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Albany N.Y.
March 18/60
(May)

Hon S A Douglas
Dear Sir
Please
send me two or
three copies of your
last speech & some
thereafter to send me
any future speeches.—
Yrs "Atlas & Argus"

needs looking
after — If we had
a Prosewell at the
head of our State
paper we should
not have Nyork
Republican fine
twenty years —
now would we have
sent a treacherous
set of Delegates to
Charleston.

Very Respty W. H. Bright

W. H. Bright
Albany, New York
May 18 – 1860

asks for a few copies of late speech for distribution.

The "Atlas & Argus" requires looking after.

The impression is that Lincoln's nomination demands that of Judge D.

Yours truly,

This is strictly
from Hon. Thurlow
Weed
Remember me

Oroville Butte County Cal
March 18. 1858

Hon S A Douglas

Dear Sir

A long time has intervened since we have seen each other, it may be that you have forgotten me entirely, but I have watched your course with much interest and great pride

When the Old Whig party ceased to exist I enrolled myself under the Banner of Democracy.

Throughout some ten years you were engaged in endeavoring to repeal the compact of 1820 in support of a principle, and it is pleasing now to see you true to yourself in this Kansas Matter, in support of

the great principal of popular sovereignty. The People of this State are with you

My object in addressing you is not only to renew our former acquaintance, but to express to you my admiration of your political course, and at the same time request of you to send me occasionally if you find it convenient such public documents as may be interesting or of use.

Should you be curious to know anything of my personal history since I last saw you, I can give it in a few words, — In 1849 I moved with the great tide across the plains to this State, settled in this County the same year, where I have continued to reside, practising my profession most of the time and have been somewhat successful in accumulating money

If you recollect, while you were one of the Judges of the Supreme Court of the State of Illinois you gave me my license.

Knowing that Public men do not like to be bored with long letters I conclude by subscribing myself

Ever your friend

J. M. Burt

J. M. Burt

Oroville

Butte Co.

Calif.

March 13. 1858.

Rec'd April 14/58.

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Braintree March 18, 1858

Dear Sir

Allthough personally unknown to you I have taken the liberty to address you a letter at this time you are a native of Vermont & so am I you are a freeman & so am I knowing that in this country all have equal rights & privileges I have availed myself of that right to write to you at this time & I hope without giving you anny just cause of offence For some time past I have watched your course in Congress with a good deal of interest & my interest of late has been heightend into admiration While allmost all have since the passage of the Kanzas Nebraska act joined to abuse & defame you as a vile traitor to freedom I have ever thought that in the end you would come out the champion of exual rights & the friend of freedom Go on Sir in the path you have pursued of late & you will have the best wishes of a verey large majority of the freemen of your native state who would feel proud to see you in the Executive chair considering it both an honor to themselves & to the nation who in the end will do you justice

For my own part I will unhesitatingly return you my thanks for your efforts in the cause of freedom & express to you my willingness to do all that may lay in my power however feeble my efforts may be to advance your interests in this section of country or wherever I may chance to be

Yours with respect & esteem

Abel W. Copeland

Braintree Vermont

N. B. If you have on hand any interesting Congress documents which you can send me without trouble or loss to yourself they will be gratefully received

A. W. Copeland
Braintree
Mar. 15/58. Mt.
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Harford Susquehanna Co
Penn March 18/858

Hon S. A. Douglas
United States Senator

Sir
Will
you please send me two of your
autographs and oblige
Your ardent admirer
P K Dickerman

Hon S A Douglas

P K Dickerson
Harford,
Susquehanna Co
Pa

March 18, 1858

Autograph,

HAYES & PALMER,

DEALERS IN REAL ESTATE,

MASONIC BLOCK,

JOHN HAYES,
ALPHEUS PALMER. } **MUSCATINE, IOWA.**

ASSOCIATE OFFICES: { C. G. HAYES & BROTHERS, Glenwood, Iowa.
C. G. HAYES & BROTHERS, Plattsmouth, Nebraska.

MUSCATINE, IOWA, *Jan.* 21, 1858.

Dear Sir:

Land Offices will be open for the entry of such lands as were withdrawn from sale along the routes of certain Railroads, in the State of Iowa, by an act of Congress, approved May 15th, 1856, on the days below specified, at the ordinary minimum of one dollar and twenty-five cents per acre, to wit:

At the Land Offices at Dubuque, Fort DesMoines and Chariton, on Monday, February 15th, 1858.

