

Cleveland January 29th 1858

Hon L A Douglass
Washington D.C.

Cleveland, O.
Jan'y 29/58
H A. Derby
Relative who
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Dear Sir

Your kind letter incitation to my removal from Marine Hospital was duly received last summer. I had nothing to say then and did not bother you with a Comm. At present I have to ask a favour if you have the time

The present incumbent of The Marine Hospital Dr God cannot much longer remain owing to complete inability not having been engaged in practice for 40 years previous to his appointment Dr J Gaslick my pastor and your friend has on file at the department papers that would secure his appointment if the attention of Hon H Cobb could be called to them They are in form of Petitions Affidavits Letters &c. Will you call and look at them and request Mr Cobb to read them. If he should not he may make another appointment no better than that of Dr God

Dr Gaslock wishes me to say to
you that he is aware this will
be troubling you and at a time when
you are much engaged. Still he says
he intends to trouble you more than
this and help make you President.
Your position at Chicago
gives you a right to be heard
on this subject. The change must
be made. I send you a paper ⁱⁿ
which is an article on the subject. The
Dr Strong mentioned is no better than
Dr Loe and could not remain there
six months. Permit me to ask you
to look at the papers, for my own
personal gratification you will
then see that I have been badly used
and you & B Pains letter

Sincerely Yours
Friend

W. A. Chakley

If you do look at the papers a
short line will much oblige

W. A.

Jan 29, 1858]

My Dear Sir!

Do me the favour to send some copies of Mr. Kansas speech, together with any other papers which will throw some light upon that "questio vexata" -

Yr friends & admirers wish to be posted up in all matters concerning their great Democratic leader -

With sentiments of the highest esteem & regard -

I am Truly Yours

John H. Boyle. M.D.

Upper Marlboro'
Prince George County
Maryland

John H Boyle
M.D.
Upper Marlboro
Prince Geo Co
Ga. 1858 Md
wants few
copies of late
speech for some
friends

Washington D. C.

U. S. Senator

Hon. Wm. Stephen A. Douglas.

Douglas & Co
Feb 19

[Faint, illegible handwriting visible through the paper]

This image shows a blank, aged, cream-colored page, likely an endpaper or flyleaf of a book. The paper has a slightly textured appearance with visible creases and some minor discoloration or foxing. There are faint, illegible markings scattered across the surface, which appear to be either bleed-through from the reverse side or very light pencil marks. The overall tone is warm and off-white.

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Walter W Cobb
Walnut Hill
Geneva Co
Jan 7 29/58, NY
Autograph
wanted

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Geneva Jan 29th 1858

Dear Sir, Making a collection of autographs. I should be very happy to add yours to my number as soon as convenient to yourself.

Believe me yours &c
Walter W. Cobb.

Geneva
N.Y.
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Judge Duffless

Your prospectus is at hand. I should like well to have the Melating book you speak of - will you please to prepared for me - and tell me how to send the money in security to you or the publisher - When you are sending out to your congressional constituents political documents, please don't forget your old

B. H. Cox
Itly
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17 Apr Sat

Is the standard for
Mr Callan.

I wish to tell the dear friends that
 I am very anxious to inform the friends
 of the friends of the whole of the
 day to the friends of the friends
 and in former upon our friends for the
 and the friends of the friends of the friends
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are ~~not~~ the sort of absent friends

Put in service upon our Western front the

only to the several Regiments of the Army

of the purchase of the whole if opportunity

has been requested to inform the Senate

What are the signs of the new

Locke Elkhart county Indiana.

