

J. Simpson Africa
Harrisburg.
Pal
March 12. 1858.

wants reports &c
for distribution.

~~to be sent~~

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Senate Chamber,
Harrisburg, Mar. 12th 1858.

Dr. Sir:-

My county, Huntingdon, adheres to your Kansas policy and is being flooded with Lecompton documents to counteract the effects of which, we need wholesome Democratic food for public digestion.

Will you send me a quantity of Anti-Lecompton speeches or other documents?

I can distribute them in this region under my legislative frank.

Truly Yours,

J. Simpson Africa
Trans. Clerk.

Hon. S. A. Douglass.



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Hemlo Whiteside Co. Ill. March 12/58

Thos. A. A. Douglass
Washington D. C.

Dear Sir,

Will be obliged to you by
any public documents, speeches, and especially
your minority report on Kansas matters if published.
Any thing of the kind would be thankfully
received. Very

Yours truly

A. R. Baker.

R Baker.

Newb.

Whitewater, Co. Ill.

March 12/58

Wants Report,


 Private
Washington March 12th 1858

Hon S R Douglas

Senate U.S.

Dear Sir

During the various phases of the Kansas question, I have been a close observer; and entertaining views with regard to it somewhat at variance with your own, I feel the less delicacy in alluding to your "Mining Report". So far as my judgement goes, it is unanswerable; and I feel no constraint in adding, that it is drafted with consummate ability. The facts are clearly and fairly stated, and they are finally recapitulated in a manner well calculated to impress the memory. The argument is logical and lucid, without the supplements of special pleading. Nor an ingenious mind can become familiar with it, without being convinced,

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I am wholly unable to do so - Politicians, by
trade, may treat ^{it} with contempt; but the lovers
of truth and justice, cannot fail to award
it, the highest meed of praise.

The Kansas question, has
now been inaugurated an eminently national question.
It has lost its sectional and local features -

It has opened a battle field in the which
men may contend against an intolerable
political heresy - In its final adjustment may
be found the triumph of either despotism or
liberty - Establish the principle, that the few may
govern the many, and you sap the correct foundation
of civil liberty - Maintain the principle that
the many may govern the few, under the wholesome
restraints of Constitutional law, and you simply
re-assert the fundamental dogma of the
Revolution - // Then, why retrograde at a juncture
like

like the present? Why precipitate our
national decline and fall?

Be pleased to accept, Sir,
my sincere thanks for the copy of the "Minority
Report," you enclosed to my address

I have the honor, Sir, to be

Very Respectfully
Your Obedient Servant
Robert Perman

140 Barto Review
Washington City
March 12/88,

Approbatory.
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State of Iowa

House of Representatives,

Des Moines, March 12 1858.

Wm S A Douglas

W.S.

Dear Sir

I am here as a member of the House of Reps - and I take the liberty to write to you a few words respecting the political condition of things. Your course respecting Kansas and the Se-
 umpton constitution has been watched here with intense inter-
 est, and I speak knowingly when I say that six sevenths of the democracy are with you in conviction of the right and in feeling. In addition to resolutions counter to the republican res-
 olutions offered in the early part of the Session, the bona fide dem-

vering brought in a protest
against the republican resolutions
in which they clearly set forth:
that the Kansas & Nebraska act
contains the true doctrine, and
that by it the Leecompton constitu-
tion was repealed to be submitted
to the people:— that the people did
not and could not vote upon that
constitution:— that for Congress
to reject a constitution thus pre-
sented was not intervention &c:—
that Congress might go behind
the constitution to ascertain the
will of the people:— that no new
state ought to be admitted with-
out its constitution being submit-
ted to the people. There were 30
democrats in this House, 22 of
whom signed this protest:— My
friend Mahony of Dubuque
brought in a Leecompton protest
which was signed by 5 persons,

which left 3 who did not make
their mark:— it is understood that
they are with the majority, but
are timid. In the Senate it is not
known at least to me, that there
are more than 2 Leecompton
democrats. The rank & file of the
democracy, and even the leaders
who are without pen and a the
hope thereof, except in a few in-
stances are on the true platform
as it is found in heart, practical
honest common sense, and not
in the overdone fictions of law.

