

The Clove
 Staten Island N.Y. 58.

My Dear Sir, Since I had the
 pleasure of seeing you at the
 St. Nicholas, I have watched the
 movement of things appertaining
 to Kansas, with much interest,
 and I feel assured that it will
 yet come out all right.

The demonstrations in the city
 in favor of Secession, after the
 long delay, were a failure
 in fact, the people did not
 sympathize with the movement,
 and I should think the South
 would pause in their course,
 when they have to abandon their
 strictly national friends, for
 such free soil allies as appear
 at Tammany.

I feel confident that
 A. J. Clark will yet define
 his position with ability on
 the side of the people and

against the present attempt
at fraud, and I cannot believe
that the Bill can pass the House
without an effectual amendment
for a change of the Constitution,
free from the control of Calhoun &
which must be direct intervention,
and thus cause its failure when it
comes back to the Senate.

My cousin Paul B. Allen has
just returned from Central
America, much pleased with
the country, and if you desire
any information from that
section he will be most happy
to serve you.

I regret to notice
your absence from the Senate
from indisposition, but trust
to hear from you on Monday
in a general closing up of the
debate, and I shall be glad to
receive a package of your
remarks, duly franked, so that
I can give them a proper dis-
tribution throughout the district,

Trusting in the success of
the True Democratic principals
through your energetic & fearless
Leadership I remain

Most truly Yours

Wm. H. Allen

Now

Stephen A. Douglass
Washington

Direct Care Mr. L. B. Allen
S. Bowling Green Ky.

Staten Island
march 20 1858—

Mr H. Allen.
Political.

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Lewisstown March 20th
 Hon Stephen A Douglass

Dear Sir

Being a firm and uncompromising admirer and supporter of the policy pursued by you in adjustment of the canal difficulty, and wishing to witness your triumph I ~~am~~ ^{was} induced to write you a line in relation to the documents distributed among us by the minions and underlings of the Administration

LeCompton speeches are sent us in great numbers and we are completely surfeited with this unwholesome and indigestible literature

As yet we have to a great extent been denied the pleasure of reading any speeches advocating opposite principles Independent of the "Press" we receive in this locality nothing that would enable any one to form correct conclusions on

the only question that is monopolizing the attention of the people The True Democrat does not reflect the sentiments of the Democracy of Mifflin County I suppose you are aware that one of the Editors is a Saloned Clerk at Washington, the other is a emanation in the hands of a few political Mountbanks who are seeking Governmental

patronage Mr White willfully withholds
all intelligence that would enable us to vote
rightly. A number of the influential citizens
which I come to request you to send as many Anti
Corruption Speeches as you can conveniently
in order that they may be distributed throughout
the country and the enlightenment of the people
be effected. Although I am personally unacquainted
with you - I confess that I am captivated by the
honorable and praiseworthy position you
have assumed on the Kansas question - And I
will promise you that should it be your fortune
as I hope it will be to appear as a Candidate
for the Presidency I will endeavor to support
your claims as best I can in this district.
Two thirds of the Democracy here are your friends
and exult in the hope that that you may conquer and
still live in the hearts of all good and grateful
people.

Yours truly
James Belford

Mr. Belford
Sewistown, Pa

March 20, 1858,

Number of influential
Citizens request him
to write for Spectator,
—eulogistic—

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To Thomas F.
 Tobin
 Cleveland
 Ohio

Thomas F. Tobin,
 who has resided in
 Cleveland, (Ohio,) for
 several years has all
 the time given the
 most striking proof
 of honesty, sobriety and
 industry, and I am
 happy to give public
 such a testimony to
 his high character.

+ Amos A. Bishop
 of Cleveland.

Cleveland Mar. 20. 1857



Hollowayville Bureau Co Mo
 March 20th 58
 Hon S. A. Douglas

Sir

There has bee of late, some copies of the Patent office report passed through my office, and I should be highly gratified to have a number. I therefore take the liberty of calling on you, if there should ~~be~~ ^{be} still some spare numbers for me. I am aware from our limited acquaintance you may think I am rather presumptuous, but from early recollections, myself a boy. I was often entertained, and delighted to hear Douglas in Springfield in the years 1830 / 31 & 32 and still I remember Douglas, but enough.

Respectfully yours
 Alexander Boyd
 Post Master
 Hollowayville
 Bureau Co
 Mo

Alex. Boyd
Postmaster.

