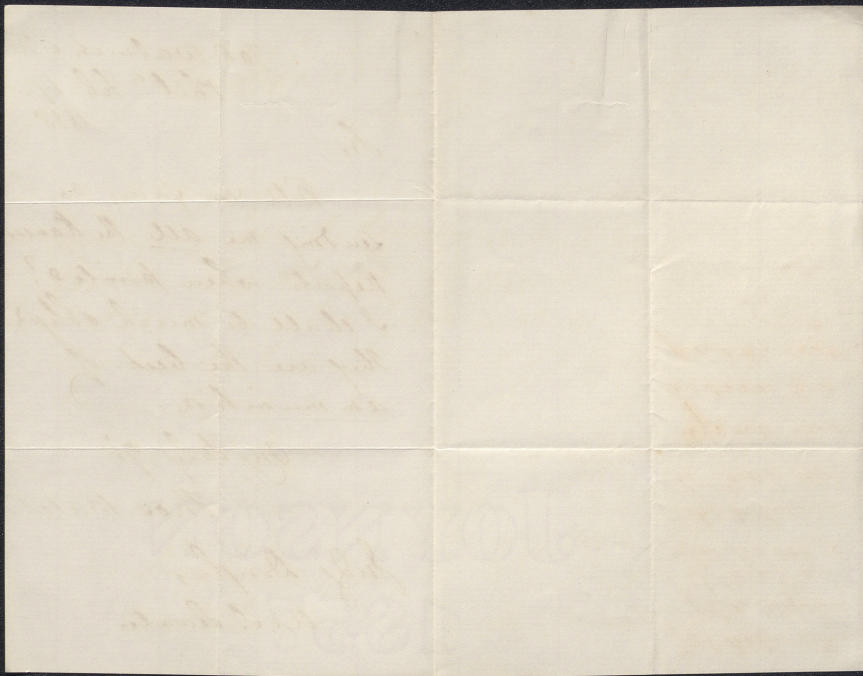




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Victor Barnum

Concord N.H.

Feb. 19. 1858.

Answered Feb'y

26th 1858,

Sir:

I am a stranger to you &
have been hitherto no political friend.

Yet you will pardon these lines.

// I see it stated in the papers, that
letters are continually coming
into Washington City, from all parts
of the South, threatening, in the
event of the rejection of the Seces-
sion Constitution, to break up
the Government without delay &
dissolve the Union at once.

Now I am an humble in-
dividual - but I profess to know

Something of the popular
feeling in my neighborhood.

And I do not hesitate to say,
that any such statement, do
not reflect the sentiment
hereabout, nor do I believe
of any considerable section
of the South.

We all feel that if Secession
be a crime, it ought to be punished
& that in such event, it would
be no adequate cause for a
dissolution of the Union.

It is true that certain hot-
spurs, are endeavouring to fire
the public mind & make ready
for a general conflagration
- but the people are quiet & will

not be inflamed. We all hope this
unhappy Kansas controversy may
be brought to an amicable issue -
but take which direction it may,
I would have you & all other
like-minded to know, that the
Union must stand.

I have not the evidence
myself to make up an opinion
on that bone of strife - the Secession
Constitution - whether it be a crime
or not. Evidence is needed. My
object now is simply to dissipate
your mind, in a public way,
of the false impression sought
to be created that we are all
here ready, in a certain
contingency, to take the fatal

leap into decision. No such thing.
Mr. Buchanan ought to be ashamed
of himself to be alarmed, as he really
seems to be, by any such bogoblins.

The right way is to investigate the
whole matter patiently & without
favor - if the Constitution be a fraud
in any way upon the will of the
people say so & reject it. Otherwise
adopt it, without fear of consequences.

I hope you will excuse my presump-
tion in thus writing to you upon a
grave point of public duty. but my
object is to relieve, if I can, the outside
pressure, which I understand has been
fictitiously got up about the Capital
to affect this subject. //

Faithfully & respectfully yours.

Wm. C. Barringer

Chicago Historical Society's Rooms.