The overwhelming sense, and
heart of the tens of thousands is
sound, patriotic, ~~and~~ right.

There may be some aspirants
who fear, and will keep dark.
But I have written as much
as you will have time to read.

Very respectfully, your
Obedt Servant
Lincoln Clark

Lincoln C Clark
Des Moines
March 12th 88. Iowa

Political

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H. Coolidge
Osinego N.Y.
Mar 12th 1858

Wants Report.

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Piquette Mich 12th 1858

Hon Wm A Douglass

Sir, Will you do
me the favor to send me your
Report ~~on~~ on the Kansas question and
one or two of your speeches on the
same? A large portion of the Demo-
cratic Party ^{of this State} are with you in relation
to the admission of Kansas. And I think
by judicious management the State
convention may be carried this fall
^{against the Administration}
You must not think because some
of the leaders of ^{the} Barn Burners of
MS have said that that whole Party
have no such thing. There is no doubt
in my mind but that by a proper
understanding between that
portion of the Old Hunker Party
which stands by you and that
portion of the Barn Burners who
do not stand by the Administration
on the admission of Kansas

The State Convention ^{may} ~~can~~ be called,
By an arrangement of this kind all
of the Barn Burners who went over to
the Republicans will come in &
take part with us, with their aid
there can be no doubt as to the
result. I will if you desire it
send you a list of names from
this county - sayre, Cana, Oronoke
& Jefferson - to whom you or your
friends could send so. Mr. Robinson
the newly appointed collector is
or was a few days ago decidedly
your friend, what effect his appoint-
ment will ^{have} ~~time~~ ^{time} tell, he is so uncer-
tain in his politics that it would be hard indeed
to tell.

Yours truly

H. Lecky.

Isaac Grier
Lewistown
Mar. 12/58, lls

Wants info
about a Pat
ent.

Commis of
Patents will oblige
Judge Douglas by
giving him what
information he can
touching the within
application of Mr.
Grier for a Patent.
& by returning
his letter.

Answered May 4/58
— No application at all
filed —
Comm of Patents letter
sent Isaac Grier
May 6. 1858.

lls
Lewistown Mar 12/58

Dear Sir

I take the liberty of
writing a few lines to you requesti
ng you to examine the Patent office
and ascertain what the difficulty
was in an application for a
Churn made by Isaac Grier
& Samuel M^cCreary April 1853
I have never seen anny thing
official from the Patent office.
But I have understood it was
rejected. but on what grounds
I cannot say

Yours with respect
Isaac Grier

Mar 11 1838.

To Mr.

Mr Grier is one of our oldest
citizens and was once intimately acquainted
with you at Buckhills. I may ask
on his behalf that you entrust his vote
to some reliable friend who is at liberty
to make the inquiries and return him
an answer.

Very Truly, Yours,

Edw. Darracott
Edw. Democrat,

Danvers Mar 12
Hon S. M. Douglas

Dear Sir will you
please send me anti Leecompt^{on}
Speeches & Document for
Distribution in this place

B. H. High, P. M.
Danvers

Henry Co
Ohio

B A High
Post Master
Lamascus, Ohio,
March 12./58.

