

Bedford Ind March 1st 1858
Hear T. A. Douglass -
Washington City D.C.
Dear Sir,

I have read with much
pleasure, your late report on the
Lecompton Constitution, and am
so convinced with the soundness
of the arguments, as to the foul
means used to force a constitution
on an unwilling people, and as
to the proper course to be pursued
according to the antecedents, and
principles of the Democratic
party; to settle this question
amicably and rightly, - and
for the purpose of counteracting

the same what specious, but yet
fallacious arguments, and
positions assumed by the
President, in his late Kansas
message, that, though a total
stranger to you, I have determined
to write you, and request you
to send me a few copies of
your Report, and also to state
on what terms, from five hundred
to thousand copies can be
be bought, for the purpose of
distribution among the
Democracy, also as to
the same number of your
"Speech," for the same purpose,
of this County.

Our immediate representative
The James Hughes, is "Locustian"
and is flooding this County at
least, and I suppose the whole
district with speeches. &c
opposed to your course, and
generally, - and for this reason
we will be forced to make use
of extraordinary means to
have the masses properly
enlightened, I am an "old
Liner" a "Hord. Hull" Democrat
but anti Locustian, as are nine
tenths of the Democracy of this
County (Lawrence),

For the purpose of assuring you
that I am what I represent

myself to be I refer you to
The Hon W^m A. English, Hon
Mr. Abbot, Mr. John G. Davis
and Hon S. B. Folsom —

I am Sir very respectfully
Yours
B. Newland

Booth

March 1852

Bedford Ind.

Rev. Newland

Horris Locomotive Works,

North St. A Douglas. Philadelphia, March 1st 1858
Washington

Dear Sir,

We wish to
have the address of a Lawyer of Energy, and standing
practising in the Illinois Courts, to conduct a
Case, where \$11,000 to \$12,000 is involved,
against Ed Sam St. Matteson, and his
Rail Road, "The St Louis & Alton & Chicago
Rd & Co." — We desire one, who cannot
be swayed by local feelings or prejudices,
who will look to his Clients interests, as to
his Ours. Our motivation in applying to you
(personally unknown to you) is, that we
believe you can put us on the track, to
get our Case tried against Matteson, by
an able Man; and from our regard, and
respect, for you, and to you, as your Working
friends, who feel, for the long interest
they have felt, and exert in your behalf,
that in thus appealing to you, your voice
put us in the right way to get our Case
speedily before the Illinois Courts, and managed
by a fearless, and able advocate,

We are, With great respect

Yours Truly
Richard Morrisson

Philad Pa

March 12/58.

R. Norris of Pa.

Want you to give
them the name of
a proper lawyer to
present a bill
against John Malheur.

