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Hon. St. A. Douglas
U. S. Senator.

Honorable Sir.

taking the liberty to write a letter to you I beg your pardon. I am in a quite sudden condition and pray for your kind advice and help.

I am an Artist, Sir, came to Washington for getting an Employment in an Exploration Expedition, had no success. Since that time, first September, I was searching for work, ~~had but a little to~~ do in the Patent-Office and nothing more.

How great must my misfortune be when I take liberty to write to you and molest you, honorable Sir, who are so busy and so much engaged by other important things then to help a poor Artist.

If you would kindly give me an

opportunity to show you some of my
work and Ornamentation of Philadelphia
where I have been a long time - you
may guege if I am worth your
Protection.

Excuse my style of writing Sir, the
english is not my mother language.

I am, Sir
Your
most obedient Servant
Eugene Tay

Washington Feb. 28. 1878.

508 Penn. av.

August Frey.
No 508. Pennsylvania
Av: Washington City.
Feb. 28/58.

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Destitute Artist –
wants to show
his works and
recommendations
from Phil.a; – &
asks protection. –

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Eaton Ohio
July 28. 1858

Hon. S. A. Douglas

Dear Sir.

Your course in the Senate, on Kansas affairs, is fully appreciated by the democracy of west and north west. The sentiment recently expressed at Indianapolis, is in accordance with popular favor on all sides. The same sentiment will be triumphantly maintained by the independant democrats, next tuesday evening in the City of Cincinnati. The independant papers are just beginning to vindicate your manly position, and to look on you, as the true advocate of Self Government. The probabilities now are, that a great northwestern convention will convene, at an early day, perhaps at Chicago, to endorse your position, upon this subject, in the Senate.

While at Butler Board of Exam. Plan last week, I learned from many reliable democrats, that most of the party are with you in sentiment; but that some of the leaders, there as well as here, are attempting to show that, in principle, there is no difference between you and the administration on this subject; but the matter is despite a beginning to be understood, and from present indications, it seems

the Kansas Nebraska act, may yet, according to your exposition, become an acceptable measure to all concerned, as a finality, on the slavery question.

I have often written Genl. Cass, if the doctrine could be fairly applied, and the people secured in the measure, that I for one, was willing to adopt it, and act upon it in the admission of new States; but with such trials as we have had under the Pierce and present administration, I would prefer to see slavery quietly rule, without a commotion, wherein the People of the territory are on one side, and the General Government on the other.

But by your exposition of the doctrine I am willing to abide, but nothing short or rather or nothing more. Then, as I have said, be of good cheer, for thousands of freemen will vindicate and sustain you.

Yours Truly
A. Daines.

A Haines
Caston. Ohio.
Feb 28/58.

Approbatory.

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Office of Treasurer of State, Indiana,

Indianapolis, 28 Feb 1858.

Hon S. A. Douglas

Sir I hope you will appreciate this note properly — // the political Horizon is much excited — certain gentlemen who has heretofore controlled Indiana are bound to go under — // I know you must be under excite= = ment it is an important time with you — // Keep cool be prudent the masses are with you — I see you know your friends — our people are devoted to party feel anxious to sustain the Administration — but they never will sustain men when they abandon the first article of their faith and — Col May will tell you who will do to trust //

Very Truly Yours

Aquilla Jones

Aquilla Jones.
Indianapolis.
Feb. 28. 1858.

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Catholic Institute Hall
Baltimore Feby 1858.

Hon Stephen A Douglas

Sir

The undersigned have been appointed, by the Catholic Institute of Baltimore, "a Committee on Public Lectures".

It is our design to produce before this community (as soon as the necessary arrangements can be perfected) a course of lectures, which we shall spare no effort on our part, to make as brilliantly successful as any that the people of Baltimore have ever been favored with.

In order that our course of lectures may prove thus eminently gratifying to the public, and creditable to the Institute, we intend to solicit the services of gentlemen of the highest and most respected ability, - the announcement of those names, as lecturers, will of itself guarantee the character, and assure the popularity of the lectures.

