

Jo's A. Kinney
New York
Jan'y 23/58
Wants speech

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New York January 25. 1858
Hon S. A. Douglas,
Dear Sir:

May I trouble you to send
me a copy of your last speech on the Kansas question
and I will consider myself under many obligations
to you; and if it ~~ever~~ should come in my way
to serve you in whatever capacity, the remembrance
of this "debt incurred" will be the incentive to do it.

I remain

Honored Sir

Yours Obedt Servt

Jo's A. Kinney

P.S. Please address me care of
Messrs Sturges Shaw & Co
N.Y.

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New York January 25/58
 Hon^r & Sir

It would please me greatly to obtain a copy
 of your late Eloquent Speech in the U. S. Senate and having no
 other facilities of getting it at present. I sincerely hope you will
 have the kindness to send me on a copy of it

I am very Respectfully Yours &c

Edward Lorn
 1 Chatham Square N.Y.
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To Hon^r Stephen A. Douglass

Edw. Lorn
Chatham Square
N.Y., Jan'y 25/88,
Maul's Speech

Jan 25, 1858

W. Henry Coz Annawan
Post Office

Hon. L. A. Douglass

Dear Sir

I am requested by several of your political friends to drop you a line requesting you to send "now & then" a paper to the following names I will give you James Carroll, O. D. Barto, Wm Simpkins, Joseph Stevens, Charles Carroll, Charles Smith, D. E. Brainard, Norm F. Heaps

I need hardly say that your political friends here look with pride upon your position on Kansas and in fact all persons and whatever the result you are safe in no logic in the verge of human thought can sail the helm of your Government.

I am Yours devotedly

John H. Loring

John H. Loring
+ others

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Henry Co. Ill.

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Fancy Creek, Richland Co. Wisconsin

Jan. 23th 1858

Hon. S. A. Douglass;

Will you be pleased
order me a copy of your printed speech on
the Leecompton Constitution, Kansas?

Any of your future speeches will
be thankfully received by

Your O^bt Serv^t

Josiah McCaskey



Joseph H. Caskey
Fancy Creek
Richland Co
Jan. 25/88, No. 1
Wm. Lecompton
Constitution,

Carlyle Illinois Jan. 25th 1858

Hon. Stephen A Douglass

Dear Sir after Complimenting you on you on your success in
 Solving the Black Republican party
 it is a triumph which should make
 Every True Democrat feel proud of
 and I am satisfied no other man in
 North America could have accomplished
 almost ever man you meet now
 is for Douglass and before it was
 in some localities rather dangerous
 to speak of your position I was
 in St Louis Mo on the 8 of Jan at the Coliseum
 and heard loud and strong shouts for you
 seen thousands of toasts drunk and cheers
 for you now Sir I have seen you three
 times the first at Jacksonville when
 you and Stuart ran for Congress and you
 made him give a public explanation
 of some reports he had circulated on
 you you did it it was I believe in 1857

The best time I seen you I ways called
on by our people to wait on when you
visited our place and took dinner
with you at Col & S Deases and
seen you to the Stand and occasion
they give vent to my feeling and
calling on others to assist me in
S.D doing the best time today at
our State fare Last fall now sin
you will find many men blaming
a grate deal and asking to be rewarded
for their bours and for what they have
don I blame nothing but to be remembred
I made the first Democratic Douglass
Speech that ways wide in old Clinton
at the Turkey grove School house in
1837 to an audience of about 70 or
a hundred persons. I ways told by
some persons how seeking favours from
on there you that I should be blamed
because the question in Congress ways
not settled I told them the question

ways past on a sound and a Replum
Set of Principles when the people
wer Left to choose for them selves they
an Capital, in the best place I ways
chosen by the people of Holiston
Bond and Montgomery Countys
to Represent them in the States Senate
in 1853 & 54 at which time I ways
called on to cast my vote for Senator
your self and I Glossee ways put
in nomination I gave you my vote
when the Resolutions came from the
Senate introduced by Edward Orinway
before the vote of the House ways
taken I sent and obtained three
Members who wer absent like to send
the number our Speaker if I may
be permitted to call so he voted for the Res-
olutions and like the mule that had
several horse bolts supposed she could
have no other kind one season she
had a mule bolt and she look at it
and the more she lookt at it and the more

