

Springfield Ill.  
 Feby 12<sup>th</sup> 1858.

Hon. S. A. Douglas.

Sir //

In the Daily "Register" (herewith)  
 you will find my address to the people of Illinois,  
 upon the present phase of the Kansas question.  
 It was timed to counteract influences which are just  
 beginning to evidence themselves, in the hesitation of  
 some of our democratic men and papers. I should  
 have been bold because the occasion requires it.  
 Allow me to say; if you fight the battle boldly  
 even a defeat would be a victory; but if you  
 yield on such you are undone. Your position  
 between the hostile factions is an exposed one, but  
 it is full of honor, and if heroically maintained, will  
 give you your brightest page in history. And  
 here let me exhort you to look to the future as well  
 as to the present.

Yours &c. John A. McLehman.

P. S. If convenient, after reading it, please  
 place the address in the hands of "Gov. Walker"

Springfield, Ill's

Feb 12/58

Pro: A. W. Cleveland

Enclosing his address  
to the people of Ills

Old, black, simple

1810, 1811

1812, 1813, 1814

1815, 1816, 1817

1818, 1819, 1820



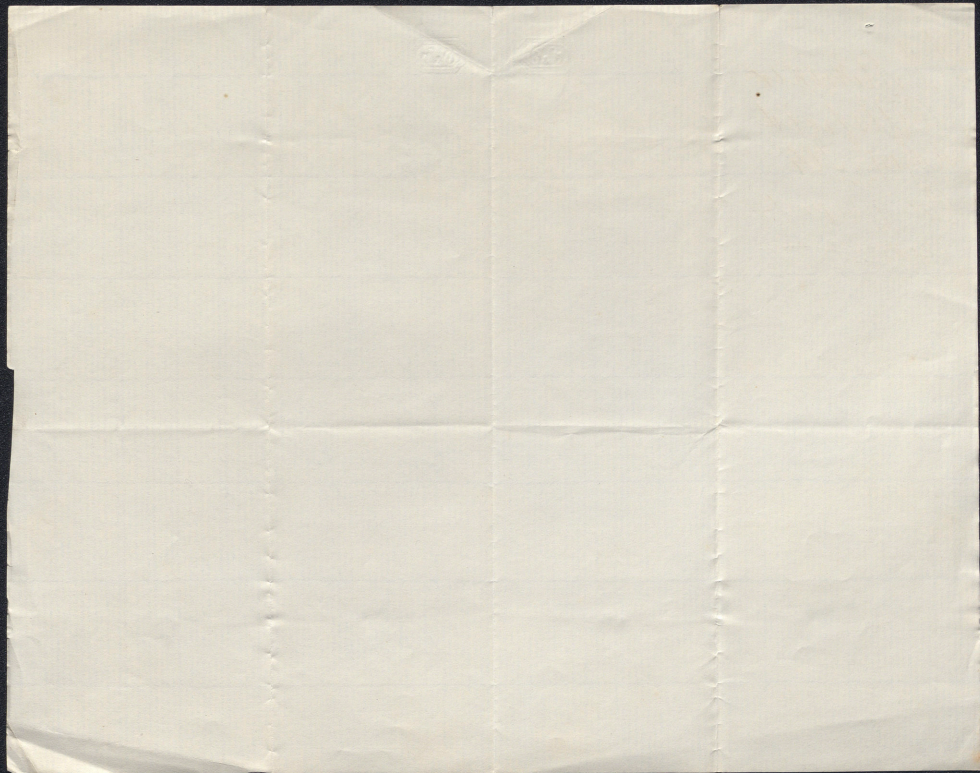


J. J. Mancker  
Pittsfield  
Feb 12/58, Ill  
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Pittsfield Ill Feb. 12<sup>th</sup> 1858.  
Honorable J. A. Douglas  
Dear Sir

Please accept  
this, from a democratic friend  
and if it aint taxing your  
patience and time to much  
hand it in to the patent  
Office and have directed to  
my address, a good Variety of  
Garden Seeds, as I am a  
considerable of an experimenter  
I take this method of procuring  
that which we dont see every  
day in Ill for your trouble  
please accept many thanks  
from a friend, direct to  
Pittsfield Pike County Ill  
Joseph J. Mancker



Provia Feb'y 12<sup>th</sup> 1858Hon<sup>ble</sup> S. A. Lincoln  
United States Senate

I fear Sir after my Compliments please  
 find enclosed two sets of resolutions which were acted on by  
 a large and enthusiastic meeting of the Democrats of this City and  
 County convened on a call from the Central Committee of the County  
 of Provia for the purpose of expressing the wish of the Democrats on  
 the admission of Kansas under the Scrumpston Constitution,  
 and that S. M. Harny the editor and proprietor of the Democratic  
 Union published in this City, was the leader and most violent  
 opposer to the adoption of the resolutions that were passed by  
 an almost unanimous vote, after the adoption of the above  
 he then offered another set of his own getting up, which were  
 rejected by an almost unanimous vote, my object in sending these  
 resolutions are twofold 1<sup>st</sup> to show you how the Democrats stand in  
 this section of Illinois 2<sup>d</sup> to show and generally believe that  
 S. M. Harny is making a great effort tooust our old friend  
 Peter Stover from the Post office of this City against the wish of  
 a large majority of the Democrats and Citizens generally, I am  
 sorry to be under the necessity of troubling you, but I do hope you  
 will use your influence to prevent the removal of General Stover  
 as such a thing would certainly not meet with the approbation  
 of the Citizens of this City