Feb. 19, 1858.

To the

Hon. S. A. Douglass - U.S. Senate.

Dear Sir,

I have the honor to inform you, that, at a Statute meeting of this Society, held the 16th instant, the undersigned was directed to return to you their respectful acknowledgments for an extensive donation of Public Documents of the United States, including a nearly complete series of the Congressional Globe - obligingly forwarded by you in aid of the collections of this Society, and received by them.

I am also directed in their behalf to express the great pleasure they will have, in receiving such further assistance, which your official position may enable you to render to their objects, as you have been pleased to tender

Will you please permit the undersigned to add
his personal thanks for the kind & obliging manner
in which your effectual aid was rendered to him
on the occasion of his late official visit at Washing-
-ton -

I am, dear Sir,

with the highest respect,

Your obed^t. Serv^t,

William Barry

Act^y Sec^y

Original
copy
sent to
the
proper
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for
their
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Chicago, Ill's
Feb 19/58

M^{rs} Barry.
Recording Secy
Historical Society

Returns thanks for
the docs sent to
the Society. Asks a
continuance of like
favours. —

Albion

Orlean Co N.Y.

Feb 19 1858

How S A Douglas:

Sir:

Will you be

so kind as to favor me with your
Autograph & much oblige

Respectfully Yours

Alfred Brown

A Brewer
Albion
N.Y.

Autograph

3641
Mountain Green February 19th 1838
Ells

Honorable

Stephen A Douglass Esq.

Dear Sir I address you to obtain a favour of
which I hope you will favour me with
I have been sick for a long time and am
unable to labour at Blacksmithing
for a living. I have commenced lecturing
on Mormon Persecution and am in this
place on that business which I find it
pays pretty well.

I wish to travel East where I am not
known and wish you to write to me and
give me your certificate stating that you knew
me to be the identical person that commanded
the Antimormon Army.

I wish to now when or about the time you
think Congress will adjourn as I wish to
get there before it adjourns.

I am expecting the secret pass way of the
prophet To Smith in Nauvoo and the
powder plot. With other things of interest
please address me at Mountain Green as soon
as possible and oblige yours