Wants Anti-Slavery
Speeches, &c to
distribute —

Riversburgh March, 12th / 58
 Wm. L. Douglass

Sir allow me to address a line
 to you it is on a very important subject. Whether
 or not the Administration Vice or should be sustained
 after shouldering the Seemingly Constitution its frauds
 succeeded. Now so the time has come to strike a decisive
 Blow Democracy is ripe for a change at least the western
 part of it. The Seemingly Constitution will not go down
 with Effort and some means we the Anti Seemingly Democrats
 can entirely change the party. Whim our country claims
 and lost face for Mr Buchanan 1860. I will pledge you
 we will make the majority this fall Anti Seemingly
 for instance in our Borough we have 46 Democrats & 10
 I held a meeting on on the 7th inst and out of the 46
 we had only 3 opposition or otherwise. Wm Douglass & A.D.
 We should out of the abundance you and your friends
 have to spare you might send some to further the
 Cause already commenced our true battle for free
 Liberty and Prussian Rights

My Carriage, a good working Democrat for the last
 20 years. You may refer to the Hon Wm Biggs U.S.
 or. You J. L. Gould M.C. the members from our District
 Congress are distant. But are sorry to say are not dealing
 with the present Crisis or Exposition of their Constituents
 In conclusion if you or your friends think it worth the
 attempt to to Blacks, an Influence which can
 not be continued before 1860 you might send
 means which will be faithfully applied

With Respects

Address! Wm. D. Howell

I should also
 refer you to
 J. W. Honey

Clarion County

Pa.

Thos. F. Newell
Petersburg Va.
Mar. 12/58.

Political
Rept. Sent.

WJ

J. M. Huff
Phila Pa
Mar 12/58.

Wants Report.

6 reports sent.

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Phila. March 12/58
Hon. S. A. Douglas
Dear sir

I have read with the
deepest interest and
satisfaction your
minority report relative
to the Constitution of
Kansas. It seems to me
so excellent a presenta-
tion of the entire question
at issue, that I am
most anxious to see it
circulated to the utmost
practicable extent.

The only copy of it
I have is in Mr. Fomey's
press; but I wish it
in more permanent form.
You would therefore

greatly oblige me by
forwarding me, at your
convenience, some six
copies, to distribute among
some democratic and
other friends?

Any documents of
similar character, which
your time or inclination
will permit you to for-
ward would be thank-
fully appreciated by

Very resp^{ly} yours,

J. W. Huff
1713 So. Rittenhouse

March 12th 1858 Elba Knox County, Ill

Hon: Stephen A. Douglas, Dear, sir

I have been Requested by a good Democratic friend that wishes to get a Mail rout, No. 11,749 from Farmington to St. Augustine and also rout, No. 11,750 from Farmington to Pekin in Illinois full distance of both routs 48 miles This Mr. John Turner who wishes to get a Contract for the above Mail routs is a gentleman of Hon. and Respectability and he is capable of filling that Post If your Hon. will please to introduce the case it will be thankfully received yours with Respect

P. S.

Jacob Kightlinger

We are all Douglas Democrats both Republicans and Democrats support your measures to a man

There is numbers of men says if the Leecompton Constitution passes throug Congress they will go to Kansas and help the free state men to fight for freedom

I feel very sorry that Buchanan the President of the United States has taken such a course as to loose all his old friends I have supported James Buchanan for twenty five years in public and in private places where ever I have been before I left Pennsylvania I was wishing that James Buchanan would be nominated for the Presidency I am just as sorry now that he is Elected President of the United States as I was anxious for I feel afraid that he will divide the Democrats and split up the party but still we are stronger now in Illinois than we were before he went for the Leecompton Constitution your humble servant

S. A. Douglas

Jacob Kightlinger

P. S. give my respects to the Hon Wm. Kellogg his constituents are all down on the Leecompton Constitution hoping that it may not pass
Jac Kightlinger

Jacob Lightlinger

Elba

Mar. Co

Mar. 2/58. Ills

Pr. Critical

about Mail Route

1413 Payne
Cleveland
Ohio.

March 11, 1858.

Political
Convention at
Columbus Co.,



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Cleveland March 12/58

My Dear Sir

I had not time to write you
from Columbus. We had a good con-
-vention - not so large as it might have
been, but all sections of the State were
represented. The best reliable Democrats
were present and participated in the pro-
-ceedings. Multitudes in the party who are
anti Secession hesitate to write in
public demonstrations, but it was time
to do that and win the party. The Seces-
-sionists are more desperate, but their numbers
would be sadly thinned if the offices were
once filled.

