

Pittsburgh, Pa. Jan 24, 1858.

Mr Stephen A. Douglas
Dear Sir

I have sent you

a copy of your celebrated speech
the Calhoun Constitution, and
very much obliged yours truly

John H. Baker.

I have direct it to Monongahela
City, Washington county, Pa.

Geo. S. Baker
Monongahela Cig-
Wash. & Co's Pa
Jan 24/58
Wash. Speech

Dear General

Sir, Mr Bagg has gone to Washington
As I am informed he has not given up the Post office
things are all quiet here no one wants any change
Bagg could not get one quarter of all the votes
Republicans and all in town and much less in the
County he probably has gone to make one more
trial he may have a ^{few} number of recommendations
Probable some of them ~~he~~ bought in the Grosshop
which is the fact Mr Browly has more friends
here in town and County than any other man
we could get up in our own ranks Probably
~~he~~ ^{Bagg} will not come to you for any help He may
think since he wrote a long article in ^{the} Constitution
which perhaps you have seen the President and
Postmaster General will do something for him
The very piece every democrat in town condemn
I have taken the liberty to write and take the
responsibility of ^{all} I have said I think ^{there} is no danger
of Bagg doing any thing but as a friend I want
you to watch him he is a snake in the grass
I refer you to my friend Cato and A. V. Brown

P. S.

Footpost does not want Mr Bagg Post Master

L. A. Douglas

J. H. Blop



Freeport, Ill.

Jan'y 24/58.

H. H. Bloß

Political. Win
reference to Mr.
Bagg. R - ~

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Bluff Dale Ranch Jan. 24, 1888

La Grange P.O. Hamilton Co. Cal

Hon. S. A. Douglass

Dear Sir

Though I have not heard from you in a long time except through the paper, I still remember your friendship with pleasure.

The democracy of Southern California are your warm friends to a man & many opposed to us in politics had rather see you President than any other man in the nation. Had it not been for Biggs and a few other democrats of like stripe you would have received the vote of this State at the last Presidential Convention.

Will you have the goodness to send me 100 of your late speech on the "Sovereignty of the people & the sovereignty of the State." for distribution in this section. I have resigned the office of P.M. at La Grange, but the present P.M. is my friend & we will send them all through

the Langtree minus. Can you not send me the
Patent Office report (agreements) for 1856 without too
big too much trouble

Yours with respect to
Estlin
Edward East Booth

La Grange, Ill.

Jan. 22^d a Cal.

Louis W. Roth.

12 Copies of Kansas
Speech to be sent
to him.

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12 copies.

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Chicago, Ills
Jan'y 24/58
S. B. Buckner
Political

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Chicago, Ill.
Jan'y. 24, 1858.

My dear Sir:

On my return
to Chicago, a few days
since, I had the pleasure
of finding the copy of
your speech which you
enclosed to me. I had
previously read it, with
great satisfaction, as it
appeared in our Ky.
papers; and as far as
my voice goes can give
it my full and entire
concurrence.

I further believe,
that its sentiments meet
with the full approbation
of the majority of the

people of Louisville, amongst
whom, I am now residing.

I am so fully impressed
with the views you so
forcibly express, that I
cannot refrain from
conveying to you my
thanks, as a democrat,
for so thorough a vindica-
tion of our true
Creed.

With my compliments
to Mrs. Douglas, be
assured of my respect
and regard, of

Yours most truly,

S. R. Buckner.

To
Hon. S. A. Douglas.
Washington, D.C.

P. S. Though my residence
has been changed, I cannot
lose the interest which I
feel from my previous
identification with and
future associations with
Chicago. It is ^{with} pleasure,
therefore, that I can
look forward, with
hope, to the result of
the spring elections.

S. R. Buckner.

Harrowsburg Jan. 24th 1858
 Gen. Stephen A. Douglas

Mr. Sir Time speeds on -
 Something must be done. The two divisions
 of the party are now as separate and
 distinct as the American & Republican parties.
 To attempt to unite these divisions by the next
 campaign will be useless and may be
 disastrous. Besides - could a union be effected,
 I do not see that it would in any way be
 beneficial to Douglas & Walker Democrats.
 An attempt at reunion should be left for
 the administration Democrats.

