Woodland Michigan Jan 30th 1858

Hon S. A. Douglas

Dear Sir

We democrats have read your & Mr. Stevens speeches with great pleasure & feel highly honored of your manly & candid position. All the republicans here & elsewhere around them distrust in sincerity of the democracy & especially yours as far as the genuine principles of the Kansas Nebraska bill was concerned & popular sovereignty. Now we call them to order & ask what they have to say. All democrats here feel glad & we hope that you will adhere to your present purpose, & that this matter of difference will be speedily & amicably ~~of~~ adjusted to the honor & glory of the democratic party. As a party we are ubiquitous & have but one national interest & that is to preserve the Constitution & the Union in their pristine purity. As a party we are the only truly established & virtually constitutional party. If the interests of this party are to be blighted on the eve of its most glorious & triumphant victory over the foes of the Union & the constitution, nothing remains but that spirit of anarchy & despotism consequent on disorder & fanaticism. Mankind in may have placed their eyes, hopes & their most holy aspirations on our ~~triumph~~ continual triumph as a party. Were we dethroned & dispermonated of quarrels & division of America would no more be America & the hope

of the world would be lost. It is probable that civil & political liberty would be thrust back two or more centuries, & if ever again to rise would would have to experience innumerable revolutions of the most bloody & horrid stamp. The paged history of human civilization fully attests this & man in all his diversified conditions in the paged is a lively testimony to this fact. Were we to fall from division & strife south America would be in the same condition that Europe was in at the fall of the Empire from the 5 to the 10th century. ~~When we look back at the paged~~ When we as a party look back ~~at the paged~~ no farther than 1856 & see the condition of the country when the great foes of the party had something akin to a respectable existence as far as numerical strength was concerned, & contemplate the many dangers through which the nation passed, with fear & trembling we must ask ourselves & are compelled to heed the query, "What would the nation be, or to what would we come were the balance of power in the hands of the opposition".

This to my mind is a serious question & can be answered only by the most serious contemplation. But sir how can we look into the future if we are untrue to ourselves, to our vows, our promises our pledges, our faith.

If this state of things are to be permitted in Kansas in direct violation of our most sacred promises to the people in the last presidential canvass; What can we say to them on a future occasion. If we are to adopt the Lecompton constitution & accept the president's reasoning in toto; to what conclusions we be driven, what apology can we make to the country they will tell us "you have committed perjury, you have forfeited your word, you have made void your pledge & your promises, what guaranty have you to offer more than you have heretofore that you will not be again perfidious". Oh Shame. Its a burning shame, I can see nothing but shame awaiting us if we as a party & as a people have not more consistency more honor.

If the Democracy fail or we are to be defeated on account of our own folly, duplicity, from our willful swerving from the straight, constitutional & sound policy, woe to America & our union our Constitution, our liberties. Oh America do these things await thee my country. Shall the labors of the institution the Democracy, fail from folly. We the Democracy have no sectional animosities. We render unto Caesar the things that are Caesar's & unto the Union the things that are the Union's. If the people of Kansas fail to say slavery may in the name of the constitution they must be protected in their rights to hold slaves. But if by a fair open unmolested vote that people say freedom we insist on that freedom they desire to have declared to be in granted them.

The south ought to know that they cannot exist in safety even out of this union, & much less could they in this union were the democratic party defeated. The only guaranty the south has for the unmolested enjoyment of their constitutional rights is in the continual triumph of the democratic party. They should know, & we too, that it is dangerous to dwell

too interest on so vexed a question as slavery in Kansas for fear despair should turn victims into visitors. The south should know, & we too, that the only mode for the democracy to triumph is they full, ample & unavoid justice be done to Kansas in all things whatsoever. & we hope this matter will be settled in the right way so as to carry the whole democratic party all over the union with glory 18 inches deep.

I would feel much obliged to you to send me documents respecting the survey of the Pacific railroad & others, & likewise also the report & other documents of the Smithsonian institute. I would like to get a large chart that the institute has published on the isothermal lines.

