

Adrian March 1st 1858
 Hon S A Douglas

Dear Sir

Please inform me if you know
 where Captain Simbap
 resides. I wish to procure his
 Certificate for the purpose of
 Procuring a pension. My
 health has been very poor
 since my return
 from Mexico. Physicians
 say I will never enjoy
 good health. I had not
 my family claims upon me
 I should not make this
 claim. If I can not
 procure Capt Simbap's Certificate
 I shall have to make my
 applications to Congress to place
 my name upon the Pensioners
 Roll. I am Yours
 Geo H Bachman

Geo Buchanan
Adrian. Ills
March 1. 1858,

Wants to know
where Capt
A Hunlap resides,

St Charles March 14 - 1858.
Hon. A. A. Douglass

Dear Sir,

Though not personally acquainted with you, potetically, I am. While many of your old friends are deserting you, perhaps a word of encouragement from one of your new friends, may not be amiss. The noble and independent course, you have taken, in opposing the "Second Star Binnacle", meets with a hearty approval, from nineteen twentieths of the people of all parties, in "Old Man's". A few office holders and office seekers, may desert you, on this question, but the great mass of the people will not. You have here to-day, ten friendly real friends, where you had one before. Though I have not read your report, I learn that its positions are impregnable. All honest men, both North and South, must admit that your position is right. The Fire Eaters may rave, and threaten, but they will do no more harm, than the waves, beating against the Rock of Gibraltar. Buchanan has shown himself to be a tool of the Slave Oligarchy. His removals from office, of men, without whose aid, he never could have reached the place, he now occupies, exhibit base ingratitude. But he is surrounded with difficulties that few men would like to encounter. The course he is pursuing will drive from the Democratic Party, the best Democrats of the North.

But I hope Sir I hope you will continue to maintain
the noble position you have taken. Be assured that you
have the sympathies and good wishes, of a large
majority of the people of the north west, and therefore
as John Quincy Adams once said, when his friends
denounced him for supporting Jackson in the bold
stand he took towards France, in obtaining the
five million indemnity.

In Independence placing all my glory
While Goliath, call me Why and Why a foe.
It will do you no harm in the end.
It is to you and your friends that we look for the
defeat of the Secession Constitution. If you can
succeed in accomplishing that, it will be one of the
greatest victories ever achieved. But I must close
lest I weary your patience.

With great Respect Yours

J. W. Bartlett

W. P. Bartlett
St. Charles.
Hans Co. Ill.

March 1, 1858.

Approbatory.

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Geo. H. Beaumont,
No 812. Arch Street
Phil.
March 1/58.

Wants Speeches,

812 Arch St
Philad.

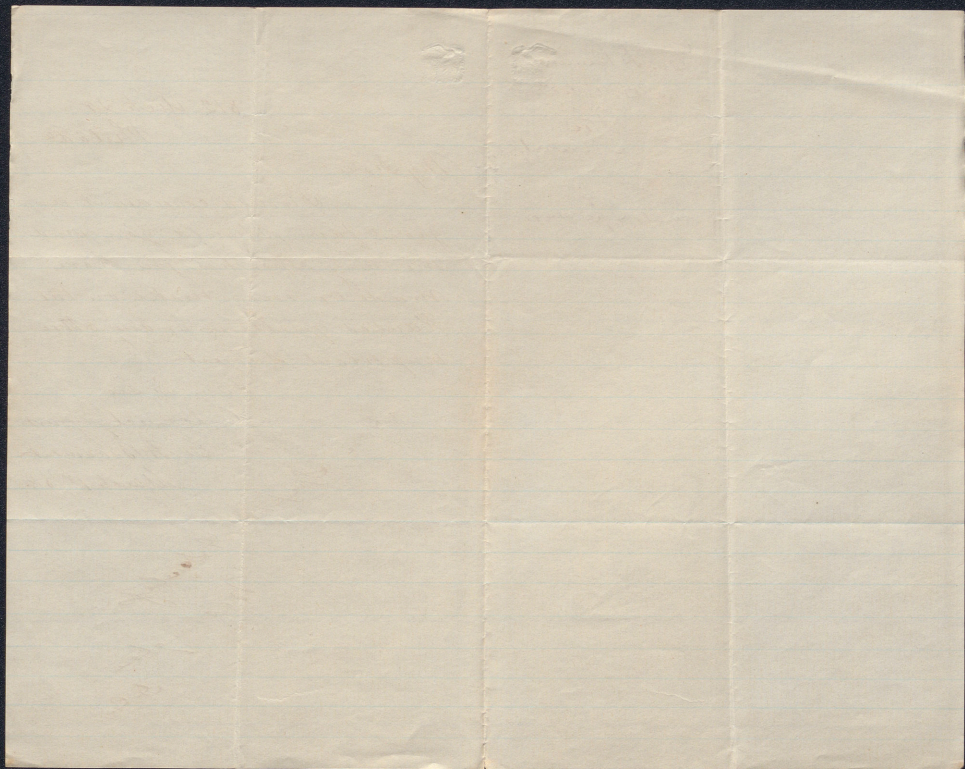
My Sir,

I would consider it a
great favor should you send
me any Speeches you have
made or may make on the
Kansas question or any other
important subject

