

Amsterville, Luzerne Co., Pa. Feb. 23/58

Hon. S. A. Douglas.

Dear Sir.

I would be glad to have you remember me in the distribution of Public Documents. I have been travelling in the West ever since Congress convened, and have just returned home, or I would have written you before, making the request.

Politically, I have been opposed to you heretofore, but I now fully endorse your position on the Kansas question, and hope you may finally succeed in sustaining it.

Truly yours.

C. J. Baldwin.

P.S. I would be glad to have you favor me with your private opinion in regard

to a matter. I think I can procure a perfect specimen of a petrified human body. What is your opinion in regard to how it would be received by the public? Would it pay to visit our Cities and put it on exhibition?

Can you give me the names of several leading men, and their address, in England and France, to whom I can write in relation to the matter?

You will pardon me, Sir for thus trespassing upon your valuable time.

If you will favor me with an answer immediately, you will oblige me much
Yours
C. J. B.

C. J. Baldwin

Huntsville

Swazema Co. Ga

Feb. 25. 1858,

Political opponent

now supporter

Thinks he can
procure a
petrified human
body - Wants
advice whether
its exhibition would
succeed - &c

Balto Feb 25th 1850
 Honored Sir

Your will oblige
 me very much, by sending
 to my address, a copy of your
 report, submitted to the Senate
 a few days past, against the adm-
 ission of Kansas, under the
 pton Constitution, and oblige
 Yours

Friend

Joseph C. Booth
 No 82 Penn Avenue

Address -

Balt^o Md.

No. 83. Penn St.

Feb: 23/58

Dr. C. Booth.

Wants Copy Report

Neosho Falls
 Woodson Co,
 N.J. Jan'y 25/88
 Wm W. Brown
 Political
 Tracts & Speeches

Neosho Falls Jan 25th 88
 Woodson County
 Kansas Ter

Dear Sir,

Permit me for
 troubling & taking the liberty
 to beg as a favor your Speeches
 in Opposition to the Breach of
 Constitution & in defence of the
 just & true principles laid
 down in the Kansas & Nebraska
 act, from the fact I have,
 to the best of my ability, been
 a warm supporter & defender
 of the organic act.

It was the
 endorsing of the Kansas & Nebraska act
 at the Cincinnati Convention that
 placed James Buchanan in the
 Presidential Chair

Everything here in
 Kansas was quiet & moving along

Smoothly until the recall of
of Walker & removal of Stanton
together with the Breckinridge
age, which is an able document
one that sustained the party
approval of every conscientious
Democrat, with the exception
of his position as to Kansas
affairs, here he seems to turn an
square corner & our view is in
no other light.

If the National
Democratic party is weakened by
the issue, & the Union endangered
by the rupture adding strength
to the sectional Black Republican
party, the blame must rest on
the Administration, & not upon
the defenders of the great principles
that govern the Democratic party.

Resolved that the position
you have taken will be sustained
by every National Democrat of Kansas.

Wm. H. Brown

Yours Respectfully
Wm. H. Brown

Wm. H. Brown

Wm. H. Brown

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S L Chamberlain
Toledo, Ohio
Feb. 25. 1858.
Wants Report

Toledo O Feb 25. 1858
How S A Douglass
Please send me a copy
of your Report to the Senate on the
Lecompton Constitution for Kansas,
and greatly oblige
Respectfully
S. L. Chamberlain

Newburgh February 25th 1858
To the Hon Stephen A. Douglass
United States Senator from Illinois
Dear Sir

Will you do me the
very very kind and obliging favor
by sending me your autograph as
I am collecting the autographs
of all great and distinguished men
of America and would like to have
yours as you are one of them

Yours Truly

Wm Chapman

Mr. Burg. —
Feb 20th 1888

Wm Chapman

Trans on Autograph



Albany Feb 25. 1858

Hon. S. Douglass

Dear Sir:

Please send me a few copies of your report, from committee on Territories, in relation to Kansas affairs. I would also like to have a copy of each of the other reports submitted by Messrs Green & Collamer.