In view of this purpose we respectfully address ourselves to you, and invite you to deliver one lecture of the contemplated series, sometime during the winter or coming spring.

If, as we earnestly hope, you shall favorably act upon this our invitation, you will oblige us by mentioning the time, or about the time, when it will suit your convenience to lecture before our Institute.

Should the flattering hopes which we entertain be realized by your acceptance of our invitation, the matter of time as well as the title of the proposed lecture, will, with your concurrence, form the subject of further correspondence.

A reply, at your very earliest convenience, will be thankfully acknowledged.

Very truly,
Your Obedient Servants

Thos. L. Shee
David T. Elder
R. W. Fielding
John A. Gifford
Charles C. Hinister
William J. O'Brien
John F. Naylor

Feby 28th

Invitation to Lecture at the Catholic Institute Hall.

Baltimore Md.

Jas McNeill Lottier

Answered,

Feby 31st

1888.

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John T. Irons.
Newark
Kendale Co. Ills.
Feb. 28. /58.

Wants Pat. Off. Reports.

Millford Feb the 28 1858

Mr S. A Douglas I would be very happy if you would be very happy if you would send mee the proseadings of the the patent Ofic of last year and I will try and do as much for you some time

Direct them to Newark Kendal Co Ill

John T. Irons

W M Stewart
Mahomet. Ills.
Feby 28. 1858.

Wants docts —
appropriatory.

Mahomet Ills
Feb 28 1858

Hon S A Douglas

Sir please favor a young friend, with such public documents as are at your disposal as they are published for the public I can come in for my share

I am unflinching adherance to the rights of the people of Kansas in regard to the Lecompton Constitution is dear on its affect here, in all my acquaintances I do not know a single man who adheres to the Administration But few Republicans, all Douglas Democrats, stand to the rights of self Government & all is safe Desert Shun &

it will be good by
to the Democratic party
in Illinois
wishing you success
in your glorious undertaking I subscribe myself
your political friend

Hon S. A. Douglas
Washington
D. C.

D. M. Stewart
Mahomet Ill

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Marietta Feb 28/58.

Hon Sir

You maintain a position of more honorable bearing & importance than Kings or potentates. But it will be recollected that your position results from the free exercise of Elective Franchise & the humble citizen is entitled to your attention, as well as the rich & well born.

I sent some papers of R Bowman for action & you have failed to answer. Have I shown him the papers, cause cause him. Dr Cochran obtained a land warrant in 1850 I think. Sold the same to Bowman & received a valuable consideration therefor & died before the contract was consummated, the Department advised to file a Bill & obtain a decree &c all of which has been done, & if nothing can be done by the Department, I want a special law passed so that he can obtain a new warrant for 160 acres of the public domain. Now Sir attend to this & you will live in the grateful recollection of those for whose benefit you act. Do kep me advised what you are doing in Congress. I perceive Harris Resolutions have passed & you are still fighting for Democratic doctrines as contemplated by the K & Nebraska Bill. cessa over soon & oblige do

D. Longnecker

Hon S Douglas

D. Longnecker
Monticello
Feby 28th 1885

Wants infor.

STATE OF ILLINOIS,

Supreme Court, ~ Second Grand Division.

CLERK'S OFFICE,

Springfield, February 18th 1858

Dear Sir,

Although I wrote to you once before today yet I forgot an important item to me. Judge Douglas owes me a fee bill in case of Trustees of School against him. The amount is $30.50 Could you would get the money and send it to me. Tell Lawyer, that I would not trouble him, did not need the money.

The case was decided more than two years ago, & I have been obliged to pay out money in the case for abstracts &c.

Wm Carney

Received of Stephen A Douglas thirty dollars and fifty cents the consideration of the pen butt in this letter mentioned in pursuance of the order and authority herein contained. Feb 18 1858

Mell Dorsel

Hon A Lincoln.
Springfield. Ills.
Feb. 18. 1858.

Pro Lincoln $30.50

Cleveland Feby 26, 1858

My Dear Friend.