with true regard  
 Yours Truly  
 Wm. J. Thompson

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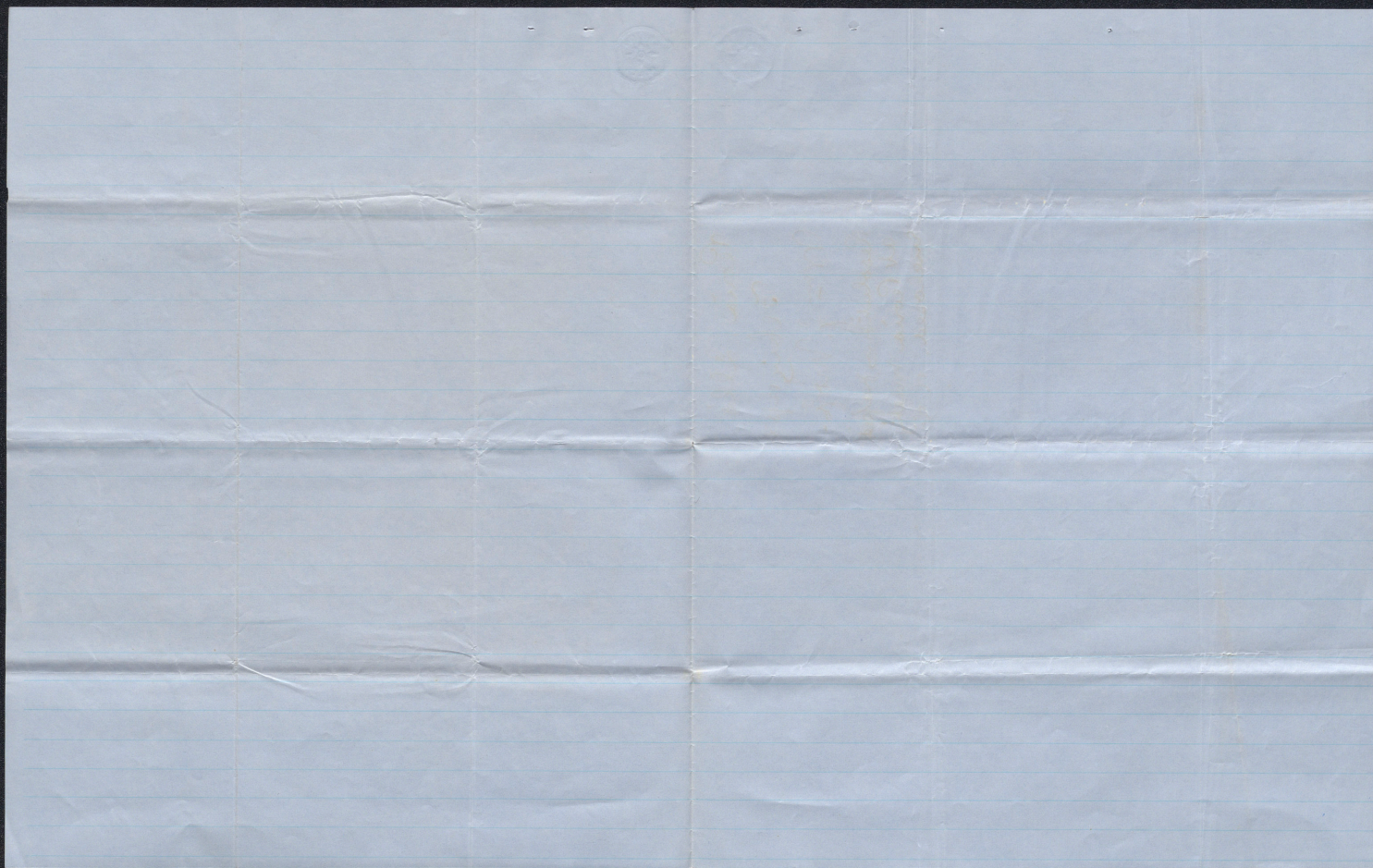
M. J. Mops.

Resolutions passed  
at Peria meeting  
enclosed. R. H.

Wm. J. Mops.

Wm. J. Mops.

Wm.



# The Union.

OFFICIAL PAPER OF THE CITY.

GEORGE W. RANEY, Proprietor.

PEORIA, THURSDAY, FEB. 11, 1858.

**Notice.**—All editorial business notices of eight lines or less will be charged \$1.00 per insertion, and ten cents per line each additional line.

All advertisements intended for this paper should have the number of insertions marked thereon. All within will be inserted one month and charged accordingly.  
Peoria, Jan. 1, 1858.

## The Democratic Meeting

Last night was largely attended, and the session prolonged to a late hour.— Speeches were made by Messrs. Bonney, Robinson, and Raney in favor of the admission of Kansas under the Lecompton Constitution, and by Messrs. McDonald, Ingersoll, Loucks and Moss against the admission of Kansas under that constitution. We shall give a full report as soon as it can be made up.

The following resolutions, reported by Mr. RANEY, and supported by the minority, were rejected by the meeting:

*Resolved*, 1. That the democracy of this city and county abide by and uphold the Cincinnati democratic platform of 1856, in its integrity, neither adding thereto nor subtracting therefrom: that the democracy of this city and county, in the language of that platform adopt the principles contained in the organic law of Kansas and Nebraska, as embodying the only sound and safe solution of the slavery question, upon which the great national idea of the people of this whole country can repose in its determined conservatism of the union, **NON-INTERVENTION OF CONGRESS WITH SLAVERY IN THE STATES AND TERRITORIES, OR IN THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.** That the democracy of this city and county remain faithful to the great doctrine expressed in the Kansas and Nebraska act; that the people of every territory ought to be left perfectly free to form and regulate their domestic institutions in their own way, subject only to the constitution of the United States, and that the democracy of this city and county accordingly hold, that whenever the proper time comes for the admission of any territory into the union, as a state, and a constitution therefor is properly presented to Congress, the only question to be determined by Congress, preparatory to the admission of such territory, is that provided for by the constitution of the United States—Does the constitution present a guarantee to the proposed state a republican form of government?

