

Hopkinton - St. G. Mar. 27.

Hon. S. A. Douglass,

Will you please
send to my address a copy
of your recent speech in the
Senate on the admission of
Kansas, and also your minor-
ity report on the same.
By so doing you will much
oblige

your Friend & Servant
James F. Allen

Gas L. Allen
Hopkinton NH
March 27/58.

Wants Report of
Speech.

Carl, College Hanover N.H.
March 27 / 56

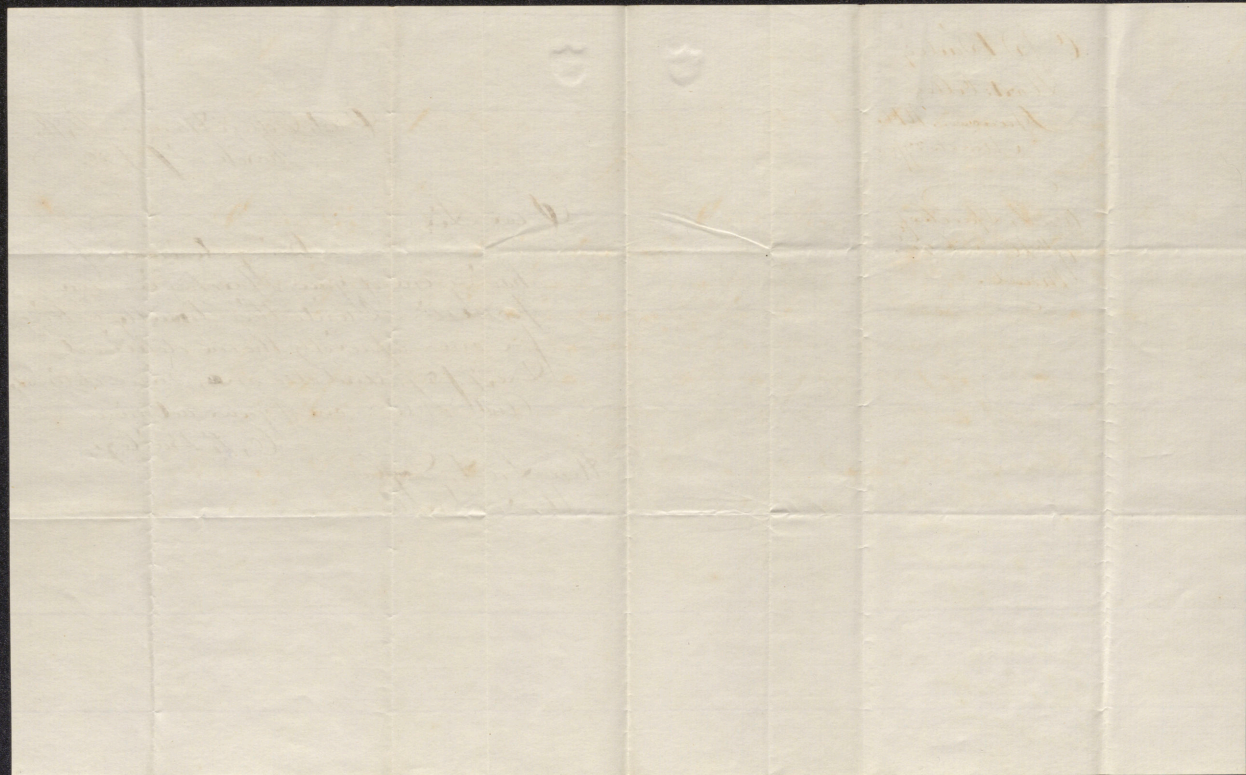
Dear Sir,

Being desirous of
having one of your *Apocryphs* in my
possession I write this humbly asking
for one - especially the one delivered
Dec, 9 / 57. - And also one, since delivered,
And oblige one of your admirers -
C. P. Bailey,

Hon S. A. Douglas,
U. S. Senator,

C. D. Bailey
Hart: College
Hanover, N.H.
March 27/58.

Wants Speech of
9th Decr. & 22.
March.



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Notification
Meeting Comr
on Pub: Grounds.
for 1 March 1858.



Committee Room in
Public Buildings, and
Grounds, Saturday
February 27th 1858.

Sir,

A meeting of the Committee
on Public Buildings and Grounds,
will be held on Monday next (March
1st) at 10¹/₂ o'clock A. M. at which
your presence is respectfully request-
ed.

By order of the Chairman

C. H. Barrell, Clerk

Hon: S. A. Douglas.



Philad: March 27th 1858

Dear Sir,

Having read several extracts
(in our city papers) of your memorable
Speech in the Senate Chamber on the 21st.
and not being able to procure it entire
would thank you for a Copy.

It is cheering, amid the general gloom
to hear again the clarion tones of a
"Clay" advocating the Cause of the
oppressed, and silencing the enemies of
our Country. And the universal response
from "Wason & Dixon's line" to the St. Lawrence
is - go on - Hoping that the odious
Leecompton Constitution will receive its just
reward in the House.