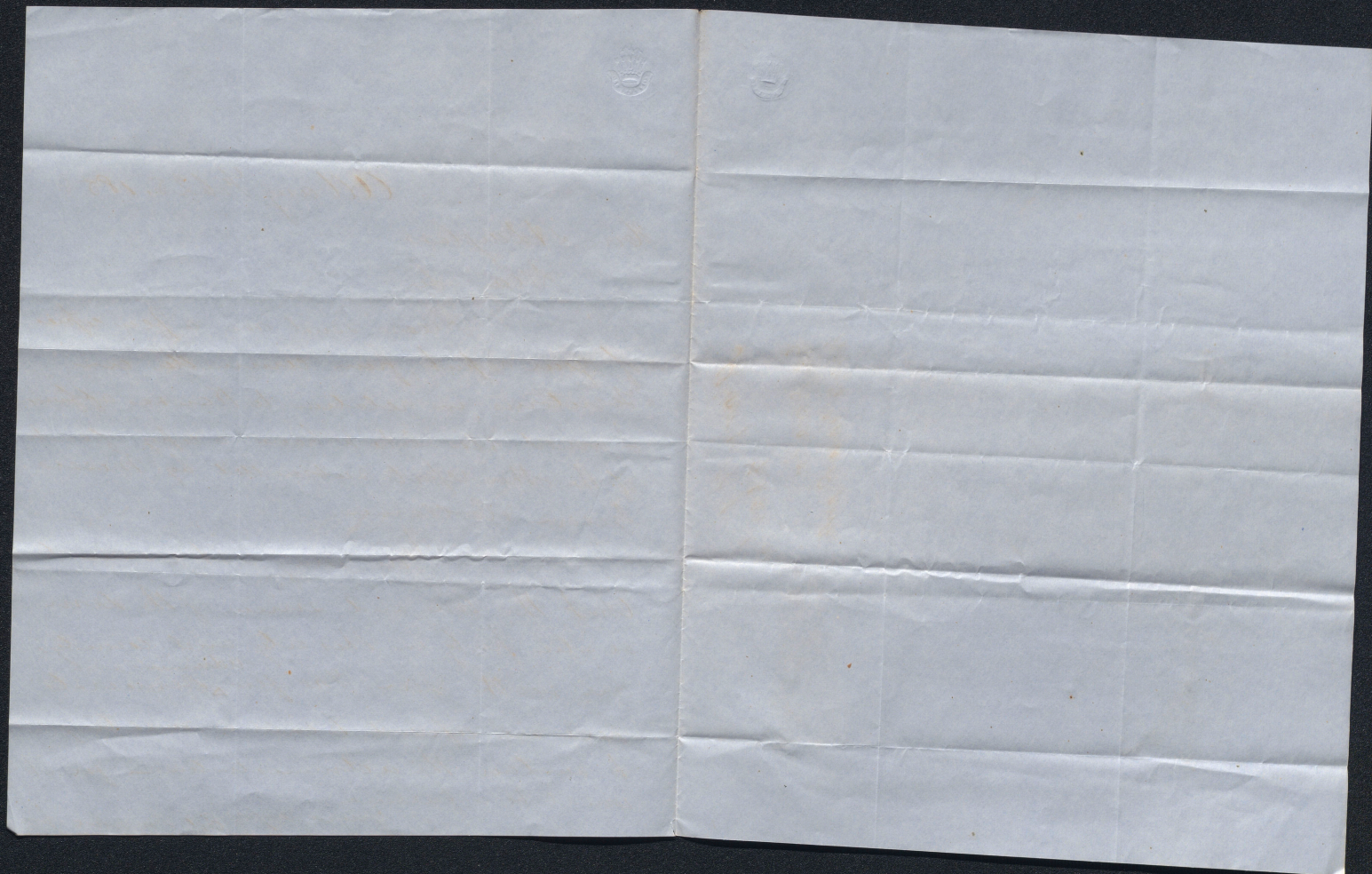
You may rest assured that the base and views of the Democratic party in this city and county, are with you. The few ^{Administrative} Democrats here are afraid to call a meeting to sustain the administration — for it would be a failure.

Yours respy Ed. Donahoe Jr.

Albany. N.Y.

Feb 20th 1888

Ed. Donahoe.
Monte. Copied Report.



Philadelphia February 25th 58
Hon Stephen A Douglass
Washington D. C.

You would confer a great favour by sending me your excellant speeches or some of the Senate documents with much respect

Yours truly
John Donegan
213 Race St.

Mr Donegan

Phila Pa

Feb 25 1858

213 Race St

Spec

Morrow, Warren Co, Ohio,
Feb. 25th, 1858.

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

Dear Sir, — You will confer a great favor on one who earnestly wishes you success in your unflinching, but somewhat hazardous, defence of popular sovereignty, by sending me your great speech made at the opening of the present session on the Kansas question, your minority report on the same subject and the speech which you may make on the Leecompton Constitution. I have read your first speech, but would like to have it in pamphlet form, (as well as the other doc^s;) in order to preserve them.

Our County paper, the "Democratic Citizen" and the "Cincinnati Enquirer", the only Democratic papers that circulate in this vicinity, both support the President on the Leecompton Constitution issue; but do not as yet decidedly condemn you.

I think, however, that the Enquirer would do so were it not afraid. I think public opinion in this part of the State is decidedly in your favor.

The Democracy look to you as the only leader capable of saving them from impending ruin. If Secession is forced through Congress, all is gone.

May you be able to avert the danger.

I will frankly say to you that I acted with the Republicans in the last presidential campaign, although a democrat, because I feared that the effect of the Nebraska Act would be to extend slavery.