At the Land Offices at Fort Dodge, Sioux City and Council Bluffs, on Tuesday, February 23d, 1858.

We will make selections for parties wishing land located, with either cash or Warrants, at reasonable rates.

We have on hand a large amount of Improved and Unimproved Land in this State, which we offer to sell at low prices and on easy terms.

HAYES & PALMER.

John Hayes
Muscatine, Iowa
March 18, 1858.
Wants Speech.

Muscatine, Iowa
March 18, 1858.

Respected Sir.

Will you be so kind as to send me a copy of your speech upon the Lecompton Constitution, as soon as printed. & oblige

Your obt Servant

John Hayes.

Chariton Iowa March 18th 1858

Hon. S. A. Douglass

Dear Sir

will you be kind enough to send me a few copyes in pamphlet form of your report upon the Lecompton constitution I could circulate fifty or a hundred copyes here to a good advantage I will say that I have been a Democrat and an advocate of the Nebraska act from its first introduction by you left in the Senate of the united States and I am satisfied that you are carrying out the principle of the nebraska act in your present course in the Senate of the united States the body of the Democracy of Iowa is with you a warm Democrat yours with respect

Daniel Kesinger

Ward Henninger
Chariton, Iowa
March 18, 1858,

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Wants 50 or 100
Reports to distribute

Jas. Kilgore,
Post Master,
Taylorville
Iowa.
March 18. 1858.

Will be thankful
for Speeches.

Taylorville Iowa
Mar. 18. 1857

Hon S. A. Douglas
Sir
If you have
any Public Documents or Speeches
which you will send me. they would
be received with thanks

Very Truly yours
Jas Kilgore
P. M.

Hon S A Douglas

Napoleon Henry County O
March 16 1858

Dear Sir:

As a member of the Democratic party I feel like writing a word of encouragement and also to solicit you to put my name on your list to send documents to.

I have just replied to a Lecompton letter from Gen Burns of this State.

The Democracy here almost universally approve of your opposition to the Lecompton Constitution We have but four men in our County known to me besides a P.M. that supports the administration in this measure. I sustained the election of Mr Buchanan with the pen and on the stump but I am free to say that I would not so again with the same zeal at least, for I am sure as I am that a sun will rise tomorrow, that if the Lecompton Constitution passes into the organic law of Kansas, it will be the death knell of the Democratic party in this State, & I believe also in every ~~[illegible]~~ free State in the Union. I do not wish to fatigue you with extended remarks Let me say however that your course meets with the hearty cordial & warm approbation of the Democracy of N Western Ohio

Yours truly,
D. M. McCann

D. M. McCann
Napoleon Ohio
Mar 18 1858.
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University Of Georgia
March 18th 1858

Hon. Step. A. Douglas

Dear Sir,

I would be very much pleased to receive a copy of your Kansas Speech, Other Speeches and documents on the Kansas Question would be very acceptable.

Yours Sincerely
John R. North
Athens
Georgia

John R North
Athens, Georgia
March 18, 1858,

Wants Speeches.

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Mr S A Duglas

Phil.a Pa.
March 18/58

Der Sir,

you may think strange of my
Seeing you a few lines but as
I some intres in the Kansas case
I have ~~recetenage~~ taken my pen
in hand to send you a few facts
I voted for J D Jackson in 1824
and I voted for James Buchanan
for the Presedency but his last
message in the Kansas case
has put me out of concate of him
he saith in his message that
the Abolition Party keep a sort
of that creed in that Territory
not but saith nothing about the
Missourian as for my part
it is hard to tell which is the
worst the Abolition party or the
missourians I went in to
Kansas in 1855 & was at west
Port on the 2 of December & was eye

witnes to the fraud committed by the Missourians on the 30th of march 1856 500 men went the most of them Lawrence & took possession of the books and voten and then went back home to mo I staid all Knigh in one of the gan about 250 ten miles East of Lawrence the other 250 Camped on the wopanusa 6 mils East of Lawrence Some of the men told me that they got $2.00 per day to go to Kansas & drive the Baggage wagon and vote the Pro Slavery ticket I becum so disgusted that I did not vote either time & left the Territory many of the People went there for the purpes of havin it a free state & no negroes free nor slaves they want I se the cry offen is let Sitezans of the Territory rule so I say last

the Mo. Ky & Some others of the Proslavery party has always had a set of ploters to in there to vote for them&c the Lecumpten Constitution is not any thing more than a mo Bogus Constitution & the was things has been carried on for the last six months it will give free State men to one of former times

this from yours
mos respectfully
and Fraternaly

C D Seaman

Mr Dugloz

Wm. McClure
Burlington
Iowa
Mar 18/58.