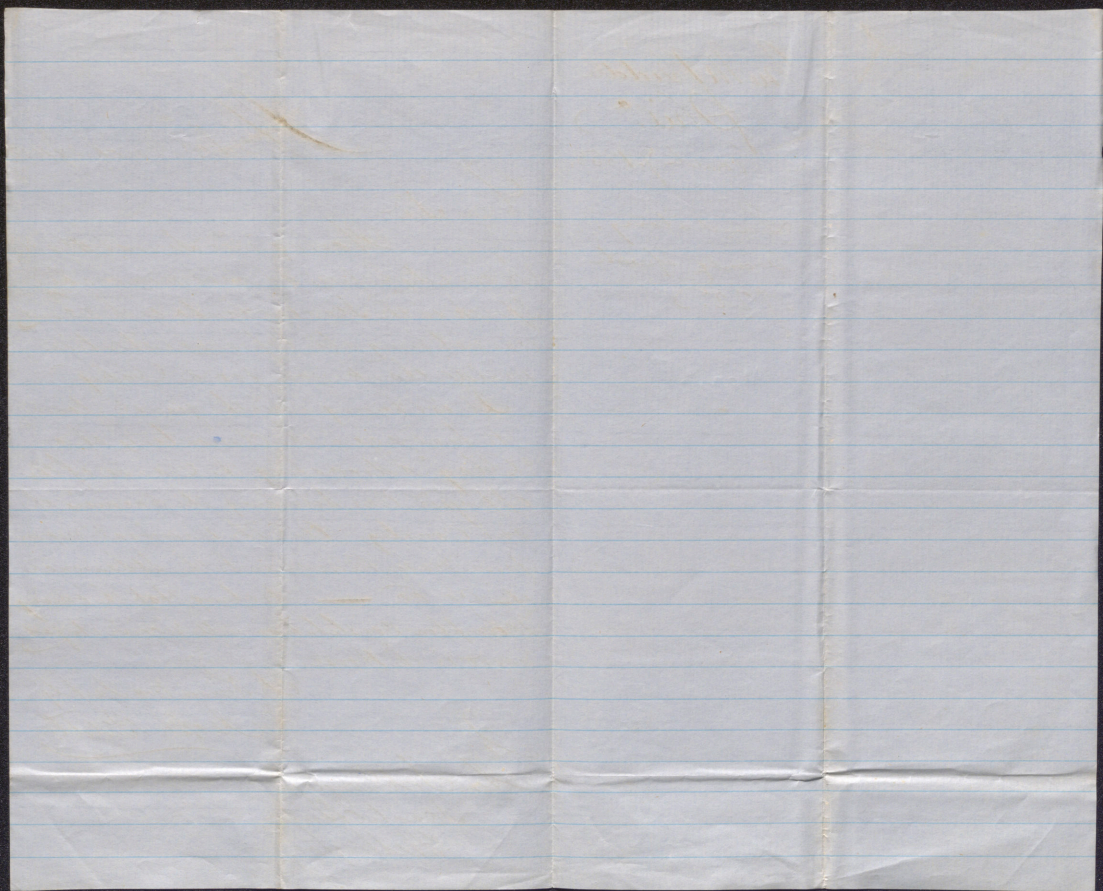
I remain, very Respectfully
Yrs. M. Biddle

Hon. S. A. Douglass
Senate Chamber
Washington
D. C.

Geo M Biddle
Phil.
March 7. 1858.

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Wants Speech
of 22nd.

Mar. 27



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Saint Louis, Mo. *March 27* 185*8*

Mr Stephen A. Douglas
Washington City
Dear Sir:

Herewith please receive for Collection

and Remittance, as follows:

*Will you be so kind as to send
me your check to which the enclosed extract refers*

Yours truly
S. B. Bullock

S/B Bullock
St Louis^{Mo}
Mo.
March 27/58

Want Speech
of 22,

O. Bushnell,
New York
March 27/58.

Introducing
Jno Gardner Esq.

New York March 27/58

Esq. L. A. Douglas

Dear Sir

Permit me
to introduce my friend John
Gardner Esq., a Merchant of
this City of high standing
and Character, and with
whom I think you will
be pleased -

Very respectfully & truly
Yours &c &c

O. Bushnell

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Enfield N.H. March 27. 1858

Hon S. A. Douglass U.S.S.

Dear Sir

Will you be
so kind as to me a copy of the Speech
delivered by you in the Senate March 22
and oblige

Yours very Truly

Samuel L Choate

Hon S. A. Douglass U.S.S.

S L Choate
North Enfield
N.H.
March 27./58,

Wants Speech of
22.

Wm S Clark,
Sloansville
N.Y.
March 27/58.

Wants copies
of speech

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Sloansville N.Y.
March 27, 58

Dear Sir;
By papers this
Evening rec^d. I learn
that the Bill for the
admission of Kansas
has passed the Senate.
I regard the passage of
the bill as in no res-
pect modifying the
facts, and am there-
fore the more desirous

If obtaining a copy of
your Speech of ~~that~~ the
22. inst. on that subject.

— I doubt not there are
others here who would
be equally happy to ob-
tain a copy, but ~~say~~
presume not to solicit
more than a single copy
which will greatly
oblige your very

Obt. Servt.

Wm. Clark

Neon.

S. A. Douglas
Washington

Chelsea Mass.

Hon S A Douglas

Dear Sir

Please

send me copies of your speeches
against the Leecompton Consti-
tution and oblige

Frank Clement.

March 27 1858.

Frank Clement
Chelsea, Mass.
March 27/58

Wants Speech.

C. B. Cochrane
Washington City
March 27/58

gives names of
strong friends
at Schoharie
Ct. N. Y.
for speeches, &c.

Report - Sent

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Washington Mar 27.

Hon. S. C. Douglass.

Please send document (your
Mansu report & speech) to the following
persons, it would be well to send several
copies to each for their local circulation.

C. F. Boughton, D. Knowen, P. S.
Swart, S. B. Stevens, Treat Durand,
Tobias Bouck, W. F. Shafer, & C. H.
Williams, Schoharie (Court House) C. H.
Schoharie County, N. Y.

These persons are all firm Douglass Slaves.

Very Truly yours

C. B. Cochrane

1871
March 1st
Dear Sir

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 27th inst. in relation to the above named matter.