I am Sir,

Respectfully yours
Geo. H. Beaumont
March 1st/58

Hon. Stephen A. Douglas
Washington
D.C.



Libon March 1st 1858

Mr. C. A. Douglass, Dear Sir, I hope you will pardon this liberty of a stranger when I inform you that I am and have been for a number of years past (in political parlance) a Douglass man, you being my choice over all others at the time that Mr. Buchanan was nominated, you being as I considered the champion of the Kansas & Nebraska bill & so considered by a host of my Democratic friends; but alas! what a change has come over the dream the Champion has become the traitor with many — And in my own vicinity I stand alone to battle the cause of Douglass. For if you have acted the traitor to the Democratic party I have not been able to find wherein — I have read your speech of December the 7th 1857, your views set forth in that speech I believe to be correct & your opposition to the Kansas Lecompton constitution justifiable — I will not tax you further but close by asking you to send me a few copies of your speeches for myself and to circulate among my friends; for there are hundreds of Democrats here that know nothing of your position except through the biased

medium of Political Editorials //

Any Document upon any subject or Question
that you may send me will be thankfully
received

Direct to Lisbon
J. D. Claiborne Parish Louisiana

Yours ever & Fraternally

J. C. Brooks

J. Steph. A. Douglass

Washington D. C.

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O Sir

Please send me
 half doz copies of your sheet on the
 Locomotive Contribution.

Yours truly
 A. W. Campbell

I would also be glad to get a number
 or two of your ^{very} interesting report

A W Campbell
Off. Daily Int.
Wheeling W.
March 1/58,

Wants to copy
Speech & Reports.

Sent.

House of Representatives, Columbus O.
March 1st 1858.

Am. S. L. Douglas

Dear Sir: Members of the Legislature
and others are very anxious that you should be
here at our Rally on the 10th instant.

If the nature of your business will, at
all permit you to leave your place, I assure
you much good will be effected by your
presence here; and your friends by thou-
ands will be exceedingly gratified to
meet you on that occasion.

The people will be here.

Very Respectfully
E. S. Clarke

Hon^r

O S Clarke

Ho. Reps, of Ohio,

Columbus, Ohio

March 1. 1858,

Members of Legislature
want you to be
present at meeting
on 10th proximo, -

- "The people will
be there" -

Alton 1st May 1858

Wm: Steph: W. Douglas

Dear Sir!

Against my will, I write you these lines, too well knowing, that you are troubled enough, as to occupy you with such trifling business. Yet I hope you will excuse my arrogance, when I assure you that my most sad & embarrassed circumstances, compelling me to call on you. — Waiting with pain the settlement of the Kansas = Affaire, I could not trouble you with me before; now necessity reached the highest degree.

Since the last three months my health went rapidly down, not only near full deaf, the most horrible I have to notice, is that my eyes are beginning with Amaurosis causing the deepest melancholy; yet for me I would ask no favor but for my poor family; I can't loose the sympathy for the world, when looking to my hopeful angel-girl, the idea to leave them so soon behind, is a most torment one. — Often I ask me is there no physician, is there no balm in Gilead? All physicians I consulted are harmonising with me, that there are three cardinals restoring my health, Labor, change of climate and mineral Baths. —

My dear Judge I know so well your mind is
occupied in a sphere of greater trouble, but
with peculiar difference of mind. Could you look
for one moment in the hearts of my so dear
wife and girl, what deep griefs and sorrows
would be represented to you, their prayers to the
omnipotent Father are daily accompanied with
tears. — My only object is my health, I ask for
no privilege nor favor, my call is on humanity
for labor. During all winter Mrs Colina I
supported the family with the revenues of her
musical school. If in your possibility to
acquire a suitable labor for me I beg you in
the name of God and my poor family,
save your most affectionate Dear
Francesco Colina.
P. S. from Rock Island.