With best respects I remain yours truly & very obt & humble servt

Jos Adolphus

Hon. S. A. Douglas

B. Adolphus
Washington Jnd.
Jany 26, 1858.
Hon. S. A. Douglas
Chairman Committee

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Haverhill Jan 30th 1858

Mr Douglass

Sir

Will you be so kind as to favor me with your autograph I should feel very much honored to receive it as you are in much esteemed by the people of Mass

Yours humble servant
John B Ames

S Douglass

Jno B Ames.
Haverhill N.H.
Jan 30 58

Wants Autograph.

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Map —

Haven hill Jan 30th 1855

Hon Stephen Douglas —

Sir —

As I am collecting the autographs of distinguished persons, I should be much pleased to receive yours.

Respectfully Your
E. Brendon. Barr

To Hon S. D.

Haven hill
Mass

Hon Stephen A. Douglas
Washington City
Jan 30/55

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Amherst College Jan. 30th 1858

Hon Stephen A. Douglas

Dear Sir:

I am a student of Amherst College - reside in Ill - am anxious to keep posted on the "doings of Congress" - I therefore humbly beg of of you to send me from time time, speeches made in Congress, & also important books, which you may have for distribution. I also desire your autograph. I know my request is a bold one, yet I trust you will comply.

Permit me to say that your course with regard to the "Lecompton Constitution", meets with the hearty approval of the students of Amherst College, & I hope will be sustained by the people.

Your Humble Servant

Leon H. Buckmaster

Amherst Mass

Geo. H. Buckmaster
Amherst, Mass.
Jany 20/88,
Wants Speeches
books &c —
also Autograph

Nebraska

Ieyr 30th 1858

Hon S. A. Douglas

Dear Sir, Please Excuse my acknolegements for your kinde attention in sending me impor. Documents, & jarmit me to solicit a contin. of the same, as our Black Republicon represen. in the other house knows nothing of me, but in stern opasition to his intrids, of cose will take no joins with me, I see your & Hon Mr Stewarts peches through the polite nesp of my old friend Mr Cook, & would Just say it will be inporten to keepe the democretick party in posesion of all the information possible on thes side of the question, as our little Patriot man, refuses to publish your speches, I suppose the thing may be Excused, as his Bread & Butter may depend on the coose he may adopt, as he mite think, I would Just say I much regret thes any difference of opinion should Exist in the Democretic party, but am happy to see you stick to your former Course of Consistent Political Honesty, a poor Boon, to put the peopl in posesion of one rite by the rite in slavs at the Expence of all thes other rits, you may rest assured I am with you on the Kansas questio as also the Walker Case, hoping the good sence of the party may adopt a Justa pacible Course

I shall say no more on that subject,
But will call youre attention to another
that has occupied my mind for several years,
& which youre situation & influence may greatly
promote, if you should be of the same opinion
with me, that is the distribution of the public
Land, in limited quantas to actual settlers
I have spent the summer in the west, &
am fully convinced from observation of the
correctness of the previous opinion, viz the interest
of the government would be promoted
By such an act
least you should think me impertinent I
will conclude By
subscribing my self
youre sincere friend

Thos Cannon

Nebraska T.
Jany 30 1858
Thos Cannon.
Political

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Sterling Ill January 30th 1858

Hon Stephen A. Douglas

Dear Sir

having Sent to your care a number of Petitions & Communications from myself & others Concerning the Post Office at this place also I inclosed to you a few days Since a Petition from this city Asking the Present Pole here to place the office in the Central Portion of this city or near it or appoint one that would do So. and further would Say that the present Location of the newly appointed Postmaster is an outrage upon three fourths of the People gitting their Mail matter at this office and the People in in Mass is highly indignant at the Same - and as I have Conducted the only Democratick Paper ever Published in Whiteside County and never was known to flinch in the ranks of Democracy. the People here are asking me every day if I have heard anything from Douglas yet and Can he not do anything for us. I therefore would be very much pleased to hear from you a frank Statement of the Case at your earliest Convenience. and would Say further as a firm friend of yours and without any intention of flatery

that I have lived in this County for the last twenty three years and that since your last Speech on the Kansas Question you have never stood higher in the estimation of the people in this Section of Country than you do now, and the large majority of the People here is now with you — I now wish to Say that in case that I send to you any buisnes in Congress or with the Department I wish it always understood that a fair free & Frank Statement will be made of the facts in Each case as I know them to Exist and will always. Show the Same to your perfect Satisfaction when apprised of any thing to the reverse or fall by the Same and never ask you to act under any Representations or Sujestions from me again I intend within a Short time to forward to you a Statement of the County Dem. Committee & of which I am now & have been for years the Chairman, besides other Documents. I wish now to give to you some names to forward Public document to & will send more names soon, to wit