I am, Sir, very respectfully,
Your obedient servant,
J. B. [Signature]

Chicago, Jan 22

Dear Sir

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 27th inst. in relation to the above named matter.

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Bellefonte March 27th/58

Hon W. C. Douglass,

Sir please send me
your minor report on the
Kansas question.

Yours truly

L. C. Coulson
Bellefonte Pa.

S. C. Coulson
Bellevue, Ill.
March 27/58.
Wm. C. Coulson

Wayne Michigan
March 27th 1858

Hon Stephen A. Douglas;

Sir:- will you please send me a copy of your speech, delivered in the Senate, Monday night, March 22^d, previous to the final vote on the Leecompton Constitution? By so doing you would oblige me very much indeed.

Direct to, Wayne, Wayne Co, Michigan.

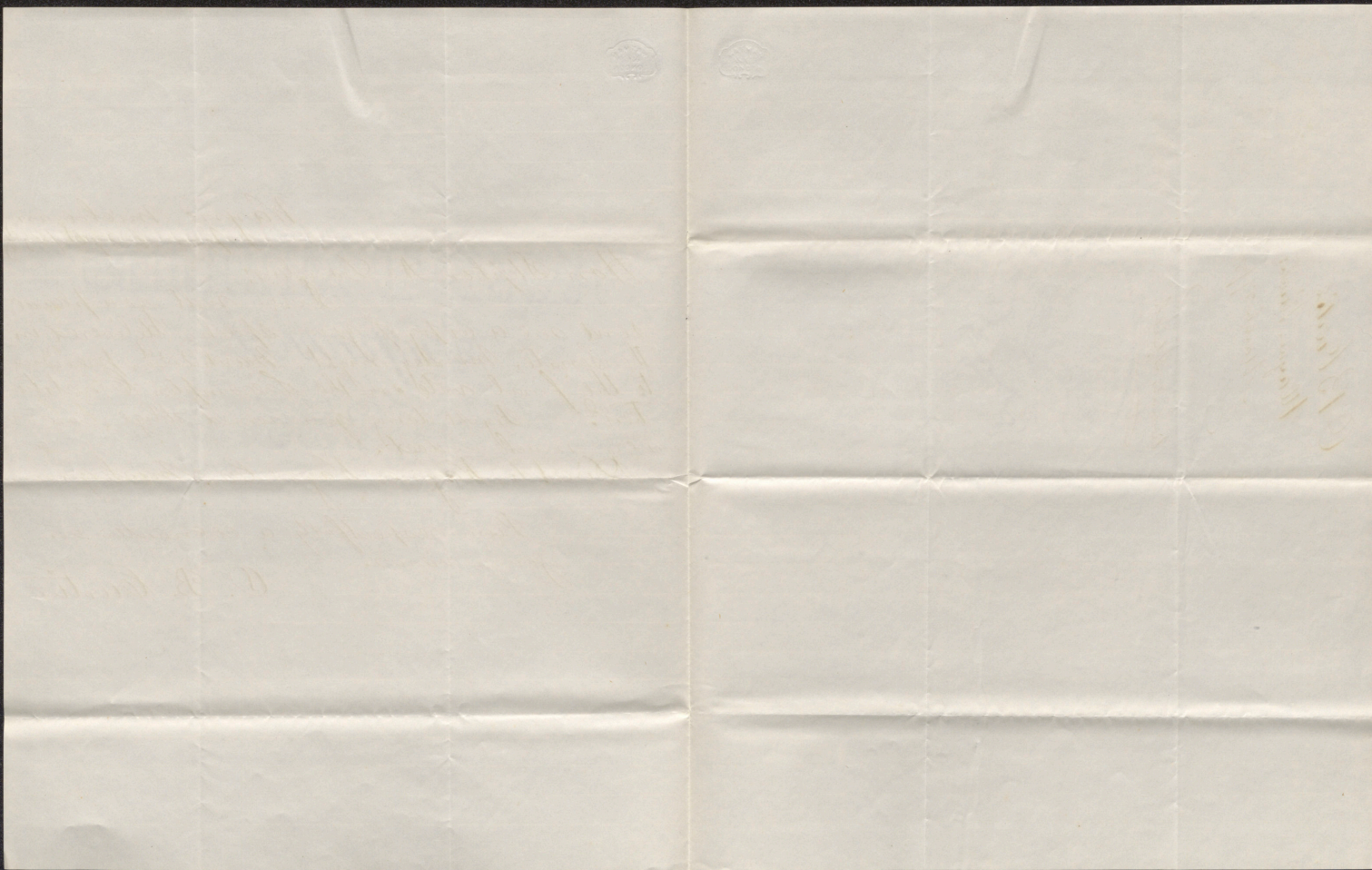
I am respectfully a coencider in
yours views.

O. B. Curtis

O B Curtis
Wayne, Mich:
March 27/58

Wants Speech





E S Hann

(Banker)

Buffalo, N.Y.

March 27/58.

Wants Speech,

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Banking House of Dann & Burtis.

Buffalo, N.Y. 27. 1858.

Hon
Stephen A. Douglas
Senator &c

Dear Sir:

Your favor
of the ~~~~~ is received, with enclosure
(as stated)

Will you please
send me a copy
of your last speech
(if printed) on the
Kansas question?

Very respectfully,
E. S. Hann

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Ph^a March 27th / 58

Honorable Stephen L. Douglas
Sir.

Having been, and I am, a constant admirer, and adherent to your and only your principles, I would respectfully ask of you, to let me know, whether you could help me, and son of my friends, strictly honorable, full of talents and integrity, to enter the Expedition for Utah?