Since the Convention held at Springfield
I am in Alton expecting warmer weather
but so the present day very unfavorable.
As long I shall remain here, I write the Alton
Observer a german paper, Among the
german true democratic papers is ~~besides~~ ^{further}
the Banner of Peoria, & Abingdon Chicago.
Hech's Credit is gone; the Flag ^{of Springfield} has reappeared.

nobody knows to whom or to what
party she belongs.

Francisco Colina
Alton, Ill.

Freeport Ill March 1st 1858.

Dear Sir

Enclosed I transmit to you the Resolutions of a Meeting of the German Democrats of Freeport, as the Secretary thereof. It is unnecessary for me here to speak of the Sentiments prevailing among us, the Resolutions above referred to speak for themselves. Amongst the Supporters of the same we find here Germans who have always been true, like Yourself, to the creed of Democracy, and who never shrink back from their Duty as such, then again there are some who, when the Nebraska Bill came up, the measures of which you are now advocating, in regard to the Kansas policy of the President, and the principles of which they now entertain as purely Democratic, were your most ramparted Enemies, but a better judgment, the sober second thought has adorning them differently, then again there are some who have never taken any interest in politics, and were quiet in National affairs, but now are the firm advocates of Popular Sovereignty, the will of the people. All this vindicates the Principles of which you are the able and gallant advocate. Hoping with you that these Principles of Justice & Rights will eternally remain inviolable, I remain with the highest Regards
Your fellow citizen
A Brother Democrat

Hon. St. A. Douglas
Washington City
D.C.

Wardlaw Dorr
Secretary

Gustavus Korr
Treasr. H.C.
March 1. 1858.

Enclose Resolutions
of German Meeting
endorsing Judge H.

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Lars Ellison
Sylvan, Mo.
March 1. 1858.

Approbatory

Mr Douglas

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Sylvan Mar 1/58

Sir

I will just
withdraw my claim against
Missouri the Know nothings
Rebelle against me in
St Jo and in some parts
of Mo. it was a Know
nothing trick to keep me
from going in search of
Sir John Franklin
and to get you out with
the south they know you are
rather out with the North
and if they succeed in getting
Kansas a free state
the know nothings will claim
the ^{home} and it will strengthen
their party

and I begu'dly the honor
of such a party I would
rather see Kansas & 10000 others
below the pacific than see
that party lead or gain the
honor some of the Democracy
are for you and some against
you on the assumption
constitution Cook and
Glover are the tool for the
know nothing party
and if Kansas comes
in for this will claim all
the free states and if they
was not strong americans
they would claim a good
portion of W. & F. of
D. Sanction any Yours
thing you see Respectfully
protr Gars Ellsbo

Low Point Woodford Co. Va. March 1st 58
Hon A. A. Douglas Dear Sir

If you will remember Low Point in the distribution of Political documents for circulation, you will gratify your Democratic friends and exert a good influence among the Republican party

Yours Very Truly

R. H. Farnsworth

Ch Farnsworth
Saw Pointe
Woodford Co. Ill.
March 1. 1858

- Wants Speech
sent in that
quarter. —

Bainbridge, Lancaster County,
Penn^a March 188

Hon: S. D. Conkling: Resp: Sir

If it will not
discommode you or prey upon your time,
I would humbly solicit some Public As-
sessment, such as speeches, resolutions,
reports &c, especially upon the Kansas
measure—by tendering the above
favors, you will greatly oblige.

Yours hum: Serv^t
J. Hall Foreman



T Hall Foreman
Bainbridge
Simsboro Co. / N.Y.
March 1/58.

Wants doct's &
Speeches





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Columbus, March 1st 1857.

Hon. S. A. Douglas
Dr. Sir,

Neither Mr. Bancroft, nor Gov. Wise can attend our Ohio Convention on Wednesday, March 10th. The latter writes me, that the Virginia Legislature will not adjourn until the 7th, and perhaps not then. His official duties make it out of the question that he can be here on the 10th. His letter is very brief, very earnest and fully to the point - he is down upon the "Bourbon" doctrine of "legitimacy".