I am very happy, however, to be able to again conscientiously enlist under your banner. Whatever others may have designed by their support, you have given sufficient evidence of your upright and honorable intentions in regard to it, by your noble defense of its real principles, at such a sacrifice of personal and political attachments as you were obliged to make.

May you live to reap

the reward of your fearless champion-ship of the right!

Yours &c

Franklin Fairchild

Franklin Fairchild
Morrow.
Warren Co. Ohio.
Feb 25. 1858,
afforectory.

Office of "The Press"

Philadelphia, Feb 25. 1858

My dear Sir //

M^r A. D. Saunders, an eminent
sculptor of this city, wants Washington to place
in the Capitol his colonial marble bust of
General Pulaski. I beg to introduce him to
you, and any civility or assistance which
you may kindly extend to him, will be
considered a favor conferred upon //

Yours most sincerely

Wm. M. M. M. M.

Hon Stephen A. Douglas
Washington.

Wm W Torrey,
Phil^a
Feb. 25. 1858,

Introducing
14 L. L. Saunders
— Sculptor of
"Pulaski"
Trust of

✓

P. C. C.

Feb. 23, 1858

My dear Douglas, —

A call for a
 north western meeting, of the
 democracy has been made by
 the democrats at their meet-
 ing in Indianapolis, on the
 23d. It is to be held I
 see at Chicago. I want
 to advocate it. But I
 await your sanction. Shall
 I do so? Please let me
 know at your first
 leisure. I go to Harris-
 burg on ~~the~~ a day or
 two to continue the
 fight there, and I must
 have your answer before I
 go. A line or two will
 be enough. It seems to me
 to be right and essential.
 Your report fascinates and
 fixes our honest men. It is
 great indeed. Yours truly
 J. W. Forney

Wm. L. A. Douglas



Phil^a Feb: 25/58

J. W. Forney.

Special Attention.



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New York Feb 25th 1838

Sir

Of your report on the address
on of Kansas as a State has been
printed in pamphlet form
I beg to take the liberty of request-
ing the favor to forward a copy of the
same
your most
Obedt Servant

William Gowans

Hon Stephen A Douglas }
United States Senate

81 Centre St

New York.

Ms. B. 1. 6. 1. 1. 4. 1.
July 25/58.

Wm. Brown.

Grant's Report.

East Palestine Columbiana County Ohio

Feb 25th 1858

Hon

Stephen A Douglas

Dear Sir will be so kind as
to send me a few Speeches on
both sides of this Kansas matter
as our abolition neighbors are hawking
loud for bleeding Kansas. I think
you had ~~you~~ better let them come in
as a state. There is no doubt but that
agitation will cease outside at least
this is the opinion of the candid
union loving Democrats of this County
we are tired of agitation &c

Yours truly

J R Hamilton

East. Palestine.
Feb. 25th 1898 Ohio

J. R. Hamilton.
Wants Speeches on
both sides of the Ham-
as question.

House of Delegates

Annapolis July 25th 1858

Dear Mr Douglass

Sir,

Please send me a few of your
minority Reports and Speeches.

I will reproduce when I make such
and in the mean time remain as I always
was an American Democrat and your

Most Respectfully
Yours

Eliza Harrington

⁴⁴
Hon Elisha
Harrington.

Annapolis Md.
Feb'y 25, 1858,

Wants a few
copies of your
report.

(Sent 6 Copies)

Handwritten text in the top right corner, possibly a date or address, including the word "London".

London, 18th Decr.

My dear Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 11th inst.

in relation to the matter of the 10th inst.

and in reply to inform you that the same has been forwarded to the proper authorities.

I am, Sir, very respectfully,
Your obedient servant,

J. H. Thompson

Secretary to the Board of Directors

of the Bank of England

and of the Bank of Scotland

and of the Bank of Ireland

and of the Bank of North America

and of the Bank of the United States

and of the Bank of the Republic of France

Rochester Feb'y 25th 58

Now

S. A. Douglass

Dr. Sir

Will you please favor
me with your autograph
for my Private Book
Yr Obedt

Yours Truly

James L. Hatch

Care J. W. Hatch &
Rochester
N. Y.

Rochester, N.Y.

Feb. 25th.

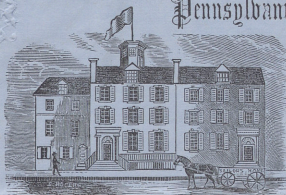
Esq. L. Hatch.

(Care of

J. N. Hatch)

Wants an autograph.

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Sailors' Home, 422 South Front Street, Philada.

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Our Work. We propose in conjunction with the "AMERICAN SEAMENS' FRIEND SOCIETY"—to promote the temporal, and especially the *spiritual* interests of the thousands of Seamen who annually visit the port of Philadelphia,—and the **Two Millions**, who man the 150,000 ships of the world. 1. They are fearfully exposed to destructive influences, both on sea and land. 2. They have *noble qualities*, which, sanctified by grace, render them mighty for good. 3. They are accessible to christian influences. 4. They have immense treasures committed to their trust. 5. They are candidates for the weal or wo of eternity!