Geo W. Wells	W. W. Stanton	A. W. Buckwalter
Wm Mooney	A. J. Calender	Henry Shelter
Chas. Crook	D. W. Meyers	John Platt
Rodney Crook	C. C. Alexander	John Kline
S. M. Coe	John Wolfensperger	C. C. Gadd
W. L. Wilson, Cir Clk	D. Grove	D. R. Beaty
W. S. Wilkinson, Co Clk	Henry Bush	

James Cairy, D. C. Cleushman
Wm. Baker, Ed. Bush &c

I will send to you a Petition within a few days to have a Mail route Changed and a Post Master removed and a new one appointed which is all right and should be done the Same was referd to me by the People of Genesee Co. last August and after a full investigation I find the Same to be correct and indorsed by Nine tenths of the People & by doing So you will get friends

Truly your Obt Serv
L. D. Crandall

Sterling - Ill's
January 30 1908.
L. W. Verandall.

Relative to the
P. O. at Sterling
giving a list of
names of

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Justin S Cropy
Lansing
Jan 30/58. Mich
Japan Expedition
& Convenient

Lansing, Mich.,
Jany 30th 1858.

Dear Sir:-

Will you have the kindness to favor me with a copy of the Japan Expedition. Govt Edition and whatever the price is I will remit

Very Truly
Yours &c
Justin S Cropy.

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

Chepachet R.I. Jan. 30. 1858.

Hon. Stephen A. Douglas,

Sir. You may think it premature in me to open the subject of the succession, but I deem it to be proper at this time to say to you that I am of the opinion you can best subserve your political interests in this quarter by calling for the papers in behalf of Mr. Sayles and Mr. Gallup, the rival candidates for the Office of Post Master in the City of Providence, also the papers signed by black-republicans and democrats, in behalf of Mr. Wales, another candidate for the same Office; likewise, the papers in behalf of Mr. Browne and Mr. Bradley rival candidates for the Office of U. S. District Attorney; and those too in favor of Mr. Gardiner and Mr. Bradley candidates for the Office of U. S. Marshal, In the case of the Post Master I have to inform you that Mr. Gallup has but very little show of support from the democracy, while Mr. Sayles has nearly the entire strength of the leading democrats of his state, Mr. Gallup relies principally upon Senator Allen, who, from some unaccountable cause has pitted himself against nine tenths, certainly, of the party to which he pretends to be allied, Senator Allen has already succeeded in rotating the principal Office holders in the Customs department in his state, the successful candidacy not having any recommendations from the democratic party, while those who have been ousted had the very best the democracy could give,

but they were entirely disregarded, The effect of all this will be, that the democratic party of this State will be a minority party many years, with but little hope of a resurrection, I could show you why it must be so, but space will not admit of it. It is currently reported here that Senator Allen had to change front on the confirmation of Clifford, and promised to do the same thing on the admission of Kansas under the Le Compton Constitution before the President would accept his list of appointments for this State, Whether the report is true or not he did change after he left home, another report is, that he had to promise the vote of this State, in the Charleston Convention to Secretary Cobb before he would consent that Senator Allen might dictate the subordinate appointments in the Customs department in this State, If he has, I undertake to say he cannot fulfil the promise, He never can control another democrat of any influence at home; The candidate who does get the vote of this State at Charleston will get it without the aid of Senator Allen, Mark this, To day the democracy of this State are nearly unanimous in favor of Judge Douglas, of Illinois, Mr. Sayles, the present Post Master in the City of Providence, and a candidate for reappointment is the Editor of the "Providence Post", the principal democratic paper in Rhode Island, In a recent conversation with him I suggested the policy of raising the Douglas flag at the head of his paper subject to the decision of the National Convention, and I predict that it will be done some day not far distant, I know the fact, that one of the proprietors, who was a delegate to the Cincinnati Convention, is in favor of it.