*Resolved*, 2. That the language of Senator Douglas, in his Springfield speech, the law under which the delegates to form the so-called Lecompton constitution, were elected, is believed to be just and fair in all its objects and provisions; that if any portion of the inhabitants of Kansas acting under the advice of political leaders in distant states, have chosen to absent themselves from the polls, and have withheld their votes with a view of leaving the free state democrats in a minority, and thus securing a pro-slavery constitution in opposition to the wishes of a majority of the people living under it, the responsibility must rest on those who, for partizan purposes, have sacrificed the principles they professed to cherish and promote; that there was no obstacle in the way of bringing Kansas into the union as a free state, by the votes and voice of her own people, and in conformity with the great principle of the Kansas and Nebraska act, provided all the free state men had gone to the polls and voted *their principles* in accordance with their professions, and that it is the imperative duty of Congress to receive Kansas into the union, with a constitution which must have been framed by the consent or default of a majority of the inhabitants of that territory.

*Resolved*, 3. That the administration of the venerable statesman who was elected to the chief magistracy of this union, by the democratic party at the last election, has thus far been one eminently worthy of his fame as a statesman, and his integrity as a patriot; and that the interests of the country will continue to be wisely guarded, and actively promoted by that administration, to the entire fulfillment of every pledge upon which it was elevated to power.

*Resolved*, 4. That the democracy of this city and county look in this crisis, to our distinguished senator STEPHEN A. DOUGLAS, and demand at his hands a vindication of the great doctrine of **NON-INTERVENTION BY CONGRESS IN THE DOMESTIC AFFAIRS OF THE TERRITORIES**, worthy of his fame; and confidently expect to see Kansas admitted into the union, *without further agitation, strife or delay*, and that peace will thereby be restored, and Congress be enabled once more to devote its attention to the true objects of legislation.

The following resolutions, reported by the committee on resolutions, were adopted by the majority of the meeting:

*Whereas*, application has recently been made to Congress to admit Kansas into the Union under the Lecompton constitution, and *Whereas* there are circumstances connected with the same which fully justify the Democratic party of any portion of the confederacy in expressing their opinions upon the manner of its submission to the people of Kansas for ratification; and also upon the propriety of its reception by Congress—Therefore

*Resolved*, That we are opposed to the admission of Kansas into the Union under the Lecompton constitution, but to prevent any misconception of our position upon the question of admitting new states, we hereby declare that when a constitution is fairly and honorably adopted by a majority of the legal voters of a territory seeking admission into the Union, we are in favor of Congress receiving such constitution, whether it recognizes or rejects slavery. Our opposition to the admission of Kansas, under the present constitution, is based upon the following among other reasons:

1st Because the manner of its submission for ratification, allowing the people to vote only on *one* article of the Constitution (and that article embracing but *one* item of their "domestic" institutions) is in violation of the great principle of the the Kansas-Nebraska act, which guarantees to the people of Kansas and other territories, when forming a state government, the right to regulate *all* their "domestic institutions" in their own way, subject only to the limitations and restrictions of the Constitution of the United States.

2d, Because the manner in which the people were required to vote upon said article was arbitrary and deceptive.

3d, Because the manner of such submission violates a vital and important article of the creed of the Democratic party as embraced in the Cincinnati platform, which was a solemn and authoritative re-affirmation and endorsement of the principle of popular sovereignty, supposed to be secured by the passage of the Kansas-Nebraska act, and to be applied as were in the case of Kansas as in other territories when preparing for admission into the Union.

4th, Because the said constitution, when submitted under the restrictive provisions of the Lecompton constitution, did not receive the sanction of a majority of the legal voters of Kansas, and therefore lacks that semblance of legal vitality which a popular expression might be supposed to impart to it.

*Resolved*, That the acceptance of said Constitution by Congress (under the plea that the people of Kansas can immediately thereafter alter or abolish the same,) would, in our opinion, be a virtual abandonment of the principle of the Kansas-Nebraska act—an evasion of responsibility imposed by the Constitution for the protection of State rights, and an act of injustice to the people of Kansas, and dangerous to the peace and welfare of the Union.

*Resolved*, That in our opinion, it is the duty of Congress forthwith to reject the Lecompton Constitution, and to adopt measures to authorize the formation of a Constitution to be submitted, in *all* its provisions, to the legal voters of Kansas.

*Resolved*, That we cordially approve and endorse the positions taken by Stephen A. Douglas, and so ably and eloquently maintained in his speech of the 9th of December, and on subsequent occasions, in the United States Senate in opposition to the reception of the Lecompton Constitution; that they are in strict accord with his whole course on the Kansas-Nebraska question; and that for his manly and fearless advocacy of popular sovereignty—the great principle which secured success to the democracy in 1856, and which has served to make a party truly national—Senator Douglas deserves

the support of the democracy of the whole Union, and especially of Illinois for whose welfare and honor he has so nobly labored.

*Resolved*, That Thomas L. Harris and his democratic colleagues in the House of Representatives are entitled to the thanks and support of their constituents for their firm and consistent adherence to the principles of the Kansas-Nebraska act, and their opposition to the present attempt to force an objectionable Constitution upon the people of Kansas.

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AS AUDITOR OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS;

January 1, 1858.

Name of the Company is The HARTFORD FIRE

INSURANCE COMPANY; and its location is at

Hartford, Conn.

Capital stock of the Company is.....\$500,000

Amount of the capital stock paid in is.....\$000,000

Assets of the Company are as follows:—

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11 Shares Hartford Bank

Stock.....\$51,100 \$00,298

70 Shares Phoenix Bank

Stock.....37,000 37,000

60 Shares Con. River B'nk

Company Stock.....4,000 4,000

60 Shares Farmers & Me-

chanics' Bank.....20,000 21,800

60 Shares City B'nk Stock

11,500 12,060

60 Shares Charter Oak B'nk

Stock.....20,000 20,000

60 Shares Mercantile B'nk

Stock.....10,000 10,000

60 Shares B'nk of Hartford

County Stock.....15,000 7,500

60 Shares Exchange B'nk

Shares Merchants and

Manufacturers' Bank

Stock, 30 per ct. paid, 3,300 4,300

60 Shares Etina B'nk Stock,

10 per cent. paid.....500 500

60 Shares American Ex-

change Bank Stock, N.

