

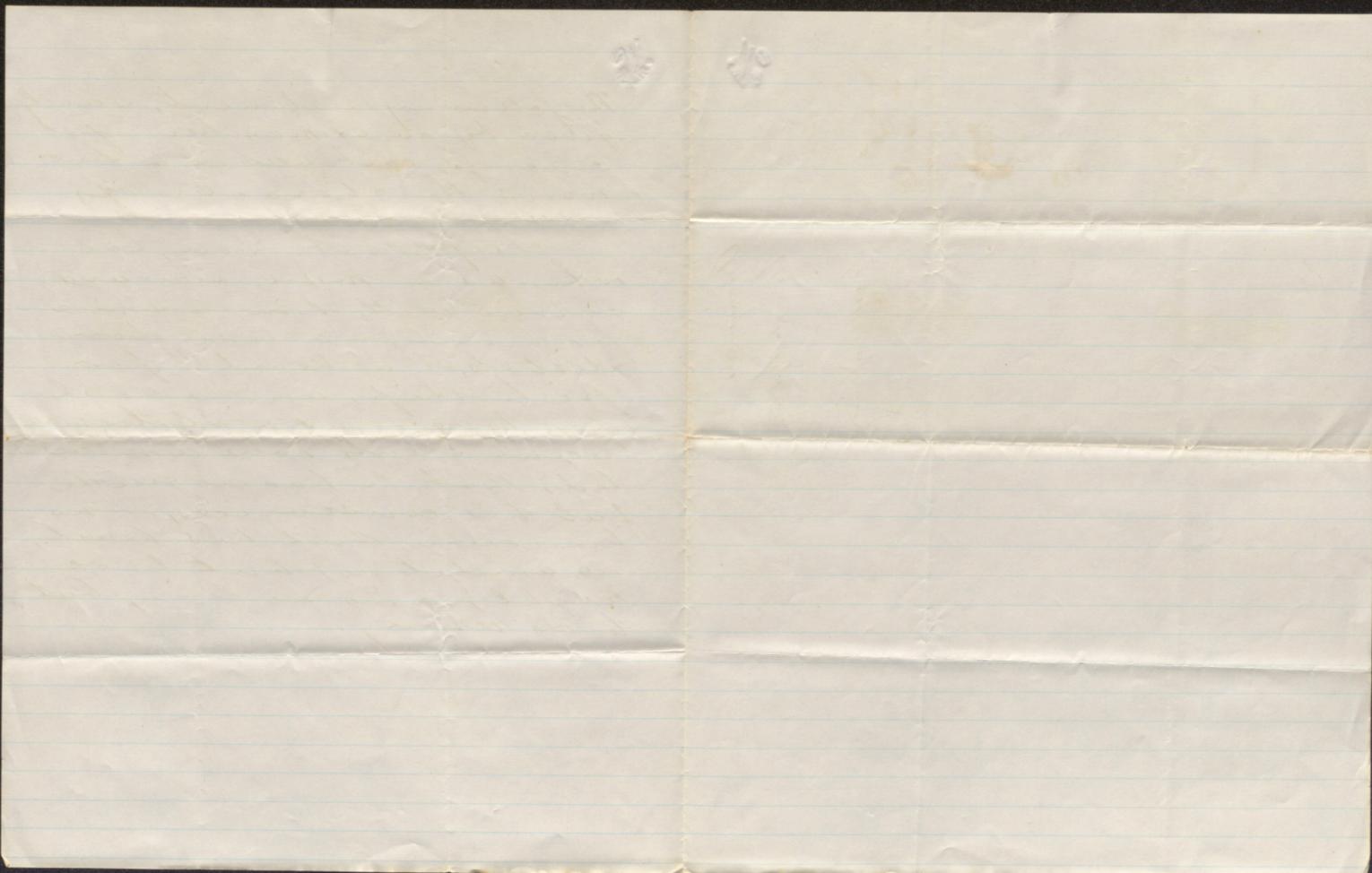
The following sentiment, recently given by an ex-member of Congress, embraces in a few words the character of,

"Stephen A. Douglas, who, as a man, always carries with him, a smile for beauty, — a tear for distress, — a heart, for friendship, and a soul for love: — as a Statesman, recent events have demonstrated, that he has no guile but his conscience, — no treasure but his heart, no ambition but to do right, and no fear, but to do wrong.