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Our Success. It is eminently encouraging. 1. The intemperate are reclaimed, 70,000 having signed the pledge. 2. Economy is fostered—there are deposited in the Seamens' Savings Bank in New York, two and a-half millions of dollars. 3. Thousands hear the Gospel every year in the Bethels, and many are converted, and thus an invaluable *Missionary Corps* is being raised, to convey pure Christianity to earth's remotest bounds. 4. The parents and wives of Seamen daily bless our Institution.

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\$1 or more contributed annually, constitutes a member. \$20 at one time, a life member.

Remittances and communications may be addressed to the Corresponding Secretary, at the office of the Society. Subscriptions also received for "*THE SAILORS' MAGAZINE*," a most interesting periodical, published monthly, by "*The American Society*," at \$1 per annum.

Office of the Pennsylvania Seamens' Friend Society,

At the Bible House, N. W. Cor. 7th and Walnut Streets,

Philadelphia 25 Feb 1858

Hon. S. A. Douglas
Dear Sir
Though personally
unacquainted with you, I take the liberty
of introducing to your attention the claims
of our very interesting & important organization

Johns & Co. Stationers & Printers



And I feel the more freedom in doing this
in view of your acknowledged liberality to good
causes. By an arrangement with the
American Seamen's Friend Society, we have
an out fit of labor in this good cause this
and several other adjoining States.

It would be gratifying to your numerous friends
in this State to see your name enrolled
among us. A contribution of \$1 or upwards,
constitutes a member - \$20 a life member,
\$50 a life Director. The President
has recently become a life Director by
a donation of \$50.

We have a devoted sailor, now in Baltimore,
a member of Rev G. F. Adams 2^d Baptist
Church, that we desire to send to Valparaiso
Soc, to labor among seamen, & we are trying
to raise funds for that specific object.
Please let us hear from you soon -

With sentiments of high regard
I remain Yours Respect

W. Hughes Cor. Sec.

Philadelphia Pa.
Febr'y 25/58.

Geo. Hughes
Cor - Secy -

In behalf of the
Penns Seamen's
Friends Society
Wants your
contribution —

J. H. Jordan Esq.
Cincinnati
Ohio.

Feb 28th wants
copy of Report
& Speech.

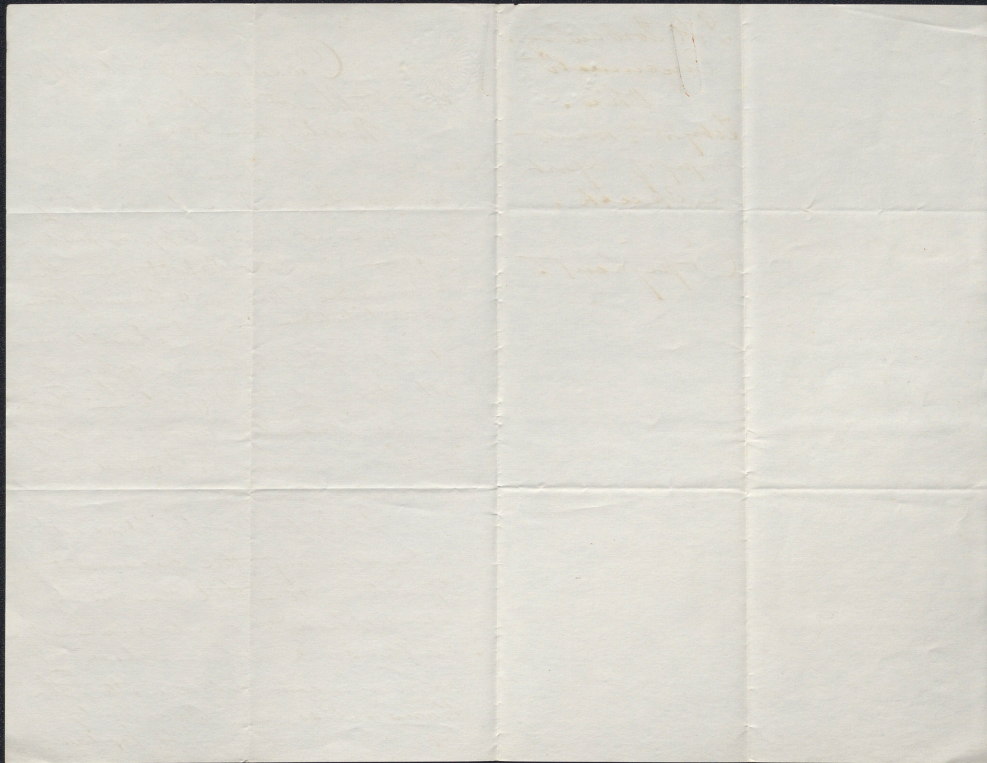
Copy sent.