Now an immense popular demonstration here would be of immense value at this juncture, I think. Very few are for Secession, but a great many d - d fools, who are small fry politicians, are possessed with a notion that they are born to achieve greatness, and that the prospects of numberless eminent statesmen, that are to be, will be ruined if Ohio speaks out as Ohio should. There is not the pluck of a hen partridge among a score of them,

but they go whispering about, saying that agitation will do no good &c. In short, sir, they want to come the quietist game, "whatever is right" over us. A great popular demonstration will swing them higher than "Liamatha" slung his grandfather; and if we can speedily announce, that one or two great men from other states will certainly be here, the people will be here by thousands to meet them. Walker and Stanton will do; if you cannot come yourself, pray prevail upon them and Loney to do so. But if I could, in the course of three or four days, announce with certainty that you would be here, we should "make assurance doubly sure," and "take a bond of fate!" Ten thousand people would be here to meet you. Cannot this be done? The knowledge that you had quietly left Washington and come out to Ohio among the Western people to address them and counsel with them about the contemplated great gathering of the North Western men at Chicago, would strike a chill into the conspirators at Washington who are plotting the downfall of the National Democracy. Here you can denounce this infernal business as it deserves. No "order in the galleries" here!

One twelve hours among the Democracy of the North West at this critical juncture is worth a week at Washington, in my opinion. The men there are lost to reason, argument is thrown away upon them - they will take counsel of nothing but their fears; but come you here and say, "my foot is on my native heath! my name's Mc Gregor!" and my opinion is, they will begin to count the cost very narrowly, of having all the North West, and old Kentucky, too, going against them in 1860. You may depend upon it, that they can't carry Kentucky against an Anti-Lecompton National man, nor begin to do it. I can say no more because as a matter of course your superior knowledge and judgment, must decide whether you can slip off just to come here. If you can it will be a great coup. The people here will believe me, if I announce over my own name that you are coming sure, and those out Washington will not believe a word of it until you have left on the cars. If you can, come telegraph to me immediately in these words "Yes!" If not set to work at Walker and Stanton and make them come. They too must telegraph immediately to that effect. I wonder

whether

Stanley Matthews will be turned out for
the Cincinnati meeting. I thank you for
a copy of your report, just received. He
had already published it in full. Two or
three, instigated, by a Washington office
holder who spends most of his time loafing
about here, instead of being about his
duties, seeing that the government contractors
don't steal the people's money, requested
us to publish Green's report. I said I would
Green do - do first, it was anti-democratic
and we published in Democratic papers.

With Very Great Respect

Your Obedt Servt

Charles J. Foster.

P. S. No time to be lost.

Chas J Foster
Columbus, Ohio
March 1, 1858.
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Postpaid

Alex: Fuller
Waterville.
Me.
March 1. 1858.

Autograph,

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Waterville Mar. 1st /58

Hon Stephen A Douglass
Sir -

You will confer
a great favor by sending your auto-
graph to the address of

Very Respectfully Yours
Alexander Fuller Jr -
Waterville
Maine -



Kittanning, Pa., 1 March, 1858.

Dear Sir

I have read your late Report with great interest. Some of your positions are impregnable—no answer will be attempted; but passion, tergiversation; and arrogance will abound. The race will be long and arduous, but the prize is sure—the people are honest. Fight out; the eyes of a nation are upon you.

I wish you would send me all the documents you have relation to this Lecounton fraud, especially a copy of the Constitution itself, together with the Schedule.

