Bristol Worth County Iowa Feb. 16/55.

Dear Sir.

I regret that circumstances have placed me in a situation where the business devolves on me of trespassing upon your time well knowing that your situation is such as to command your whole time and attention without bestowing them upon what may seem to you so trivial an affair and one which two might settle to be addressed to the senator from this State— But I will not detain you with apologies. I just sign off one certificate located in one of the four townships ordered into market at public sale at Osage next June, and any interest to unite with the interests of the citizens or settlers of these townships. By reason of these lands being ordered into market for public sale at so early a day a large majority of the settlers who have settled upon and improved their claims cannot procure means for payment before their claims. Therefore in behalf of this and in behalf of petitioning the

[illegible] be postponed to a further time
Receiving the Lands after to preemption the
settlers have held a series of meetings and
are about to forward to the president a
petition praying that he will permit each person
who may be compelled on any quarter a
representation to address them contesting their
right and influence. Then you see the means
which have dictated these terms and I hope
may Sir be you will consider them worthy
to interest yourself in our behalf. By so
doing you will confer a favor [illegible]
your Obedt. and

Yours Humble Servant
Hiram Ortell

Hon. Stephen A. Douglas

P. S. When you will recognize
as from your friends of Manchester, Ontario
County N.Y. it would be happy to receive any
public documents you may be pleased to
send. Such works would be serviceable to
us in the remote community We. A.

Bristol.
Worth Co. Iowa
February 18 1858
Hiram Axtell

Wants lands in Iowa
Wisconsin from
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H. J. Bagley, Ill.
Marengo
Feb 18/78
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Marengo Ill. Feb. 18th 1878

Hon. Stephen A. Douglass D. C

Dr Sir

Please Send me a Copy of the last Patent Office report and much Oblige. Yours Truly

J. H. Bagley

[answered Feb 20, 1858]

New York. Thursday.

My dear Sir,

I am glad indeed to hear from you promising accounts of the health of Mrs Douglas.

To keep public attention employed I printed my speech on Monday. If you have had time to read it, I hope you like it.

Our meeting last night was the fullest, most ~~[illegible]~~ orderly & enthusiastic I ever attended. The building was a large one & would have been so esteemed any where else, things small for this city. Our officers were all Buchanan men of last year: among them the Editors of three leading papers, the Catholic, the French, & the German. The

German population are with us heart & soul. I made only a few remarks, but in them introduced your name; & it would have done your wife as much good as ten doctors' visits, if she could have heard the way it was received.

The South is not against us, only the Southern politicians. They are infatuated with the idea, that a convention which nominates the President, ensures his election. They will find their mistake.

We mean to turn out every man of our representatives who may vote for Lecompton.

Unless the administration is mad, it will pause in its career of wilfulness.

Very truly your friend

Geo. Bancroft

P.S. To solve the problem of the support given to Lecompton by the South, it seems to me that some of the Southern politicians wish to

perplex the public mind & so pave
the way for a change of national policy;
others have merely in view getting up an issue
which you cannot accept, & which leaves
the field clear for a Southern candidate.

Stanton will be very well but might
& kept the attention of the audience riveted
for three hours.

L. Butler
Franklin
Maine
Feby 13/58.
Offers of Con
Speeches Wanted

Franklin, Maine,
Feb. 18th, 1858.

Sir:

I am desirous of reading your speeches of this session on the Kansas Question.

If you can send me copies of them you will greatly oblige one who sympathises with your efforts to carry out in good faith the principles of the Kansas-Nebraska act, of which I have always been zealous defender.

Yours very respectfully
L. Butler

To
Hon. S. A. Douglas
U. S. Senate, Washington

University of Michigan
Ann Arbor Mich Feb 18. 1858

Hon S. A. Douglass

Dear Sir:

Desiring to keep back of the political history of the country and its men on all important matters I take the liberty to ask you to send me your speech on the Kansas question (relating the President's Message) which I should be very glad to receive ~~&~~ with any other speeches or documents that you may be pleased to send.