Approbation

Burlington Mar. 18/58

Hon S. A. Douglas

My Dear Sir — We feel a deep sympathy with you in this time of trial. You perhaps heard of our meeting here and resolutions. There is but one sentiment except with office holders. Your persistence in advocating the great & eternal principle of "Popular Sovereignty" — (much as it has been denied), now finds friends amidst those who scorned it in the late election. To abandon it now is impossible for you. And we are happy in the belief that your nerve cannot be shaken. The Democracy of Iowa are almost unanimous. The Republicans, in the Legislature tried to drive

the democrats to the wall and they faltered on the question of passing the Resolutions of the Republican, out of pure party "spite".

Your praise is in every mouth. Some toady articles have been written for the Gazette, but are demolished as fast as they come by the editors & others.

I pray you for the sake of the cause of humanity that you spare Breen and Bigler.

We regret your sickness and are looking anxiously for your final slaughter of the Lecomptonites.

I have seen today a "pro-slavery" man from K. He says that if Congress accepts the Lecompt. Con. the people will put into the Mo River any man who attempts to act under it.

You occupy a proud position and no man is more able to maintain it.

You have my best wishes for your greatest triumph. I quit the old Whig Party on this issue and will never surrender.

I hope Mrs. D. does not trouble herself about the matters of politics. My profound regards to her.

Yours Truly
Henry W. Starr

Rev. Thos. C. Teasdale
Mobile, Ala.
March 18/58.

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Govt. Owen's
Rept. Japan,
& Gillis Rept.
Sent to his house
on 13th Street near
Corner of G. Washington
City.

His Son Geo. R.
Teasdale at
Springfield, Ills.

Mobile, Ala. March 18/58.

My Dear Judge,

I am very anxious to obtain the Japan Expedition, Owen's Report, and Gillis's Report. Will you be kind enough to direct your Private Clerk, Mr. Chandler, to procure them for me, and either keep them in your Committee Room for me until I return, or send them to my house, on 13th Street near the Corner of G.

I am travelling extensively through the South, and many a kind word do I find it convenient to say in your behalf. I hardly know what your course on the Kansas matter will result in at the South. I fear its first effect will be unfavorable. But I think you are right; and the

second sober thought of the people may be favorable. If recently with Kansas matters could be disposed of soon, so that other interests might occupy the attention of Congress and the public mind generally. Besides I fear their further agitation may be unpropitious to your prospects for the Presidency. I happen to be one who ardently desires to see you elevated to the highest seat of honor in the gift of a great nation of intelligent freemen. My influence, which is not inconsiderable, I hereby, with my own denomination throughout the South, shall be exerted in every consistent way to secure that result.

I have been preaching here more than three weeks with great success. About 50 have professed conversion, 29 of whom have already been baptized. Our spacious Church edifice is filled to overflowing and the whole city is more or less affected by the influence of the good work.

I am, dear Sir,
Your Sincere Friend
Thos. C. Teasdale

P. S. My son George R. Teasdale has gone back to Springfield in Illinois, and I think it not improbable that we may all return to the Prairie State in a few years.