Yours truly

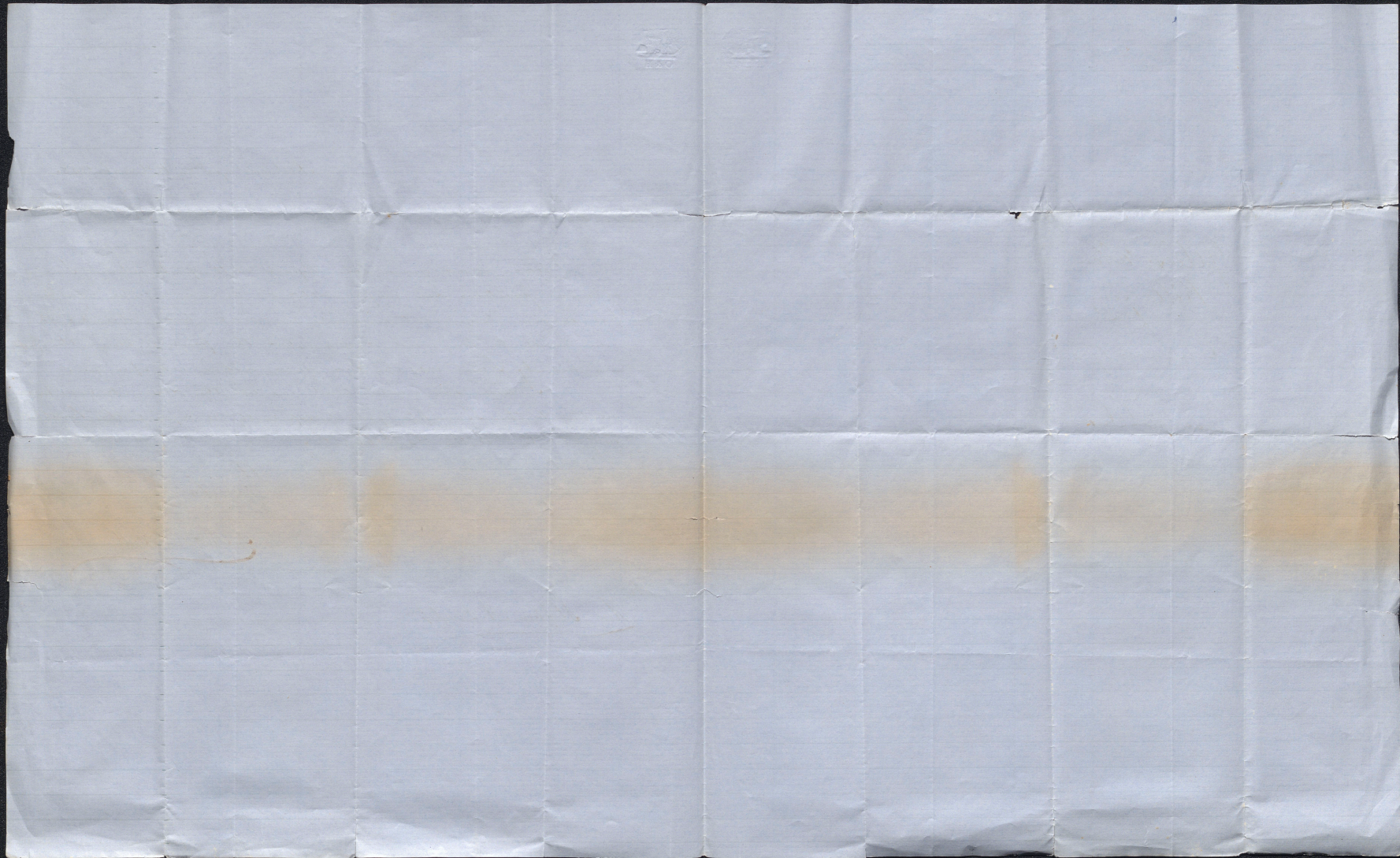
J. Alexander Dalton

To

Mrs. Stephen A. Douglass

J. Wiley Fulton
Kittanning
Pa
March 1/58.

Wants copy of
Secumpton Constitution



Mercer, Pa. March 6, 1858

Hon. S. A. Douglass
Sir,

I would feel much
obliged for a copy of your Report
on the Admission of Kansas— Also
of your speech on same in Decr
last. You have many friends
here, some of them amongst the
leaders of the Democracy— Below
I give the names of a few who
would be glad to receive a copy of
your report in pamphlet form—

Yours Very Respectfully

John Funker
Mercer, Penn^a

Wm L. Breckinridge

A. McDermitt Esq.

S. Griffith Esq

John McGill

H. H. Foster Esq

Robert Bams

Joseph M. Shuiff

Robert Kyle Esq

George Bams

John H. Key
Merce
Pa
March 1. 1858,

Wants Report
L

Names others

Report sent all
March 11. 1858

Rushville Ind. March 1, 1858.

Sir:

I am a Republican of the strictest sect, but still I cannot fail to admire the bold, independent and correct stand you have taken against the admission of Kansas under the Lecompton Constitution. In this you are right beyond the possibility of refutation, and the President and his backers wrong beyond the possibility of justification. I have just read your able report. It sweeps every ground from the Lecomtonites, and leaves them naked in the support of villainy. I would be pleased to make some arrangement by which I could

have your report circulated
in this County. P. S. Robinson,
the leader of the administration
forces, has, since his
defeat for Clerk of the House
of Reps., been fierce against
you and your position. But
there is a strong senti-
ment in favor of you and
your views among the dem-
ocracy in this County, if
it could make itself mani-
fest. Is your report to be
printed separately from the
others, or will they all be
printed as one document?