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Freeport N. S. March 21/52

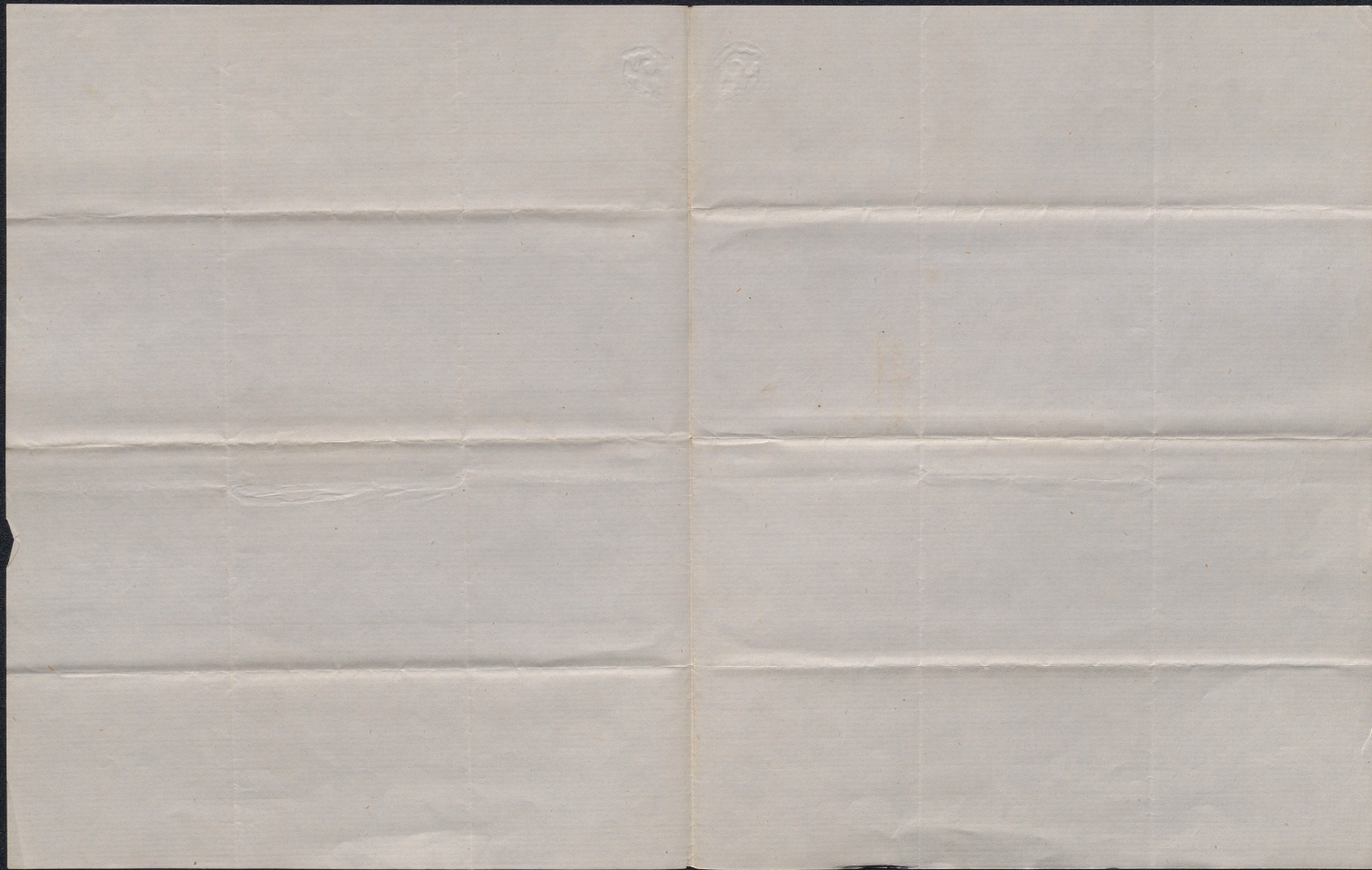
Hon. L. A. Douglas

Dear Sir Having perused
with pleasure your able report against
the admission of Kansas into the Union
under the Leecompton Constitution
I would take it as a great favour if
you would furnish me with a few copies
for distribution, for we have a majority
of Democrats in our Village opposed
to the Leecompton Constitution

I have the honor to be
very respectfully your Obedt Servant
William Page

Very Page
Leekerton N.Y.
March 1/58.

Wants ~~to~~ Reports
to Sent.



Wm H Pearson
Hemlock Hill

March 1. 1858.