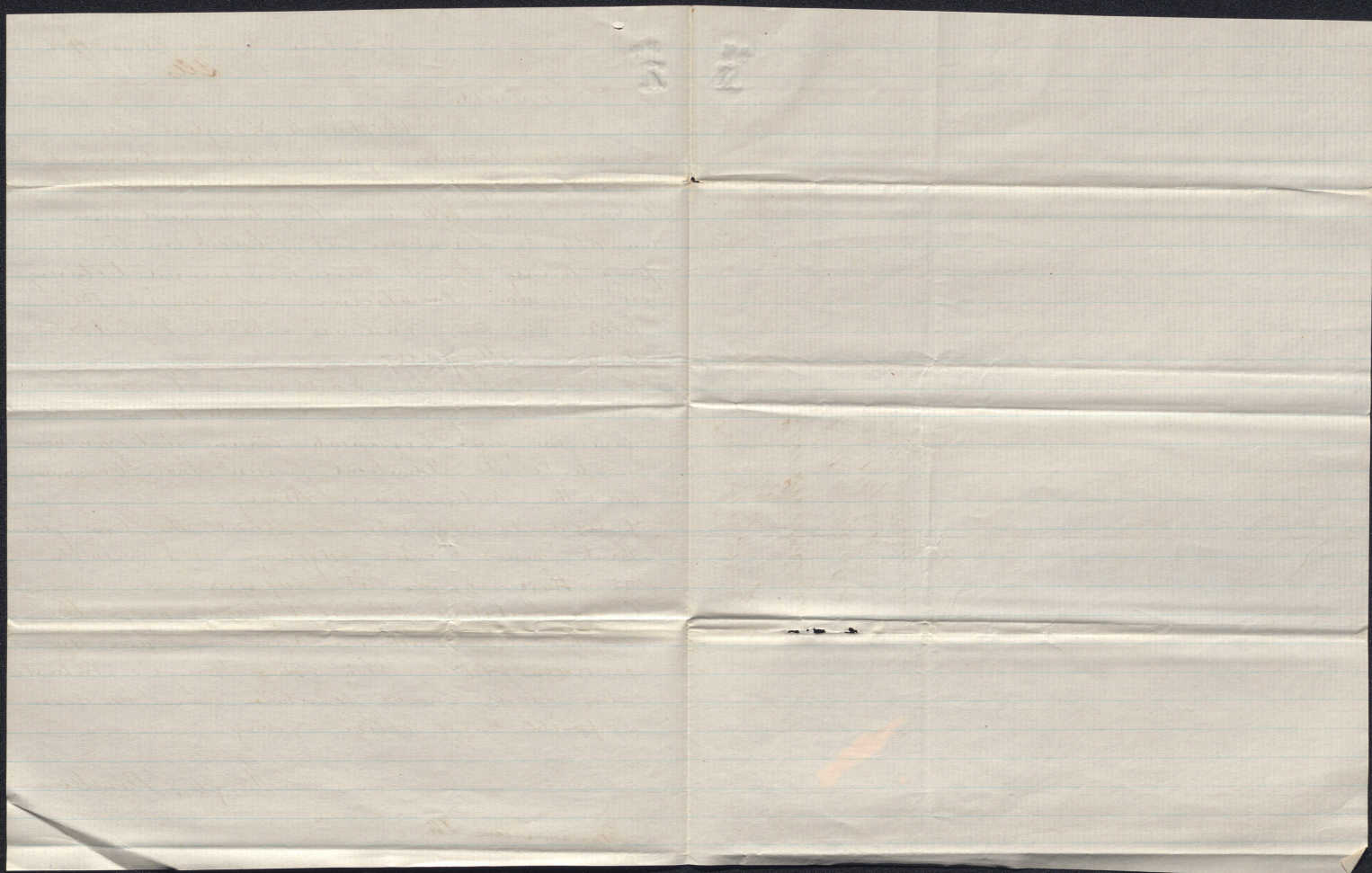
Thos C. Brockman

Mountain Green Ells.

Mountain Grange
Feb. 14th

Thos. H. Rockman

Wants Certificate of
Admty as a leader
in the Anti-Mormon
War.





Upsilanti Feb. 19th.

Dear Sir.

Be so kind as to send
me a copy of your speech, delivered
at the opening of the present session
of Congress, on the President's
message.

Yours respectfully.

Albert J. Chapman.

S. A. Douglas.

U. S. Senator.

(P.S.)

(Direct, Upsilanti, Mich.

A. J. Chapman.
Ypsilanti
Mich
Feb'y 19. 1858.
wants speech





Volana, Ills

Oct 19 1858

Lucina Douglas

You are all right -
 with the Democracy of Illinois
 Poor Buck! don't mention a
 corporate gain in this County,

Jim Leach (Ex Mayor of Chicago)
 is now working on our side -

We can't swallow the "Leachman
 Swindle" under no circumstances
 We must be true to our pledges or
 we lose (as we should) our "moral
 prestige" as a party

I trouble you with a letter
 now & then that you may know
 our views.

Yours Truly,
 W. L. Leach

W. A. Cole,
Arkansas Ills.
Feb'y 19, 1858.
Approves Census

(Sent copy
of report)

Ypsilanti Mich.. }
Feb 19th 1858.. }

Hon Stephen A. Douglas.
Senator from the State of Illinois

Sir; will you
please to send me your Great
Kansas Speech, Against forcing
the Leecompton Constitution on
the people of that Territory, and oblige
one who is a coecider in your
views.

Very respectfully yours.

O. B. Curtis.

Address. Ypsilanti.
Washtenaw Co. Mich..