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Cincinnati O. Feb 25/58.
Hon Stephen A Douglas, 3
Washington D.C.

Dear Sir: I write
you for the purpose of requesting
you to send me a copy, (in pamphlet
form) of your Report on the
"Admission of Kansas, & Reconstitution
of the Constitution". I should, in-
deed, like to have a copy of
all three of the Reports - but
would specially request a copy
of yours - as soon as printed - as
as convenient.

I shall also be pleased
to receive any other documents,
speeches, etc - that you may
be disposed to send me - espe-
cially such as have a bearing
on, or are connected with, the
Kansas Issue. Yours Truly,
J. H. Jordan M.D.



M Kreiter

Harrisburg, Pa

Feb. 25. 1858.

with

R A Lamberton

John W Briggs

A W Watson

large presence etc
meeting there-
on 2^d March.



Harrisburg Pa.

Feb. 25 1858

Wm. L. Douglas.

Dear Sir

On Tuesday

Evening the 2^d prox. a Democratic
meeting will be held here
for the purpose of protesting against
any attempt to force upon the un-
willing people of Kansas a Consti-
tution hateful to them. We are ex-
ceedingly anxious that you should
be present to address the meeting
and therefore earnestly press this
invitation for your acceptance, if
you can, consistently with your
public duties be absent from
Washington at the time designated.

In view of the fact that on
the 4th March, the Dem. St. Convention

will assemble here, one movement
is one of some consequence.

A large majority of our most
substantial and influential Demo-
crats are desirous of the opportunity
of again placing themselves right
on the record as to their understand-
ing of the doctrine of popular
sovereignty as embodied in the
Kansas, Nebraska bill. And we
wish to show you that your masterly
advocacy of that principle is grate-
fully appreciated.

Permit us to add, that we sincerely
trust that no cause now exists in
your home requiring your presence
~~there~~, but that Senatorial duty alone
may preclude your coming.

Very Respectfully Yours
S. M. Webster
W. B. Samberton
Geo. H. Briggs.
A. C. Watson

Jas. W. McLane
New Haven
Autographs

3787
New Haven Feb 25th '58.

Dear Sir,

I have a large collection of Autographs in which I would be glad to see your name. My Book already contains names of many good men, and true, who have dared to speak the truth in a lying age.

In the hope that you will kindly favor me I
Remain Dear Sir with
Admiration & Respect

Truly Yours

James W. McLane

Hon. Stephen A. Douglas

Handwritten: *Handwritten*

Meriden N. H. Feb 25th 1858
 Hon. L. A. Douglas

Dear Sir

Will you be
 so kind as to send me one
 copy of the report which you
 submitted to the Senate on
 Monday last, in regard
 to the Receptor Constitution.
 If so you will oblige me very
 much,

Very Resp Yours
 Hon. L. A. Douglas. William H. Manly
 Washington
 D. C.

W K Mauley.
Meriden, Ct.
Feb. 25, 1858.

Wants "Reports".

Worcester. Shield
Office.
Snow Hill, Md
Feb'y 25 / 58
Thos E. Martin
approvingly &
wants a large
no. for distribution
Sent - 30 copies.

Worcester Shield Office,
Snow Hill, Md., Feb. 25, 1858.

Hon. S. A. Douglas,
Washington city.

Dear Sir:

I have read your report
in opposition to the attempt to force Kansas
into the Union with the Lecompton constitution,
with great interest and regard it as unanswer-
able. If you have it printed in extra form,
send me a large number of them for distri-
bution among the people of this section of
the State, and the Eastern Shore of Virginia.

The Shield is the only Democratic paper
in the State, that has the boldness to defy
the Washington Union, and sustain you in your
efforts to uphold the purity of the principles
of Popular Sovereignty. This it does against a
large majority of the Democratic party of the
State; but satisfied as I am that you are right,
it shall continue to sustain you as long
as I can procure the means to issue it.

The Democratic party of Maryland are honest, and only need to be informed to be found right. Being your only defender in the State, I regret exceedingly that necessity compels me to devote almost my entire time to the mechanical department of my business, which unfits me to discharge my editorial duties, feeble as they are under the most favorable circumstances. I should, therefore, esteem it a great favor if your friends in Washington would occasionally contribute to my columns, either editorially, or as correspondents.

Wishing you crowning success in your efforts in behalf of truth and right, I am,

Very truly yours

Thos. E. Martin, Editor

Worcester (M^c) Shield.