But my object is to seek advice, not give it.
 I am not satisfied with any of the
 propositions made by the New Societies
 of either New York or Philad^a. Neither do
 I believe any of these organizations will
 be even made public.

I know that more can be done by a
 (Secret) traveller - one who can in private
 conversations influence petty politicians - country
 papers & than by all the stump oratory
 which can be produced.

If you have any instructions by which the
 (Douglas) Democracy may be advanced
 Interest of (Douglas) Democracy may be advanced

ced, I will be happy to learn them.
It is evident that those who start first will
win the race, in this case.

Anything bearing an honorable countenance
can be put through, during the present
unsettled condition of politics.

Address your next. Erie Erie Co, Pa.

Truly and Respt.

J. Am. V. A. Douglas

J. A. Cooper

(Strictly confidential)

P.S. You will scarcely recognize ^{me} this time,
that the rail will be raised at the proper
time

J. A.

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Marionburg

H. V. Janis 24/88

J. A. Cooper
Political

Whitewashing Swale Co Ohio
 Jan'y 24th 1838

Nov.

E A Douglas

Dear Sir

Can an old line Democrat allow me to con-
 gratulate You on the position You occupy (not
 only on the Kansas question) but in the hearts
 of the democracy of this part of Ohio as I
 thought it might not be disagreeable to You
 to know how You stood with the people I will
 just say that I know of no democrat in
 this County who does not heartily endorse Your en-
 tire course on the Kansas question and as our delegate
 in the United Convention was for You against all
 others so now we say You are the man of the
 people and are with You and for You in all
 circumstances hereafter as I am not a letter writer
 upon the manner in which I convey my best
 wishes for Your future prosperity and success and

Believe me when I assure You that should
You ever be in a position to ask the suffrages
of the people count on me as Your humble
and fast friend and may success be
Yours to whatever honorable position You aspire
to I append a list of names of the Democracy
of which You may make such use as in
Your wisdom may seem proper

Respy Yours

Wm. C. C. C.

A. Hudson,
Worcester,
Ohio,
Jan'y 1873,
D. C. C.

Reading, Pa - Jan 24th 1858

Honorable, Stephen A Douglas,

Dear Sir. I will thank you very much for a copy of your celebrated speech on the Lecompton Constitution. I am on the Democratic side of the house with you and I believe that you are right and not only me but nine tenths of the democracy of old Berks believe as I do that is those who read and judge for themselves. I will thank you for the mechanical and agricultural reports of the Patent office just issued. Send me off you please anything that is interesting to read for I am a mechanic and a Reading democrat. I wrote to you during the last Congress of Mr. Neff a farmer in Illinois who is a warm admirer of yourself to not forget him in the distribution of your favours, this is his directions. Jacob H. Knerr, Charmond, Richland County, Illinois. He is a young man of twenty five and is married and owns his farm of an hundred and sixty acres with improvements and has it paid for and has it stocked well. Please don't forget him, with many thanks for past favours. I remain your true friend.

Hon Stephen A Douglas,

Levi P Knerr

Senr P. Knerr

Reading Pa.

Jan'y 24/58

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to his nephew

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Wausau Ill 24th Jan'y 1858

Mr Sir

You have doubtless heard of the long
contested case in the Genl Land office,
involving the right to enter the lands
embraced in the Plat of the Town
of Mankato, at the "great Southern
Bend" of the Minnesota River as a
Town site, under the act of Congress
of the 23rd May 1844.

This is the point to which you called
my attention at the Quincy House in
1847, and advised ^{me} that when I went to
Minnesota to keep my eye upon that
point, and as soon as practicable to
secure ~~that point~~ ^{it}. I done so, and I am
one of the Original claimants & Proprietors
of that Town, and now own a larger
interest in it than any other individual.
Iay near 100 lots & Permanent improve-
ments that has cost me about \$10,000.
Three years after we had commenced our
claim, and had occupied ^{it} all the time &
made Valuable Town improvements, an
attempt was made by a set of Lawyers
to wrest it from us for no
other reason than that we had been there too

long, as we had made the selection of the Union Site before the extinguishment of the Indian title. But was in possession at the ratification of the Treaty, and have been ever since.