F. A. Marden
Andover
Mass Jan 25/53,
Dr. A. Marden's
speeches. —



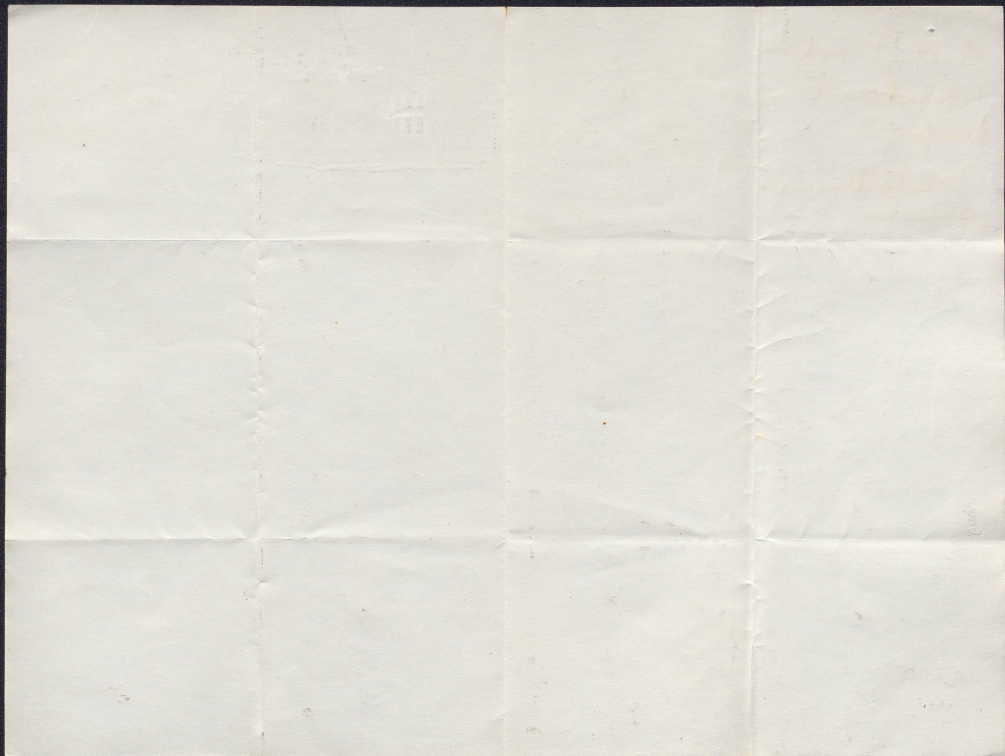
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H. B. Street
H. B. Street

Whiting Academy,
Andover Mass.
Jan 25th / 53.

Mr Douglas
Sir,

Democracy
being held for in the spirit
+ Blank Republican Document,
too flirty, I would much
thank you for a few good
Democratic Speeches of the
Session.

Yours, very Respectfully
F. A. Marden.



W. S. B. Mathews
Rockton Ill
Jan'y 25/58.
Wants Patent office
report - Agr & Mech

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Rockton Winnebago Co. Ill.

Jan 25. 1858.

Hon S. A. Douglass

Sir,

If you have a spare copy of the Patent Office report on Mechanics for 1856 at your disposal and will forward it to my address you will confer a great favor.

If not too much trouble I would much like also the Pat. Office Report on Agriculture for 1855. I wish them an aid of their ability to the practical farmer.

Douglass street is good here

Respectfully &c

W. S. B. Mathews
Rockton, Ill.

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Recovery Co.
Jan'y 25/58.
Dixon Milligan
Political.

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Recovery Co.
Jan'y 25/58

Dear Sir

We here are all
I regret then there are no exceptions
but Democrats desire that the effort
made by you in favor of popular
Sovereignty may not be the last.
Such efforts must and will have
a salutary effect, the opposition
may defeat you where executive
influence is brought to aid the
adverses but amongst the people
nothing can. I am truly sorry that
any Member professing to be a
democrat hesitates a moment on
the question upon which the ascendancy
of the democratic party depends. For they
must or the party will suffer the conse-
quences of such conduct

Our Representation is feeble
as I am Senators in this question
not much better than you have but
little to depend upon I did hope
that Sugg would stand upright
and I have some hope yet but
it is mixed with fear.

When the proper time arrives
I expect to hear from you on
the same subject and with the
same withering influence to the
oppression. If you do speak
again on that subject we would
be much pleased to have
by some to file with all your
principal speeches since
as I have them and with
care preserve them.

Yours

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Dixon Milligan

Received
of
Wm. H. H. H.
Jan 1st 1851

Wisconsin Portage County

Stevens Point Jan 25th 1855
 To the Hon Stephen Douglas.

Dear Sir

I cannot
 refrain from telling you
 in your late cause in the Kansas question.