Your telegraphs arrived during the
session of the Convention. The one con-
-cerning no action in reference to a Chicago
convention surprised us much. A
Revolution was coming, according to the news
was in the hands of the Union. My suppo-

it the reluctance and opposition a general
course of correspondence with power to the
present delinquent, &c.

The Resolutions passed are I think fairly
carry out the suggestions of your telegraph.
The Resolutions give me fine in the
Statesman.

Mr Stanton came up with me yesterday
and last evening spoke to an immense
crowd in this City. He has done gallant
service with us. His candid and truthful
narrative of events, ommissions, reverses,

I do not know whether among nine
conventions were held in the State there
is no doubt that 4/5th of the Democracy are
opposed to Secession. Miller, May, &
Sawyer &c. are making spasmodic effort to
counteract this tide. And to some extent
they may succeed, their cry is "Save by our
President" and with many that is a potent
oppose. Still we have it in our hands
that you will go forward & come out
of the battle with flying colors.

And I trust the result will show that
we can honestly continue to act with
a inside of the party. //

I dislike to encroach on your time which
is no serious taxed. But let me hear from
you as frequently as possible. All eyes are
now directed to the Capital.

Yours truly

H B Payne

Hon. S. H. Douglass

Boston March 12.th 1858.

No. 10 Lincoln Street.

Went.

Stephen A. Douglas

Dear Sir

You will pardon me for the liberty I now take of addressing you. Knowing as I do, that I have not the honor of your personal acquaintance, but as an old democrat who voted for the illustrious Jackson, and every other democratic President including the present, I have presumed to offer my sincere thanks for the noble stand of Principles which you have taken on the "Kansas Leecompton Constitution", which all democrats particularly of the North, have fought and contended, in fact the great argument we have always used, was that the people of the states should decide for themselves what they desired. I have always supposed that was the great democratic doctrine, and shall continue to so believe, whatever the powers that be, may say to the contrary.

Continue Sir the noble stand you have taken, your countrymen will yet approve of your every act on Kansas matters. — May I live to see their wishes realized, as I said before I do not know you personally, but I do politically.

Excuse me again, my object in addressing you was to offer a few words of encouragement. No one who is contending against odds, and when so contending, I think that is the time if a man has friends, if they are so, should proclaim themselves, if nothing more than to encourage those who are fighting their battles.