Jan. 29th 1858

Hon. Stephen A. Douglas

Dear Sir

Allow me the privilege of troubling you a little. So many of us along with yourself are about to be read out of the Democratic party and turned over, as some would have it to the Black Republicans. I for one would like to have something to build upon. So I have concluded to trouble you for a few copies of your Speech on Kansas matters. I should also like to have Gen. Cass reply to you. Walter if you have a spare copy in your possession, but do not wish you to go to any inconvenience on my account. I should have written to our Senators, but as you are well-a-wake they hold opinions adverse ~~to~~ many of their constituents on the Kansas difficulty. ^{therefore} ~~and~~ would not be so likely to send such documents, as would be desired. If a portion of the Democratic Party are to be turned over ^{to} the Bl. Rept on account of their position in regard to Kansas. I think the other portion could easily be turned over to the Black Republicans and know nothing on Utah matters for if this is not a crusade against a people on account of their Religion in my opinion there never was one. I regret to say that your Springfield speech done that people great injustice if ever there were a persecuted people on account of their religion. These people have been. But I shall not attempt to argue the point at this time. I give you a few names and if you see fit you may ^{send} whatever you have to spare that you think would be of use to them. Joseph Hook David Salisbury Isaac Houdendoush Robert Walburn. Sampson Landis David Albion. Respectfully Yours

Hon. S. A. Douglas, Wash. D. C. Daniel O'Leary

Saml McCoy
Locke
Elkhart Co
Jan 7 29/58. Ind
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North Grove De Kalb Co Ill.
January 29-1858.

Dear Sir,

Please forward to me the
report of the Commission of Patents, and
Oblige yours,

Very Respectfully

E. Currier.

Hon Stephen A. Douglas }

P.S. Carrying out the spirit and letter of
of your Hannan Memorial Act, as
shown by your late speech &c. is
making your thousands of friends in
Northern Illinois, and, at the same
time, killing dead the leaders of the
abolition Free soil party.

Yours,
E.C.

Dent Grove
Dr. Hall Co
Ells Langdon
1838.

E Currier
Wants report of
Commissioner
on Patents.

3 vols (2 of) Miché
Report - Sent him
Apr 20/58

Elgin, Kane Co Illinois
 Jan'y 29th 58

My an Sir

I most earnestly desire you
 to send me a Copie of the
 Mexican Boundary Survey.

I am informed that each member
 of the Senate will have quite a number
 of Copies,

In the Distribution I beg your
 favorable Consideration,

Respectfully
 your obt. Servant

Wm. D. A. Douglass
 W.D.S.

A. Davis

Washington
 D.C.

H Davis

Elgin

Jan'y 29/58, Ill

Went Mexican
boundary survey

Jeremiah Drew
Fort-Montgomery
Orange Co
Jan'y 29/58, N.Y.
wants 12 or 15 copies
of your late speech
on the Le Compelon
Constitution.



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Jan. 29, 1858

Gen. Stephen C. Douglass, M.C.

Dear Sir

I with
pleasure acknowledge the receipt of your
speech upon Kansas, & would say that
there are twelve or fifteen persons in this
place who would like to have that speech
if you could send them here to my address.
From the general conversation I think that
speech has a salutary effect upon the minds
of some here who have been heretofore averse
to our views. I would be pleased to
receive any documents or speeches which you
can spare.

Yours A^lt Serv^t

Jeremiah Drew
Fort Montgomery, Orange Co, N.Y.
January 29, 1858



{ Gazette Office
 { Rockton Jan. 29

Hon. S A Douglass

Sir. Though I am
 a Country Editor And You
 a United States Senator I hope
 I shall not be debarred from
 corresponding with You

// You are doing most a glo-
 -rious thing both in Your
 Career And for the North
 by battling so manfully for
 Kansas - And though I
 am a Republican - if You
 can say and endorse this:
 simply "that Slavery shall
 never spread over new
 Territory" You are the man
 for 1860 - And so say many
 Republicans - and the Rockton
 Gazette shall have Your
 name at its masthead //

Office
Mar. 27

You have an extraordinary
large correspondence - And
I should not wish to tra-
-ble You - but I should ex-
ceedingly like to receive
Your opinion in regard to
the proposition aforesaid
So that I could see Your
opinion as coming personally
from You

Will You favor me with
some 3 or 4 copies of Your
speech delivered on the
Kansas Question
If so please Address

L H Lusk

Rockton

Illinois

Rockton Ills.

Aug 29th 1888.

L H Fank.