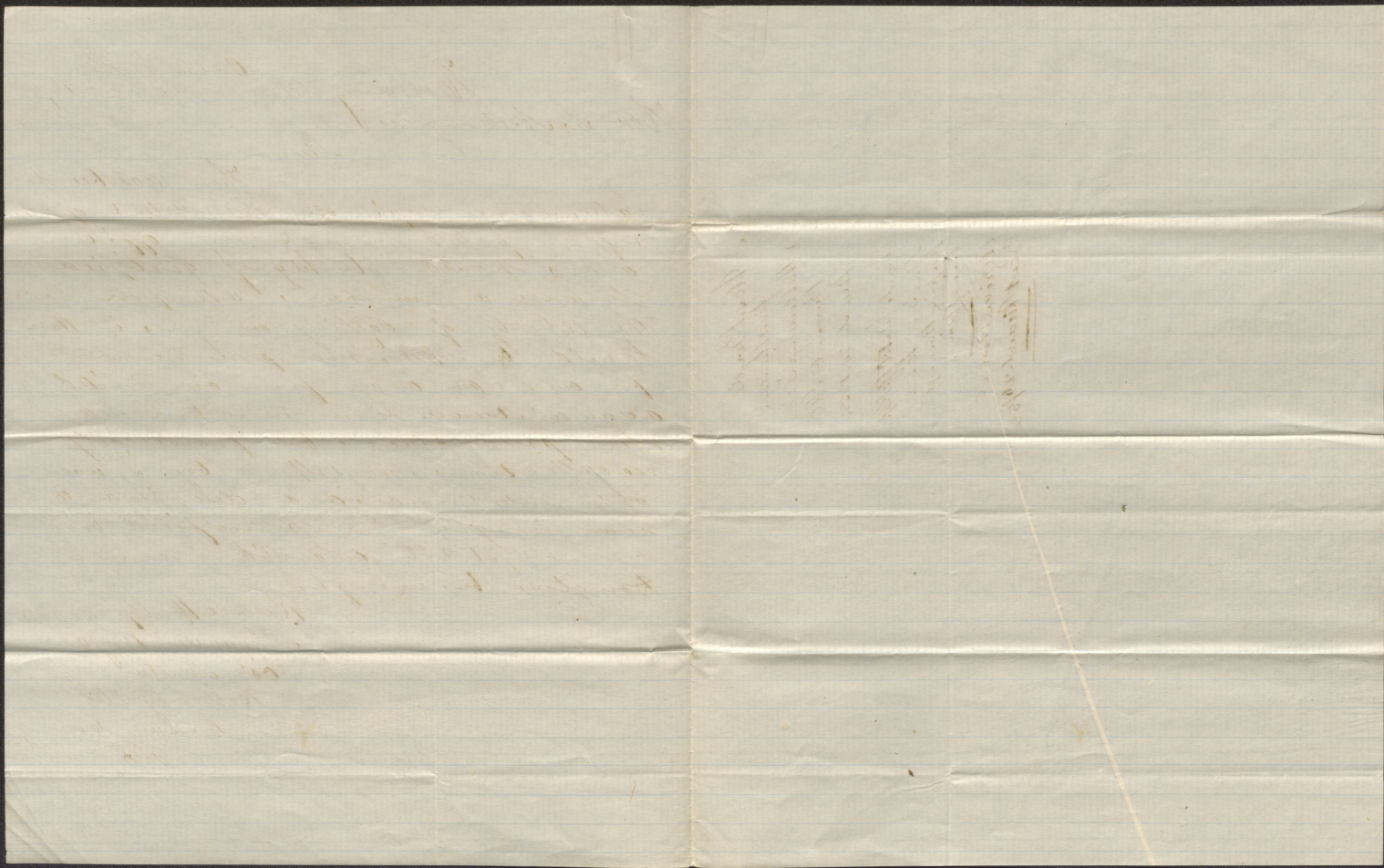
Hallowayville
Bureau Co. Ills

March 20, 1858,

Wants Patent Off. Rep.

Has seen the
specimen through
his office.

Agricultural
Sent March 26/58



Geo W Brown
Sebanon, Ohio
March 20, 1858

Wants Speeches.

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Sebanon, Ind. Mar. 20th
Hon. S. A. Douglas.

Dear Sir:

You will confer an especial favor by forwarding me some of your speeches in pamphlet form. It is almost impossible to get a correct report in the papers.