I was somewhat astonished
to see Bigles take ground
in favor of Leecompton. I
happened to be in Kansas
at the time of the elections

of Delegates to the Leecompton Con-
ventions, and for some time
afterwards. I heard Gov. Mel-
cer, Stanton, Bigles and oth-
ers speak at Paola, towards the
latter part of June. Walter took
decided ground for a submis-
sion of the Constitution to a
fair vote of the people, and
pledged himself that such a
vote should be had. He said
emphatically that if the Conven-
tion should attempt to force a
Constitution on the people with-
out giving them an oppor-
tunity to vote upon it, he
would himself join the peo-
ple and withhold its approval
by Congress. He ridiculed the
idea of admissions without
a fair vote of the people of Kan-

was approving it; and said
if any one eluded to the Con-
vention entertained such an
idea it ought to be patented!
Bigler followed, approved &
eulogized all that the wor-
thy Governor had said. He
also told the people that they
need not think of getting in-
to the Union under the
Sopeka Constitution, for he
was a U. S. Senator, and
he could tell them that
that august body had re-
jected it, and would do so
again! He was strong for
the submission of that Con-
stitution to a vote of the
people.

There was an incident at
that meeting which I have

frequently thought of since
the commencement of the
present session of Congress.
A free State man by the
name of Charley Foster
made a speech. He was
somewhat little in weight
in the past history of the
territory; and he doubted
the power of Governor
Walker to carry out his
pledges to the people. He
said he did not doubt
his sincerity, but his pow-
er. Other Governors of
the territory had made
fair promises, but had
not been permitted to
carry them out. He predicts

of the Convention became
very much irritated at these
and other remarks of Hor-
ter, and I thought for a
while that there would be
a little civil war. Gov Wal-
ker became somewhat exci-
ted himself, and made
a second speech in which
he got ground with the
free state men present by
some unguarded expres-
sions about the "Black Re-
publicans."

Walker, Stanton, and I
think Montgomery of Penn.,
heard Ryker's speech, and
will recollect all these cir-
cumstances.

Yours truly
P. W. Hackleman

Hon S. A. Douglas.

PA Hackleman
Rushville
Ind.
March 1. 1858,

A Republican -
- approver -
was in Kansas -
heard Senator
Bigler - there
I then - declare
the Constitution
must be submitted,
- refer to Mr
Montgomery as
having also heard.

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Grand Springs Kane Co. Wis. March 1/58
Sen. Douglass

Dear Sir

Please send me a portion of those congressional documents which you may have to distribute - Those which would be interesting to an out and out "Douglass Democrat." Thus doing you will greatly oblige one of your constituents. The principles which you advocate, meet the almost universal support of the Democratic press & party in this state

One of your constituents

R. C. Hammond

B C Hammond.

March 1858.

Grand Springs
Kane Co. Wis.

Wants Speeches

George H. Hickman.

Attorney at Law

Commissioner of Deeds &c. for all the States.

Claims against the Government prosecuted
before the U. S. Court of claims or any of the

"Private" Executive Departments.

Baltimore March 1st 1858

Attn. S. A. Douglas,

Sir

I received this morning 3 copies of your admirable report. Although the superscription was to "Geo. V. Vickman", nevertheless I took them from the Post Office, as the name is somewhat similar, and from the fact I had written to you for them.

The decided ground a number of Democrats in this City have taken in defence of you and your position, together with the fact of a personal acquaintance of several years has been the cause of my addressing you at various times for your Speeches, Reports &c. I hope therefore you will not consider me presumptuous.

Of late I have received many letters from friends and relatives in Penn^a, Del. &c desiring copies of your Speech, Report &c, &c. I supplied them with your Speech — about 25 or 30 of which you sent me, each enclosed in a franked envelope, which I directed and mailed here. If it is not imposing too much upon your time &c, please favor me with

a few copies of your report in a similar way.

Several of us intend to send to Mr. Fowers to subscribe for a number for distribution in this City, or it is more than likely we will have it published in the "Sun".

I had several copies of your report made in 1855 from the Com. on Territories but from some cause or other I had to part with them. If you have a copy to spare, be so kind as to furnish me with one.

I herewith annex a few names of trusty Democrats, (who during a recent visit to Philadelphia) I found took decided ground and who in many instances solicited me to forward them "documents" in opposition to the "Reconstruction Constitution". I know you would greatly favor them by send them a copy of your report.

With great respect

I remain Yours &c

Geo. H. Hickman

GEORGE H. HICKMAN,
ATTORNEY,
BALTIMORE, MD.

James Traquair,

Philadelphia

John Hetzelle,

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G. W. Dickinson,

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Aaron V. Gibbs

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George S. Wetherall

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Dr John H. Weir

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~~Wesley Smedley~~

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Major R. J. Simkin.

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Thomas Harey

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Capt. George P. Weaver

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Dr George Wolfe

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Oliver H. P. Parker

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Lambert Thomas

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Theodore Waterman

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Col. James Bramble,

Manayunk P. O. Philadelphia

George Shields

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Frederick Vandegrift

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Dr A. R. Eglest

Chestnut Hill P. O.