~~Approbatory~~
Wants garden seed

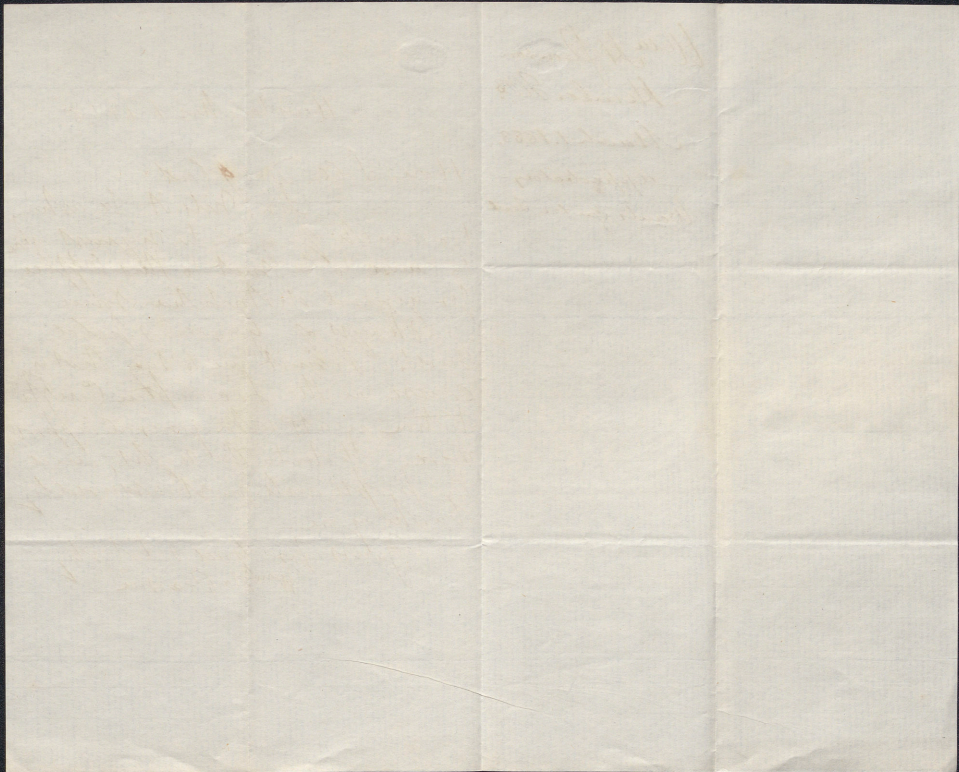
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Hemlock Mar 1 1858

Hon S A Douglass

Sir, Will it be asking
too much of you, to request you
to cause to be sent to this Office
for general distribution some
packages of Garden & Field
seeds? Permit me to say that ^{your}
course on the Lecontean Capti-
tution meets with general approval
here. Stolen to the right, and
the people will most assuredly
back you.

Yours for God & Liberty
Wm H Pearson



332 Pennsylvania Avenue,
bet 9th & 10th Streets,
Washington, March 1-1858

I beg to inform you that it is my intention
to open a First Class Book & Stationery Store
at the above address.

The Stock (which has been carefully selected) will
be found in Every department of the choicest kind.

The system of business will be characterized by
minute personal attention, punctuality & dispatch
based upon long and varied experience in Europe &
America. Special care will be given to the

execution of Foreign Orders, my facilities for
which, cannot be surpassed. The leading

European Journals will be regularly received for
the perusal of customers, and Every accommodation
offered, to make the Store a Literary Lounge.

In Connection, I have established a permanent
Fine Art Gallery at No 322 Penn^a Avenue in which
will be offered a succession of attractions.