Clarence W. Felt Feb 25/58

Hon^{ble} S. A. Douglass

Dear Sir

I have rec^d. your various communications for which I thank you kindly, and shall feel much obliged for a continuance of like favors. With the Senators in Congress from this State I cannot claim any acquaintance, nor do I know that I came to, — I was an alternate delegate to the Cincinnati Convention in June last, at which Mr. Buchanan was nominated, voted for him, &c. but — Amens — Democrat I am, and always have been Henry W. Rogers and William Williams of Buffalo Delegates — knew my preference for your nomination at that time, but it could not be brought about. — I have little reading matter except the NY Times & Herald — Herald is death on you — Times more fair, — I have your face before me now put up over the table on which I now write, so that if I should never see you in person, I cannot be deprived the pleasure of looking at your profile. I am a farmer. I want no office, but I do want to hear of the reign of Democracy.

Very respectfully

Your ood^l servant

J. Gold Mather

Clarine. N.Y.

Apr. 25th 1895

J. Gould. Mather.

Acknowledging the
receipt of documents
and, Complimentary.


 Parrettsville Ohio Feb 25th 1858
 Hon

Sir you have my thanks for
 your highly esteemed favor enclosing your
 able & telling speech. permit me to say
 that on the western reserve we have very
 few but Douglas men, much anxiety
 with reference to the Leamington swindle
 with us prevails, we feel glad with our voices
 to send thousands of cheers to the Hon^{ble} & worthy
 Douglas & Harris. Permit me to say that
 while we yet have much confidence in the
 American congress, there is but little in this
 section in the chief magistracy
 J. D. Norton.

with much respect to his

Hon

S A Douglas
 M. M. S. S.

S L Morton
Garrettsville
Ohio.
Feb 25. 1858.

Thanks for Speech
I land. Judge G's
Coville.



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Concord N.H.
Secretary of State's Office
February 25th 1858

To Hon. Stephen A. Douglas,
Sir,

I have this day transmitted
by mail directed to you, at Washington,
D.C., one copy of "Journal of the Senate
and House of Representatives from Session 1857
with one copy of Lyons N.H. Register for 1858.

I have the honor to be,

Very Respectfully,

Yours Obedt. Servt.

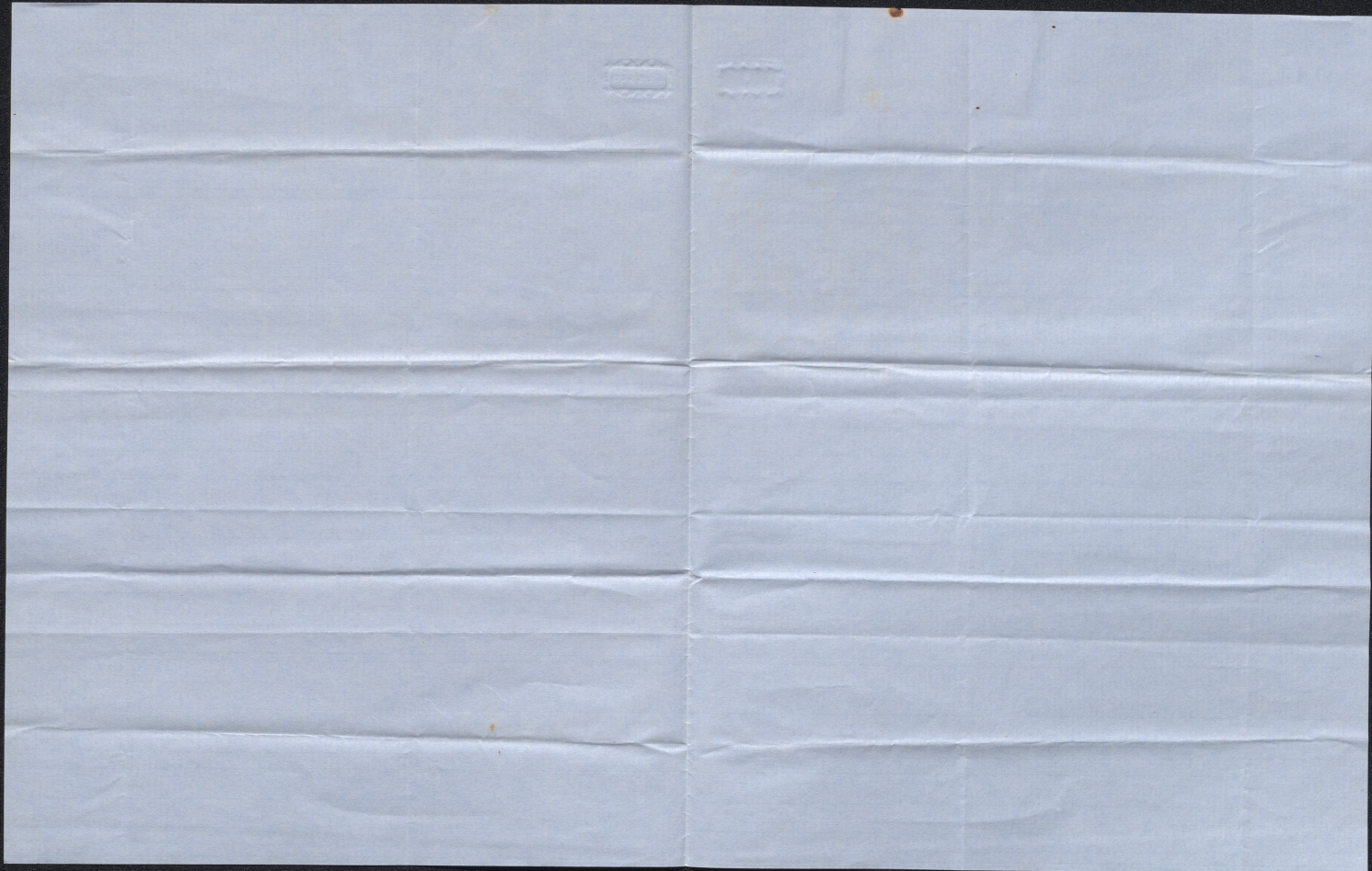
Lemuel A. Patten Secretary
(of State)

