

(N.H.)  
 Milford, March 14, 1858.  
 Republican Office.

To Hon. Stephen A. Douglas:

My Dear Sir: Will  
 you be so kind as to place on  
 your list of favors, "The Milford  
 Republican." You will greatly oblige

Yours Truly  
 John Abbott

"The Milford Republican"  
 1/2 dozen on list

John Abbott  
 "The Milford Republican"  
 Milford, N.H.  
 March 14, 1858.



Troy March 14<sup>th</sup> 1858  
Judge Duglop

Dear Sir

My apology for writing you at this time is that I have long been one of your humble political admirers & however much I may have been deceived or misjudged some of the prominent men of the time it gives me great pleasure to feel that you still have not nor will not either abandon you or the parties principles either for personal ease or grandisement or from Presidential dictation but like the staid rock that bids defiance to both wind & storm you will stand upon your own native intellect & honor & vindicate alike in sunshine & in storm the great principles of political life let them be assailed from whatever quarter & I can but thank God that he gave us a Washington when we needed a Washington in our first great struggle for political & civil liberty.

A Jackson in our second & in our third (though not not inferior in point of valor) A Duglop who with equal patriotism is battling for the right now Sir what I wish to say is that I have traveled over several states this winter & I profess to no some thing of men of my country having spent five winters in the South & having become very well acquainted with that generous honest noble people and having canvassed the whole of the northern states & seen both sections in political excitement from head to white feet. I can say to you Sir that



I have never seen a more deep rooted feeling among the intelligent masses than is now daily exhibited there is none however rabid they talk but will say behind the door that Douglas is right but we must support the President then Sir there is the honest unprejudiced reading democrat that as with you I am nobly staying up your hand do who feel that if you are smothered in the effort to have justice in Kansas that the power that crushed you for a time will be ground to powder & you will come out not crushed but twice the great you ever have been with the increased confidence of your friends & the extorted confidence & friendship of your now political enemies The President mistakes the people sometimes if he thinks they are not posted up in his acts who would have that one year ago that James Buchanan & the Southern men would stimulate renege & breathe the very breath of life into the Republican party just as they were giving up the ghost yet they have done it had the President stood by his instructions to Mr. Walker & manfully sustained him in acting in good faith towards the people of Kansas the Republican party would have added as the old whig party is today they had all fell in with the nebraskan bill & only asked fair play they had abandoned every issue & called popular sovereignty right & was doing as manfully as they ever did any other act & if the Democratic party is now saved from a perfect rout it will be in consequence of the main <sup>line</sup>

in good faith of the principle you as constant my foe & I hope you will neither shrink President nor subject but ride every man on the truth that may presume to cross your path you are right the people are posted & you as you will be sustained while the name of James Buchanan will <sup>be</sup> that so as an other name for Traitor this may be too strong a term but sure when a people are told they shall be sustained from fraud or violence & when both are practised & the President says that institutions means slavery & the people have neither been deceived nor their rites violated they will the more of all these miserable pettifogging parts & holes of messes as often as they think of the author & they & he will be loathsome in the nostrils of a free & honest people But why do the Southern representatives persist in forcing so useless an issue upon the Northern wing of the party they say slavery cannot exist there then why do they not hear the muttering of the political earthquake that will as surely give them a Fremont as a Douglas for a President as they persist in their folly Kansas once in the Union with a slavery constitution unfairly attained & the work is done the next issue is North & South no retraction professions or promises will appease the people it will make the assertions of the Republican party true & though Kansas may be freed from slavery in one month yet it will speak too plain against both the President & Southern & Northern members who have taken the tyrannical behests of one man for the <sup>majority</sup>



I can but feel that the course of the administration has done more to corrupt the political morals of our country than any other since the commencement of our national existence & I can see but one redeeming thing about it so far & that is it has made John Tyler's administration look quite respectable. But save the whole country as looking to you think of it as you may there has never been a man in our nation who occupied a more respectable position than you do today nor one that the real well wishers of the country was more interested in or anxious for your friends at the north have no fears for your personal popularity or final success for personally you must triumph but shall the president succeed so success will get a stake in the house of its friends that will be a very troublesome thing in 1860 the people will call the party not seceders but a party that obey the behest of one man & who ever attempts to sustain himself on a platform erected by the once glorious & national democracy will find he will be smothered by the votes of an indignant people by the imprudent or dishonest acts of James Buchanan & the lesser lites that have forfeited all claim to respect by asking congress to take out of their hands a people who they say can do as they wish as soon as they are let loose from them why do they ask to admit Texas so that the majority may act what I ask hinders their act very now but the president let him discharge his duty faithfully & the large majority will not be in a state of rebellion against the minority the