My Heartly wishes for your future elevation without a doubt, I have the honor to be

Most Respectfully

Yours

humble friend

J. De Kovenay

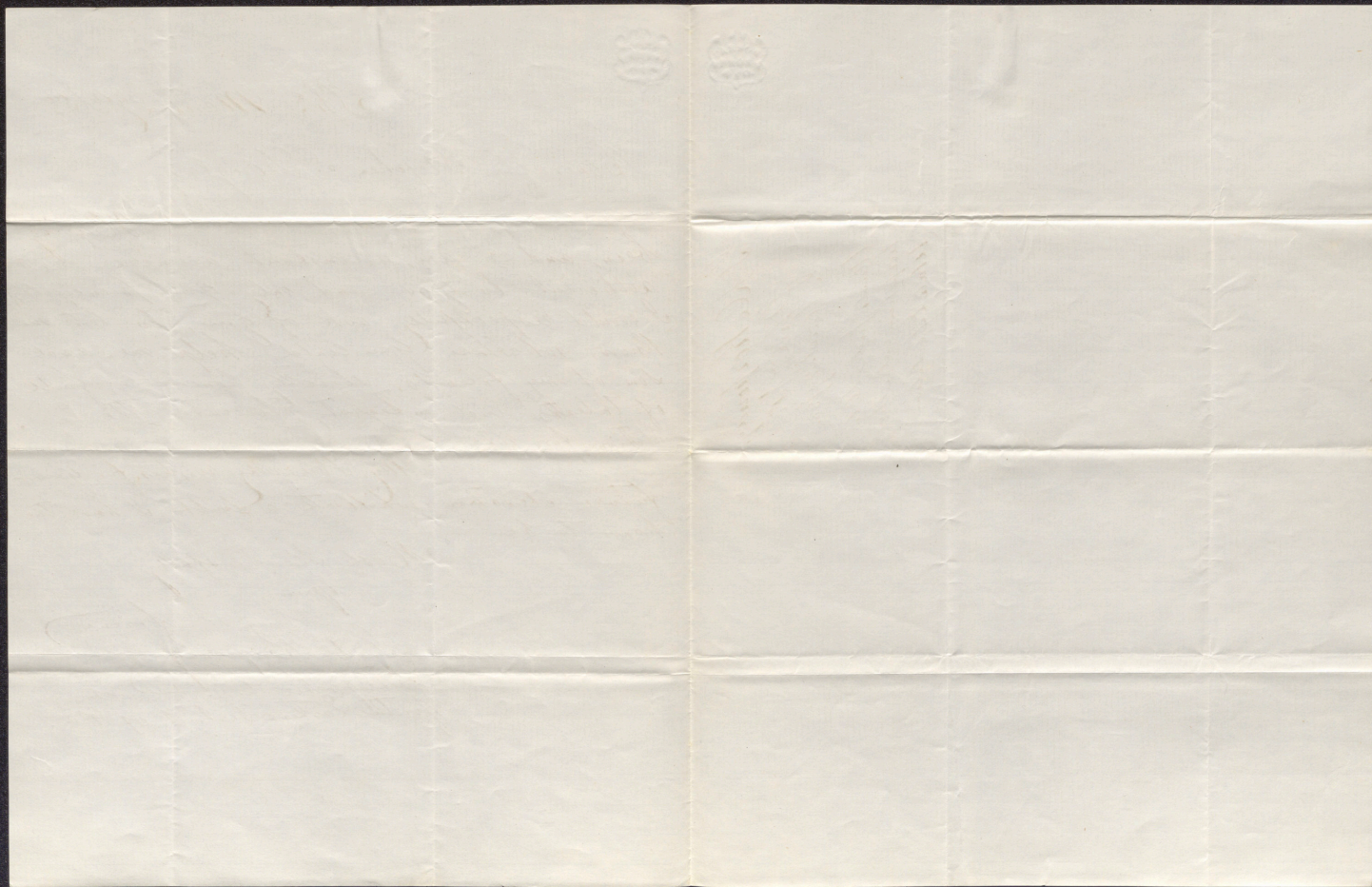
Interpreter L. S. Courts
for the Eastern District of Pa.

G. H. Korpouay,

Phil. ²/₃.

March 27/58.

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Wants Judge H. to
help him enter the
Utah Expedition.
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Hon. Stephen A. Douglas.

Dear Sir— I hope that you will not deem this presumption, though written by one that who lives in the South, and especially when you learn that it is the love of truth that prompts him to address you. I wish to be informed on the Kansas question and you therefore send me something containing information on this subject. by a companion with this you will find in me a true lover of the magnanimous and an ardent friend of our great and common Country; with due respect allow me to subscribe myself yours truly.

March 14th 1858

Fall Springs x
Campbell, Co. Geo x

James, O, Dorcas x

Jan O'Klauder
Salt Springs
Campbell Co.
Georgia.
March 27/58

Wants, Specie, &c.

Wm Drake
Chicago, Ill.
March 27/58

Wants Speech,

Chicago Mar. 27

Mr Douglass

Dear Sir

Please

send me a copy of your
late speech and reply

Yours truly

William Drake

Box 4117

Chicago, Ill.

Hon. S. A. Douglass



Butler Post Office, Independence, Rich-
land County Ohio, March 27. 1858.

Dear Sir,

If you have your recent speech
in the Senate published for distribution, please
send several copies in this direction.

The people only need to understand the
question to be with you - the demagogues,
understanding it, or otherwise, will be against
you. You may direct,

Dr. G. W. Dutton,
Butler Post Office
Richland Co.,
Ohio.