Y.....20,000 19,300

60 Shares B'nk of America

30,000 31,800

60 Shares B'nk of Commerce

20,000 20,200

60 Shares Importers and

Traders' Bank.....30,000 28,500

60 Shares Manhattan Co.

Bank.....10,000 12,500

60 Shares Merchants' B'nk

5,000 5,400

60 Shares Merchants' B'nk

Stock, 25 per ct. paid 1,250 1,250

60 Shares Union Bank

10,000 11,500

60 Shares Ocean Bank.....10,000 7,000

60 Shares Bank of North

America.....10,000 10,000

257 Shares Metropolitan

Bank Stock.....26,700 27,708

100 Shares Merchants' B'nk

Stock, Boston.....10,000 9,800

100 Shares Bank of Com-

merce Stock, Boston, 10,000 9,800

100 Shares Hartford & New

Haven Railroad Stock

10,000 11,300

34 Shares Hartford, Prov.

& Fishkill R.R. Stock,

preferred.....3,400 1,928

20 Shares Connecticut

River Railroad Stock,

2,000 1,000

120 Shares Cen. River

Company Stock.....12,000 3,000

\$403,750 \$398,986

Assets receivable bearing interest, in-

cluding Special Deposits in B'nks, 122,883.72

Balances on book due the Comp'y, 80,485.71

Cash in hand of Agents, or in

course of transmission.....38,127.08

Cash on hand.....46,578.67

637,065.00

No liabilities to banks or others, due or not due.

No losses adjusted and due.

Amount of losses, either unadjusted } 49,068.66

Adjusted and not due, }

Losses in suspense waiting further proof,

included in last answer above.

All other claims against the Company, 7,801.12

The rule of the Company is not to exceed \$10,000 in any

one risk, subject to loss by a single fire.

The amount insured in a city or village, depends upon

its size,—generally 1/2 the desirable risks to be had;

subject to the rule above named.

The amount insured in any one block of buildings de-

pends upon its size and construction, subject to the

rule above referred to.

The Act of Incorporation, with Amendments, as

amends this statement.

C. B. BOWERS, Secretary.

STATE OF CONNECTICUT, } January 6th, 1858.

HARTFORD COUNTY—S.S. }

Personally appeared C. B. BOWERS, Secretary of the

Hartford Fire Insurance Company, and made oath that

the foregoing statement, by him subscribed, is a true,

and correct statement of the affairs of said Company,

and exhibits so far as can be ascertained at this date, its

actual condition on the first day of January, 1858.

Before me,

H. H. BARBOUR, J. P.

AUDITOR'S OFFICE, STATE OF ILLINOIS, }

SPRINGFIELD, January 18, 1858. }

Whereas, the Hartford Fire Insurance Company, located

at Hartford, in the State of Connecticut, has filed in said

State a statement of the condition of its affairs, as required

by "An Act to regulate the Agencies of Insurance Com-

panies and incorporated by the State of Illinois," approv-

ed February 17, 1855, and an act amendatory thereto, ap-

proved January 22, 1857; and, whereas said Company are

able to furnish satisfactory evidence that it is possessed of the

required amount of capital invested in stocks and mort-

gages, and has filed in this office a written instrument,

authorizing the President and Secretary thereof, appointing

each Bills of Peoria, its Agent for the transaction of

the business of said Company, and fully and unreservedly

authorizing him to acknowledge service of process not

on behalf of said Company, consenting that service of

process upon him, the said Agent, shall be taken and held

as valid as if served upon the Company, and waiving

claim of error by reason of such service.

I have, therefore, in pursuance of the provisions of the

foregoing Act, Jesse K. Dubois, Auditor of Public Ac-

counts of the State of Illinois, do hereby certify that the

said Roswell Bills is authorized as an Agent for the said

Company, to transact the business of Insurance in this

State, until the thirty-first day of January, in the year

one thousand and fifty-nine, so far as he may be legal-

ly empowered so to do by said Company.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto subscribed my

name, and affixed the seal of my office, at Springfield,

Illinois, this 18th day of January, A. D., 1858.

JESSE K. DUBOIS, Auditor P. A.

THAT & BILLS, Agents.

# The Union

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OFFICIAL PAPER OF THE CITY.

GEORGE W. RANEY, Proprietor.

PEORIA, WEDNESDAY, FEB. 10, 1858.

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Peoria, Jan. 1, 1858.

## The Democratic Meeting.

The long advertised democratic meeting was held last night and was called to order by H. B. Hopkins, chairman of the county committee, and organized by the choice of Capt. Wm. S. Moss, as president; Dr. Ciolina, Levi Booth and E. C. Rynearson, as vice presidents; and James S. Barkman and Enoch P. Sloan as secretaries.

GEO. W. RANEY:

*Mr. Chairman and Fellow Democrats:*—I came here to night as a democrat, and before we proceed to business, I desire to express my sincere regret that this meeting has been called. When it was first talked of, seven weeks ago, I opposed it. I believed then, and still believe that it could have no other tendency than to distract and divide the democratic party here. Every one must perceive that if we go on, speeches will be made on both sides.—There are those here who may oppose, there are those here who will uphold the present administration. If this be done, then faction may be arrayed against faction, and thus divided, our forces will be weakened, and the enemy may then be able to defeat us.

The republicans to a man are in favor of this meeting, and that is a strong reason for believing that it ought not to be held. Then as we have nothing to gain and everything to lose by proceeding, I move that we do now adjourn *sine die*.

Charles S. Clarke, Esq., seconded this motion.

WELLINGTON LOUCKS.—The gentleman says he came here as a democrat.