I am Most Respectfully

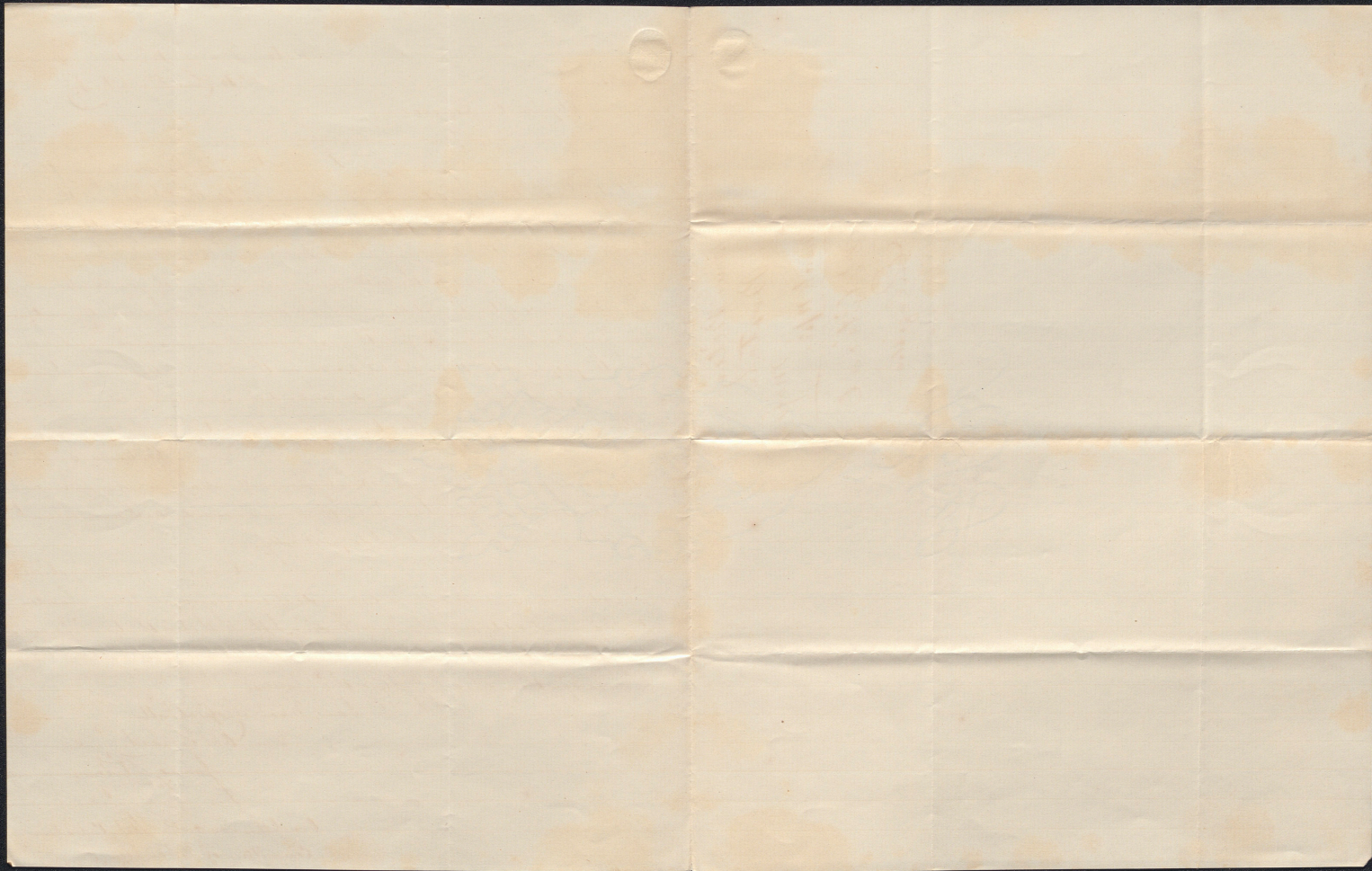
Your Obedt Servant,

James J. Riley

One of the Democratic State Central
Committee of Boston.

James Riley
Boston
Mass
March 12/58.

Political
Eulogistic



Upper Middletown Fayette Co Pa - Dec 12 - 1858
Hon L. A Douglas

Dear Sir

I have long been one of your admirers but more so than ever since you have so manfully & ably opposed the dictation of the President & the encroachment of the South - & have so fully defined & so ably defended the true principles of the great Democratic party - I feel a great interest in this matter - for the sake of our principles & for the sake of our party & our country - I am therefore prompted to inform you that although some of our county & State politicians have made a show & passed strong "Leecompton" resolutions, yet the heart of the great Democratic masses beats responsive to your own - and the names of Douglas - Montgomery Baker. Stokes &c - are cherished & talked of and honored - in the gatherings of the people - and around many patriotic & Democratic firesides Your noble bearing & patriotic devotion to Democratic principles is a constant theme - & we will stand by you through the darkest of the battle & wait the time when we shall have a true exponent of Democratic doctrine at the head of this great nation - That day will come - and may God speed the right & save those who battle

for the truth - may He direct you through all
this matter to a glorious triumph for your self and
the party which you have ^{val}ably defended -