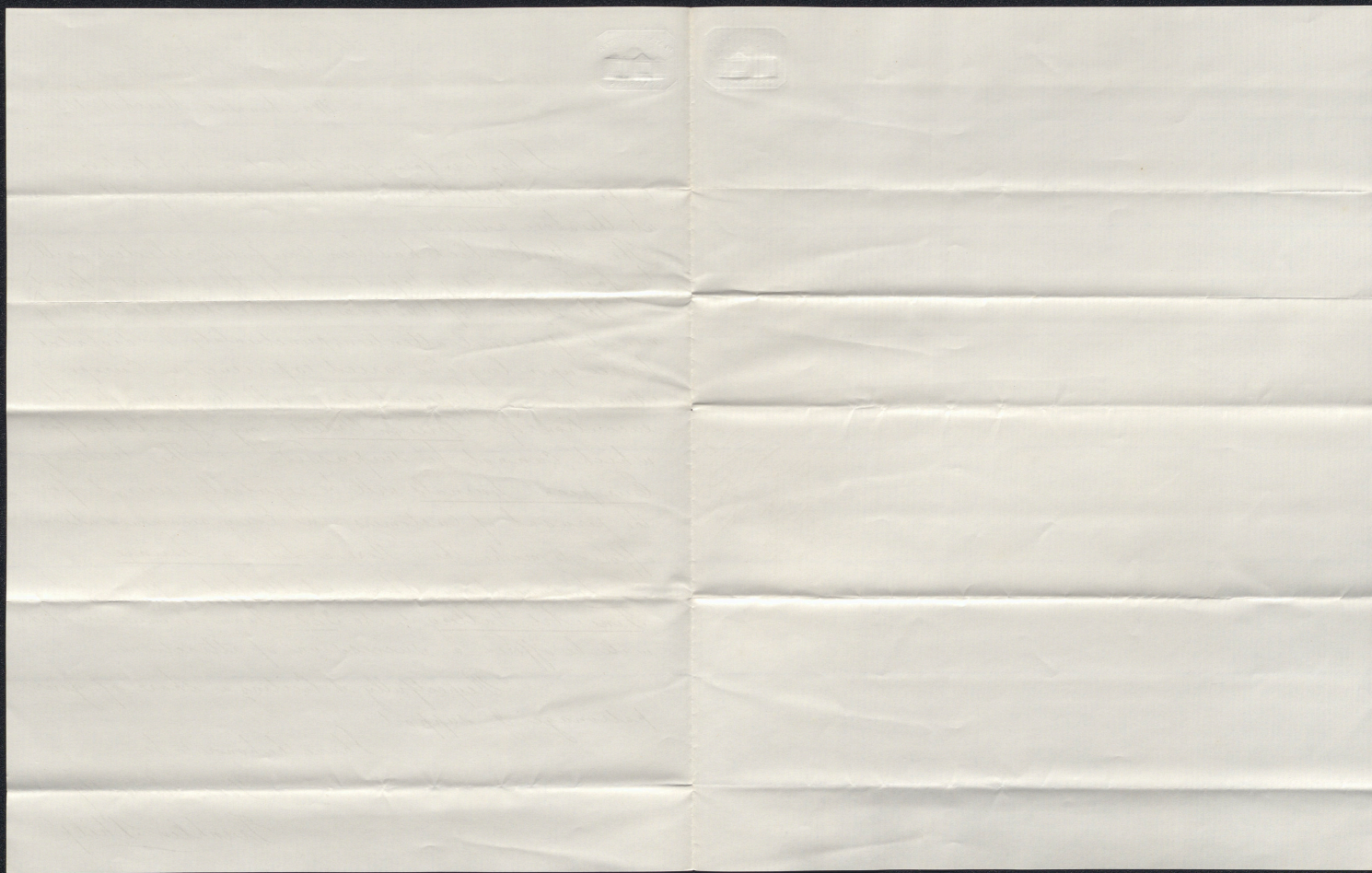
Respectfully soliciting a share of your
patronage & support

I have the honor to be

Yours obediently
Franklin Philp



J. P. Phelps,
Brookston
Washington



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North Vernon March 1st 1838

Hon Stephen, A, Douglas

Whitey Dear Sir

believing as I do, that it
would be the policy of the Republicans
the Douglas wing of the Democracy
to unite their strength, I write you
that if it meets your views to
make an effort with your friends
in Indiana to bring about this:
result there is no real diffidence
- between them as far as I can see
this down Lexington would soon
be a by word in Indiana

I shall attend our Convention on
the 4th and will use my influence
to bring about this result yours

Very & I

W Prather

Do not side the Ex^o Patronage men are
but few Administrators Men here share

Private

St Prather
W. Cernon
Ind.
March 1. 1858.

Political.



Cleveland Hancock County Ind March 17th 1858
 Hon Stephen A. Douglas

Sir

On yesterday I received your minority
 report on Territories opposing the friends of the Leecompton
 constitution I would not address you but from the fact
 that our Senators have quite forgotten me though
 a Democrat all my life and a citizen of Indiana
 for the last 29 years Bright I have always supported
 in every effort he has made in public life and have
 always felt proud of him as one of Indiana's best
 and purest men in this I fear I have been somewhat
 deceived in July 1854 I was appointed Route agent on
 the Indiana Central Rail Road from Indianapolis to
 Benica Ohio I run on this road some 2 years barely time
 to become thoroughly qualified be of use to the public
 as an officer the Road refused to carry the mails any
 longer I was notified to hold myself in readiness at
 any day to perform my duties as such agent

On the first days of last January the
 Department and Rail Road co contracted for carrying
 the mails Bright Fitch and some of his tools had
 been removed for no reason but supposed I was anti-
 Leecompton this was only guessed at but they hit it