Edin & wts

Copy of a pack

2 it received

a letter from

yourself &c

Copy of a pack

sent.

North New Salem Mass
Jan 28th /58

W. L. Douglas

Dear Sir

Please send
a copy of your speech on the Kansas
question to the address of

For which receive }
my thanks

C. H. Giles

C. H. Giles
North New Salem
Mass

C. K. Giles
No New Salem
Mass
Jan'y 29th 1858
Speech

Chas Guild
Meriden
Jan 29/58.
Wants speeches

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Meriden N.H. Jan 29/58

Hon. Sir.

Will you be so
kind as to send me your
speech on "Kansas" also the
other speeches of notes on the
same

For which you will
have my most sincere thanks

Yours truly

Charles Guild
(Hon. Stephen A. Douglas)

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Dr. Wm. F. Barr
Abingdon
Va
Jan'y 29/58.
Trans. speech

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No of Refs Jan 29th 1858.

My dear Sir

Dr. William F. Barr of Abingdon
Virginia, wishes to have a copy of your speech
on the Kansas question. Will you please send
him a copy under your frank.

Very truly yours.

Wm. Stephens

Wm. Stephens A. Douglas.



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J. W. Johnson
Woodstock

Jan'y 29, 1858.
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Woodstock Jan'y 29, 1858

Hon S. A. Douglass

Dear Sir

Will
you favor me with the report
of the Committee on the Pacific
R. R., lately made and also two
or three Copies of your speech on
this part of the President's message
relating to the Decemphile Constitution
and the admission of Kansas.
There has been but two or three
Copies of your speech received here
and as I have not been able
to get it yet in pamphlet form
and as we who favor your cause
on this subject which includes
the whole Democratic party in this
country, all feel anxious to secure it

The mainly sound taken by you
in favor of the rights of the people
of Kansas and against the Secession
two Constitution, meets the approba-
tion of the entire party, and
I might say the entire Community
as far as I know of no one
who does not favor your position

Truly Yours
J. A. Johnson

West Northfield
Cook Co. Ill.

Jan'y 24/58

Jos. A. Munick

Relative to a
grant of land
in the State for
Agricultural
colleges.

Sent by J. A. Munick
Report of Personal, &c.

Pres. Agricultural
April 24/58.

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The Hon

West Northfield, Cook Co. Ill. Jan. 24/58

Hon. S. A. Douglas

My Dear Sir

Many Agricultural friends, sup-
-posing me to have influence, have urged
my writing to you on the subject
of a proposed grant of lands, to the
States, for the establishment of
Agr. colleges. But knowing, as I
think I do, your liberal views in
regard to the advancement of our inter-
-ests, I merely mention the fact, and
add, that so far as I can judge,
this is a question on which we are
all agreed, and some of us hope that
you ^{may} make the measure your own.

And, though not in this connection
perhaps it may gratify you to know
that men of our order, in no respect
partisans, ^{but} who have always admired
your genius and talents, look upon
your bold stand in the Senate with
great satisfaction - apart from the
merits of the question.

Cordially, Yrs. friend

John A. Munick
Pres. Cook Co. Agr. Society

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Broadhead Wis. Jan'y 29th 58
 Hon S. A. Douglas Esqr.
 Dr Sir

Being a young Democrat and an ardent admirer of your Political course I take the liberty of writing to and making a request of you.

The County in which I reside (Greene) is largely Republican the consequence is I stand almost alone as a Democrat.

We are located upon the S. Wis. Branch of the Mil. & Wis. R.R. our town is a year and a half old and contains about Eight Hundred inhabitants and we are improving our natural advantages which are good.

Now if you will send me some Democratic political Documents, from time to time that I can circulate here. You will much oblige a

sincere friend and ardent
admirer

Respectfully Yours

Edw. A. McBair.

To Hon Stephen A. Douglas

Edw & McNair

Modhead

Wrs
Jan'y 29, 1858,

Want Democratic
documents from
time to time.