The power of the administration is felt to the very
remotest places & corners of the country - but there
are men who know their rights & their doctrines & dare
maintain them -

You & Montgomery are defended against the sorps
of the administration - by good & true Democrats - and
are supported by the the strong & loin hearted will of
an honest & upright people - while the prayers of
the faithful ascend continually in your behalf -

Excuse me for troubling you - I do not ask a reply
I know - the difficulties of your position - I felt
in duty bound to inform you that, the men who
have hitherto saved the party are with you -

With great respect

I am yours truly

E. G. Roddy



E. R. Roddy
Hippus melleotinus
Fayette Co Pa.

Political

March 12. 1858

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W. Vernon March 12

Hon S A Douglas
Sir

I am a firm believer in the doctrines you advocate, and am a supporter of the position you have taken in regard to the Lecompton Constitution. Southern Illinois, and Jefferson County in particular is all right, and will almost to a man support you in your present views. The position I occupy enables me occasionally to cast in my mite in support of the principles you advocate.

Congressional documents are rather scarce here and would be thankfully received; I should be glad also, if there are any extra copies of The Exploration of the Pacific R.R., to get hold of a copy. I am sir very respectfully yours &c
E V Satterfield. Esq, of Torchlight

Mr. Saterfield,
Ed. of "Lighthouse"
M'Kernon
Ills.
March 12, 1858,

Encouraging,
Wants, Pac: R R
Truvey.

Athens Macedon Co Ill
 March 12th 1858

Hon Mr Douglas
 Dr Sir

Can you
 send me some speeches
 — some of your own
 & others.

It will be deemed a
 great favor, & will be
sent back.

I could tell you a change
 has passed in the
 minds of men here & how
 good & honest men long
 in the dark have at
 last got their eyes open
 but you know all this

yours Ob^l Serv^t
 D. J. Starn

H. J. Stain
Athens

Merand Co. Ill.

March 12, 1858,

Sanitary,

Wants Speeches.

Shelbyville Ky
12th March 1858.

My dear Sir,

I found yesterday on my return from N. Orleans a copy of the Report of the Minority on the Committee on Territories in which the Case of Kansas is discussed with great ability, for which I pray you to accept my cordial Thanks. -

Congratulating you on the recovery of Mr. Douglass, I hope you will pardon me for intruding on your valuable time, by renewing my request as to the Bill reported at the last Session by the Committee on Foreign Relations, which recognized my claim to sundry items in my contingent account abroad, heretofore reported by the S^t. Auditor. - Allow me, also, to ask you to have the details of the Bill so corrected as to execute the purpose of the Committee which was to allow all of my claim and with interest, if practicable -

With the most cordial respects, I have the honor to be
your obliged friend Wm^l.

C. S. Todd

Hon S. A. Douglass.
Washington -

Chas S Todd
Shelbyville
Ky.
March 12. 1858.

Thanks for
Report.

Asks attention
to his bill before
Congrs—

Wm L Webster
Boscawen
MS
March 12/58,

Wants Pres. Mss.

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Boscawen St. H. M. M. M.
Hon. Stephen A. Douglas
Dear Sir

Please forward to
me a copy of the President's
messages and oblige
Truly Yours

Daniel D. Webster

Hon. Stephen A. Douglas,

Handwritten text, likely bleed-through from the reverse side of the paper. The text is faint and difficult to decipher but appears to include several lines of cursive script.



Buffalo 12th Nov 58

Wm Stephen Douglas
Dear Sir

I am a Native of
Vermont & a Democrat
& agree with You

Please send to me all
Arguments relating to Kansas
& Your Speeches in particular
I am with You in Your
advocacy of Right, and be-
lieve the Majority of intelligent
Democrats here

Go ahead & in the language
of the Poet "fire then Hell"
& be assured that on our
side is God & Victory
I am Yours

W. G. White.

H. G. White

Buffalo

Mar 12/81

Wants Doc.