JOHN MACDONALD.—Mr. Chairman, I believe I have the floor. If Mr. Raney will withdraw his motion to adjourn I would like to offer a few remarks.

MR. RANEY.—I withdraw the motion.

Mr. Macdonald then said he came to the meeting to express his opinion upon a question which has divided the union from one end to the other. It is a question which interests us all, and he desired to hear democrats express themselves freely upon it. If Mr. Raney's motion to adjourn did not prevail, he should offer a motion for the appointment of a committee of seven on resolutions.

Mr. Raney wished to occupy the floor for about five minutes till he could read a series of resolutions which he had prepared for the occasion.

Mr. Macdonald said if Mr. Raney waved his motion to adjourn, he should press his motion for a committee on resolutions. His motion was then put and carried.

Charles S. Clark moved that the committee be appointed by the meeting.

Mr. Loucks moved as an amendment, that the chair appoint the committee, which amendment was carried, and the following persons were appointed said committee: John Macdonald, E. C. Rynearson, Benj. Miller, H. B. Hopkins, Levi Booth, John Dawson, Geo. McFadden.

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Byron's	The Moss Rose,
Moore's	The Passion Flower,
Burns'	Memory's Gift,
Scott's	The Forget-me-not,
Hemans'	The Snow Flake,
Southey's	The Evergreen,
Evening Book,	The Lady's Annual,
Sacred Mountains,	Friendship's Gift,
The Gem Annual,	Gift of Affection,
The Emblem,	The Philopoeia,
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Genoa Carson Valley, Utah Territory  
February 12<sup>th</sup> 1858

Hon Stephen A Douglas  
Sir


Although I have not the honor of either a personal or an epistolary acquaintance with you, knowing you to be Chairman of the Senate Committee on Territories, and being myself a resident of that portion of Utah, out of which with a portion of New Mexico, it is asked, in a memorial already presented to Congress, that a new Territory be formed, I am induced to address you this letter to urge upon you the immediate necessity for the organization of a Territorial Government for this Country.

It is supposed that there are about six thousand inhabitants residing in the proposed new Territory, and many of them like myself, have their families, their homes and their all here, and have no protection for either life or property. We have commenced the settlement of a Country, rich in its natural resources and the protection of Government only is needed, to make it the happy home of thousands. We need a government of our own, for it is impossible for us to have the neces-

=any means of communication with any other people for a greater portion of the year- At this season of the year, we have no communication with any but Californians and have to cross the Sierra Nevada on Snow Shoes, to get to California- On the east of us we have for neighbors, <sup>a people</sup> that are not only our declared enemies, but also the open enemies of the General Government, and their past acts indicate any thing, we are liable at any time to be driven from our homes and robbed of our property, and <sup>now</sup> need protection, we are American Citizens, and are we not entitled to it.

Having full confidence in your knowledge of the wants of a people situated as we are, and believing you to be disposed to urge the just claims of such a people upon the General Government, we trust the matter may be favourably considered by you at an early period, and that ere long we may have the protection of the laws of our Country.

I remain your most obedient servant and fellow citizen

Wm M Ormsby  


Mr. M. Crosby  
Genl. Carson Valley  
Utah Terr.  
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about the for-  
mation of a  
new Territory

New Haven Ct. <sup>my</sup> Feb. 12<sup>th</sup> 1858 -  
Mr. Douglass -  
Honored Sir -

Will you do  
me the favor of sending a copy of your  
two last speeches, and any future  
ones that may be upon particularly  
interesting topics.

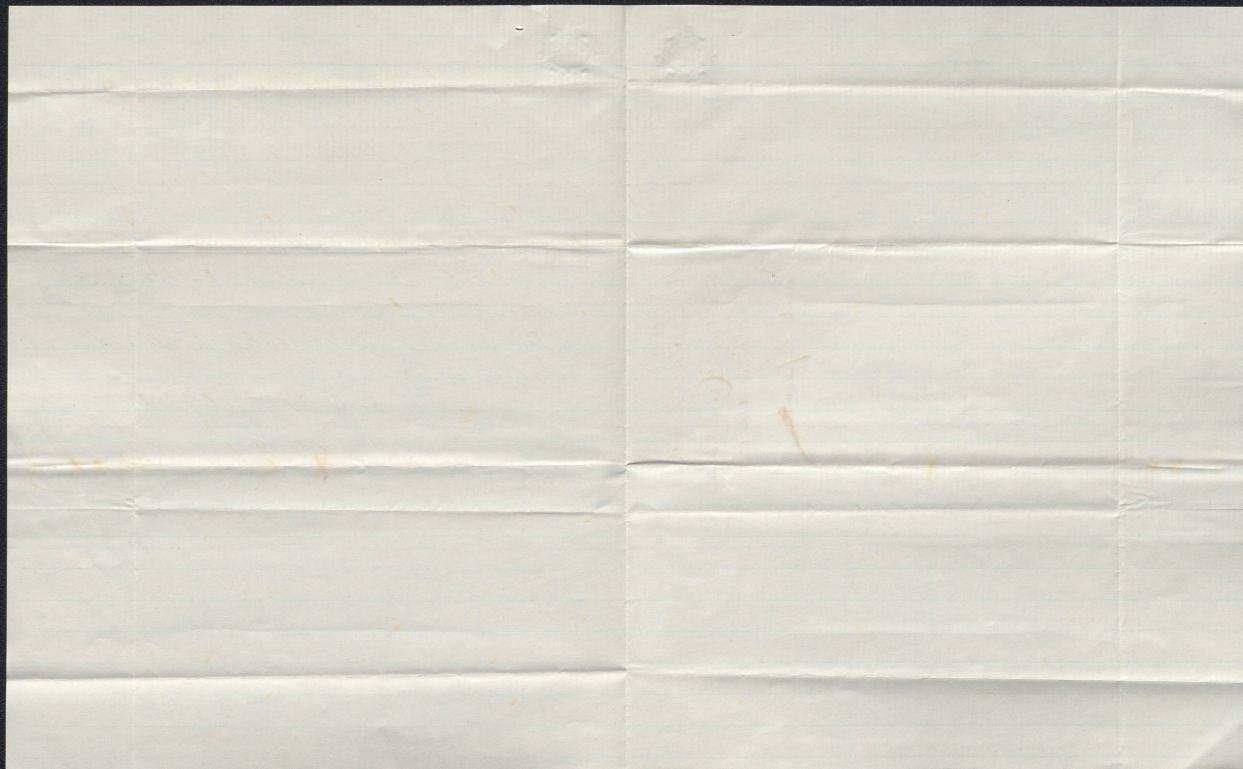
If so, you will oblige by directing  
to Box 440 -