Very Respfully
A. W. Chapman
Ann Arbor
Mich

A. W. Chapman
Ann Arbor
Mich.
Feb 18/58.
Hon. S. A. Douglas

Chicago Feb 18th 1858

Hon Stephen A Douglas

Dear Sir I write you without ever having had the pleasure of personal acquaintance but I wish to address you upon Political Subjects. A large class of People in Northern Part of Illinois once old Whigs and recently ~~having~~ done acted with the Republicans - that are disgusted with the Eternal din ~~of Praise~~ of Freedom Shrieking and fire eating and long to see Slavery agitation Extended from Congress and the Country again restored to peace This class of People felt in their hearts that your Position Was has been and is right that it is the only way to dispose of the question You are firmer set in the hearts of the People than Ever before But you are opposed by your friends - Because the People that would be glad to support you are Silenced by Republican News papers and a feeling of deficiency about ~~your~~ owning out Democratic a party they perhaps many of them have always opposed Now I firmly believe that Every County in Illinois Can be Carried for you Could the Single question of the Kansas Policy be presented and in a manner not repulsive to the People I have Started An Independant News paper and am more Abused by Republicans than any Democratic Paper can be Yet they See the Weapon I use is dangerous to them The question now is an Senatorial Election Long John is using Every Effort to get your friends

and Administration Democrats at Washington and hope to succeed as that way must fall

And to be plain I am publishing an independent paper a Copy of which I herewith send you. I am discussing your Position on the above Territory without reference to party and advocate your Kansas Course not on Legal or Constitutional grounds but as the true Policy of the Government (See Platform inclosed) And this I think is the plan to bring out the Democrat better as well from the Republican Side and has already brought us to a Party of 4 or 500 in this City. If the point is gained that it is the Policy & Compact & good of the People to Prohibit Slavery as well as all other questions of Local interest You will not only be sustained by the great Mass of People in the North but by all Conservative men of the South and you will have more than Two to one in your Kansas and Nebraska Bill Doctrine You can write & Coot Brainard or any of your Democratic friends respecting me and Write me if you please what you think would be of most service not so much to you as to the principle and Extention of the position you now occupy While I am remain its advocate I mean I am for you because I believe you are right and not because you are a friend whom it might be profitable to serve I am Open and Blunt and [illegible]

drive a head when I get Started but I can't A Start right If you can advise me I am ready to receive it with all due diligence by Spirit

Feeling as I do that Now the question of Slavery or Kansas affairs are to be settled before any other questions can claim any degree of attention I as a citizen and as one who wants see all parts of the Country again United and for your Policy am I ask your advice in the Course I am to pursue If I can be useful I wish Simple Support sufficient to pay the Expenses of my paper and am Soon Obtain Patronage Enough for that

Yours Respectfully

G W Kline
Editor Comm. Advertiser
Chicago Ill

Hon S A Douglas

Chicago: Ills
Feby 18/58
J. W. G. Cone,
(Edit Com: Adv)
Political

McConnellsville Tenn Feb 11 1858

Dear Sir

You will pardon me for taking the liberty of writing you a few lines, having had the Pleasure of your acquaintance some few years since when I was a Citizen of Wentworth N.C. I was then and am still a Whig, and believing now, as I did then that you were Liberal to those who might differ with you in your Political sentiments,

it is your fortune now, as it has been that of others, to take a position high above Party fetters or Party favors, in the Bold advocacy of the rights of american freemen I consider that the rights of the free citizens of Kansas have been suppressed,

the position that you occupy is the only one to be adopted without doing Great violence to our compact, and perhaps the Establishing a precedent the effect of which will prove Destructive and ruinous to this Glorious Union

Mc. Lemonsville
Tenn's Feb 18/58
H. Falls, D. D. J.
Political
Wants speeches
Report sent

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Hampton
La Grange Co.
July 1st/58. Ind.
J. D. Kinney
wants a few copies
Kansas Speech.

Hampton, Feb'y 18th/58

Hon. Sir,

Owing to our Senators being in favor of the Kansas policy of the President & our Representative (Mr. Case) being a Republican, But very few of the people of this portion of Indiana have been favored with an opportunity of seeing in full ~~the~~ your speech on that part of the President's Message relative to Kansas, Now Sir, As there are a great many talking between two opinions in the county of my knowledge I think that a few copies of your speech would be sufficient to set them right on the Democratic doctrine, Sir if you see proper to Comply with the above request and direct the same to my address I will spare no pains in distributing them among the people. By so doing you will oblige one together with quite a number of others of politicks friend you will very

Peoria, Feb. 18/58.