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Geo. R. Hickman

March 1. 1888.

Baltimore, Md.

Political

Wants Reports.

Port Clinton, Lake Co, Illinois

March 14th 1838

Hon. S. A. Douglass

Senate

Dear Sir:

Will you be so kind as
to favor me with a copy of "Orin's
Geological Survey of Wisconsin, Iowa,
and Minnesota?"

By so doing you will confer a
very great benefit, which can
never be forgotten. I remain

Very Truly Yours,
W. W. Hipsley, M. D.

J R Hoag

Chicago. Ill.

March 10. 1858.

Wants 3 Pac. R.R.
Reports - one for himself
One for J C Hoag.
One for W A Parsons.

A Copy of Agricultural Report

Reports sent each
March 16. 1858.

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Chicago Mch 10/1858

Respected Sir

My dear

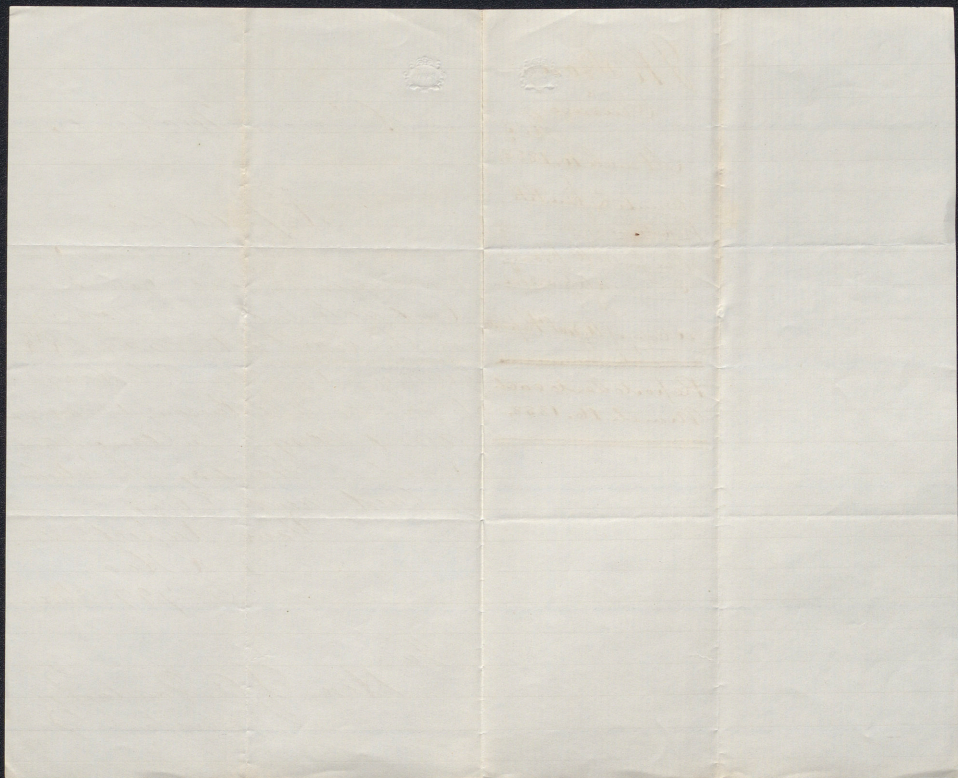
Convenience will you be so
kind as to send me 3 copies
of the Report of the Pacific R.R.
Survey - (1 for Mr D. C. Hoag,
1 for Mr W. A. Parsons, 1 for myself)
Also 1 copy of the Agricultural
Report of Secretary of the Interior.
And much obliged,

Yours Respectfully,

J R Hoag

Box 797 Chicago.

To
Hon. J. A. Douglass
Washington City



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Chas A Ingalls
Haverhill
Mass.
March 1. / 58

Wants Autograph.

Map
Haverhill March 1. / 1858

Dear Sir
Please to send me your
autograph

Your truly
Chas A Ingalls

To
Hon Stephen A Douglas
Washington
D.C.

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Manchester N.H., March 1st 1858

Dear Sir:

Please send me your Minority
Report on the Bill to admit Kansas under the Reconstruction
Constitution, and oblige

Your Humble Servant,

John G. Kelly

Hon. Stephen A. Douglas -

Geo L Kelly
Manchester N.H.
March 1/58.
Wants Reports.

Fallington, Bucks Co. Penn^a
March 1st 1858.

Mr. Stephen A. Douglas
United States Senator
Washington D.C.