Wmth L Douglass

Birmingham, Ala, Feb 29 1858

to Sir

Some weeks since I wrote
requesting you to send me the last Patent Office
report, being a practical mechanic it would
be of great account to me. I have not
received it yet & believing you had over-
looked or forgotten my request, I now repeat
it again, with you be pleased to send it
me on receipt of this.

Respectfully
Chas. Massey

Chas Massy
Burlington
Jan 29/58, Iowa
Patent Off report-
Mechanics

Hannibal, Mo.
Jan'y 29/58

H. Meredith
Ed "News"

Approves yr course
& wants doc.

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Sir
Hann. Jan 29. 1858
I have taken the liberty although personally a stranger to send you a No or two of the Hann. News a Democratic paper recently commenced in this city. I have no interest in the paper but circumstances have induced me to act for the time as editor. Formerly an Old line Whig I became a democrat from a conviction of the wisdom and justice of the Kansas Nebraska act. I cannot then take grounds in favour of the passage of the Leckyton Constitution. In advocating the opinions presented in your speech I had feared my course might be prejudicial to the interests

of the paper here in Mo.
but I am now inclined
to believe the Mass of the
Party even here is decid-
edly with you in sentiment
In speaking to a farmer
the other day I remarked
that I feared I could not
cautiously represent the Party
sentiment here as I must
go with you believing you
to be right - He replied
that was his opinion also
and added that he thought
it was the common one as
he had talked with quite
a number of his democratic
country neighbors and
he had not found
one to differ from him

Now as every where else
there are some who will
think our President can

do no wrong -

Editorial duties are new
to me as my attention has
not hitherto been turned
very particularly to politics

If you can favour the
Mass office or myself with
any documents which may
aid me at any time

I shall be much obliged

Very Respectfully Yours &c

A. McVedette

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Geo Thaddeus Price
Stewartsville
Jan 7/29/58. N.Y.
wants speech
during the session
of Congress.

Stewartsville N.Y. Jan 29th 1858

Dear Sir

Please send me a copy of
your speech on the Kansas question.
I should be happy to have
you send me a copy of your
speeches during the session of Congress.

Very Respectfully

Geo Thaddeus Price
an ardent friend
and admirer of the
Hon Stephen A. Douglass

Dear Mother
I am so glad
to hear from
you and hope
you are well.
I am well and
hope to hear
from you soon.
Love,
John



