions, influence, all—to the service of God. A Christian is one who holds daily communion with God and obtains from him light and strength to perform the duties and endure the trials of life. A Christian is one who has seen himself lost by his sins and has accepted salvation as a free gift of God, through Christ, to the guilty—one who has had a foretaste of a felicity in heaven beyond our power to conceive, and whose main care in life is to fit himself for that felicity.

If you are a Christian in this sense, My dear Sir, I bless God for it—if not, may he in his infinite mercy lead you to become such. They are indeed few, as Jesus said, would be—so feebly developed are the elements of this character in many where they really exist, as to leave it doubtful whether they are truly disciples of Christ or not. Most of our great men are evidently not such as I have described. They render good service to the republic—*“curant in aliquod detrimenti respublica accipiant”*—but they live and die without the hopes and consolations of the gospel. They show respect to Christianity, but do not exhibit its spirit nor attain the character which it
(required).

In reviewing the history of our country, how few among our illustrious statesmen and warriors have been decided Christians! And how many of them have passed suddenly away from the arena of their struggles and their triumphs, without leaving behind them evidence that they were gone to mingle in more elevated society and engage in nobler employments. Believe me when I say, that stranger as I am to you, I have felt solicitude on your account but you should add to the number of these and should end your season of probation in darkness and despair. I desire earnestly that you may not be ensnared by ambition and the glory of earth, but raise your eyes to the crown of glory which awaits every faithful friend and follower of Christ, and especially such as stand in high places, and yet acknowledge in words & action, that they are only servants of the Crucified One.

Distinguished men occupy a position of difficulty and danger. They are surrounded with business, pressed by numerous claims on all sides, and have little leisure to attend to their own moral wants. Many approach them to seek their favor and their patronage—how to tell them of their dangers, and the only way of escape. You will trust, dear Sir, excuse the liberty I have taken to address you, and the plainness of speech which I have used. I have no earthly motive in doing it. My sole inducement is the hope I indulge—is it presumptuous?—of doing good and the

desire I feel to stand acquitted before my Master in
Heaven as a faithful servant; and I shall ^{deem} ~~think~~ my-
self happy if my words may have some little influence
in leading you to think more highly of Christ and his
salvation, and in persuading you to employ your
great powers of mind to promote his precious cause.

Yours very respectfully
J. M. Willmarth

P. S. Will you have the kindness to acknowledge
the receipt of this by forwarding me a copy
of your late Speech on Kansas affairs.

Stephen Rives, Jr.
Jan'y 21 1854
J. M. Willmarth.
Special
Ward's speech.

St Beato
Wants full length.

Clarks Office
H. & H. K.
L. & S. Lang
Hon. N. A. Douglass.
Senate Chamber

Dr Sir -
St. Beato
of Chicago, writes me, to
inquire if you re-
-ceived his letter in ref-
-erence to a full length, or the
extension of the same
Yours Truly
H. C. C. C.

St Beato
Chicago
Jan 21/88.
W. A. R. N. S.
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