Very Respectfully Yours

R. Ehmer Packelock

R. E. Paddock  
New Haven Conn  
Feb 14 1858

Wants Speech



Wm S A Douglas,  
Washington

Richmond 12<sup>th</sup> Feb 1858

My Dear Sir,

I have very much to owe you  
on several accounts, but especially on account  
of your excellent and worthy friend Co. J. R.  
Bellman. - It may be some days before I can  
be in Washington and have thought it best  
to write you this -

It appears that in the Land office  
in Washington by the name of Peter Wilson Esq  
(He is not known to me) - who is very anxious to  
have Co. Bellman's office and has written several  
letters - one to Dr. Mc Mahon and the  
other to the Register (Palmer) at Council Bluffs  
urging them to pursue charges against Co.  
J. R. that he will be removed and another  
may give him - Dr. Wilson - About 12 months  
ago a similar effort was made, before Co.  
J. had entered on the duties of his office -  
A Commissioner was appointed to investigate the  
charges - He did so and reported they were  
entirely groundless - and that their Origin

in case, and unworthy duty. - I am happy, that  
the unworthy have been let down, among the  
loyal, brave and faithful public officers, -  
to have no power - By our observation and  
experience has been, that the more faithful, and  
conscientious, a Land officer, the more dangerous  
he is to a wicked class of men, who wish  
to use the office, and officers, for their  
own selfish purposes - It was this that caused  
me to resign my position for saving the  
Government, both true to its officers, its governing  
Conference, and support, so, honorable men  
can remain in office -

I think it better to be a faithful  
officer, and an honorable man, and I  
cannot find language sufficiently strong to  
characterize the last movement against him.  
I appeal to you to see that Justice is done  
him, and I enclose to you a paper of  
signatures by every member of the Council & House  
of Reps of Nebraska -

We expect soon to have the Original, or Copy  
of the letter, from Dr. Wilson to Messrs. Dr. McKee  
& Fisher - and I think they should be  
laid before the President, so that he may

see the Cause taken by Hicks, in the Land office  
in Washington to embarrass the local officers -  
It is not known that any kind of charge, can be  
gathered up to cost against any man, who holds  
a position -

Very I request you to show this letter  
to our excellent friend Gen. Jones -

With kindest regards  
Yours truly

John A. Fisher

John A. Parker  
Richmond Va

February 12 1858

Enclose a petition for the  
retention of C. E. Selmore  
as Register of Land Office  
in Nebraska Territory

To the President of the United States

The undersigned members of the Council and House of Representatives of the Territory of Nebraska, most cheerfully make the following representations to your Excellency. That they are personally acquainted with Mr Eldridge R Gilmore the Receiver of the Land Office at Omaha in this Territory; that he has discharged the duties of his office with singular fidelity, and to the entire satisfaction of the whole people, and justly possesses their full confidence as a man and as an officer, and the undersigned further most cordially represent that his continuation in his present position is in accordance with the wishes of our whole people and <sup>demand</sup> the public interest.

This 21<sup>st</sup> day of December AD 1837

Members of the Council

Wm. S. Miller

President of the Council

Saml Rogers

Asa Salisbury

J. M. Kirkpatrick

L. Safford

Levi L. Brown

Millar S. Reeves

William Clancy

James S. Allen

Chas M<sup>c</sup>Donald

Asa Rogers

R. W. Farnam

Allen et, Bradford

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# Members of the House of Representatives

J. H. Decker Shaker Hou, Rep.

W. B. Hail

Amos Bates.

John B. Campbell

James Stewart

Thomas A. Strickland

A. F. Cromwell

James Davidson

Lawson Sheldon

John M. Sargent

Chas. L. Crawford

E. W. Donelan

Michael Murphy

J. P. Passock

W. R. Small

L. B. Holt

M. King

E. C. Jones.

Charles T. Holloman

W. Sterling Morton

Wm. B. Beck

Wm. S. Minick

James Stewart

J. M. Marquette

Franklin

A. J. Benedict

P. G. Cooper

George Calayer

P. Sullivan

J. A. Chambers

Wm. Thompson

Ben Rogers

Alvigo Perkins

Quincy. Legation  
and factor of Co  
Edwards

Akron Ohio Feb 12<sup>th</sup> 1858 )  
 Hon Stephen A Douglas

Dear Sir enclosed

I send a strip to let you know how we stand in this vicinity on the Kansas issue. To my astonishment the Editor of the Ontario Messenger refused to publish this scall, My Foreman on my farm learning the fact, went and demand the article and took it to the other Press,

Here I am reminded that my friend east once informed me that an article appeared in that paper some two years since with my name attached that was any thing but what it ought to have been, in reply to some remarks that you made in the Senate,

The facts are as follows I wrote a few lines in the Hotel the express coming up to take me west. I said to him who took charge of the manuscript to erase and insert a few words and stated what words to insert, and jumped on to the train

That paper containing this article never reached me, mark this, no other paper ever has failed for many years, before or since.

I am now determined to put out this matter by referring to his files when I go down (seeing his prejudices in not inserting the short article enclosed)

A month or two after this I received a letter from Mr Fisk in which he said he was directed to inform me that Mr Douglas could not entertain me and my wife <sup>his</sup> house being inconvenient.