Obbott's
Gypsilaum
Mich
Feb'y 19/58.
Speech



Manchester Feb. 19, 1848

Mr. Douglas

Dear Sir

as there is but little doing this winter
in our place aside from watching the
papers and looking over the proceedings of
the house and Senate on the various
Questions of the day, we find a considerable
time to read, now I send Sir if you have
public documents and Patent office Reports
that you would esteem it a privilege to
send to my address I should be very grateful
to you for the same

Yours With Respect,

J. B. Carnes,

W B Daniels
Manchester & A
Feb 19/58.
Man. Tr. Document

S B Eaton
Andover Mass.
Feb 19. 1858.

Wants Report.

Feb. 19th. 58

Hon S. A. Douglas,

Honored Sir.

You will
oblige me by forwarding to my
address your report against
Secumptions Constitution -

Your obedient Servant.

S. B. Eaton

Andover. Mass.



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A. W. Fellows
 Meriden
 N. H.
 Feb. 19/58.
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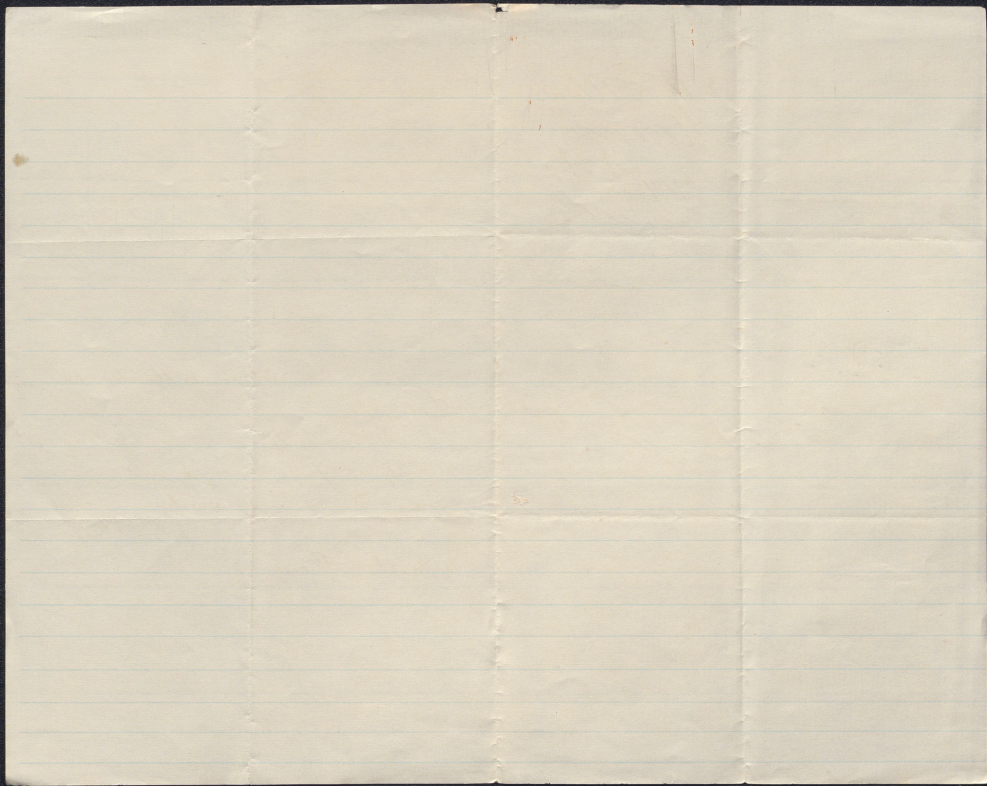
Meriden N. H. Feb. 12. 1858.

Dear Sir

Will you favor me with
 a copy of your speech, and oblige
 your humble servant.

A. W. Fellows.

Wm. L. Douglas }



Nassau Hall, Princeton N.J.
Oct 19th 1858.

Hon Stephen A Douglas U. S. S.

Sir,

Feeling much
interest in this Kansas difficulty and not
knowing where to find correct information of
it but from our great men, I would request
a copy of your speech on Kansas.
By sending, you would very much oblige

Yours Respectfully
J. W. Frieron
of Louisiana.

J. W. Freerson
Napau Hall
Princeton N.J.
Feb 19. 1858

Wants Speeches,