The case is now before the Comr of the Gen Land Office for his final decision, and this is the only point that has not been settled in our favor.

Judge Young is attending to the case at Washington, as our attorney, to whom I beg leave to refer you for the particulars, and who is well acquainted with the merits of the case, and will explain it to you, if you will call upon him. The Judge ^{says} that there is a strong combination against us, and that great exertions are being made to defeat us by all kind of foul means.

Now if you can ~~render~~ by your influence or otherwise, render the Judge any assistance in securing our just rights, you will confer a great favor upon me, as well as many others of your personal & political friends, who are interested in said Town, and which will ever be remembered with gratitude by me, and will be suitably rewarded when an opportunity

shall offer.

I am now settled here for life, and comfortably situated in a fine new brick house, and feel like I am living at home once more. I expect to resume my old position as a Private in the Democratic ranks, and battle for the Principles so ably advocated by you.

Jew Judge I am aware that you have done many favors for me, which I have always tried to reciprocate to the best of my judgment and ability, and as this will probably be the last I will ever call on you for, and I hope and confidently rely upon your best exertions being used in my behalf, to keep me from being swindled out of my just rights.

My health was so poor when you was in St Paul last summer that I was not able to call on you, and expected that you would call upon me before leaving the city, but was disappointed.

Our mutual friend the Hon R G Murphy ^{is} taking a lone interest in Mankato, to whom you will render a great favor by giving your early attention to this matter. My health is much improved

Since I left St Paul in October last
and Mr Leech is as well as usual.

I am Dr Sir Very Respectfully your
old friend and humble servant.

Wm L A Douglas
Washington City
D.C.

Saml Leech

Manassas Lees
Jan 24/68
Saml Leech —

Requests a pair of
A. F. & S. in
a Continental
car now in the
hands of Judge Sprague.

Judge Sprague states that
the case has been
referred to.

Covington Ky

Jan'y 24/58

Hon S. A. Douglas

Dr Sir

Will you
do me the favor to send me a copy
of your late speech delivered in
the U. S. Senate on the Kansas
question

I oblige

Your obt Servant
Aston Macleira
Covington Ky

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

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Jan 24/58. R. J.
Went Speech.

Indianapolis July 24. 57
 Hon. A. Douglas
 Washington

Dear Sir
 I have in view looked for
 your last speech on the Kansas question in pamphlet
 form, and having been in the habit of preserving all
 your speeches, I beg leave to request the one
 above referred to as well as all others you may
 make hereafter which I fear will become highly
 necessary in the vindication of ^{the} popular sovereignty
 doctrine and nothing but unbiassed election can
 vindicate it. The whole Northern Democracy with
 a few insignificant exceptions depend on your
 patriotism, and defeat on this question would
 be the downfall of Democracy in the North, we
 look to you for preservation and may God grant
 that we will not be doomed to disappointment.
 Hoping to revise all your speeches &c. &c. hereafter
 I remain Dear Sir
 S. Morris

Indianapolis

Jan'y 24/58.

Sol: Moritz

Approvingly

wants speech -

Wathona Jan'y 24/58

To the Honorable Stephen A. Douglas
 as a resident of Kansas and friend of your Enabling
 act permit me in my capacity to address you
 I came to Kansas under the solemn pledge
 from Congress that we should form our
 own institutions and under that pledge I came
 here, and the people will not be satisfied
 with anything short of your Enabling Bill
 I spent some time in circulating a petition
 got up by Peck, age praying for the defeat
 of the Leecompton Court, also the Topiker
 and I found it to be just what the
 conservative portion of the people wanted
 We also are trying to get the Survey office
 at Wathona I think by reference to the
 map you will see that this is the best
 Point at the junction of the California
 and Potomac roads, where all of the
 goes to St. Jo there is but one place on
 on the river as good as this Point and
 that is out of the district Leavenworth,
 I will introduce you to Coff, Craig of
 St. Joseph, Post office Address Wathona
 Douglas County K. T.
 Wash.