Inclosing I will state that the article under consideration was when I left it, a cautious one, setting forth the principles we have acted upon for many years like unto many others that I have written on the Antislavery question. We have not even received your speech in pamphlet form, as we have been informed that it is or has been published and want it for future reference as well as for the present for we endorse it.

I should be in Washington D C right early, were it not for what Mr Fisk wrote me, But notwithstanding all this, I shall support <sup>and</sup> advocate the principles you are now setting forth if I am driven even to the meanest hotel that the honest poor inhabit, May Heaven bless you in your effort,

My wife will or desires to send to you Lady, whom we have never seen a paper or two,

I am aware this letter is too long your business in pressing you as it must, Shall we get a line from you notwithstanding,

Respectfully yours  
Augustus Sawyer

P.S My Friend cast tobacco by letter that all almost to a man in that country go for you in this struggle (Editor of the Ontario Messenger except.)

Akron, O.

Feb'y 12/58

A. Sanger.

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## Public Sentiment at the West.

The following letter, from a Western correspondent of the Ontario Messenger, whose epistolary favors have hitherto always been acceptable to the Editor of that paper, we are informed, was sent there for publication last week, and being rejected, was subsequently handed to us :

AKRON, O., JAN. 11, 1858.

MR. EDITOR :—*Dear Sir*—The people of this region are greatly excited on the Kansas question. It is the topic of conversation at the corners of our streets.

The course that the Hon. S. A. Douglas is taking in this crisis meets the approbation of all. But few, if any that would not even *jeopardize their lives* (if need be) to sustain him, in this noble effort. That he is fully equal to the task no one here doubts.

If we mistake not Mr. Douglas has always held that the People of Kansas had the right to regulate their own affairs, frame their own State Constitution, being subject to the Constitution of the United States. Aside from this Mr. D. is no doubt aware that, if the People of Kansas are not allowed to do their own work in this matter, dangers are *thickening* on all sides, and the dark cloud that now hangs over Kansas, although it may appear to some, "no bigger than a man's hand," may spread over this entire nation ere long. "He that sees the sword coming and refuses to give warning," is held responsible for the consequences of such neglect.

We have differed heretofore with Mr.

Douglas on questions *dear to us*. But what of all this? When we honestly think him right, we feel it our duty to proclaim it, feeble as we may be—we will use the "one talent," as conscience demands, dictated by reason, to the best of our ability. A. SAWYER.

will ruin me."

"Hear me out. Give her ten dollars and if at the end of six months you want it back, I will pledge myself to see it paid."

"You see it paid? Where will you get it?"

"I have more than that money which I have laid up to buy clothes with."

"I can go without clothes easier than I can see a poor, honest man suffering when by any means he may be blessed. O, I would rather have the free heart-felt blessing of one honest soul, than all the dresses in the world. To walk forth and feel that I am loved for the good I do, were better than millions of money piled away in dark corners. Go and give her ten dollars, and keep me to my promise, for I will not break it. But mind you—my name must not be mentioned. Give it to her as your own gift."

"But you will pay me?"

"When you ask for it."

"I think it is so foolish to throw away your money so, and yet I'll give it to her. You won't come to me for dresses though?"

"No."

The old man returned, and having pulled out his pocket-book, he drew out ten dollars and handed it to Martha Allen.

"Here," said he, "take this, and see that you make good use of it."

The poor girl took the money with trembling hand, as she looked at the bills—two fives—she was startled.

"You have made a mistake, sir," she said.

"How so?"

"You have given me ten dollars."

"So I meant, girl."

A moment the child gazed into the

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of Randol Feb. 12 / 58.

My Sir.

Having become a citizen of  
your State with two of the branches  
of my family I take the liberty to  
address you, asking for your favors.  
I shall feel highly honored to receive  
from you some of the Congressional  
Documents. If I am not encroach-  
ing too much on your precious  
time, such favors will be thank-  
fully received. I am proud to say  
I was born a Democrat & have voted  
that ticket fifty years; & I am with  
you in your present efforts to  
carry out the true principles.  
Wishing you a God-speed & a  
final triumph over all opposing  
forces. I subscribe myself yours  
truly in political faith and  
friendship.

Hon. J. M. Douglass. Genl. S. C. Swett M.D.

Railroad Station  
Feb 12/88

John Swett, M.D.,

Approvingly &  
wants doc. —

George A. Thompson.  
Lewistown  
New York.  
Feb 12<sup>th</sup> 1858.

Wm. Speeches  
(Lost Copy of  
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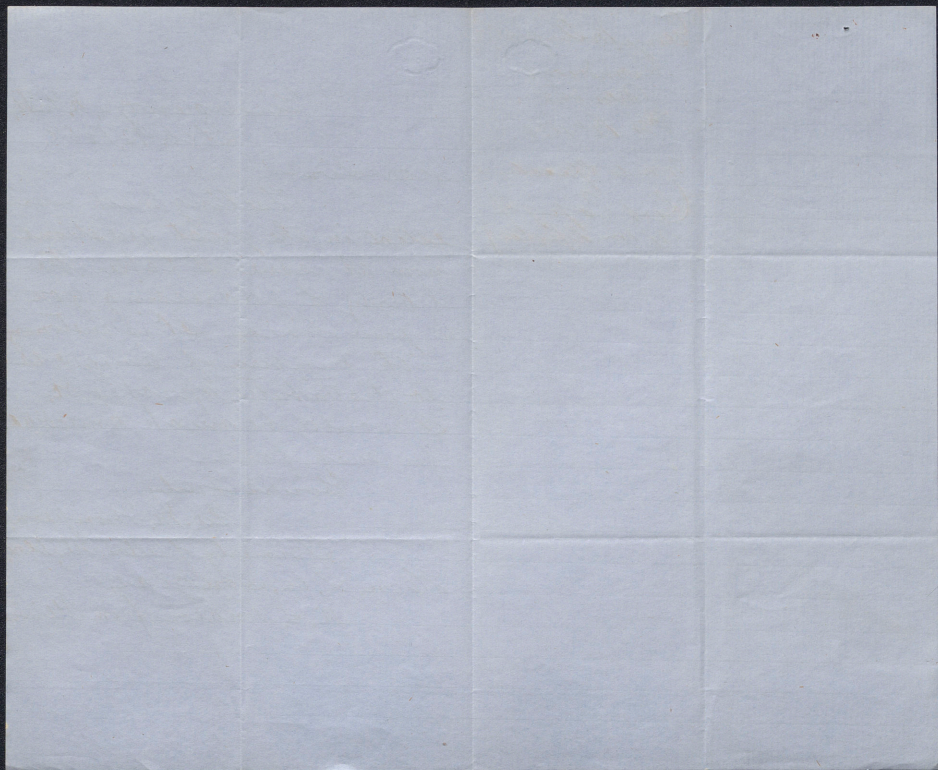
Lewistown, N. York,  
Feb. 12, 1858.