Chas Sherman
Geneva
Jan 29/58, NY

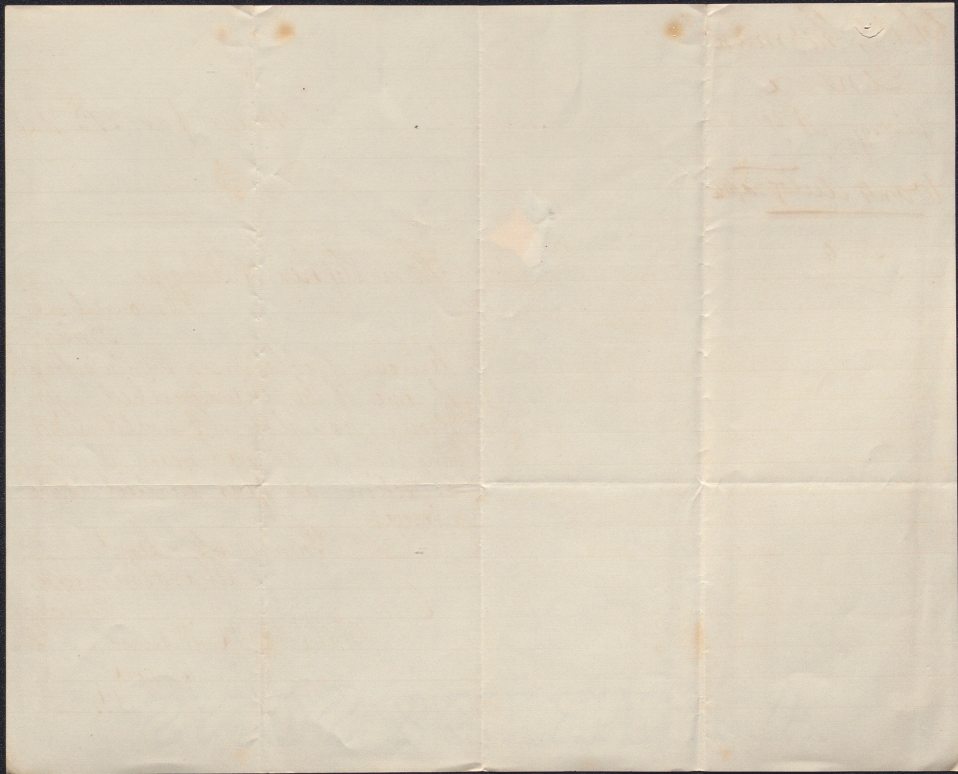
Wants Autographs

Sento

Geneva Jan 29th 1858

Wm Stephen A Douglass
I enclose his
Being
desirous of obtaining the Autographs
of some of the distinguished men
of our country I would like
very much to add yours to my
collection at your earliest conve-
nience

Your Obedt Servt
Chas. Sherman,
Chicago.
Care Walnut Hill School Ill.
Geneva.
N.Y.



Pro: H. Weeks.
Paola - Pa.
Jan'y 29/58
North Pacific
R.R. survey -

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Philadelphia Jan 29 1858

Sam Stephen Douglass
Dear Sir

You
will confer a great favor
by forwarding to me a copy
of "Explorations and Surveys,
for a Rail Road Route from
the Mississippi River to the
Pacific Ocean" if you have
any of them as your presents dis-
posal of

Very Respectfully
Yours &c.

John H Weeks

No 1208 Callowhill St
Philadelphia.
Penn

Washington January 29th 1854.

Hon Stephen A. Douglass.
United States Senate.

Sir,

Stephen Miller Esq.

whose post office is North Benton Ohio, mentioned to me before I left home, that he wanted a copy of your speech. His residence being fifteen miles from me, I could not oblige him, with my News Paper containing it, and I told him, I would request you, to send a pamphlet to him.

Most Sincerely

Yours.

Eliza Whittleson

Elisha Whittlesey
Washington City
Jan'y 29. 1858.

Wants Speech for
Stephen Miller
North Benton Ohio

Elisha Whittlesey
for
Stephen Miller.
North Benton
O. Jan'y 29/58
Wants Speech.

Indianapolis Jan. 29. 1858

Dear Sir.

I have done little else, since the publication of our call, except write letters in aid of the 23^d Feb. enterprise. I have seen, heard, and absorbed enough to know that the results will be painful, and unpleasant those engaged in it, and very profitable to the general cause - as follows

1st. We are denounced by the Chgoes, and village politicians as disorganizers & sore heads. Strong party men abroad that idea of us, from the outside appearance of ^{from the clamors of their intruders,} the matter, & without information as to intrinsic merits.

We and our call are denounced, & ridiculed by some, received doubtfully by some; and our warmest sympathizers stand aloof. We shall get a bad name.

2^d But the effect for the cause will be good. It sets many to thinking - will publish the vile practices of B. & W. by which they controlled the action of the 8. Jan. 7 Convention, ^{publish them} to some extent; and will agitate the main matter in 1860.

It will produce a mass meeting of considerable numbers, from detached portions of the State - but not generally from a majority of the counties. A good platform will be adopted, and it will be reiterated, at many county meet.

ings in substance, avoiding our phraseology, and
Order, so as not to appear to follow us. This will
be carefully looked to by officials, & assistants &c.
It will substantially be endorsed by District, and
County Candidates, avoiding our phraseology &c.
I doubt if even the papers which are really
with us, & would, if they could throw off hoops,
and band (all imaginary) raise a shout for us &
our doing, will do otherwise than to publish
our proceedings, without remark, perhaps throw
cold water on us, or admit the absence of any ne-
cessity for our enterprise. While therefore we shall
expect much good, we will not only be denied any
credit, but be much shaken against. In this
view of the case I almost regret my own par-
ticipation in the matter.