Washburn R.I.
Jan'y 28/58
S. Wash-

Political. Sustains
you, wants your
Enabling act

Syracuse Jan^y 24. 1838

Hon Sir

On the 14th I mailed a communication to you, of which the following is a copy; viz.

Sir.

In accordance with the request of a committee of the Syracuse Citizens Corps^s, I have the honor to enclose their communication, inviting you to deliver an Oration on the 22^d of February 1838, together with a copy of the Resolution adopted by the said Corps for the governance of their Committee.

Justice requires that I should say that this Corps ranks with the best soldiery of the Empire State, in point of equipment, drill and discipline; Composed of real bone and sinew it is always ready for service at home or abroad. In addition to its manifold duties, it yearly observes the Birth day of the Father of his Country in a spirit of true Patriotism. Our citizens are justly proud of this Corps.

The Resolution of the "Citizens Corps" in my judgement, reflects faithfully the sentiments of our people. Your acceptance will insure a cordial reception.

With sentiments of highest respects
Your obed^t Serv^t
John D. Tick

No reply having been received,
it is feared that my letter failed to reach you.
The shortness of the time left for securing another
speaker in case of your inability to come, increases
their anxiety, and prompts this communication.

Very respectfully
Your obed^t Serv^t
John D. Tick

Syracuse, N.Y.

Jan'y 24/88.

John Peck.

Invitation to deliver
an address on the
22^d Feby. —

Mr. C. Poppes
Decatur
Jan. 24. 1859
Wash D.C.

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Decatur Illinois January 24 1859
Hon. Stephen A. Duggles United
States Senator from the State of
Illinois!

Highly Respected Sir!

I have taken the Liberty and wrote
a Letter to you so abrupt in the
care of the Centennial Committee of
Springfield about the latter part
of October, then I have rewritten
a Letter to you about Dubuque to War-
rington City about the 25th of November
mailed at Sangamon Station, then
I was advised of P. D. Sheppards P.M.
Decatur and to the present day I
have not received a answer, for
noth reason I could noth account
therefore Sir! I am mailing this
Letter at South Morgan and I hope
you will have the goodness
Dear Dubuque and honor me with
your worthy reply if P. D. Sheppards
is conform as Post Master at Decatur

and when I have any Documents
to distribute among your constituents
to please to remember me, with great
pleasure I have the Honor to congratulate
you to our sorrow to have the distinguished
Senator retired again. For 6 Jan I
don't know how the Democratic
Party could get along with out
the distinguished Senator God save
and speed you is my prayer sorry
to all our unexpecting, I hope to
have the Honor to receive your worthy
reply as soon as practicable I have the
Honor to sign my name and remain
with high regards your most obedient
Servant Joseph E. Rogers
Senator Illinois

my obedient regards
and all good wishes follows your
worthy distinguished Lady.



Jonesboro Ind. 24, 1st mo. 1838
S. A. Douglass Esq.

Please
send a copy of thy speech on
the Reamington Constitution
and oblige

C. J. Ratliff

Address

Jonesboro

Grant Co.

Ind.

C. J. Ratliff
Mustard
Jan'y 24/58 Ind
wants speech

H C Reno
Ward Eldred

wants to procure
situations with
some exploring ex-
pedition to South America

Carrollton Ga
Jan'y 24. 1888.

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~~Carrollton~~ ^{Ellis} Carrollton Ga. 24/88

At The Hon

S. A. Douglass

Dear Sir

I pen you these few lines
to inquire of you if you know of any
exploring expedition going to
South America and if you do to let
me know and if you could get me
and a young friend of mine a berth
with them you would confer
an everlasting obligation on

Your most obedient servant

~~H. C. Reno~~
H. C. Reno

Ward Eldred



Flourville, ²⁹⁷⁸ Fulton County, N.Y. 24th January 1858

Hon. S. A. Douglas

Excuse the liberty
I have taken in directing to you a copy of
the "Flourville Standard," of which you
the Editor, containing some remarks on the
noble stand you have ~~decided~~ on the Kansas
question. If you notice the editorial so far
as to read it, you will be able to form
some faint idea of the the enthusiasm
of attachment to your name & fame
that your recent speech in the U.S. Senate
has aroused among all classes in this region.
This village, out of some eight hundred
voters cast in the Fall of 1856, gave upwards
of six hundred to the Republican candidate
& yet if the opportunity was to be afforded to day
for the electors to vote on the subject, I do
not think that a dozen could be found who
would express other than a hearty approval
of the glorious attitude so courageously
adopted, & so ably sustained by yourself,
in the defence of the dearest interests of Union
citizens. Not only in this village, but
throughout this county & the adjoining ones,
from every direction, & from various parties,
the voice of grateful acknowledgment is heard
that in our country's hour of need, the man
was found.