Country saw a startled alarmed to see how  
 erable & say severignors acting the part of trix  
 tors abusing all fair & many investigation on  
 that great question when such Old men as Mason  
 of Va & others attempt to smother truth & vote & blo hot  
 or cold just as they think their present end will be acco-  
 mplished why should not the people be alarmed  
~~either~~ has been nothing connected with the whole game  
 even handed & just Shekew Ed has done a nail  
 in his political coffin by his house committee that  
 will be remembered but but see I and believe  
 you will hurry this or read it as you see fit  
 I have written so long because I had not time  
 to condensed should be thankful for any  
 speeches from you or any good clean honest  
 of integrity or merit on any subject will wr  
 te you occasionally how the public feel it  
 you wish my fears is that the Republicans will not  
 prove true & let Leecompton Pass for political can  
 ital my Postoffice Address is Mt Morris Living  
 Ston co Ny at present & Mt Clemens Michagan  
 you will please pardon this & only remem-  
 ber my motive as a Democrat not as a party de-  
 mnd hoping you success for your & my coun-  
 tries sake I am very respectfully yours  
 Wm Campbell



Mr. M. Campbell  
Long  
March 14/58,

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March 14<sup>th</sup> 1859

Hon S A Douglas  
Dr Sir

Will you do me the  
kindness to send some a  
variety of Garden & other  
seeds also some winter  
variety of wheat and  
by so doing you will  
oblige your humble servant

James A Fisher





Wm. Gardner  
Ogdensburg N.Y.  
June 14/58, New York  
Wants your next  
check.

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Ogdensburg N.Y. 14

To the Hon L. V. Douglas  
My Dear Sir by the Telegraph  
Reports we hear you are  
sick we hope not so  
as to prevent you at this  
time from attending to  
your Senatorial duties  
you at this time are  
needed at your Post as  
they vindicating you  
Kansas & Nebraska Act  
which has turned out in  
the end to be a very  
popular measure I have  
read your speech on  
the President's Messages  
& your Report on Kansas  
affairs there is a great  
deal expected from you at this  
time & I do sincerely  
hope you will be successful



in obtaining your Measures  
of the Kansas affairs that  
you are so much identified with  
you have suffered in terms  
given by enough to satisfy  
any man but it seems  
as the Opposition ~~acted~~  
not understood that Measures  
give my best respects  
to P. King tell him  
I have hopes for him  
yet

Should you speak on  
Lecompton or Report  
again Please to send  
me yours Truly

Ans S. A. Douglas. Wm. Gardner

Burlington, Iowa, March 14, 1854

My dear Sir

I borrow the participants in  
the meeting in Boone County.

They are among the best men in  
the State. The Chairman of the Committee, one  
the finest elected legislator of State by the  
democracy. He has never wavered in his  
allegiance to his party

The resolutions embody the sentiment  
of 99/100 of the people of this State on  
the subject of the Dred Scott constitution

Meetings will be held in other  
counties, of a similar character //

Yours abt. servt.