State Department
Concord, N. H.

Feb. 25th 88

Samuel A. Paltre.
Sec. State.

Notice of the transmission
of State documents.



Lebanon Penna.

Feb. 26. 1858.

My dear Sir.

During my residence at Washington, under the Administration of President Pierce, I was the recipient of sundry Public Documents, through your kindness and among the number I received the first volume of the Pacific Rail Road Survey Report

Having recently been informed that several additional volumes have been issued for distribution I have taken the liberty to address you, and will be under many renewed obligations if you have the goodness to forward to my address any additional numbers that have been issued, as I have the first volume of the report. I am exceedingly anxious to have the full complement for my library, and as you will have a large number for distribution, I sincerely hope and trust that you may grant my request with the full assurance that your kindness shall be highly appreciated and remembered, hoping an opportunity may present itself some future day wherein I can reciprocate the favor

By your kind attention to the above you will much oblige

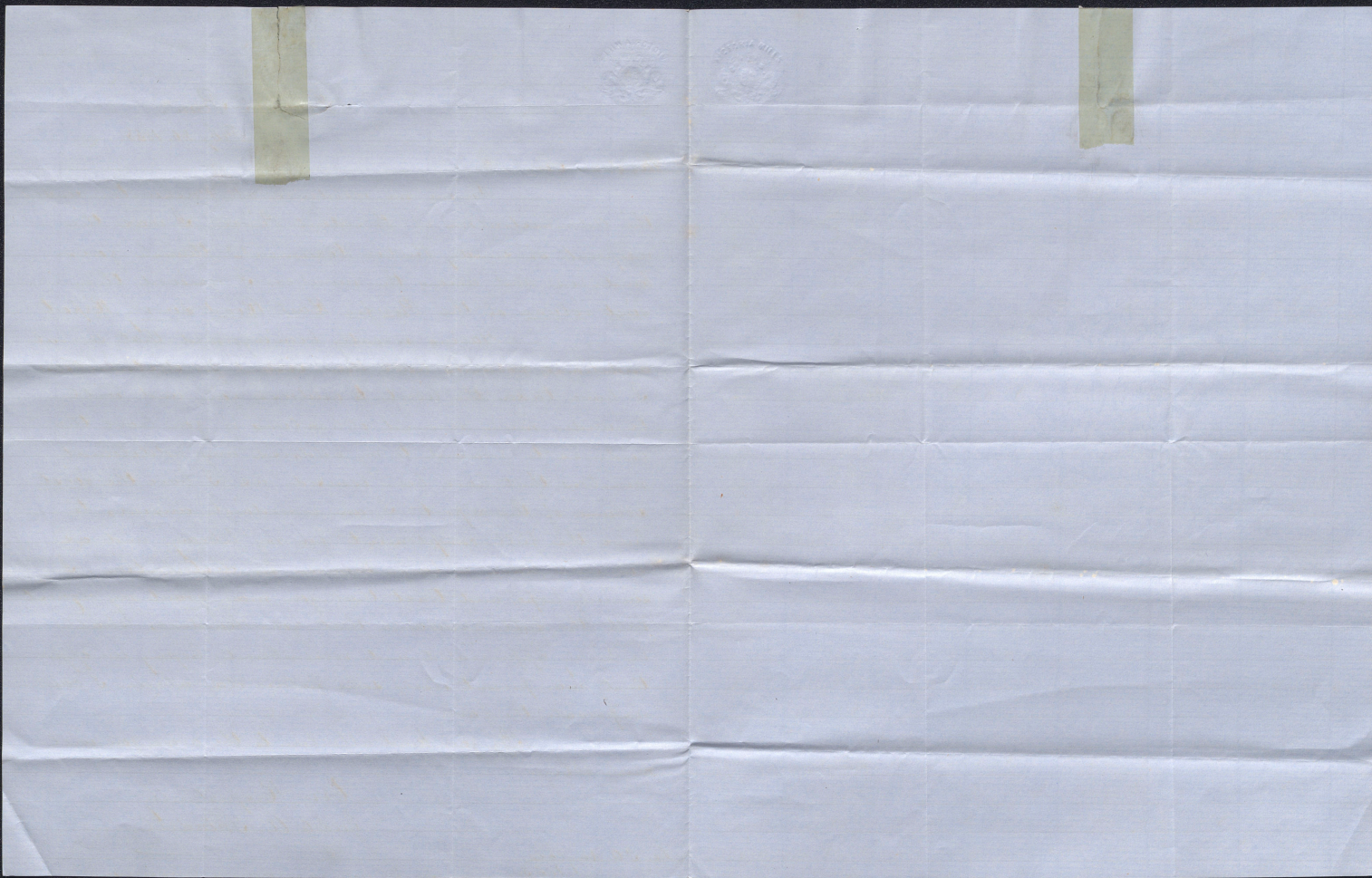
Very Respectfully
Jacob A. Wendell

Wm S. A. Douglass,
U.S.S.



Litchfield, Pa.
Feb 25, 1858,
Jacob A. Hindell.

Wants last volumes
of Pacific R.R.



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Peoria Feb 25th 1858

Hon S. S. Lecompton

My dear Sir

Mrs Taylor and myself have
regretted to hear of Your Ladies Whop. Trusting by this
time her health is restored and convalescent.

I hope you keep on your own lines & ready for
the Lecompton Fraud.

Your Numerous friends here are confident it
cannot pass Congress, as long as your Power of
Speech and Energy remain in its usual state.

The Democracy who has left you will regret it
and in 3 years from now, you can hear
a loud Howling and Wailing just let them worship
their Idols, your revenge is sure.

You have a mighty Army in Me, yes
nothing less, who will stick to you as long as time
continues, and the only Supporter of the President's
Course is the Good Soldier.

Wm. Rana, was last Lecompton notice he sent William
Lester H. & Returner with \$300 a \$400 worth
of Gov. P.C. mail printing; which did the business.

Your Sweet PM has had to stick to Ad. but they are
determined to have another PM if Mr. Ad. man might
get it but no use in hoping. Go on by friends are
at ly Brock & Hops for Success. Remain your cord

J. B. Taylor

L. B. Taylor
Peoria, Ill.
Feb. 25. 1858.

approximate,

Knittsville, Greenup Co., Ky. Feb. 25. 1858

Hon. A. A. Douglas