Anty Leconte was in town on the 15th and was visited by a large number of our most staunch Democrats. She is visiting the Democracy all over this State. She created quite a sensation at Columbus a few days ago.

Truly Yours,

Geo. W. Brown



Mr. Wm. L. ...
...
...
...

Narragansett R. S. Feb 20/58

Hon. S. A. Douglass
Will you please
send me your speech on Kansas
I have only seen extracts in any
of the papers I take
And oblige

A "Douglass man" in '56
and "Douglass Man" in '60

B. W. C. Carpenter

Narragansett
R. S.

I should like to have a map of
the Pacific Rail Road (proposed)

B McCarpenters
Narragansett
R.I.
March 20/58.

Wants Speech

Joseph Foster
Portsmouth
N.H.
March 20. 1858.

wants Reports.

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Portsmouth N.H. Mar. 20th 1858

Hon. Stephen A. Douglas,
Washington D. C.,
Respected Sir;

Your eloquent
speech was duly received, and is valued
highly, the accompanying one by Hon.
Mr. Stuart of Michigan is also prized,
as it was an unasked favor. Will you
be so kind as to send me a copy of
your Report on the Leecompton Constitu-
tion, and also the speech, in which the
Telegraph says, you are to give the
finishing blow to Leecomptonism in
the Senate.

Yours Truly

Please direct, as before,

Joseph Foster

Care of Spalding & Parrot, Portsmouth N.H.



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Waverhill March 20 / 55 9306-1

Gentlemen! Senators and Representatives of
the Sovereign People of these United States!

Will you hear one word of advice, while
you are in your high state of excitement
on the Kansas question from a son of the
Bunkerhill Battle who ^{then} fought for our
freedom from our mother's British yoke!
From that remarkable struggle for Freedom
I learned how to prize liberty from the
lips of a Father to his trusting son!
And as I have lived 45 for over fifty years
wore all riches and honours within the reach
of man, I feel the more anxious to press it
upon our Senators, ^{and Representatives!} at this critical moment,
you are about to pass the most important
vote ever passed by Congress; and that
is, shall Kansas have Freedom or Slavery
for their future destiny? Remember, Gentlemen,
your vote decides that all important question.
And if you decree Freedom then God will
bless you to the days of your death! But
if you vote a slavery constitution on to that
people the wrath of God will follow you
to your grave! - No, I escape from it if
God and the Bible be true! God says,
"Break every yoke and let the oppressed go
Free"! Will you dare bind a yoke upon that

people in this enlightened 19th Century?
Do you love Freedom as your life, do
yourselves? and will you take that
Freedom from your Brethren because
it is within your power to do it?
God forbid! that you should think for
a moment to do so. Sowed a seed? do,
O! Men! and reflect on what you
if ^{you} think to foster Slavery on
an enlightened People! God has spread
out our vast domain for his people's
inheretance, and granted them powers and
facilities to enjoy their birthright wherever
that may fall! Shall we drive them
from their homes because they love
Freedom better than Slavery? What
is your organic act, but to let each choose
and act for himself? Will you dare stifle
that free volition of action by an arbitrary
out of your vote to force upon them what
they hate and loathe? Send back that bastar
constitution, and enable them to fix one of their
own choice; give them fair play if you regard
justice, that you may win the respect of
the world, and escape hanging and burning
in Effigy and a Nations everlasting contempt.
Gentlemen! you have within your power to check
the headstrong rashness of a President who
wants to degrade that free people with Slavery
against their will; already has he degraded

himself beyond a possible recovery in the eyes
of at least three fourths of this Nation both
North and South by the course he has pursued
in this Canvas affair, and there is no possible
swinging help for him! His equality of citizenship
is gone if ever he possess it; he has no hope
from him! Do you gentlemen Senators and
Representatives! let look for salvation from
civil war! from the destruction of our
republican institutions, and that fightened
liberty that God delights to honour!
Now, gentlemen! Will you hear this
my humble but earnest appeal? and wrest
from the grasp of tyranny and oppression
that only hope of liberty so dearly cherished
by our suffering brothers and sisters of
Canvas; and say to them, our votes shall
be to you, that you may stand fast in the
liberty where with God has made you free,
and be not entangled in the snare of bondage!
Most respectfully I submit this to your
high consideration commending to the councils
of the God of all our mercies!