Samuel W. Garrison

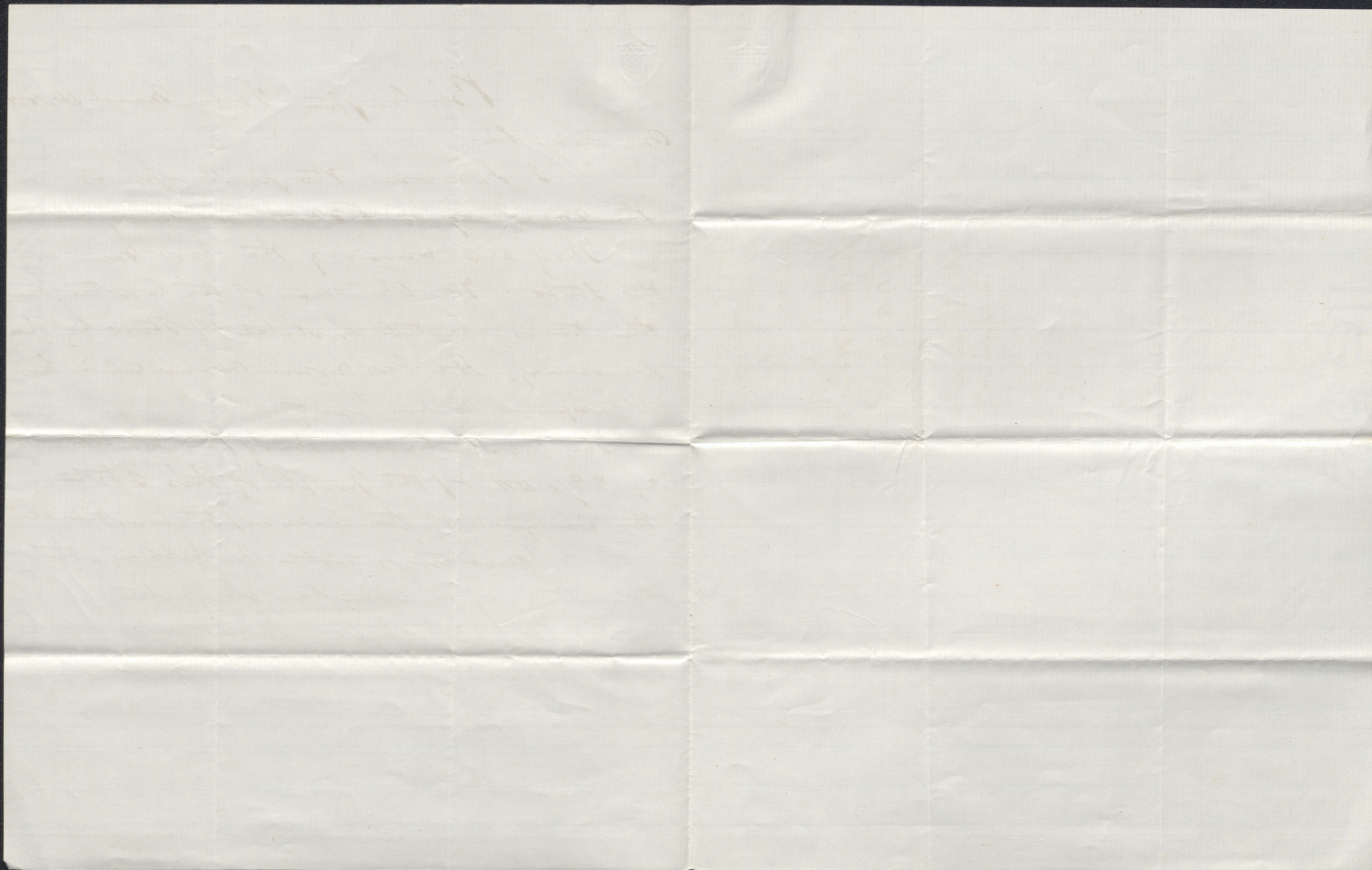


James W. Gimes  
Burlington  
Iowa,  
Mar 14/58.

Incloses and  
proceedings  
of Anti-Slavery  
Meeting, Iowa

Report sent  
to its office, &c

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## Democratic Meeting.

A meeting of the Democrats of Bremer Co was held on Saturday evening the 27th ult at the School House in Waverly, in pursuance to previously published notice.

Judge Maxfield was chosen President; P. Lucas and W. Peck, Vice-Presidents; C. C. Allen and B. F. Perkins, Secretaries.

The following gentlemen were appointed a Committee on Resolutions:

W. Pattee—L. B. Ostrander—G. S. Matthews

—W. V. Lucas—G. C. Wright.