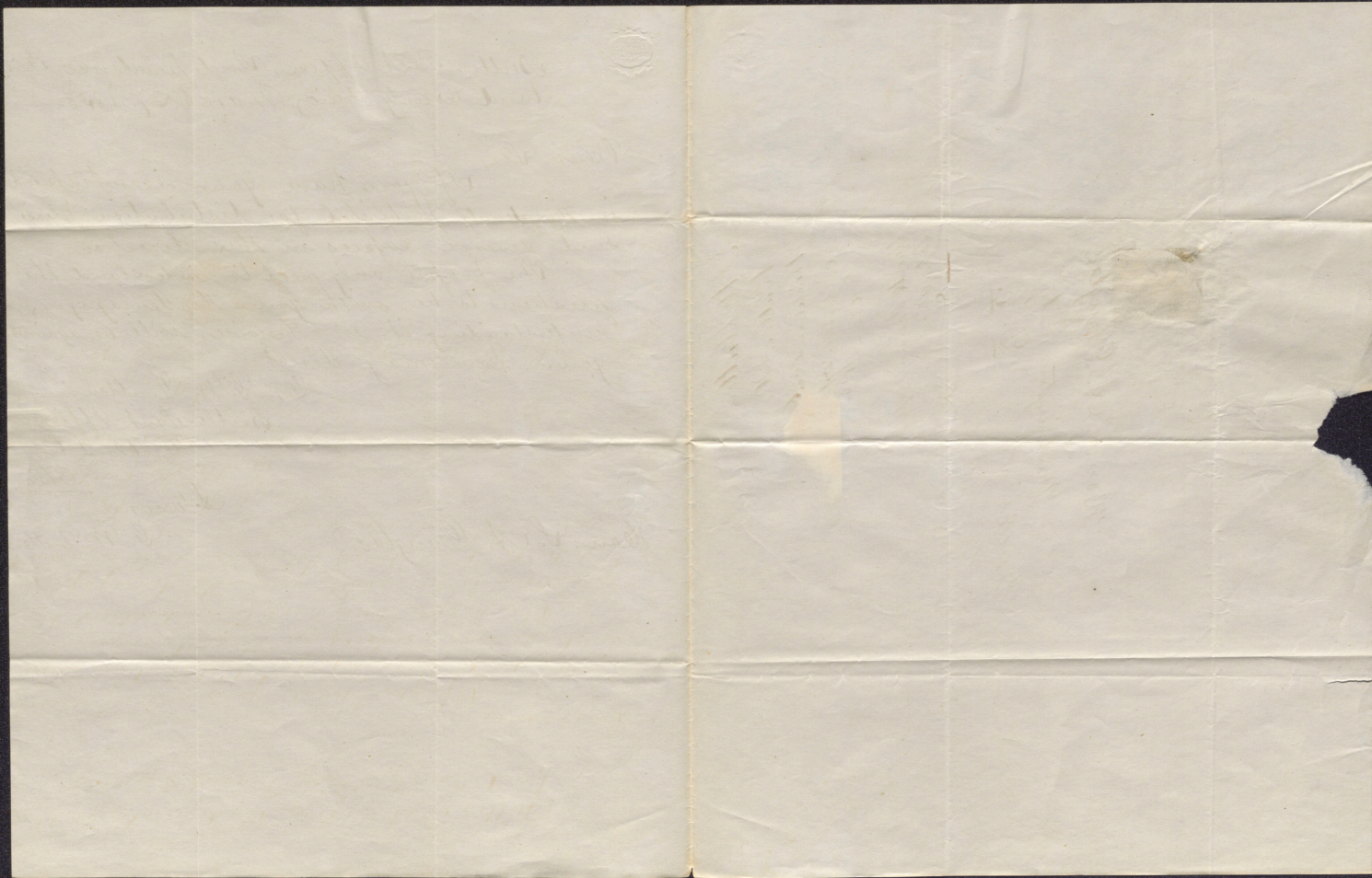
Hon. S. A. Douglas

Yours,
G. W. Dutton.

G W Lutton
Butler, P.O.
Richland Co. Ohio
March 27/58.

Wants several copies
Speech

Wm. A. Douglas
Washington City
P. O.
March 27



Wheeling Va, March 27, 1858

Hon, Stephen A. Douglas
Washington

Dear Sir

You will oblige
me by forwarding a copy of
your late Kansas Speech.

Yours Respectfully

Marcus W. Echols

Marcus W. Echols,
Wheeling, W. Va.
March 27, 1858.

Wants Speech of 22.

Geo. H. Farnham
Andover, Mass.
March 27, 1858.

Went. Speech of 22.

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Andover - March 27th / 1858
Hon. Stephen A. Douglass.

Dear Sir,

Will you
please send me a copy of your last
speech against the Fugitive Constitu-
tion.