I was the only agent that has been removed in the
 State of Indiana or in the west as far as I can ascer-
 tain to make way for a drunken loafer living in
 Indianapolis this brought me to the conclusion that
 Mr Bright would stoop to very small business for a
 great Statesman and one that had filled so many im-
 portant trusts merely to punish a man that has always
 been his friend for our difference of opinion I have
 been trying to carry out our platform adopted at
 Cincinnati in 1856 in good faith

All I have to say let him vote for the Secompton
Constitution and when his time is out he will not
soon betray an other Democratic Constituency we of
Indiana that is the Democrat intends to send men
that will do our bidding in our own way what
vote will be Brights and Fitches winding sheet if
they dig their own graves we will bury them

Stand your ground the true and sincere of the Indi-
ana Democracy are with you as far as my knowledge ex-
tends anti Secompton has at least 75 of the party

(See the proceedings of the Democrat party on the 25 Feb)

Be faithful to the party and its principles the
people will never desert you. Keep the ball rolling
they the Secomptonites will come to they are growing
in here very fast it will be as hard to find one
in two years as it was to find a Union nothing
two years after their organization

Wise cross saw from the South and stran-
-gled him only in Maryland

I should be much pleased if you could
send me some reading matter that I may while away
the long nights here in references

Wm John G Davis Jas M Gregg Thos A Hendricks
and William W Shepherd Esq

accept for your self my kindest regards

I remain your friend &c

George W Sample

my dear friend

Geo W Sample

Cleveland,
Hancock Co. Glada

March 2. 1858.

Political

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B A Sanger
Haverhill
Mass.

March 1. 1858.

Wants Autograph.

Reports sent
w all. —

Haverhill Mass March 1st 1858
Hon Stephen A Douglas
Sir

Having great
respect for you in your official capacity
I would like to have you please send
me your autograph.

Yours &c.

B. A. Sanger.

Haverhill Mass 1858



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Julia Henry C. H. March 1st 1877

Mr. Langley

Will you be so kind
as to send me the Patent Office report on
Machinery for the year 1877 if you have any
for distribution,

Yours a. p.

Edwin H. Bellon

Edward C. Sellow
Galena, Ills.
March 1/88

Wants for rate off report.



Notification of
Meeting of Com.
on Public Grounds
to meet March
5th 1858.

Hon S A Douglas
US Senate

Senate of the United States.

Committee on Public Buildings & Grounds

Washington, March 1st 1858.

Sir:

A meeting of this Committee will be
held on Friday Morning at 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ O'Clock
at ~~10 O'Clock~~, M., which you are respect-
fully invited to attend.

To the

Hon. S. A. Douglas

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Galena 1st March 1858

Honble Stephen A. Douglass Washington City.
Dear Sir,

Permit me here to reiterat my thanks for the warm support you gave me when I had the honor to see you at Washington City; for the office of Surveyor Genl of Illinois & Missouri.

I have since abandoned all idea of continuing an applicant for that office; But being informed there will soon be a change in it, I take the liberty to recommend to your support, my old friend Genl. Wm. Milburn of St Louis for that office. He was about twenty years Chief Clerk in that office a considerable part of the time Chief Clerk and subsequently filled it as Asst. Genl. Genl. M. is one of the old and most respected Citizens of St Louis and always a consistent Democrat; he has been tried and found honest and no other man can bring to the situation he seeks more knowledge of its duties than him, being by profession a Surveyor. No appointment to that office could be more popular with the Democracy of Missouri than his.

The democracy of our Hill City of Galena
is still for popular Sovereignty, your opposi-
tion to the Reconstruction tyrany brings on
many arduous trials but you are right and
the people here and I believe generally through
the Union is with you.

Very Respectfully
Your old friend
James C. Soule

Jas G Souland
Galena, Ill.
March 1, 1858.

Thanks for
Judge D's wants
support of him
as Surveyor Genl
of Ills & Mcipouri -
now declines.

I urgently recommend
Genl Com Millburn
of St Louis.