The following resolutions were reported by the Chairman, and adopted without a dissenting voice:

Whereas, The Democratic party, in the Presidential campaign of '56, carrying out the principles of the Kansas-Nebraska act, and the Cincinnati Platform took ground in favor of the principles of Popular Sovereignty—guaranteeing to the people Kansas "freedom to form and regulate their domestic institutions in their own way,"

And, whereas, It was by adhering to, and defending these principles that the Democracy achieved their success in that campaign,

And, whereas, in the instructions of President Buchanan to Gov. Walker, in reference to the popular vote upon the Constitution, he says: "When a Constitution shall be submitted to the people of the Territory, they must be protected in their right to vote *for* or *against* that instrument, and the fair expression of the popular will must not be interrupted by fraud or violence"—and Gov. Walker, in fulfillment of the principles upon which Mr. Buchanan was elected, and of the instructions thus given, pledged himself to the people of Kansas that they should not be deprived of their right of voting upon their fundamental law—not only in regard to Slavery, but every other principle and provision likely to be embodied in their Constitution. And the delegates, or many of them, to the Lecompton Constitutional Convention, including John Calhoun, previous to their election pledged themselves most solemnly that their work should be submitted to the people.

And, whereas, a minority of the people living in nineteen of the twenty-eight Counties of the Territory, availing themselves of a law which enabled them to defeat a fair expression of the will of the people, and by reason of the defective provisions of said law, in connection with a failure of the agents acting under it, secured the return of the whole number of delegates to the Lecompton Convention, who have attempted to impose upon the people of that Territory a Constitution obnoxious in many of its provisions, against their will, and without giving them an opportunity of voting upon its adoption, thereby ignoring the distinctive features of their organic act—of the Cincinnati platform, and the rights and sovereignty of the people.

And, whereas, an attempt is now being made to procure an act of Congress admitting Kansas into the Union with and under this Lecompton Constitution, against the known wishes of more than nine tenths of the people of said Territory; and regarding it not only as the right, but the duty of the masses of that party which created and has thus far sustained the Administration to meet and express feelings and sentiments in regard to all public measures; therefore, for these, and other reasons,

*Resolved*, That to impose and force upon the people of Kansas a State Government under the Lecompton Constitution, without their consent would be an outrage upon the spirit of our institutions, of the principles of our party, and upon Justice.

*Resolved*, That we regard the Lecompton Constitution as the lowest and most disreputable kind of trickery, fraud, injustice and villainy, only equalled in these qualities by its framers, and the manner in which it is sought to be forced upon a protesting people.

*Resolved*, That while we candidly concur with the President in the general features of his Administration, yet his arguments in favor of this Constitution, and efforts to enforce it, excite our profound regrets for his weakness, if not our contempt for his duplicity.

*Resolved*, That the administration of the affairs of Kansas by Governor Walker and Secretary Stanton, for its fairness, firmness and justice, deserves the thanks not only of the people of that territory, but of the whole country; and the summary removal of Stanton by the President was an unwarrantable interference with the rights of the people.

*Resolved*, That we regard with pride and pleasure the noble consistency of the Hon. S. A. Douglas, in the present crisis in defense of the great principles of the Democratic party; and the feeble attempts of the Washington Union, and domineering, fire-eating Senators to "read him out of the party," are simply ridiculous and impotent. "The stone which the builders reject shall become the head of the corner."

*Resolved*, That the conduct of Geo. W. Jones, one of the Senators of Iowa, in refusing to oppose the Lecompton Constitution in accordance with the instructions of the State Legislature, and the expressed wishes of the Democratic portion thereof, and of ninety-nine one hundredths of our citizens, exhibits a most unwarrantable, though characteristic, disregard of the will of his constituents and subserviency to power, in that Senator.

*Resolved*, That in thus declaring our views, we disclaim all intention to side with either one or the other of the local parties of Kansas, among whom an honest difference of opinion exists, or to distract or divide our party, but that we will ever be found hereafter, as we have been heretofore, battling for our principles, and endeavoring to defend them against enemies from without or traitors within.

Whereupon, it was *resolved*, to have the proceedings and the resolutions published in the Waverly Republican, the Cedar Valley News, and the Dubuque Express & Herald. Meeting adjourned. GEO. W. MAXFIELD, Pres't.

C. C. ALLEN, Sec'y.

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## Republican State Convention.

A Republican State Convention will be held at Iowa City on Thursday, the 17th day of June, 1853, for the purpose of nominating Secretary, Auditor and Treasurer of State, and for the transaction of such other business as may be deemed necessary by the Convention.

The ratio of representation of each county will be one delegate for every one hundred Republican votes, and an additional one for every fraction over fifty, the vote on Governor at the last State election being the basis. Organized counties with less than one hundred Republican voters will be entitled each to one delegate.