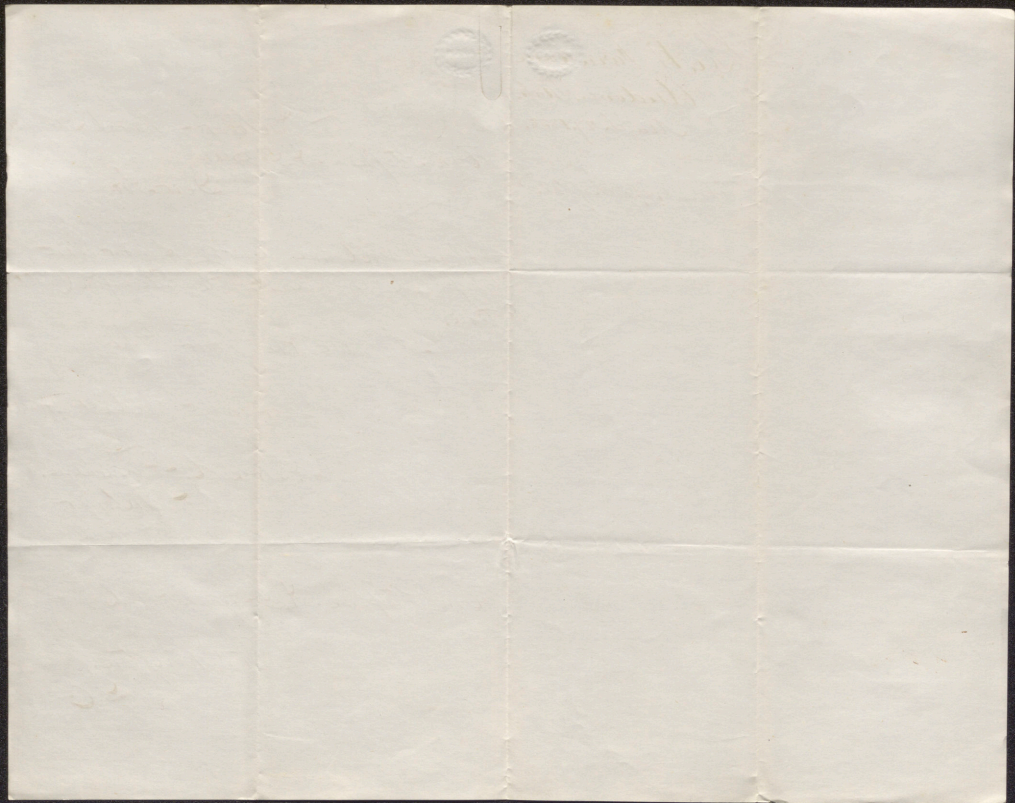
I have the honor to be

Your most obedient servant

George H. Farnham.
Andover.
Mass.

Hon. Stephen A. Douglass. S.C.

Washington.
D.C.



Washington, D. C. Mar 27, '58

Hon. Mr. Douglas,

Dear Sir,

After hearing your speech on the Kansas question, so noble, & so outspoken for human rights, I am encouraged to believe you will sympathize with the cause in which I am engaged. Sitting near your lady in the gallery, I could not refrain, strange though I was to her, from giving her, on a slip, hastily and awkwardly expressed a complimentary sentiment at the close of it.

In this we number about 40,000 colored people. For their benefit & through them, for the benefit of all Africa, we are building up the Wilberforce University. God has greatly favored us thus far. The school now numbers seventy pupils, at least fifteen of whom, have been brought from the South, freed & put into the institution. Our buildings are all completed. Our farm numbers fifty four acres. At least 250 pupils can be accommodated. We hope to make our last payment on the property in May next. I obtained from citizens in Illinois about three thousand dollars in subscriptions.

If you shall be pleased to aid us in
the humane work such aid will be most
gratefully received. The enclosed documents
will afford all necessary information
It would afford me great pleasure to con-
verse with you on the subject. I shall
be happy to hear from you, through Senator
Warlan -

In closing allow me to say in the
language of Ichoraphet - to the chief of the
father, "for the judgement of the Lord & for
controversies, Deal courageously, and the
Lord shall be with the good." 2 Chron. 19. c.

Very Respectfully

M. French

M. French.
Washington
March 27/58.
Wm. A. A. A.
Wm. A. A. A.

TESTIMONIALS.

Wilberforce University,

XENIA, OHIO.

A MONUMENTAL TRIBUTE

SOCIAL, CIVIL, INTELLECTUAL,

MORAL CLAIMS OF THE COLORED MAN.

The honor of the Rev. M. F. French has been actively and most faithfully engaged in an effort under the auspices of the Methodist Episcopal Church, to secure an endowment for the education of young people of color in this State. The Rev. Mr. French is a native of Xenia, Ohio, and in his capacity as President of Wilberforce University, is in a position to be conversant with the needs of the colored people, and yet, though not exclusively so, is devoted entirely to the improvement and elevation of the colored race. French is needed to pay for the endowment, and to deliver the necessary lectures to such an endowment.

J. P. CHASE

TESTIMONIALS.

From Hon. JOHN MCLEAN, who with his estimable lady, is among the largest benefactors to the University.

CINCINNATI, 29th May, 1857.

Dear Sir:—I am glad to learn that your prospect of raising funds in behalf of the "Wilberforce University," is encouraging. This effort to elevate the colored race is commenced under more favorable auspices than any one which has heretofore been made. The location is a very eligible one, whether we consider its beauty and healthfulness, its extensive accommodations, the price paid for the property, the surrounding neighborhood, or its easy access from the south. The superintendence of the Cincinnati Conference will be a guaranty for the proper management of the University; and the course of instruction contemplated, will be equal to that of any other institution in the western country.

It appears to me no other practical object connected with the elevation and welfare of an oppressed people, can be more strongly addressed to our benevolent countrymen. Should it succeed, as I hope it will, in a few years the opinion entertained, that the colored race is inferior to our own, will be corrected. And we may well hope, before the lapse of many years, persons educated at this University, may become so eminent for usefulness, as to be esteemed benefactors of both races. In the process of time they may become the favored instruments for spreading the lights of the gospel and of civilization in the dark regions of Africa.

Hoping that you may be successful in your interesting enterprise, I remain,

Very truly, yours,

JOHN MCLEAN.

REV. M. FRENCH.

The following is from Gov. CHASE, one of the Trustees of the University.

STATE OF OHIO, EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT,
COLUMBUS, July 6, 1857.