Though a comparatively silent, I am by no means an indifferent observer of passing events. I have watched your course with breathless anxiety & with profound satisfaction. Your late report, as well as your speeches on this Kansas inquiry, have not only added immensely to your reputation as a statesman of unsurpassed ability, but you have through them reached the hearts of the people. Were you now to pass through these Western States, your progress, at every town & village, would be attended with one continued ovation of the masses of the people. You can have no conception of the extent & intensity of this feeling among all classes. The old Whigs & the leading Whig papers of the West are ready to stand by you in the fight of 1860. The Cleveland Herald will be one of the foremost & it is one of the oldest & ablest of that class. Its tone you can see by the enclosed

Pardon me for making a suggestion. Can the democratic caucus of congress be provoked to read you out? If that can be done, the monster meeting which is to be held at Chicago will nominate you for the Presidency on the single plank of Popular Sovereignty. This convention of democrats of Western & Northwest States, will exceed in numbers & enthusiasm any thing before known on the Continent. That nomination in that way, will give you every electoral vote North of Mason & Dixon's line; also those of Ky & Missouri. Besides such a nomination, made under such circumstances will not embarrass you, provided you are read out of the caucus.

Payne has embarked every thing in your ship. I spent last evening with him. He says the Indiana meeting was stormy. He has gallantly & yet prudently put the ball in motion in Ohio & Indiana & he will prove himself to be all your could wish. Ohio is sound to the core.

God bless you my friend. May he give you strength to go through this fight as you have begun it. Don't falter; warm hearts & stout arms, cheer & sustain you.

Payne complains that you do not keep him better & more promptly posted. This you should see done if not personally promptly, do it through Harris or some other friend equally in your confidence. Payne can be relied on all the time, & under all circumstances. He is not of the fine steadman school of men or morals.

I wish you to remember me & my wife & daughter kindly to Mrs. D. She must come & make us a visit & get out of Washington excitement.

I should really like to have an hours talk with you & trust I may have that pleasure before long.

Ever truly & cordially
your friend
H. S. Wilson

Hon S. A. Douglas
Washington

H D Willson
Cleveland,
Ohio.
Feb. 26. 1858.

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Berlin Feby 28. 1858

Private

My Dear Sir

I have taken the liberty of writing you, as a ~~[illegible]~~ man, and one that has some knowledge of me, I look to you to defend me from the foul accusations of my Enemies, you are familiar familiar with my past political life & you know who are my Enemies, Not a word have I heard from Washington, all that I see is in the Newspapers, one thing I am sure of, my Enemies are at work, I only wish you know the true state of things here, I have in my possession a very ~~gentlemanly~~ kind and frank letter signed by all the Americans at this place, speaking of me in the highest terms, also a letter from Baron Humboldt, all of which I design to use in my defence, yet I cannot send them

to you or any other person, unless I
knew what was the character of the
attack, I still hope that nothing
can be made to operate against me,
without an opportunity being afforded
me to make a reply.

I refer you to the papers of
the State Department to my Despatches
upon the subject of the Secret duties,
the case of Eugene Duffy, among
others to show my course, since my
arrival here

Let me assure you again
I care little as to the question
of my remaining here, but I do not
mean my enemies to triumph on this
way. I prefer to be my own judge
as to how long I shall remain,
which I assure you, will not be
long as at present situated

you will probably see in the
New York papers, an account of
the Dinner given by me on the

Hon: Jos A Wright,
Berlin,
Feby 28. 1858.
("Private")

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22nd to assist 50 Americans, I hope you will see the matter of the same

All that I know is, that there are one or two persons who engage in doing the work of this man Bright. He sends his followers after me, in one way or other, I shall hope that you on others will understand him well enough, so that you will be able to counteract all his movements,

All I ask is that the facts, may be known, I have no fears of the result, Pardon me for this liberty,

your friend Delia is with me, and understands all this question, He has written you, I hope you have his letter, with that above as the copy of his letter to the President you can show Slidell & all who are with him, A second assurance

yours most respectfully,
Joseph A Wright

Hon S A Douglas
U S Senate