Approves Judge
D's position on Kansas
question

WJ

Orangeton Ky, March 1st 1838

S. A. Douglas Dear Sir

I have just
Read your letter to W. H. Hovey & others, and
I have also Read your Speeches on the
Secumpton Constitution, and have heard
you speak to the people, before the election
of James Buchanan, I think that you
have been Right, and consistent all
the time, Blessed is he that holds out
faithful to the end, you have many
warm friends in this State, and some
that will never fail or desert you,
you stand on holy Land, and your
true friends will never forsake you.
Please to send me some of your Speeches
and other documents to Read, I am
your true friend very Respectfully

J. P. Sparks
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P.S. I have always been a democrat,
and never give a vote of any importance
to the opposition, I made the 2nd speech
in this State against the so called
American party, B. A. Clarke made the
1st speech, and I made the 2nd
and now I am like you and I do
not want mortal man to follow my
course or to be committed by me in
any way whatever truly yours J. P. Sparks
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Hon. A. A. Douglass
Washington D. C.

J. W. Sparks
Owenton, Ky.
March 1. 1858.

Eulogistic
Wants, Speeches.



Plover March 1, 1858

Hon Stephen A Douglass
Dear Sir

While you was in the full tide of success and seemed to be a very general favorite, I had no flattery to present and no favors to ask at your hands. You know I have been during my whole life, a firm reliable & undeviating democrat, of at least a fair standing & sufficient ability to command the respect of my fellow citizens and to exercise decided influence upon the stump. I have not been particularly desirous of putting myself in your way because I thought & felt that you had chosen in some measure in this region, who held your ear, & yet had no home power or influence. I desired to live independent and to be in a position to act without reference to any ^{no chance} ~~person~~ you might assume.

You are no longer on the pinnacle of fame
and have no offices to bestow - many
of your friends, indeed most of those
trusted & promoted by you, have deserted
you, because power has left your
standard. It is not to be denied
that thousands even in Illinois have
deserted you, and at the end of the
number comes that magnificent
burning wormed into life & sustained
in position by your influence "Genl
Shields of Minnesota". This shows you
the stuff gazing politicians are made
of. But more that the tide is running
strong against you, let me, who have
never yet flattered, tell you that the
great mass of the people are with you,
that the sound thinking, reliable firm,
influential men, of standing of strength
& ability are with you upon the Kansas
controversy. Many who would not
have sustained you if this question
had not arisen, are now with you
in this City I do not think Treacy

voters can be sustained found who would
hesitate to go with you heart & soul
There is your old implacable enemy Judge
Purple who rejoices in your apparent
difficulties, and the others who are
against you are such as are influenced
by the hope of immediate reward
The "Union" newspaper never had any
reliable principle - my personal influence
has kept it in the straight path for the
last three years, but \$417. offered by
the Post Office Department was stronger
than I was. It is now your bitter foe
But the masses, the men who do the voting
& thinking are with you, & whatever
may be the result in Congress, it will be
difficult to drive them from you
It is especially hard to make war upon
the administration of ^{our} choice, but what
are we to do when that administration
enters the field sword in hand, & slaps
off the head of every man who refuses
to march up to the rack & lick the
hand of power? Does Mr Buchanan

imagine that he is endowed with absolute royal power and that the people are his slaves, subject to his royal commands. He may perhaps destroy the Democratic party, but can he do more, can he play out his game swin. Truly it seems impossible to me. - It also seems to me there is but one alternative and that is to strike strong and hard for freedom & the right, to strike for the great principle of self government, the right of the people to accept or reject any organic law offered them. ~~It is~~ as it comes to this, that a Constitution is to be forced upon a people after they have rejected it by an overwhelming majority. That they are to be swindled, cheated & deluded in the name of justice. Well & wisely did Madame Roland say "Oh justice what crimes have been committed in thy name"!

I write this letter from no personal motive - It is ~~to simply~~ to add strength to your zeal, to assure you of support, and to add my earnest hope, that you will

gather

all the facts in one great reservoir, and hurl them with power & force at the foe, What though they should out vote you? Do not all conquerors respect a gallant foe? - Do they not stand in awe of him who fights manfully, fearlessly - courageously to the end? If you must die die game, Don't let any intimidation or any demonstration against your friends diminish your zeal. If this letter should give you even a momentary addition to your invincible spirit I shall be fully rewarded

I am very truly your
friend

J M Mead

H M Wears
Georia Hls.
March 1. 1858.

-Sanctuary-
-political.-



I have just received your letter of the 11th inst. and am
 glad to hear from you. I am well and hope this
 letter finds you the same. I have not much news to
 write at present. I am still in the city and am
 engaged in some business. I will write again soon.