Again I have to say that when the nominations for this State come before the Senate for confirmation I hope you will call for the papers that Senators may see who they are who have the recommendations of the democratic party, In the case of the Post Master in the City of Providence I think I can safely assure you that every member of the Cabinet (save one perhaps) will be found to favor the reappointment of Mr. Sayles.

Respectfully yours &c.
Alexander Eddy

Chepachet R.I.
Jany 30/58
Alexander Eddy

Mr. MILLER, offered the following preamble and resolutions.

WHEREAS, it is the imperative and indispensable duty of the government of the United to secure every inhabitant of Kansas the free and independent expression of his opinion by his vote; to leave the people of the Territory free from all foreign interference, to decide their own destiny for themselves; and to protect them in the exercise of their right of voting for and against their constitution without the fair expression of the popular will being interrupted by frauds or violence—and whereas the organic act under which the Territory of Kansas is now governed, expressly declares its true intent and meaning to be "to leave the people thereof perfectly free to form and regulate their domestic institutions in their own way, subject only to the Constitution of the United States"; therefore,

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly met, That our Senators in Congress be and they are hereby instructed, and our Representatives requested to resist the admission of Kansas into the Union as a State until a constitution is presented that has been fully and fairly submitted to the people, and received the unqualified sanction of a majority of the bona fide citizens of the territory.

[The preamble offered by Mr. MILLER is in the precise language of Mr. BUCHANAN's instructions to Gov. WALKER, upon his assuming executive office.]

February 1858.

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Carthage Texas
January 30th 1858

Hon Stephen A Douglas

Dear Sir I take in
form you as a friend, that
if you do not cease
your Hostility toward the
Lecompton Constitution of
K.T. and vote for its re
ception you will not
receive a Corporals
guard in Texas in 1860
for President

Very respectfully
your most
Hble servt
Jno J Guartes

A Duartess

February, 1858.

Carthage Texas
Janry 30/58
Genl. J. Quarles
Political

Singularly, - this is the only letter received during the discussion of the Lecompton affair other than approbatory

the indorsement

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C E Fallon ck
Lewistown
Fulton Co
Jany 30/58, Ills
Speech

Lewistown, Fulton Co. Ill.
Jan. 30, 1858.

Dear Sir

Please send me a copy of your great speech on the President's Message

address Box 39 at the above office,

Yours with high regard,

C. E. Fallon ck

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N.H.

New Hampton Jan 30th 1858

Hon Mr Douglas Dear sir Please send to me the Reports of the exploration and surveys to ascertain the most practical and economical for a railroad from the mississippi to the atlantic and i will be much obliged to you

Yours Respectfully

William S Fifield

Wm D Fifield
New Hampton
Jan 30/58 N.H.
wants
Pacific Rail Road
report -

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Lima Jan th 30 1858

Mr Douglass

Dear Sir I take the liberty to address you upon a subject which perhaps more properly belongs to our own delegation in Congress but as our political friends do not receive any favors from their I have ventured ask you if convenient to forward me such documents as you think proper without interfering with your other duties they will be thankfully received and duly acknowledged by

Your obedient Servant

M. C. Flavor

please direct to

Hingham Sheboygan Co Wis

H. C. Gleason
Lima
Ohio
Jan 30/58.
Documents
desired

3143

Augusta Ga. Jany 30. 1857

Hon. Stephen A. Douglas.

Dear Sir.

Will you be so kind as to send me a copy of your speech on the Kansas Question.

I remain yours Respectfully

Jacob D. Gordon

Augusta

Georgia

Jacob D Gordon
Augusta
Ga
Jan'y 30/88.
Speech

Luray, Clark Co Mo.
Jan. 30, 1858.

Hon. Stephen A. Douglas, Sir will you please send me the Agricultural Part of the Patent Office Report for the year 1856, and such seeds as you may think suitable for an amateur farmer, and much oblige your friend

R. P. Hanan.

W. P. Hanna
Saxy Mo
Batt. par Off Rept

3145

Hon. Stephen A. Douglas

Dear Sir,

Having been placed on a select committee of the House of Representatives of Pennsylvania, to whom were referred the enclosed resolutions on the subject of Kansas, I take the liberty of asking from you a copy of the Kansas-Nebraska bill and of your late speeches on the subject.