Worthy Sir: Some time ago I addressed a few lines to you asking the favor of you to send me a copy of your late speech on the Kansas question. I now beg to ask that you will be so kind as to send me a copy of the Leecompton Constitution, a copy of Gov. Walker's letter and such other doc. in regard to matters in Kansas as you may have at your disposal.

You no doubt will think it strange that one who has not the pleasure of a personal acquaintance with you should venture to approach you so near as to ask so many favors. My only apology is that I am now and always have ^{been} a devoted admirer of the Hon. Stephen A. Douglas and that I have sworn a vow to stand or fall in support of Judge Douglas and his position. Knowing that Democracy is the offspring of eternal & everlasting truth and seeing that his position embodies truly & fully the whole spirit & principle of that glorious offspring of immutability. I could not under any circumstances do less and perform my duty to myself & country than to give him my warm & undivided support regardless of consequences. ex. // Dear old party hacks, who were never better than they should have been and all hereabouts, out for the Administration and with the wrath of rabid animals denouncing the Douglasites. But I have resolved to meet them under the Douglas banner and with

This vein I shall omit no suitable occasion
to beat up for recruits.

Having given you my object in
asking special favors of you I trust
you will perceive at a glance the great
use they would be to me in this contest.
To be successful we must be "posted". To
be posted we must have the "documents".
No mistake. Hoping to have the pleasure
of acknowledging special favors from you
I have the honor of subscribing myself
Your friend & supporter.

William R. Thompson

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Smithville

Greenville, Ky.

July 25. 1858.

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Hon. Stephen A. Douglass.

Washington city.

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Sir,

Will you
be kind enough to send me the 1st & 2^d
vol of the Patent Office Reports for 1855
I have the 3^d vol & want particularly
the other two vol. & know of no other
way of obtaining them, & further
to oblige me place my name upon
your register that I may get the
Public Speakers &c &c,

Don't mistake me as
being any "kin" to Walker the Kansas
Ex Governor or Walker the Filibuster
But Humbly yours.

Geo W Walker Jr
Rockport
Boone County
Missouri

Gov. N. Walker Jr
Richford
Brown Co
July 25/58. Mo.
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