I have watched you with a critic's eye since the
 repeal of the Missouri Compromise (pardon me)
 As there was so much said by our Northern men
 upon the sacrilegious acts (as they termed it) of force
 in the passage of the bill that I did know just what
 there might be something at the bottom that was really
 wrong. But now I am convinced I am
 satisfied that the repeal of that act was one of the
 best things that could have been done and especially
 for the benefit of Slavery. I am an Abolitionist
 Still I think that Slavery is wrong I think it is a curse
 a blenmiot to the fair name of America and a curse
 to the Slave States. And many even acknowledge it and
 would at heart be glad to get rid of it. But still they
 don't like to be done to it. It is my honest opinion
 had it not been for the hat-headed Abolitionist of the
 North that Virginia Kentucky Maryland and Mis-
 souri would today be free States. It is with the Slave
 holden some as it was with the Dutchman about his

Hog that his neighbor had killed in court he was asked what his dog was worth he said the dog was worth nothing but since he was so much as to kill the dog he should pay the full value of him

In regard to Kansas I think it hardly possible to get a pro-slavery Constitution upon them but is there no way wherein there can be an honest ^{vote} obtained in the Territory for anyone must know that there were hundreds of illegal votes returned at the Dec Election state if they would eject them as Gov Walker did they would ^{come} much nearer to it There present Cardenas and Muscard are the main points to protect at elections

But it is amazing and somewhat surprising to see the change in the North & West. towards you and it is so universal to, then that were so very listless against denouncing you saying nothing but good proclaim more that Douglas shall have their vote

Altho I am in a remote corner of the Union at present but I have traveled considerable this last fall and winter which have given me an opportunity to see and learn the feeling of the country

I was once personally acquainted with you have waited upon you and your Plate while you was boarding at the American House in Springfield Ill was present at the time you was elected Secretary of State our friends also Judge since what time I

have never had the pleasure of seeing you I at that time assisting Mr. Clifton in his hotel I fearfully have in this been forgotten by you in the multiplicity of your business The last time that I saw Clifton was in Cleveland Ohio some four years after this I understood he left Ohio for the Lake Superior Country but I do not know the one thing I do know that he was a good man I was very much attached to him two years after you was State Judge I graduated in the profession of Medicine in which profession I have practiced until about four since which time I have been in the Merchantile business

Therefore the former acquaintance I trust will be a sufficient apology for this intrusion

I am some little acquainted with one of our Senators Hon. Mr. Durkin tho he may not remember me I spent one evening with him two years ago this winter he appeared to be an honest man of not so enigmatical I have not heard his position yet upon the Kansas trouble I am that he does not make himself so conspicuous as your friend Mr. Bigler does in the matter tho I presume you have no fears of Mr. Bigler if he does not approach you with any more formidable weapons than his pen or tongue There seems to be much very important business before Congress this session

And I trust all will be amicably adjusted tho
causing you and your colleagues many hours of
hard mental labor

Please pardon me
for this liberty that I have taken in writing in
upon your time While I remain your

Most Obedient Servant

Ralph P. Russell

Stevens Point
Porcupine Co
Jan'y 25/58 Wis.

Ralph P. Russell

Political, and
claims & former
acquaintances
write you. —

B. J. Sanborn.
Lebanon, N.H.
Jan'y 25/58,
Wants speech,

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Lebanon N.H. Jan. 25th
Hon. S. A. Douglass,

Sir,
Will you have the kindness
to forward me a copy of
your recent Speech on
the Canada question.
By so doing you will
greatly oblige your

Thrsble Servt,

B. J. Sanborn

Lebanon
N.H.

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Geot. P. Sherwood
Wapello, Iowa
July 25, 1858,
Maus Coast Survey

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[Jan. 25, 1858]
Hon. S. A. Douglas
U.S. Senate
Washington

Dear Sir

My profession being
that of Civil Engineer and
wishing to procure a copy
of the Coast Survey Reports,
and not knowing how to
obtain them but by applying
to some member of Con-
gress, I have taken the
liberty of addressing this
note to you, asking you
to assist me in procuring
a copy and oblige

Yours Respectfully
Geo. P. Sherwood

Wapello Iowa
July 25th/58



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Sioux City, Iowa, Jan 25 1858. —

Hon S. A. Douglas —

Dear Sir —

Being a native of the State of Illinois, and by right of descent an old line Democrat it is but natural that I should feel highly gratified and no little State pride while perusing your late Speeches in the U. S. Senate in vindication of the rights of the People, and the honest and literal construction of the Kansas & Nebraska Bill. — And, notwithstanding, that I have not the honor of a personal acquaintance with you, I trust that you will not consider me obtrusive if I express my unqualified approbation of your position upon the Secession Constitution. —

Your sentiments have been greeted by a universal Amen from the Democracy of the North West. — In the Campaign of 1856 those arguments were our only effective weapons

in our hand to hand combat with the
Black Republicans - they misrepresented
your views, impugned your motives, and
branded you as a traitor; but, while hurling
those unwashed falsehoods back into the
lie-polluted mouths from whence they
issued, we predicted that which you now
are so ably, and I trust successfully fulfilling.