The bearer, the Rev. M. French, has been actively and most laudably engaged in an effort, under the auspices of the Methodist Episcopal Church, to establish an institution for the education of young people of color, in this State. The institution is already organized and in successful operation, under the name of Wilberforce University. It is not founded upon any discrimination as to color; and yet, though not exclusively so, is devoted especially to the improvement and elevation of the colored race. Funds are needed to pay for its site and buildings, and to defray the expenses incident to such an establishment.

I commend Mr. French and the cause in which he is engaged, most heartily, to the sympathies of the benevolent and the patriotic.

S. P. CHASE.

I heartily concur with Gov. Chase in his endorsement of this benevolent enterprise, and of the very excellent gentleman engaged in it.

Columbus, Ohio.

J. H. BAKER, Sec. of State.

BOSTON, June 24, 1857.

We have examined the credentials which Rev. Mr. French brings, in reference to the "Wilberforce University," and his agency for the same. They are abundant, and of the highest character, and we cordially commend him and his enterprise to the benevolent and Christian public, in the entire confidence that all monies entrusted to his hands will be faithfully applied to the noble and most feasible and praiseworthy object for which he pleads.

HENRY M. DEXTER, Ed. Congregationalist.

SALEM, June 20, 1857.

Rev. Mr. French presented the cause of the "Wilberforce University," in Xenia, Ohio, at a united meeting held in the Crombie St. Church, of this city. All who heard him were exceedingly interested and aroused to the importance of this great and humane enterprise.

The lecture presented an entirely new and cheering feature in the dark landscape of the prospects of the colored people of our land.

It could not fail to interest the reason of the man of practical thought, and the sympathy of the true Christian.

We give to this dear brother our entire commendation and hearty wishes for his success.

BROWN EMERSON, Pastor of South Church.
J. M. HOPPIN, Pastor of Crombie St. Church.

The claims of the Institution were presented before a conference of ministers held in Dr. Parsons Cook's Church, Lynn. Dr. Worcester was Moderator, and gave the following:

Having had the pleasure of hearing the Rev. Mr. French in a presentation of the objects and claims of the "Wilberforce University," I can most cordially commend him and the enterprise which he advocates to the full confidence and liberal patronage of all who desire to promote the best interests of the whole African race.

SAMUEL M. WORCESTER,
SALEM, June 20, 1857. Pastor of the Tabernacle Ch.

THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY, ANDOVER, MASS.
July 30, 1857.

I am well acquainted with the country in which the "Wilberforce University" is located, and with many of the Trustees of the institution. There is no better location in the United States for such an institution, and it is in the hands of the right kind of men to carry it on to a successful issue.

The spirit of Christianity, of humanity, and of freedom, has a strong and active life in that part of Ohio. There is a very considerable colored population there, of intelligence, wealth and respectability, some of whom are represented in the Board of Trustees; and all circumstances combine to promise a speedy and complete success to this most desirable enterprise.

C. E. STOWE.

Copy from Senators
Harlan & Seward

" If it be true that ignorance
is the parent of vice, crime &
misery, then those who aid in the
education of the most degraded
race amongst us, should be regarded as
public benefactors. On this account
every Patriot and Christian must
Commend the Wilberforce University
and its agent Rev. M. Kench to the
favorable consideration of the benivolent
House, Harlan

Copy

I very cheerfully concur with
the Hon. Mr. Harlan in the recom-
mendation above given

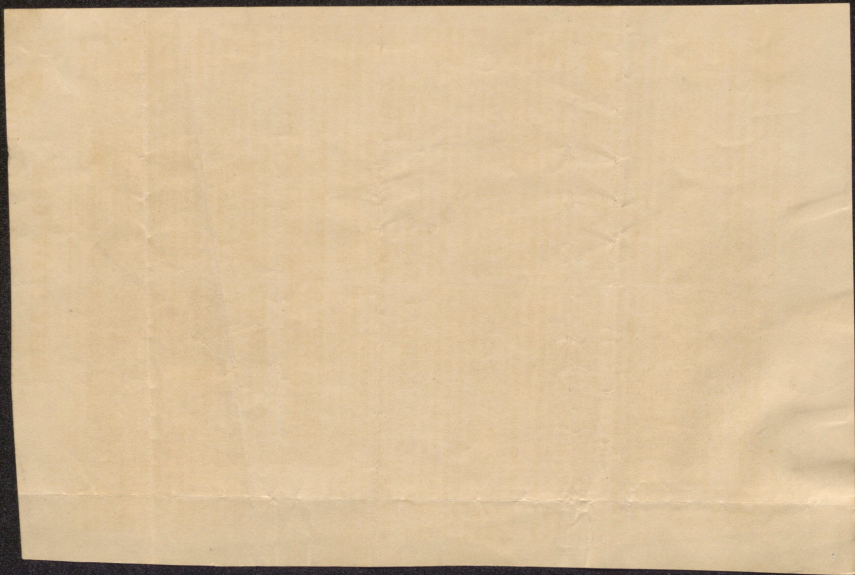
Wm. H. Seward
Washington Feb 21, 1858



Middleton, Wallace & Co. Lith. Cincinnati, O.

WILBERFORCE UNIVERSITY,

(near Xenia, O.)



WILBERFORCE UNIVERSITY, NEAR XENIA, OHIO.

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SCHOOL CIRCULAR.

The Trustees are happy to acknowledge that the Lord has signally blessed their efforts in behalf of the institution from its commencement, which now warrants the expectation of a rich harvest of blessings upon a much-neglected portion of our common humanity.

The School has enrolled eighty-two students the present year, from fourteen different states, many of whom give promise of highly-satisfactory attainments.

PROFESSOR J. K. PARKER, the Principal, is an able and experienced educator of youth, and is assisted by his wife, as Matron, and other competent teachers.

The Course of Study is ample, and every requisite facility will be afforded to the pupils for their social, intellectual, and moral improvement.