Anonymous

March 29, 1858,

Least complimentary



Cairo 19th March 1858

Hon S. A. Douglas

Dear Sir

Having had the honor
of an introduction to you, and being
one of your constituents, I presume
to ask you to favor me by inquiring
if the Russian Ambassador owes
the Morris Knobback, a Professor
of medicine, a sum of some Seven
hundred dollars and oblige me by
an answer

(Yrs respeft^d)

M. A. Stockbridge

Your course on the Kansas Leecompton
Affair is receiving the approbation
of old democrats here

Fwd

Wm. Murdoch
Cairo, Ill.
March 29/58.

I
Want to know
if Ruprian University
comes a professor
of Medicine
Wm. Murdoch
Some \$700.

Chapel Hill N.C
March 2^d 1858

Dear Stephen A. Douglass M.C.

Dear Sir

I would
be under lasting obligations to you,
if you would transmit to me a
copy of your Speech delivered in
Congress on the Kansas question.

Yours very respectfully -

John D. Barry
Chapel Hill
N.C

Geo: H Barry,
Chapel Hill
N.C.
March 29/58,

Want, Speech

Boston, March 29th 1858.

Dear Sir

I am endeavoring to collect a book of autographs. By enclosing mine yours, you will greatly oblige

Thomas J. Bancroft.

Hon Stephen A Douglas.

Thomas J. Bancroft.
24 India St.
Boston.

W^r. J. Bancroft

Boston

March 29th Mass,

autographa

W^r. J. Bancroft



Supt. Court Room,
Columbus O. March
29. 1858.

Hon. Stephen A. Douglas,
My Dear Sir,

I can no longer refrain from dropping you a line for the purpose of indicating to you my hearty sympathy with and approval of your course of action during the present Congress.

The elder Pitt said "confidence is a plant of slow growth in aged bosoms." Now, neither of us is aged; but neither of us is so young as we were "when we were first acquainted" and hence

I have been backward in
saying what I have, for a
good while, been inclining to
say.

I remember, and I know,
that your natural proclivities,
like my own, were towards
freedom, and the free work-
ing men of free states.

Indeed - how could they
be otherwise? For we are
children of the people and
to them our loyalty is nat-
urally attaching. But, although
that, from a ~~mixed~~ organization
of that "infirmity of
noble minds", Ambition, you
were induced to advocate
the ~~abolition~~ of the Missouri restriction
with a view to the extension
of slavery. Looking at matters,
however, in the light of re-

cults already achieved or in-
evitable, and of your present
conduct, charity, and probably
justice induced me to think
that your own superior sagacity
taught you that the Missouri
line was a restriction upon
freedom, and that for her
sake you were willing to
let Southern fanaticism
have its own course in
effecting its own suicide.

Be all this, however,
as it may, you are right
now. Right - so far as regards
the preservation of your own
self-respect; right, in view of
the chances for the gratification
of a laudable ambition; right,
before God, Christianity and
civilization; right absolutely.

Here is my hand upon

it, and God bless you. //
Your friend

Jacob Brinkhoff.

Much obliged
for your
kindness
and good
wishes

Hugh Bradshaw
Boston
March 29/58,
Wants autograph

of noble Sir.

I am very desirous of
obtaining your autograph to augment
my valuable collection and shall be
very obliged if you will do me the favor
to send me a specimen of your
handwriting.

Very respectfully
Yours truly
Hugh Bradshaw

Boston March 29/1858

Ad quatuor et
anno a dicitur anno invenit
et nullum laborum deinde non
potest esse nisi per suorum
cooperantes etiam in locis
quod per se sunt.

Custom House
Boston

March 29th 1838

Hon Stephen A Douglas

Dear Sir.