S. J. KIRKWOOD, W. H. FARNER,

W. P. CLARK, H. PRICE,

H. O'CONNOR, G. D. WOODEN,

Des Moines, Jan. 20th,

Committee.

## The Democratic Meeting.

In another place will be found the proceedings of a Democratic meeting which was held here on Saturday evening last. The resolutions condemn in appropriate terms the Kansas fraud. They do not, however, condemn the source of the evil, but only the legitimate fruits of Democratic principles. It must be apparent to all, that all the violence and fraud in Kansas was but the inevitable result of the repeal of the Missouri Compromise; or, in other words, the result of the conflict of the natural and inalienable rights of man, with the power of legalized and organized opposition to such rights.—Slavery is legalized fraud and violence. The democrats claim the right to legalized fraud—to legalize violence—to legalize usurpation—to legalize all the aggregate evils of the slave system. The Missouri Compromise denied to the people in certain territory, the power of so legalizing such an abominable system; and the repeal, therefore, opened the way for the Democratic party—the party that claim the right to legalize villainy—to set up this most unrighteous claim, and as a legitimate sequence, to attempt to procure their object, a villainous enactment, by villainy and fraud. The Democratic party of the North of to-day owe the Republican party a deep debt of gratitude for preserving them from the humiliating position of advocating the establishment of Slavery in Kansas. The democrats opened Kansas for its admission—so democrats claim; the Republicans created a majority there against democracy, or what is exactly synonymous, slavery, and this alone saved the Douglas Democrats of to-day, with Douglas at the lead, from the humiliating position of advocating Slavery in Kansas.

Had not the Republicans created and maintained anti-slavery sentiments in Kansas, the majority would have called for the legalization of the villainous slave system and Douglas would have been bound by his own acts, to sanction it, although the cry of Free Kansas is all that saved democracy from annihilation at the last election. The rights of the people to make their own laws in their own way, is correct doctrine, it is Republicanism; but if it is made to include the right to commit their own frauds and villainies in their own way, it is Squatter Sovereignty, as understood by Democrats—it is then pure, undefiled Douglas Democracy.

We ignore in toto Squatter Sovereignty, if it includes the right to legalize any villainy that contravenes the natural and inalienable rights of Man. The settlers in a territory have just as many, and no more such rights, as any other people. Their political rights are acquired from the general Government. The general Government may exercise political authority, or it may delegate it to the people. Political right or power is the creature of political organization; and no such rights or power can exist beyond the scope of the organization. The general Government is no more or less than a general organization, of which the Constitution is the fundamental rule of action, and which confers upon Congress—a creature of its own formation—all political authority, until certain rules therein are complied with, when the people so complying have a legal right to demand the passing over from Congress to them of a certain



Fincastle Va. Mar. 14, 1858

Hon. S. A. Douglas

Dear Sir, - I am greatly obliged to you for a copy of the minority report, on Kansas affairs, sent to The Fincastle Democrat. You would place me under many obligations if you would send me your own and good speeches from any others from either House. None of your side reach me, only as they are condensed in the newspapers. I am published and denounced as the only editor in Virginia who has fully and fearlessly endorsed Gov. Wise's position, and strange to say sir, that here in the great Valley of Virginia where the freedom of the press is the boast of the people, efforts are in progress to have me ~~made~~ silenced by a mob, for pleading the rights of "Popular Sovereignty" in the cradle of liberty!

Douglas. The world is looking to you for for one great, even if it should be a dying effort, to restore to its primitive purity and

and Republican glory, the doctrine of  
"Popular Sovereignty." May the "gods" arm  
for the trying occasion. I ask no secrecy  
for my letter, and the only claim I urge  
for its confidential character, is that it may  
show to the world that there is at least one  
man in Virginia who dares publicly to  
endorse the position of Gov. Wise, on Kansas.