Respected Sir:-

Being aware
of the position and influence with State, and
United States Senators, and Representatives which
you hold I have taken the liberty of addressing
you, but at the same time with all respect and
propriety in so doing. My object, in writing this to
you, is to know if you have, or if you know of a
vacancy for a young man to study a read Law.

I am willing to accept of any situation in your
service or employ whereby I might be enabled to meet
my desire. I am poor, but I want to know
something of jurisprudence, and I am willing to do
every thing in my power for any gentleman, who would
be willing to engage me with the privilege of studying
the Law. I have read Law with a member of the
Philadelphia Bar

but being reduced in circumstances, I had to leave it and entered upon a Mercantile pursuit, consequently could not give that care and attention to the "Profession" which it requires. I am, Sir, as I have said, willing to do any kind of work in your employ and at any price you may be pleased to name, giving me the opportunity of studying my favorite pursuit. Sir I will cheerfully work for that knowledge which I most anxiously desire and more especially in the service of such a man as you. From what I read in our public papers of the day I admire your patriotic views and ambition for the prosperity and welfare of our whole Country, therefore I would feel proud to be in your service.

If you, Sir condescend to take any notice or acknowledgment of this letter from a poor young man, you would make a heart glad, and give strength to enter the arena of worldly affairs to either win, or lose a name.

If address,

please direct as follows:-

Fallington, Bucks Co:-
Pennsylvania.

Most Respectfully
George. W. Wheeler.

The above is all Respectfully submitted
to the

M^r: Stephen A Douglas.
Washington D. C.
March 1st 1853.

Geo. W. Kneaf.
Tullington
Buck's Co. N.Y.
March 1. 1858.

Klaser's to work
for Judge W. L.
Study Case.

VIEW ON WATER STREET,

PERU, LA SALLE COUNTY, Illinois, is located at the head of steamboat navigation on the Illinois river, and 100 miles south of Chicago by railroad.

La Salle county is the second in importance in the State. In 1855, the population was 35,563—number of dwellings 3,674—number of farms under cultivation, 1,336. This number has been largely increased.

One mile above Peru is the city of La Salle, at the terminus of the Michigan Canal. The Illinois Central Railroad passes thro' this place, and crosses the river on the longest railroad bridge in the world. The Chicago and Rock Island railroad passes thro'



PERU,

ILLINOIS.

both cities. The aggregate population of the two cities is about 10,000.

Bituminous coal, the best in the West, is mined in large quantities at Peru and La Salle. The value of this coal basin is incalculable.

A shaft, three hundred and fifty feet deep has been sunk at Peru, and the Company are now taking out a very superior article. This immense deposit of coal in this region must exert a great influence upon the growth and business of the city.

Capitalists, and men of enterprise, seeking out locations for the erection of manufactories, cannot find a place better adapted for the investment of money.

Sentinel Office, Peru, Illinois.....Mar. 1, 1858.

Hon. S. A. Douglas,

Sir: Capt. J. S. McCormick has directed me to write to you and enquire whether you could send him a copy of the Secreption Constitution. He is anxious to procure a copy, if it is printed. — The democracy of La Salle county have held a large meeting and endorsed your course. The proceedings will reach you in due season.

Yours re
J. S. McCormick

J. T. Maginnis
Perm. H. C.
March 1, 59.

Wants copy of
Secompton
Constitution.

Le Claire Iowa
March 1/58

Hon S A Douglass Sir

Owing to my
having got slightly acquainted with
you when at Mr. Under Judge Nichols
in Galena, during my term as Route
agent I take the liberty of addressing
you. I would say that here
in Iowa you are sustained
by all the voters of the Democratic
party. LeCompton is sustained by
L. Summers the U S Marshall, and
a lawyer called Rogers but their
followers are few. No true heartier man
of any party differs with you on this
great question. Hoping that you will
succeed in your endeavors to carry
this point, and lead the Democratic
forces to victory in 1860

I remain
yours Respectfully
Geo Moore

George Moore
Le Claire
Iowa

March 1, 1858,

Approbatory.

Lansville Ohio
March 1/1858

Wm A. A. Douglas
Sir,

Your Friends hold a large
meeting in this city on Saturday
next. The call will show that
our Democrats are with you
on the Secession measure
pretty unanimously. Hold
your ground to the last and
do not allow us to see you from the
other side.

W. C. C. C. C.

Franklin
Ohio,

March 1/58

Wants, Spies, etc.

speech. and any other
documents that will shed
any light on the subject -

Truly Yours

W. H. P. Muse

I will forward you an call
and proceedings when published
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