Dear Sir.

Looking over some old papers, I came across some editorials of Senator Bigler, which show that Last year he entertained the same views in regard to the submission of the Kansas Constitution to a popular vote that you and many others now entertain. I do not know that they will be of any service to you, but I thought I would copy them, and forward to you.

Yours Respectfully

J. McDonald

Hon. S. A. Douglas.

P.S. Raney is making a desperate effort to get the post office here. We cannot believe that there is any serious intention at Washington of interfering with Col. Sweat. You perhaps have reason to know that Col. S. is a warm personal friend of yourself. Raney is not disposed to do him or any of your friends justice.

J. M. D.

Peoria, Ills
Febry 18 58.

J. McDonald
Political

Senator Douglas

Batavia
Genesee County
N. Y.
Feby 18th 1858

Henry J. Storrocks.
Wants Speeches.

Speech Lane.

State of New York
Genesee County
Batavia Febnary 15th 1858

Dr Sir

Will you be kind enough to send me all of your Speaches in the Senate upon the Kansas question, and if not inconsistent with other engagement to place me generally upon your list for Public Documents &c &c &c

I presumm that you will not recollect me, Some years since I have had the pleasure of meeting you at the house of my Father in law Duncan J. Redfield at this place

I have also had the pleasure of helping to Construct the Buchannan Platform which you are now so nobly sustaining & defending and above all I have had the greates pleasure of Voting for you at the same Convention for the Office of the President of the United States

I remain Respectfully
Your Obt Servant
Henry J. Storrocks

Hon. S. A. Douglas
Washington

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Danville N.H. Feby 18. 1858.

Hon. Sir

I have no excuse to offer why I address you, except the want of Congressional news, especially your Speeches, and others of the Democratic kind.

I shall be under many obligations to you, if occasionally you will send to the address of the subscriber a few of your Speeches &c. P.O. address Danville N.H. Your obedient Servant John H. Griffin

P.S. Your course on the Kansas question is very acceptable to the democracy of this vicinity. Hon S.A. Douglas J.H.G.

Washington. D.C.—

Daniel A. H.

Feby 18th 1857.

John H Gilpin

Endorses your

Counsel asks.

for Speeches

accusing

(Sent me

Copy of

your Case).

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Edwardsburg Cass Co Mich Feby 18/58

Hon S. A. Douglas

Sir

I am an admirer of your political opinions publickly expressed and though a stranger do not hesitate to ask you if convenient to send me documents for distribution among those in want

and oblige yours &c

Thos. Head

Thos Head

Edwardsburg
Cass Co.
Feby 18/58 Mich
Wants documents
for distribution

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Milwaukee, Wisconsin,
February 18th 1858.

My dear Sir,

I have not written to you, because I knew you would be overwhelmed by letters from others. But my heart and soul are with you.

You are in the right path, and the only right, both as a Statesman and a Democrat. When the right of the majority to rule, and to rule through the ballot-box, is surrendered, the main Pillar in the republican Edifice is removed, and the building must fall.

The abuse and perversion of the Elective franchise, in Kansas, reminds me of the Expression of Burke, in relation to the atrocities perpetrated on Women in India, — "the Dances of life are converted into the Dances of death".

With all President Buchanan's power and patronage, I would rather be Ex-Governor Walker than him.

The People of this State are all one way, Except the Federal office-holders and office-seekers.

They would organize and march to Kansas, to prevent by force, the forcible introduction of the Lecompton Constitution in that State.

Whatever may be the vote, in the Senate or in the House of Representatives, the right will Eventually prevail: & You will triumph with it.

As the author of the Kansas-Nebraska Bill, we look to you, to defend its principles and protect the Democratic Party from the odium of introducing it, as a fraud and a Swindle.

Believe me, whatever the Renowned Press of this State may say, there is but one feeling Among our Democracy and that is, to sustain You.

I remain very truly
Your Friend
& obt. Svt.
Levi Bushnell

Hon. S. A. Douglas

P.S. Allow me to sympathize in your recent Domestic affliction. Your dear young wife has just Presented me with a Daughter: both well.

My respectful regards to Mrs Douglas whom I had the pleasure of seeing, last December. Yr. L.B.

Milwaukie. Wis.
Febry 18/58

Lew Hubbell.

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