If we had a paper here to take the lead it would
be altogether otherwise. Reading its healthy
and free editorials, other papers, and candid
statements for office would strike out hotly.

I shall attend one or two County meetings, and
suppose I will be on hand on the 22^d, and there
discharge my duty well - not for the want of
a will to do more, but because I shall have

no opportunities afforded me.

I am perhaps too sombre. It is impossible to be
cheerful. I suppose that the subjects of all tyranni-
cal governments are gloomy. The government of
the Democratic party in Ind. is, and for near on
quite a year, been a shrewd Tyranny. Democrats
know it, but lack the courage to strike for
freedom. The tyrants are like rattles. Touch
them softly, & you are stung. Grab them tight
and they are crushed. Our people fail
to see much of the tyranny, & that they ^{see they} are prone
to touch softly, when finding themselves stung,
(as I now do, for the want of the strength which I
ought to have) they drop the project of crush-
ing the tyrants, to test their fingers!!

Very respectfully,

W. W. Wick

I will add that all my correspondents - even those
who decline participation in the 22^d Feb. movement -
write hotly as to the feelings of the masses in favor
of the Douglass doctrine, and Douglass the Man.
Oppression, and wrong, and anxiety are making sad
work on my physical Constitution - also aged. //

Indianapolis

Indé Jan 29/58

Mr. W. Wick

Political

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Columbus (Ohio) Jan^y 29/32Hon L. A. Houghton
Sir

I beg you will excuse the liberty I have taken in sending this letter, but my belief that you will receive it without offense, has emboldened me to write. Altho personally unknown to you, in soliciting a clerkship for my husband, Mr E. P. Williamson, who has the honor of an acquaintance with Mr Houghton's father, the Hon J. M. Culth, they having served together in the Treasury Department.

Mr Williamson having a clerkship in the app master's division at a salary of \$1200. Mr W was always, quick and correct, in his calculations, well versed in book-keeping, industrious, and punctual in his habits, and of the strictest integrity, and held in high estimation by the late Sec^y Guthrie, he having continued Mr W for two years in the office. At that time Mr Williamson was an old line whig, since then, he has supported the democratic ticket having voted for the Hon W. L. Gonsbuck, to whom I wish you to refer, as also the Hon J. M. Culth, Hon F. Biggers register of the Treas^y, and many others in Washⁿ who might be named if necessary. If not trespassing too much upon your time, you will be so good, as to use your influence (in connection with the Hon W. L. Gonsbuck if in your judgment you should deem this necessary) in obtaining a situation for

For my husband, I have faith in believing, my request
will be granted, and an admiring friend of yours sincere
-ly obliges.

An answer to these inquiries, with any in-
-formation you may have to give in reference to what
I have written will extremely oblige

Sis

Your very obedient
-servant

M^{rs} L. E. Williamson

Hon L. A. Longfellow
Wash City

P. S. I should be pleased to receive a
few numbers of your ~~last~~ speech in the Senate, if they
are not all disposed of. As I shall remain here during
the winter, my address will be Columbus Ohio.

Hon L. A. L.

M^{rs} A. E. H.

Received
of the
M^{rs} L. E. Williamson
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M^{rs} L. E. Williamson
March 24 1851

Columbus, O.
Jan'y 29/58.

Mrs A. E. Williamson

Wants you to secure
a clerkship for her
husband.

also wants a few
copies of *in Speech*

G. T. Wood
Mumfordsville
Ky
Specer
Jan'y 29/58.

3120
Mumfordsville Hart County Ky
Jan'y 2nd 1858
Honor Stephen A. Douglass
Dear Sir

Altho personally
unknown to you, I take the liberty of
writing to you and asking the
favor of you to send me your
speech made in the Senate during
the present Session of Congress on
the LeCompton Constitution, Kansas,
offering to send anything else
on the same subject which
would interest and tend to
enlighten me. Since the first state-
tion by you in the Kansas Nebraska
matter, the public have looked
with the deepest interest at every
movement made by you.

Yours very Respectfully
G. T. Wood