Yours truly,
 Wm. Lloyd Garrison

Received
 of the
 Wm. Lloyd Garrison

Isaac Elbert
Cincinnati, Ohio
March 1, 1858,

Approbatory.

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Cincinnati March 1, 1858
My Dear Sir
May God Speed
you in the Noble work which
you are doing - Go on, the
Whole People (Except the hindings)
are with you, and your
reward in 1860 is certain.

Very Truly

Wm Ott Sent
Isaac E. Wott.

Hon Stephen A. Douglas }
Washington }
D.C. }

James F. Smith
Cincinnati
June 1, 1857

My dear Sir

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 28th inst. in relation to the purchase of a lot of land in the city of Cincinnati. I am sorry to hear that you are unable to purchase the land at the price you offered. I am, however, glad to hear that you are still interested in the purchase. I am sure that you will be able to purchase the land at a reasonable price. I am, Sir, very respectfully,
Yours,
James F. Smith

Jas V White
 West Cayuta.
 Schuyler Co. N.Y.
 March 1. 1858.

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 Buchanan now blunder
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West Cayuta March 1st 58.
 Hon.
 S. A. Douglas.

The town of
 Cayuta contains 154 voters
 And gave Sam Buchanan 130 Maj
 in 1856. & now we have not got
 10 Buchanan Men in town -
 You stand in his former place
 We ask you to adhere to your
 course. & stand by the people. &
 the people will stand by you
 Yield nothing in the way of a
 compromise. do nothing sectional
 give to the south what of right
 belongs to her. & claim for the North
 her rights. & you will secure the
 sympathy & actions of the people of
 the United States. Sam Buchanan has
 lost all his friends North - by his
 unjust & dishonest course
 over

Pre-meditated & concerted
by him to stamp our Nation
with disgrace
formerly Buchanan
Now.

Yours.

To.

Hon.

S. A. Douglas

Washington

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Chapel Hill N. C.
March 1st 1838

Hon Steph A. Longloss M. C.

Dear Sir

Wishing to know
something of the "Kansas and ~~Abolition~~ question"
I would be much obliged to you for a copy of your
speech delivered upon said question some time since
Yours very respectfully

W. A. Worster

Chapel Hill
N. C.



W A Wooster
Chapel Hill
N.C.
March 1, 1858,

Wants, Speech,

Don't forget to check the box.

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Daniel Wyick
Newark
Pickings Co. Ohio
March 1. 1858.

Wants Scientific
Documents.

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Newark Pickings Co. O.
March 1 v 1858

Mr. S. A. Douglas
Dr. Sir

Being excessive-
ly fond of knowledge and the pursuit of
Science - and at present attentively en-
gaged in the investigation of Meteoro-
gy and Magnet^{ic} Phenomena - wishing
to obtain all the information I can - I find
much of what I want contained in the
public documents published in Wash-
ington - which I would gladly buy if I
could meet with such a chance. But
being only published for gratuitous distri-
bution - and no one over there used to whom
they come for distribution, acquainted with
my desire for such work, I get hold of no-
thing of the kind - except a Patent Office
Report (agricultural) occasionally - and
not finding any to buy - I have got to

do without - unless by some one to whom I may write I should be so fortunate as to obtain them - Hence I drop you a few lines on the subject, hoping you will do what you can to fill my wants.

For assistance in my investigations the Reports of the Different Surveys of R. Road Routes to the Pacific in 1853 & 54 & those made since that time - in full (lto)

The Complete Coast Surveys under Prof. Bache - in lto form - from 1844 to 1858

The Army Meteorological Register from 1842 to 1857.

Pages Exploration to the River Plata in S. America, and the Geological Survey of the N. Western States (Iowa, Wisconsin, Minnesota and Lake Superior District would give me much information -

What I want is the Meteorologi-

cal and Magnetic observations made in those Surveys and Explorations -

Now if you can send me any thing of the kind I have noted - containing those observations I shall be a thousand times your debtor in doing any kind turn or act of accommodation in my power -

Yours Truly
David Wyrick

Prof. Henry has promised to send me some valuable doc. which with what I have named in this will enable me to pursue my investigations quite successfully DW