I make the request with less reluctance inasmuch as the documents desired are to be used in the preparation of a report to sustain you — the prospects of success in which are very bright.

Yr. Respectfully &c

Wm. H. Lawrence

Harrisburg
Jan. 30, 1859

House Rep.
Harrisburgh.
Pa. Janry 30/58
W. C. A. Lawrence
Want K-N Bill
also your speeches
wish in preparing
a report to sustain
you. — —

Seide.

OFFICE OF THE

GALENA & CHICAGO UNION RAILROAD CO.

Chicago, Jany 30th 1858

Hon S. A. Douglas.

Dear Sir

I have heretofore received copies of the Pacific Railroad reports from our Albany representative in congress but having moved from that district can no longer claim them from him.

I have not yet made the acquaintance of our Chicago Representative and am therefore compelled to ask from you the favor of continuing these reports.

Vol 5 is now out and I would be glad to receive it from you, if you can conveniently send it. I enclose a memo. of the No of the Doc.

I avail myself of this occasion to express my gratification at the manly and independent stand which you have taken upon the Territorial question, which enables Northern Democrats to maintain their consistency on on their so often declared opinions in favor of the sovereignty of the people

Mr Farnu and myself intended to have addressed you a joint letter of thanks for your position and arguments on this subject, but

the passing cars of our Road so completely engrossed us that the proper time passed by.

I am

Very Resp & truly Yrs

Wm McAlpine

Mem. for Mr Douglas.

Please forward to Wm J McAlpine

Galena & Chi U R R Office

Chicago.

Vol 5. Reports of the Explorations and Surveys between the Mississippi River & the Pacific

House of Rep. 33 ~~Session~~ Congress 2d session Ex Doc No 91.

Chicago Aug 30th
1858.

J. McAlpine.

Prints 5th Volume
of
the Pacific
Rail Road
reports. Clerk
please send
when Volume
comes.

Sent Apr 28/58

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Treasury Office Harrisburg Pa.
January 30. 1858.

Hon. Stephen A. Douglas.

Respected Sir -

The
Enclosed letter addressed to His Excellency Wm F. Packer Governor of Penna. was received by me from Quincy McNeil of Rock Island Illinois on yesterday - to day I presented it to the Governor, and he requested me to send the letter to you; saying that if you endorsed the application of Quincy McNeil, he would at once appoint him to the office desired -

Should you indorse the application please return it to my address here, or directly to his Excellency Governor Packer, as early as suits your convenience.

Very respectfully your humble Servant.
Randal McLaughlin.

P.S. I am at present acting as Clerk in the State Treasury office here - I hail from Westmoreland County Penna. where our united Democracy lately in mass meeting, so fully endorsed your views on the Kansas question.
Randal McLaughlin

Harrisburgh. Pa:
January 30/58

Randal McDaughlin

Encloses application of Lunney McNeil & wants an endorsement from you —

Letter written 28 April 1858,
Answered May 1, & Commissioned 10th May 1858.
L Same day
Sent by Letter to Wm McNiel at Rock Island.
HO.

Seguin Guadalupe County
Texas Jan 20th/59

Honorable Stephen A. Douglas:

Sir Although a stranger to you, I take this methode of asking of you as a favor — for your speeches delivered on the Kansas Question.
I have read the speeches of, Bigler, Fremont &c and have not as yet been able to see yours in any paper. but still being desirous of hearing both sides of the Questin wich has proved to me, to be impossible on the accounts that such documents, is considered dangerous in this section.

Please send to me also such document that would be calculated to give one information in relation to the Kansas Question and other important acts

And oblige

Your Obedient Servt,

J. Noel.

T Noel
Seguin,
Gandalupe Co
Texas.

Jany 30/58.

Wants Speeches.