Very respectfully  
S. D. Hopkins

J. D. Stephens  
Framsville  
Ga. Mar. 14/58.  
Grant to Fletcher  
Editor of only  
Major General  
Dully and  
Brigadier  
General  
Virginia



North Andover Nov. 14 1858

Hon Stephen A. Douglass

Dear Sir;

Ass

am desirous of obtaining your speech on the  
Presidents Message I wish that you would  
forward it as soon as possible and oblige

Yours truly

Edward F. Johnson

North Andover,

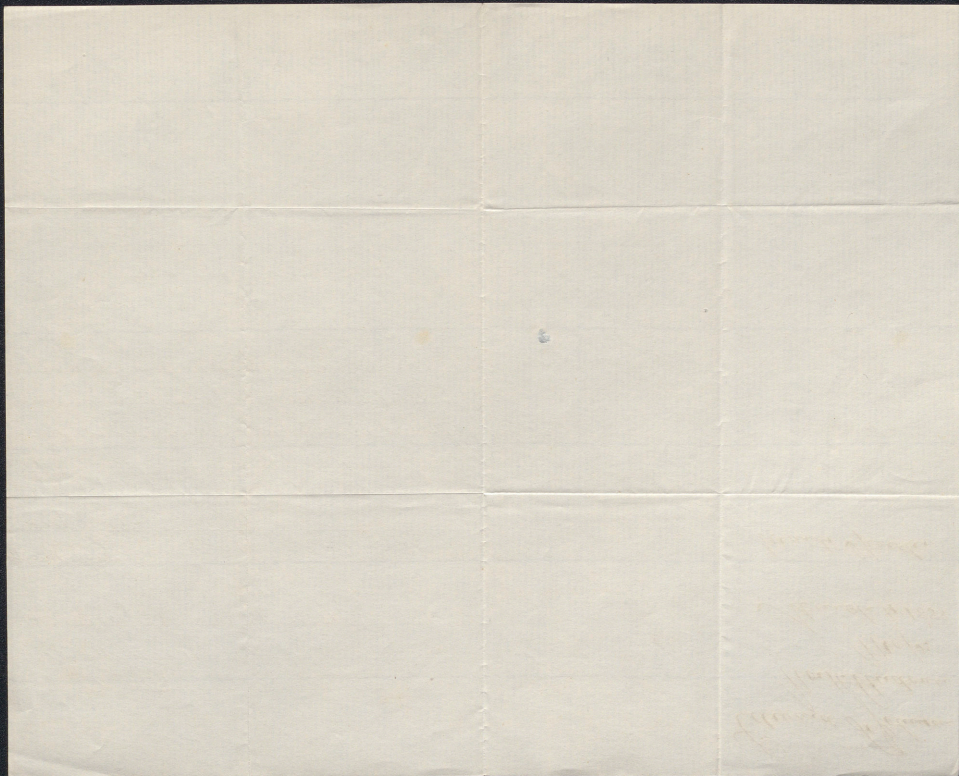
Massachusetts

Hon. Stephen A. Douglass M.C.  
Washington.  
D. C.

North Andover

March 4 1858  
Mass:

Edward Johnson  
North Andover





Wm. J. Murphy  
Albany  
N. York  
Mar. 14/58  
Sends a speech

- Political -  
Says there is prospect  
of American Sec  
sweeping State



Albany N. Y.  
March 14, '58.

My Dear Sir:

I have just  
mailed you a copy of the  
Albany Statesman, an Amer-  
ican ~~speech~~ paper published  
in this city, containing a  
speech, delivered in the Senate  
here a few evenings since, to  
which I invite your special  
attention. There are hundreds  
and thousands of Democrats  
and Republicans in this  
State who will stick to the  
American platform in this  
State next fall, and I am  
confident, will succeed in  
sweeping the State by an  
unparalleled majority. If the  
thing is properly managed  
in the beginning, I wish,  
therefore, you would read

this speech, and if you then  
have any suggestions to  
make, let me hear from you.  
I am an American, in prominent  
standing with the party here,  
and I can assure you, that  
you need not of being the  
American candidate for the  
next Presidency, at least,  
so far as this State is  
concerned, is now very  
good.

I am, my dear Sir,  
with many kind  
wishes, very  
respectfully  
Yours obt. sl.

Wm D. Murphy

Wm D. A. Douglas



4213  
Buffalo March 14/58

Hon S. A. Douglas Esq  
Dear Sir

You would do me a great favor if you would send me the Minority Report of the Committee on Territory also the Dred Scott Decision and if it would not be to much trouble I would like to have you send me the Report of the Survey of the Pacific Rail Road route I think there is 5 vols of it if you send please direct to Box 2513 + Much oblige

Yours with respect

A. G. Keenan  
President Young Mens  
Catholic Association  
Buffalo

G. G. Newman  
Pres. Young Men's  
Catholic Association  
Buffalo, N. Y.  
March 14, 1858.

Wants Report,  
Hired Scott's Decision  
L. Pac. R. R. Reports.