T. C. T.

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Chicago March 18th 1858

To the Worth S. A. Douglas

Dear Sir

I am now in My Sixty fifth year, & feel admonished that I am far past the Meridian of life, & strange to say, that I have energy that knows no dauntt, when I am satisfied that a cause is just. I have ever been devoted to My first impressions of Rational Liberty, & yet believe I am not wholly mistaken, that Our Republic is not yet a failure, I am so devoted to Her welfare, that I cannot harbor the Idea, that Democracy is a mere Chimera, though I am convinced, that many are actuated by a Democracy, which carries along with it rough shod an Equality that at variance with the perpetuity of Our Democratic Republican Government, (viz.) We the Caucasian Race, are unquestionably superior to the African, & cannot reasonably expect any improvement from an Inferior Race, I hold that amalgamation of Equal Rights of the Races, is the primitive cause of all the evils that now shaking Our Republic to its foundation. Question are We to see Our Government dwindle to insignificance for want of that rational support, which alone can make it durable, through the intelligence of Her People, a rightly directed Philanthropy, not an Equality of an Inferior, with a Superior, no oppression on a Superior, let all be justice, allways having an eye to the perpetuitiy of Animate & Inanimate Nature, some might call that chimerical, I say it is perfectly logical, as there is more to be gained by an aspiring hope than a degrading Amalgamation with an Inferior Race, Our Union which was the admiration of the World, is now by Her secession shook to Her foundation, I yet think if Public opinion could be made sensible of some facts, that My humble Self could present, might mitigate many evils in the circle of Chicago. 1st The object the Free Colored has, is to amalgamate with the White, thereby believing that prejudices against them, will be ultimately subsided. now this is intolerable, We are thus to be cheated by Their great cunning leaving many

weak Woman by their kindness, or poverty of their bretheren. I believe its admissable that the Free Colored are more intelligent than the Slave portion of Our Country, & also that They are far superior in mental acquirements, to the Native African, I would ask are They not as humane toward their own Race as We are, whom are allways ready to alleviate the sufferings of Our European Brothers, They will tell Us, that They are as much Americans as any White Man, & They would rather live among the Whites, with all Their disqualifications & privations, than go to Liberia to Colonize with all the prospects of Fleecy of Stars, & Trust, that could be realized by such an adventure. I aver that this declaration alone, shows that They are an Inferior Race, See the difference, an European whom is not, & sees not a chance of realizing the Dignity of His Nature in His Own Country, will leave Father, Mother, Brother, Sister, & all the most endearing ties, & Emigrate to a Country in the midst of Strangers, not doubting their capabilities of Self Government, if My position is correct, it necessarily follows, that all should fill positions adapted to their Nature, & Qualifications, & that the U. States Government is Ours, consequently the power lies with Us, to retain or repeal. Let this power be used, one great element of discord is forminently quashed, 1st The Slave would have no inducement but to make themself happy, by obedience to His Master, which would secure to the Slave, the Masters kindness, & protection.

2d Above all the clamoring discord, that unless stayed by something in this way, must lead to the most fatal consequences of Dismemberment & We perhaps may fall a victim in the strife to some Power that may more Glory in Our internal divisions, & thus verify, that Republics are bound to be failures, I have given My opinions, not from any personal motives, unless it is because, My Mind & Heart is so sincere, that I want to move with the patronage of S. A. Douglas, as Your course meets with My most hearty approval, I pledge My Honor, & all that I can command to sustain the position You are so Patriotical & ably defending, may You not weary, & if You should have to encounter more than You can endure, rest Yourself happy that Your Kansas & Nebraska Bill, will if honestly carried out be the only salvation of the Union, & Immortalize the propounder & defender.

Some time since I met P. Hayne, I asked Him what He thought of Your course, He answered, His right, & that He would go with You, as long as You were right, I know how to judge, & asked Him, what the inference was, if You went with the Administration all would be right. I told Him, give Me a Principle without a name, rather than a name without a Principle.

From My experience, I am led to conclusions so different from My former professions, that My Platform has changed wholly, not from selfish motives, but time serving, but a motive to better the condition of all that comes under Our influence, or supervision,

1st If it is not just to put an Inferior, on a Equality with a Superior.

2d That an Inferior, should be subject to the dictation of a Superior.

3d That the Highest Intelligence of the African Race, has not moral Dignity to aspire to self Government, unless sustained by a Protectorate of a Superior Race.

4th If the above premises are correct, it must be conclusive, that in Africa, They are in an Uncivilized State, & would be necessarily improved in their Moral predicament, in a Social State of dependant Labor.

With the above as My sentiments, I am ready to put on My Armour of Courage, & work for the Public good, with My limited Abilities & Means, I know I can do something, & much with Your patronage, believe Me to be Yours faithfully

John Lindsey

P.S. I think if You keep a loof from all Parties, & maintain the Dignity of "Your high calling" All Men of Knowledge & Principle will join Your Standard J.L.

J. Ludby
Chicago
Ills.
Mar 18/58.
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