West Urbana, Champaign Co Ills
Jan 30/58

Hon Stephen A Douglas
Sir

I bring a "Stranger in a strange land" though I would write you requesting a favour of you. I am formerly from Pa & having removed to Illinois am not acquainted with any Man in Washington from my adoptive state. Now I have formerly saw my Farmers & Neighbours get through their Franks at Washington Public Documents which I would like very much to have. Can you do me the favour of sending me some of them I will not mention any leaving it entirely to you to send me (if you choose) such as you may choose. By complying with the above you will very much oblige me

Your Hbl

S. B. Porterfield

J B Porterfield
West-Urbana
Ills
Jan'y 30/58.
Want Document

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Private.

Stanton Cop.r Mines
Franklin Co. Mo.
Jany 30. 1858

Hon. S. A. Douglass
U. S. Senate. — Sir,

You will remember me as formerly Surveyor General of Illinois and Missouri, and I thought it due you, in the present exciting crisis in reference to Kansas, to congratulate you upon the bold & rightful stand you have taken against the unfortunate and anti-republican course of an Administration which my vote aided to put in power.

I regretted the repeal of the Mo. Compromise — but regret more, the unfairness shown the Majority in Kansas, since her organization.

You have shown courage equal to the crisis & the delicacy of your position, and I am glad to see the hearty support you meet with from the people.

I remain
Very Respectfully &c
Silas Reed

Stanton Cop. Mine
Franklin Co. Mo.
Jany 30 /58
Silas Reed

In commendation
of ye Course —

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Chillicothe Ohio
Jany 30th 1858

Hon Stephen A Douglas
Sir

Will you be so kind as to send me any of your speeches which may be published. And oblige one who admires the course you have taken with reference to Kansas. And in whom you may depend if ever you require the suffrages of the American people

I remain.
with great respect
Yours truly
R Donaldson

one of the people

Chillicothe. Ohio.

Jan. 30th 68

R. Ronaldson.

Wants Kansas Speeches.

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Lawrence K.T. Jany 30th 1858

Hon. S. A. Douglas

Sir A few nights since my office was destroyed by fire including all my political documents, and notwithstanding the democratic paper here has come out in favor of the Lecompton constitution you can rest assured that a large portion at least 2/3 of the Fairfield County Democracy are of opinion that Kansas should have submitted the whole constitution to the people and that Kansas ought not to be admitted by Congress until a majority of her people shall so decide after free and fair trial.

I wish your speeches upon the subject as I intend to be posted on the question when our Democracy meet.

Yours Truly
J. S. Strickrodt

Jno Strickrow
Lacaster
Ohio
Jany 31/88.
Speeches

Douglas

Charleston South Carolina.
July 20, 1858.

My Dear Sir —

I feel an interest to connect myself with the democratic party — and as my views coincide with yours, I have thought that I would address you frankly on the subject — Perhaps you may have read my novel of "Clinton Bradshaw." Mr Cutts is an old acquaintance of mine, and can tell you something about me, if you feel an interest enough in that I propose (and know of any available hope to which I could attach myself) to make the inquiry. I have just been talking upon the subject with some of your political friends, and they have advised me to address you on the matter — I feel myself to be acquainted with the "ropes" as an editor and on the stump when a political contest comes up which needed material

material as that way I think I could do good service — I am sure meaning to resume the practice of the law, and seeking to attach myself to the press, but I cannot to so, so as to suit myself politically — I must be in connecting myself with the press in either the West or South also resume partially the practice of the law —

May I beg you, at your leisure, to draw me a line upon this subject —

With great respect
yours obt Sd.
F. W. Thomas.

"Miles House"
Charleston S.C.

The Honble
Stephen A Douglas
Senator
U.S.

Charleston S.C.
Jany 30/58.

F. W. Thomas.

Wants to attach himself with the Dem. ~~Corp~~ Press - Coincides with you & asks information - & aid.
H - H —

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3154

Yale College
New Haven Conn. Jan. 30th

Sir:

Having been for some time past indulged an innocent inclination to collect autographs of eminent men, and not having been able to obtain yours, I have taken the liberty to address you this to request you for it —

If you will send it to me you will confer on me a great favour, and will make a very valuable addition to my already quite extensive collection —

Very Respectfully &c.
Your mo humble & obt Serv.t
Geo. M. Towle

Hon. Stephen A. Douglas.
Washington —

Geo: W. Towle
New Haven
Conn:
Want Autograph

3135

City of Wyoming Nebraska Territory
January 30th 1858.