"Who knows our rights, & knowing, dare maintain!"
In the name of our common humanity, &

Thank you for the lesson you have taught
those whose insatiable thirst of power had caused
them to forget the principles for which
our immortal ancestors contended. Of the
applause of millions of your countrymen,
& the grateful remembrance of future
ages are rewards ~~for~~ which the patriot
statesman may well aspire, you have
enough, present & prospective, to satisfy
the largest ambition.

Believe me, Sir, it is
not an idle vanity, but a laudable desire
to cherish tokens of regard, even the slightest,
from those we love to honor, that prompts
me to say that any effort of yours, from
your hand, would be gratefully
received, & thankfully acknowledged, by

Very respectfully,
Yours &c.,

J. D. Young,

Editor of the Gloversville Standard,
Gloversville, Fulton County, N.Y.

Gloversville, N.Y.
J. D. Young,
(Editor Standard)
Young, 24, 1858,
Monthly of June
No. 1000

House of Representatives,
Jefferson City Mo
July 24, 1859

Hon S. A. Douglas
Sir,

I am troubled very much with an affection of my throat and consequently get very hoarse when I speak. A gentleman who heard you in one of your speeches in your late glorious canvas in Illinois, informed me last night that while you were speaking, he noticed you using some kind of a powder, which he supposed you used to keep you from getting hoarse. and I have taken the liberty to address you this note, to inquire of you what kind of a powder that ~~was~~ was which you used.

If you would be kind enough to give me the desired information, you would much oblige

Yours personally Politically,
A. Welch.

A. Welch
Jefferson City
Mo.
Jan. 24

What do you see
to prevent
homeliness?

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Brownsville Jan^y 24th 1858

Honorable & Respected Sir

I am an old man, near seventy two years of age, neither an office holder or office seeker, a Mechanic, in moderate circumstances, and I write that you may know that ^{you} are observed by the little and unknown as well as by the great.

It would not be easy for me to express all the delight I feel at your course in this Kansas controversy. I am persuaded you have the right on your side. I know you have the people on your side and "vox populi vox Dei".

I think if the Cabinet in Council would send Mr. Buchanan out as governor of Kansas, & should have some hope of his becoming a better man.

I have closely observed Mr. Buchanan for more than thirty years and know that whilst I labored to uphold Democracy Mr. Buchanan was laboring to destroy it. I verily believe he has been able more successfully and effectually to injure it by attaching himself to it, than he could possibly have done by continued and open hostility. Is it not strange that through him old Federalism has so completely triumphed. Our Chief Justice Henry our Chief Magistrate

James Buchanan should have the two
highest offices in the United States

The federal party was always contending
for a strong government - a strong executive
I think had ^{the} Mr. Buchanan is an old man
the people will ^{be} made to know & feel that Mr.
Buchanan is president - and I fear better to
regret it - Sir is it not a little remarkable
that during the recent contest for President in
1860 that the opponents of Mr. Buchanan should
have ~~been~~ be stigmatized as old federalists - No
it would seem Mr. Buchan much better to say
Black Republicans -

I hope my Dear Sir you may be strength-
ened to sustain this powerful contest, and that
victory as a gain and may crown your head -
How Sir would be astonished to hear every
body exulting in your masterly efforts to
sustain the right in Kansas -

Yours Respectfully & affectionately
Stephen A. Douglas & son John Briggs
U.S. Senator - Illinois

Received of
T. G. H. Smith
April 11, 1861
\$100.00

Brownsville, Pa

Jan'y 24 / 58.

Mrs. Wilgus

Political.

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