(Hired Scott's Decision)  
March 14, 1858.

S H Purnell,  
Houston, Harris Co  
Texas.  
March 14, 1858.

Inform election  
Hon. Member "Houston"  
Mechanics Association

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Houston, Harris Co. Texas  
March 14, 1858

Dear Sir -

I have the honor to inform  
you that at a meeting of the Houston  
Mechanics Association, held on the 13<sup>th</sup>  
inst, you were unanimously elected  
an Honorary Member of that body.  
As soon as the proper certificates  
can be procured, yours shall be  
forwarded forthwith.

Accept my congratulations and  
wishes for your prosperity

S. H. Purnell  
Recording Secretary  
H. M. A.



W. H. Holmes

Dear Sir

I have the honor

to acknowledge

the receipt of your

letter of the 10th

inst. in relation

to the matter of

the proposed

amendment to the

constitution of the

State of New York

and in reply to

inform you that the

same has been

forwarded to the

proper authorities

for their consideration

and that the same

will be brought

before the next

session of the

Legislature.

I am, Sir, very

respectfully,

Yours, &c.

W. H. Holmes

Secretary of the

Legislature

Albany, N. Y.

Columbus O. March 14/88  
 Horatio Douglass, The Unitedist of Andover & True  
 Democracy, Dear Sir,

In consequence of  
 many questions put to a true Democrat  
 at present, I desire a favor which  
 I hope will be granted, it is this, for  
 you to send me a copy of your report  
 and other reports of the Senate & House  
 on this question that is Kansas,  
 If it would not be asking to much send  
 me a copy of your speech by doing so

I remain Yours for the  
 good cause for ever

Jacob H. Sturden

P.S. I observe you the masses of People are  
 with If the office holders do live

JHS

Jacob H. Studer  
Columbus  
Ohio  
Mar. 14/58,

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no



Post office Silver Creek Stephenson  
County Illinois March 14<sup>th</sup> 1838

Hon S A Douglas  
Dear Sir

I am much obliged for the President's  
Message and report of Secretary Interior  
I presume you are well advised of the Politics  
of this county I am well acquainted with the  
Democracy of the county and do not know of ten  
including Mr. Bagg who are in favour of  
the President's Leecompton movement in fact  
counting up with a Friend we could number  
but six one of them doubtful All the Democracy  
(excepting the few who no doubt are repeating officers)  
are ready to give you a hearty support  
I am my self highly gratified in the course you  
have taken and before I had lost what course  
you would take I told Mr. Hittenger and some  
of my Democratic friends that you would pursue  
the same course that you have as that was the only  
consistent Democratic course In looking back  
even as far as Gen Jacksons administration I find I  
have never taken a wrong track all though I have  
at some times been almost alone Veto of Bank  
Notes bank and removal of the deposits I for a time  
in my own neighbourhood stood alone then acts

of President Jackson have been approved and  
convinced by the Democratic Party  
The Kansas Nebraska I was for a time  
almost alone but I soon had help and  
it is <sup>at this time</sup> claimed as part of the Party platform  
and the time will come when no man that  
calls himself a Democrat will acknowledge  
that he ever was in favour of forcing on any  
State a Constitution against the wishes of  
Majority of the People of the State  
Excuse me for this long letter

Very Respectfully

Yours  
Erastus Corney

If it is not too much to ask and it is  
convenient I should be much obliged to  
you for the other reports of the sentiments  
accompanying the President's message I intended  
sending the sentiments of these reports  
Erastus Corney



Charles Torrey,  
Silver Creek  
Stephenson Co. Ill.,  
March 11, 1858,

— Political —

Has received parts  
of <sup>the</sup> page - wants  
the other.

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They were sent (9<sup>th</sup>)  
He will doubtless  
have received them

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Boston March 14/1889

Dear Sir

I am collecting  
autographs and I shall  
esteem it a great favor  
if you will be kind  
enough to allow me to  
have the honor of yours

I remain your most  
affectionate servant  
A. Stanley Ward

To Hon Stephen Douglas

Please to address to  
Boston P Office

H. L. Wood

Boston

Mar. 14. Mass

Autograph

Sent