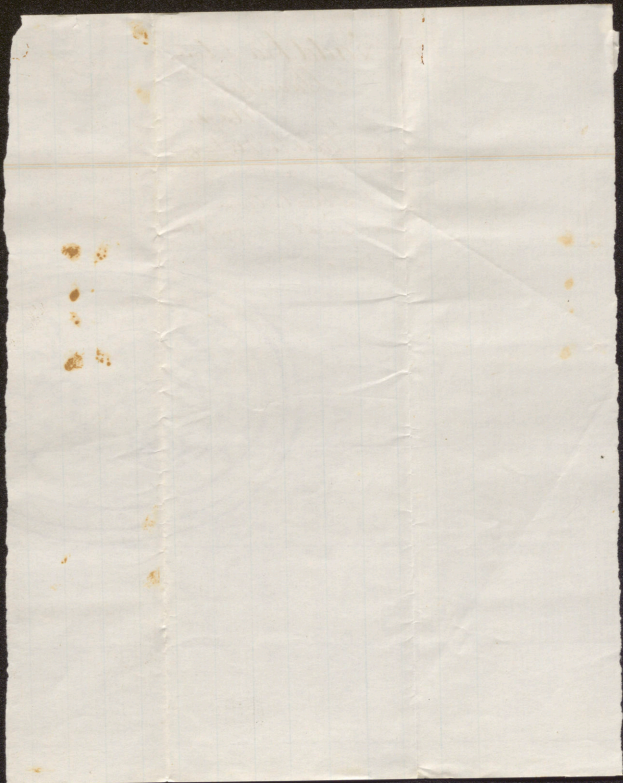
(Gentlemen Senators
and Representatives of
the Congress of the United
States!)
L. Wadsworth

P.S. I submit these my feelings and views
to the care and consideration of the
Hon. Stephen A. Douglass, knowing the high
sense in which you hold this important subject;
and if in your opinion you think it will
do the least good at this hostile moment
to get it before either or both branches of
your honorable Bodies, you will confer a
favor to do it;— Sir, unless this mad
career to make Kansas a slave state, can
be arrested, I feel we shall be plunged into
civil war;— Buchanan will keep his troops
there to crush out Freedom! "Might
makes right" with him— then, Sir, where
can the freestate men look for help?

Be astonished O! Heavens, and mourn for
this our Nation! That we have fallen so
far— the before the standard of a Washington
a Jefferson, a Jackson!— That your
health may be fully restored, your strength to fight
the battle of justice "giantlike" (using the words
tamering phrase) never fail you the tyrants
Grown, is the earnest wish of your friend
Hon. A. A. Douglass, Laddet Haselton

Sadd Hazelton,
Naverhill
Map,
March 20/58.

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Exhortation
against Secumpton
Lc.
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Joel W. Hyde
Yale College,
March 20/58

Autographs.



YALE. March 20: 1858.

Hon. Mr. Douglass -

Dr. Sir -

You will not esteem it flattery,
Sir, if I tell you that the noble side you
have espoused in this great question of the
Bloomington constitution, and your potent
influence against it, brings hearty cheers
to you from Old Yale - for this I ask
the favor of your Autograph, which I know
some of the Yale boys to possess already.

Very respectfully

New Haven, Ct.

Joel W. Hyde.



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Chas. B. Keefe & Co.,
St. Johns, Perry Co.

Recd.
March 20. 1858.

Urgent request
for establishment
of a Post office
there

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St. Johns Perry Co. Ill.
March 20 1858

Wm. Stephen A. Douglas
Esteem Sir

I am induced to write you this letter by request of your friend here the Hon. Hawell C. Boone, in relation to your promise of giving us a P. Office at this place. It is the general wish of all your staunch friends in this vicinity that you would give us this necessary convenience, and you are aware that we represent the Poor & Labor of Egypt, and when the time comes around that you will require our services you will find us firm by your side. We had a meeting some few days since, denouncing the Administration & endorsing your policy

I control some 100 votes or
more in this place, and think
that in the County no one has
more influence with the farmers.
This fact I now ask of you as
for my ^{benefit} ~~own~~ as well as the
Community at large, it costs
me individually \$30 per year to
have my mail carried twice
a day to the nearest P.O.

I call^d at your residence in Was-
hington City about a year ago
to see you on this subject but
did not have the great fortune
to meet you. We have a petition
in the P.O. Department with a
long list of Names praying for
the appointment of myself as
P.M. Hoping to hear from you
favorably on this subject.

I remain Yours

Very Respectfully

Chas^d D. Meserle

Princeton N.J. Mar 20/58

Dear Sir.