Hon Stephen A Douglas
Washington City.

Dear Sir.

Though I have no personal acquaintance with you, I wish to address you a line, and ask that you will forward me from the Patent Office some of the Sorgho or Chinese Sugar Cane which is to be obtained there alone in its perfection and purity.

I should also be pleased to receive from you an occasional Document, whenever it may suit your convenience.

Allow me Sir, as one of the old and fast friends of the Kansas Nebraska Bill, to congratulate you (tho I am favorable to the introduction of Slavery into Kansas) upon the just and pure position which you have assumed, touching the Lecompton Constitution. I trust, as I believe, you will be sustained by an overwhelming majority of the citizens of this Union.

I am Very Respectfully
Your Servant
John G Tredway

Wapping. N.Y.
Jany 30/58
Jno. G. Treadway
Want Chinese
Sugar Cane
doc
approves of Cane

WD

Stewart May 1/58

Nancy Ward

Newton

Ills

Jan 30. 1858.

Widow of a Soldier of War of 1812 wants pension —

Husband died after the war & had pension

(over)

Mr. Whiting will please return this letter, with information as to whether your Office can afford relief to the annexed petitioner, by Judge Douglas's bill.

Rec'd letter from Com'r of Pensions dated May 14, 1858, with printed direction — which forwarded to Mr. Ward in letter of May 24/58

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State of Illinois Jasper county

To the Senet of the unitee States
And hoose of representives of the
US, I have a case to lay before you
by way of petision and that is I am
a wido of John Ward decest an old Soulder
and spencner of the waze of one
thousan eight hunder and twelve &c
my husban volotered in Kentucky
and started for the seat of of War in
august 1812 and in a fete at the River
Reson he was shot thrue the bodey and
was left on the ground for dead Life still
remaind in his bodey he was baried in
to camp or to a little vilige at a
late hour at nite and the next
day was taken prisner by the Indians
and sold to the British at moldon
I do not think it prudent to relate
circumstances that I bleve to be the
I will say that my companion
was rewarded with a small petion
at the rate of fore dollars per month
he a few years before he died
he was onerd with arrerees of two dollars
per month more he was onerd with
160 Acre Land warnt whic he recevd
an Eighty Acre warnt before he died
and I received an Eighty acre Land war
nt sence about fifteen months agow
Still I dont feel my Self awarded
for the hard Ships that we had to
under gow I have none the old
peetner to gow on his nese anny
day picking trash assesten in Clearing
the fedds of Indiana and that
on the acount of his wounds
I have not bein awarded for grabling
and wading in the Snow of the winter
of 1812 and also in the winter
of 1814 and 15 I was left agane
to drag out a nother long winter
with out a helpmate to asist me
in my diselet condition on the
acount of my husbane wishing
to gow back to moldan agane for
A Serch for his Brother which he
left at the River Resan with his
thy brook when he was kotered by
the Indianans he was in hopes that
he was not murdered by the Ireme
So he went to fill a nother mans
place under this consider ation I petition
your owers to grant to me a small
penetion for the few remaining years
that I may be permited to lay hear
ar reward me for the back rshions that
my hesban had aught to have receiv
during his life the publick opinan
where ever he was nown was that his
pay was not anof for he was
from the time that he was wounded
dis abled from hard laber
I do redley bleive that all the
widos that has such claims should
be a warded by the Government
I will say to yau that while my hosban
was in the servis part of the time I would
hitch up an old mare to a Slead and

drive in to the woods and there
grabbin in the snow for wood to
keep my tow small children from
freezing Now I shall not bage you
for a section you may laff over
this and think what you pleas about
the subject I believe that you
are enjoying the Blessings of the old
Sables and reping the benefits of
than princets by getting your Eight
dollars a day and I dont grieve
at your injoyment

I can identify
my Self to just what I
have represented in these few lines

I wish to petition the members
of both houses to consider my
case and do just what you
think is rite I am needy but
not hagging yeat

You will be privileged
to use this just as you pleas
I no more at present but I will
be prepard to answer any communie
that I may receive from this Sorse

Nancy Ward a wide
of John Ward
to Stephen A Douglas
Allan Shaw and others
this January the 30 — 1858