Dear Sir -

Feeling much interested in the great questions now at issue I take the liberty of addressing you a few lines. It is customary with members of Congress to distribute Speeches, &c. I would be much indebted for such favors

Yours Truly

Geo. M. Thompson,  
Formerly of Ill. Sen.  
Hon. S. A. Douglas,  
N. S. Senator from Ill.



Millsboro Del Feb 12/1888.

Hon. Sir:

Will you do me the favor to send me a few copies of your speech upon the Kansas Question? Because I do not think as those in power are taught to think I am continually brought into arguments. I wish then for to inform myself in regard to this vital question - for if the matter were fairly understood among the masses I am confident that the Leecompton swindle, against which you have so earnestly protested, would very soon meet its quietus.

Any favors will be thankfully received

Yr,

your  
ob. servt.

Hon J. A. Douglass  
U. S. S.  
Washington D. C.

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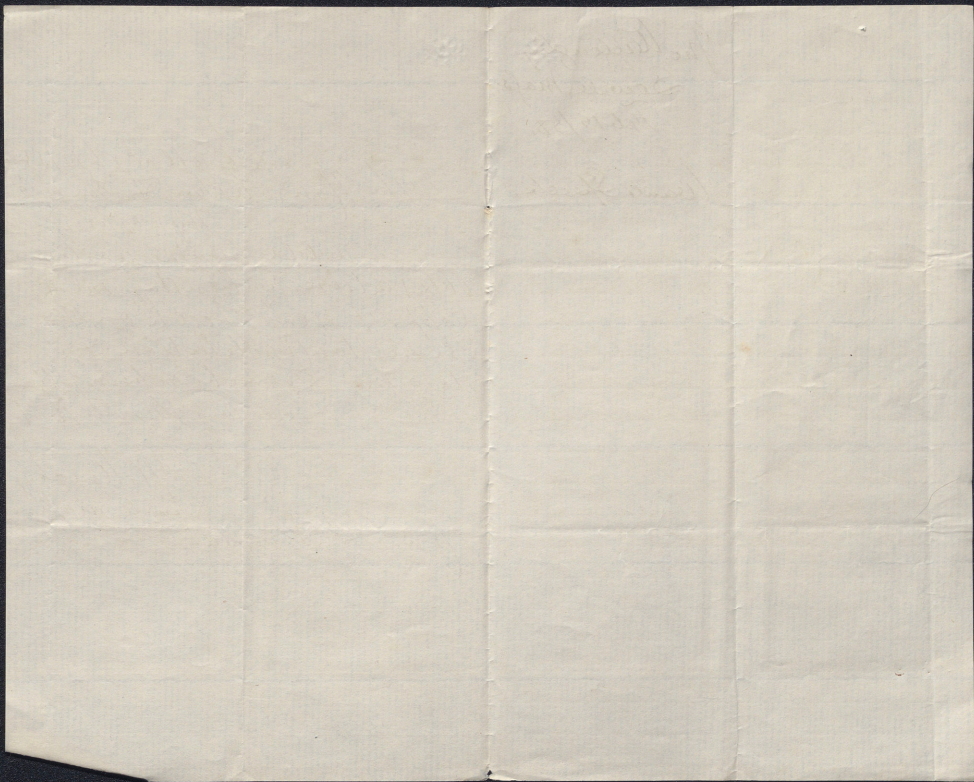
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W<sup>th</sup> Fisher Well,  
Millboro, N.H.  
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Jno Willoughby  
Dorwell, Mass:  
Feb. 12/58,

Wants Speech,

3500  
To the Hon. Stephen A. Douglas  
My dear Sir  
You would lay me under  
obligation by sending me a  
Copy of your Speech on the  
Dred Scott Constitution &  
allow me to subscribe myself  
Yours very respectfully  
John Willoughby  
Dorwell Mass  
Hon. A. Douglas



Hon. S. A. Douglass

Sir,

Having recently trans-  
ferred my residence from the State of  
New York to this great inland city, I  
greatly feel the want of my usual ha-  
ving from Washington. Being an admi-  
rer of your present noble and consistent  
course on the Kansas question, I take  
the liberty to request that you will be  
so obliging as to consider me as among  
those on whom you occasionally bestow  
the geminate favor. I would be much  
pleased to receive your speaking on that  
at present, most exciting of all politi-  
cal questions. If President Buchanan's  
present attitude on the Kansas question  
shall be sustained by Congress, I venture  
to predict that every Northern or Wes-  
tern man who shall receive his order in  
favor of that measure, will be swift from  
political life with the besom of destruc-  
tion. And I belong to the Republican  
party. I would make my best bow to  
Mr. Buchanan and thank him for his  
present suicidal course.

The institution of Slavery must not



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Hon. S. A. Douglass M. C.  
U. S. Senate  
Washington D. C.