The School Year is divided into three sessions, of fourteen weeks each. The present Winter Session commenced December 16th, and will close the 24th of March. The Spring Session will commence on the 25th of March, and close on Wednesday, June 30th, followed by a vacation till the 25th of August, when the next year will commence.

Tuition per session, in the Primary Department, \$4; for higher branches, \$6. Instruction in Music on the

Piano, Melodeon, or Guitar, with use of instrument for practice, \$14 per session.

Board in the School family, including washing to the amount of a half dozen pieces, \$2 per week.

ROOM RENT, with use of bedstead, mattress, pillows, table, chairs, and looking-glass, with fuel and lights in rooms for study, 50 cents per week. Bed-clothing, towels, brushes, combs, etc., to be furnished by the pupil.

All wearing apparel, bed-clothing, and towels should be carefully marked.

Tuition and board bills for each session must be paid in advance. No deduction in tuition will be made for lost time less than a half session, except in cases of protracted sickness.

All students from abroad are required to board in the family of the School, that they may, as far as practicable, be constantly under the care and supervision of the Principal and Matron.

Books and Stationery will be furnished by the Principal at the usual rates.

Application for further information or for admission, with all payments for board and tuition, may be made to JAMES K. PARKER, Principal.

Post-office address—Wilberforce University, Xenia, Ohio.

JANUARY, 1858.

WILBERFORCE UNIVERSITY.

THE Cincinnati conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and other conferences in the west concurring, have devised the noble and charitable work of establishing and endowing a literary institution of a high order, for the better education of the free colored youth of our country; and the General conference of that Church, at its last session, approved and commended this enterprise to the sympathy and liberality of all benevolent persons. This cause has enlisted the hearts, and received the favor of some distinguished statesmen, and many citizens of our common country, and is designed to unite and engage the efforts of all Christians and philanthropists. Many religious denominations are represented in the board of trustees. It is judged very desirable that there be a college of an elevated character in these United States, which the colored people may call their own—and while the one we propose to establish is designed for their special benefit, students are admitted without distinction of color, where they may have free access to the fountains of knowledge, so that as many as are able may receive a complete collegiate course.

This benevolent scheme is based on the supposition that the colored man must, for the most part, be the educator and elevator of his own race, in this and all other lands where they may reside. Hence, a leading object of the college is to educate and thoroughly train many of them for professional teachers, and ministers of religion, if God should call them to that holy vocation, that, as school-teachers and preachers of the Gospel, they may be well qualified to go forth wherever their services are needed, and labor successfully in promoting the cause of education and Christianity.

We have purchased a valuable property, three and a half miles north-east from Xenia, Greene county, Ohio, which was improved at a cost of fifty thousand dollars, for a "watering place." It embraces fifty-two acres of land, with an edifice of capacious rooms, well adapted to, and ample for our college purposes. Nine cottages are also included, some of which will serve as suitable dwellings for the teachers who may be employed in the institution. There are some mineral and other valuable springs on the premises. This property, with the private cottages added, cost us fifteen thousand dollars. In all respects it is considered the most eligible location for the object that could have been found. Being very near a good turnpike road, and about midway between Cincinnati and Columbus, and near the railway between those cities, it is easy of access, and yet retired, in a rural, beautiful, and healthy region, and in nearly as mild a climate as can be obtained north of the Ohio river. The surrounding neighborhood is distinguished for its agricultural products, and for the liberality of its principles.

The second year of our school opens with the prospect of an increased number of students. Both sexes are received, and may pursue either a partial or thorough course of instruction.

A large number of students can be accommodated

with boarding on reasonable terms, at our school, and the price of tuition is put as low as can be afforded. As we have no endowment, we can not now receive any except paying pupils. We, however, suggest to the friends of this movement, that educational societies be formed in the various congregations in the country, for the object of selecting and sustaining promising youths at the school. Liberal individuals might generously do the same.

The colored population in the free states, in 1850, amounted to 196,308, and the number is rapidly increasing. The great question, therefore, is, "What can be done to promote their best interest and make them useful?" The response from all quarters is, "Let them be educated." Education is generally regarded as indispensable to the elevation and usefulness of all classes. Now, this is the important work we propose doing for this long-neglected portion of our population, and we solicit all the friends of our common humanity to aid us in the accomplishment of this desirable object.

We have a large supply of literary institutions in our land for the education of white students, while comparatively little provision has been made in any part of our country, and in some of the free states none at all, for the colored youth. They are far in the rear in this respect, and we hope there will be a simultaneous and liberal effort made to place this institution beyond want, which is designed as one means of elevating the colored race in all lands, and in all their generations, to the end of time.

The agents have a large field from which to gather a rich harvest, and we beg such as may receive this circular, and who have been blest in the providence of God with wealth, to allow the cause for which we plead to share largely in their charitable appropriations. All money for this object, sent to Swormstedt & Poe, or Dr. Geo. L. Weed, Cincinnati; W. M. Doughty, Chicago; Carlton & Porter, 200 Mulberry-street, New York; or James P. Magee, No. 5 Cornhill, Boston, will be thankfully received and faithfully applied.

What more praiseworthy object could be presented to the rich and generous than this? Surely they will honor the draft we present, and thereby honor the Lord with their substance, "laying up in store for themselves a good foundation against the time to come." We contemplate this as one of the purest charities that ever glowed in the bosom of man, and believe the enterprise is destined to be one of the great movements of the age. We can not, therefore, doubt but many of the wealthy in various parts of our country, who sympathize with, and desire the elevation of the entire family of man, will contribute largely, and that those of more limited means will do what they can toward the endowment of the Wilberforce University.

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