Would you please be so kind as to send me your former speech on the Pres. Message (Dec-9); also the late one on the "LeCompton-constitution".

Being a strong believer in the doctrines of the former & a doubtless admirer of the latter, I should like much to possess them.

Yours most resp^d

Chas B Morris

Hon. Mr. Douglass
Sen. fr. Illinois }

Chas B Morris
Princeton N.J.
March 20, 1858.

Wants Speech of
9th Decr. 1858.
(Sent)



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Perseville Jersey Co Ill March 20
Hon. S. A. Douglass

Dear Sir will you
do me the favour to forward to my
address at Perseville a copy of
the Patent Office Agricultural
Reports and oblige yours truly
Hon. S. A. Douglass
Washington D. C.
Henry Newbury

Henry Newbury
Jamestown
Jersey Co. Ills.
March 20/58

Wants
Agricultural
Reports

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Peoria Nov 20th 1858
Hon G. Douglass Dear Sir

Regret to hear of your Uniz. and
not last long, and you was soon to get
right the Kansas party again.
Our friend Sany of Union, has just
the Administration, not long since
Goon Strong Anti Slavery man, was
in the White Washington, a man and
the Government bought him over.
Now down on your self and all who
oppose the adm. He is killing
here and so far as I know, recent
on Kansas, old heat your old friend
Washington lately, and been hard to find that
he is an adm man, yet I think
him removed, which is wrong.
lately a good Douglass man, but not
The fight is warm, and the spoils of office
great object. You keep have in place
thousands of warm friends in the
will not let the secession corp.
now political matter stands, in the
better state of thing soon. Pres Pierce is killing himself by killing
me so many good Democrats he will see when to fight,

My Range has a petition out, Making a record of the
Greatest friend you have in Cent. Mr. and that you
Always made his house your home when there is
a. Thanks that that he is still a strong Douglass man
at heart. no doubt of it as a Coon, Good and true
Democrat. but any kind of a petition to get the R.C.
and I hope against the fact will be kept in the R.C.
Also that no more attend to R.C. which is entirely
it amusing to see the trick gotten up to secure
that office. but let them go on they cannot
escape them are watched closely. Keep your eyes
on papering, things time will surely show which
way the wind blows. Accept my thanks on the
the lately, & trust you will soon enjoy good
health & spirits also your lady & I hope to see you
in Cent. Mr. one of these days.
Yrs most truly
Taylor

J. P. Taylor
Barnes, Ills.
March 27/55.
Petition

Omaha city - N. T.
March 20th 1858.

Hon. S. A. Douglass.

Dear Sir,

Will you do me the favour to enclose me a copy of your late report on the Leconte constitution, also each of your speeches on Kansas affairs this session. A few of your report or speeches have found their way into the Territory, even if those in either House who have spoken against the Leconte constitution, but any quantity of those on the other side have been ~~sent~~ spread through the Territory especially Senator Greaves's speeches and report.

I am anxious that the anti-Leconte side of the question should be presented to the our people although

nine tenths of them are on that side.

If agreeable to you I will furnish you with a list of names of residents in different towns in Nebraska to whom it is desirable your report and speeches should be sent.

You may probably recollect me as having formerly resided in Washington.

Very Truly Yours

J. M. Sawyer

J. M. Thayer,
Omaha City
Nebraska
March 26, 1858,

Political
Wants, Speeches &c


A S Trowbridge
Piedmont
Hampshire Co.,
Va.
March 20, 1858.

wants Speech.

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Piedmont, Hampshire Co. Va. March 20, 58

Dear Sir,

Having known you in Springfield
Ill. and having watched the struggle
of the Leocompters and Anti-Leocompters
with much solicitude, I beg you to
send me your speech in full on this
important question. Perhaps it will
be well to send a dozen to be
distributed. You, perhaps, have
forgotten me, but I was engaged
in teaching school at Springfield, Ill.
at the time you were there, and used
to meet you in the State Library. I
begin to think you are right, and
that Buck. is wrong.

Yours, most respectfully
A. S. Trowbridge



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C. C. Wilson
Meriden N.H.
Mar 6. 20/58

Autograph

Meriden N.H. Mar-20-

Hon. S. A. Douglass.
Sir!

Will you
if it is not troubling you too
much confer a favor upon one
who heartily subscribes to your
late course in Congress, by sending
me your autograph?

I beg leave to
subscribe myself.

Your humble servant.
C. C. Wilson.