While the self-styled Administration party
are attempting to ostracize you, be assured
that the Democracy of the North and West, and
the Conservative Men of the South will stand
by you and the Nebraska Bill to a man.

In Conclusion I would add, it as a favor
that from time to time you will have sent
to my address such public documents as may
be necessary to keep a man posted on the
politics of our Country - Being an out and out
"Young America" I intend to make my little
foreign abilities tell to the very best purpose
for the "Little Giant" in the Campaign of 1860 -
Iowa, Corn and shall be redeemed & with
"Douglas" on our banner, the contest will be but
a passing time. - Very Respectfully,
C. Stuteman.

Singapore Cih. Loma

~~Feb~~ Jan 25/88

E. S. Loma

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Philada Jan 25-1858
 Judge Douglas
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I sent some Letters of Credit - (Political) to your address a few months since - as matters stand I have no desire to have you notice them until 1860. for your interest or mine. If they should not prove available then "Let them Slide" My Eye and aspirations are on the Coal agency - There is not any news here worth reporting. Should any thing occur that I think may be of interest to you I will advise you.

Respectfully Yours

Bailey Thomas

P.S. I received 2 copies of your Kansas Speech per Mail for which you have my thanks. I gave one copy to a native American. He said it was the right talk and he would go for Douglas. The other copy I keep. We don't want everybody on our side. The Church would be too full.
 B. T.

Phil Pac
Jan 25/54
Bailey Thomas



Smithsville P.O., Greene County, Ky.

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Hon S.A. Douglas

Jan. 25 1858

Respected Sir: Be so kind
as to send me a copy of your Speeches, in
the present Congress, on the affairs of
Kansas Territory. The Democracy
henceforth, hail with delight your noble
defence of the Kansas Nebraska Act.

We would rather Kansas would
come into the Union a Slave State,
But we are opposed to tickery, and
all such abominations as the Secession
Constitution. The framers of a Democratic
Constitution would grant no exclusive
privileges, but would leave the organic
law to bear equally upon all.

God on thou noble champion of the
Young Democracy and Unionism
will yet lay prostrate at thy feet. No mistake
Wishing you better happiness
& every blessing

I am yours &c
W.A. Thompson

My compliments to Hon. J.C. Mason
tell the Major to let "Old Buck" look
out for himself. Since, he has stick-
stick-stove on Kansas affairs by
suffering himself to be lead by the nose
instead of boldly walking in spirit and
in principle by the torchlight of Democracy,
W.A.T.

Smithville.
Greenup Co. Ky.
Jan'y 25/58

Mr. R. Thompson

warmly approves
your course, &
wants to see you
on Kansas affairs -

Washington
D. C.

Hon. Stephen A. Douglas, M.C.

Smithville, Ky.
Feb 2nd /58

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Washington
 Jan'y 25/58
 W. H. Topping.

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Washington, Jan. 25 '58

Dear Sir,

Should you not have done so,
 I will feel obliged if you will
 speak to Mr Mallory relative to the
 Petition of Tupper Reynolds now
 before the Naval Committee.

Mr Reynolds has again written
 me upon the subject, and I do not
 know what reply I can make him.

Very respectfully Yours,

W. H. Topping.

Hon: S. A. Douglass.

U. S. Senate

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(Near) Alton Ill. Jan. 25th / 58

Hon. S. A. Douglass

Esteemed Sir:

I thank you most heartily
for your kindness in sending
me the Agricultural portion
of the Patent Office Report.

I have conversed with many
of our citizens in this region
of Illinois and I find that
to a man, they are with you
in the Kansas question.

I am a Kentuckian; but old
Kentucky is an American State
and every beat of her great heart
is for American rights (not African)
and she and her sons will stand
by that man who stands by
the people. — go on, and we will
set you up a house keeping soon
in the "White House." Your friend Wm. Tucker

Alton. Ills
Jan'y 25/88.
Mr Tucker.

affectionately
thanks you for
his Pat^o off^r Rep^t

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Mrs R M Van Dalsen
Minooka
Jan 25/58, Ill
Wants Patent
Office Report

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Minooka Ill Jan 25

Hon Stephen A Douglas

Respected Sir

Wishing to
get one of the last Patent office
Reports I would solicit of you if
you please to send me one there was
some sent to our country but I did not
know of it until they were all gone
therefore I had no other way of obtaining
one then intruding on your generosity for
it Please send it to Minooka Illinois
as that is where we get our mail

Respectfully yours

Mrs R M Van Dalsen