Will you
have the kindness to
forward me a copy of your
late speech in the Senate
upon the question of the
admission of Kansas as
a state into the Union
upon the Scammon
Constitution

Very Respectfully
and Obediently Yours

A F Brown

A. F. Brown
Boston
Mass.
March 29/58.

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Wants Speech

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Yan. S. A. Douglas,

Sir; Can you
favor me with a set of doc-
ments on the "Decumptor"
question? I desire to "put"
myself in that matter and there-
fore write to you since no
one can understand that
matter better than yourself and,
of course, be better qualified
to select from the mass, the val-
uable materials from which a
true and impartial view
of the matter can be taken.

Very truly

W. B. Brown

East Keeneptor

Mar 29

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Thos B Brown
East Hampton
Conn
March 29/58.

Wants Speeches

Answered your letter to Philip
and I am glad to find you
have written again so
soon. It was not that there
was nothing worth writing about
but I have been so busy lately
with my vacation that I have
not had time. I think it
is best to let
you know what
I have done

To the Honorable
Stephen A Douglas
Dear Sir

after my Regard for your
Self and your Prosperity permit me tho a Stranger
to make one Request of you that is you Send
me all your Speeches on the Kansas Constitution
Your Complying with this Request will confer
A great favor on your most humble and most

Obedient Servt
Cincinnati March 29/58 Edward Campbell

Edward Campbell
Cincinnati, Ohio
March 29/58

Wants all Speeches.

South China Maine March
29th 1858

Hon Stephen A Douglas U.S.S.

Dear Sir

Will you

favor me with a copy of your speech
delivered in the Senate, against the
admission of Kansas under the
Leecompton Constitution and confer
a great favor upon

Yours,

Abt. Root.

J. W. Chadwick

J. W. Chadwick
South China
N.
March 29/58

Wants Speech

and in the land north
of the

and import triangle and
the side and

and the export trade in
the world, and all the world
will want to buy and
expansion of foreign
trade over the world.

Standard oil

Hanover N. H. May. 29. 58

Hon. S. A. Douglass

Dear Sir

Will you favor me with
a copy of your last speech in the
Senate on the Kansas question

Yours with great respect

Geo. E. Chamberlin

G. C. Chamberlain

Hanover.
N.H.

March 29/58.

Wants Speech

O. M. Chase
Lycoming, Pa.
March 29/58.

Want Speech
Political

Lycoming DeKalb & Me
March 29, 1858
Hon. S. A. Douglas
Sir,

If you will
Send me your late speech
on the LeCompton Constitution,
you will confer a favor
upon

Respectfully yours
O. M. Chase.

P.S. Your friends in this
election are increasing.
Many deluded Republicans
have long been praying
for a respectable opportunity
for deserting their hasty assumed
position. The present is just
the one -

O. M. C.



Bowling Green March 29/59.

Dear S A Douglass

Respected Sir I hope you will pardon me for my presumption but relying upon whom I respect I hope sincerely hope you will grant me a small favor — I have been P.M. of this place for some time — I have been dismissed from office by the department and for what cause it is impossible for myself & friends to tell My successor is a man very unacceptable to the public here. I am respected Sir as neither myself or this community have not the most distant idea for what cause I have been removed I ask it as an especial favor for which I will ever be thankful if you take the trouble to ascertain for what cause I have been removed from office & by whom for no one in this community can form even a conjecture as to whom or the cause.

Also respected Sir this a small matter but if you will be so kind as to give me the information desired you will confer a favor on one of your warmest friends and admirers I remain Your Sir
Yours in Respect

Jas St Grafton
Barbry Co.
County Ills

Dear S A Douglass

Washington City
D.C.

Jas. A. Crafton
Bourbon
Coles Co.
Mar. 1. Ill.
asking for the
reason of his
removal from
Office of P. M. of
Bourbon

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Steile Clermont County Ohio March the 29th 1859
Honorable Sir

I hope you will pardon the liberty
I have taken off you for applying for a copy
recopied of your speech upon Capital
affairs delivered in the Senate one some time
ago & the other very recently if you can lend them
they would be thankfully received by one of your most
ardent political admirers very truly Yours

John H. True.

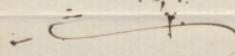
To the Honorable
Stephen A. Douglas.

John & Cruise
neville
Clement
Ohio

Speech
Clermont
Co.

E Farinhame
Box 497 Phila Pa
March 29/58

Autograph.



For S. A. Douglas

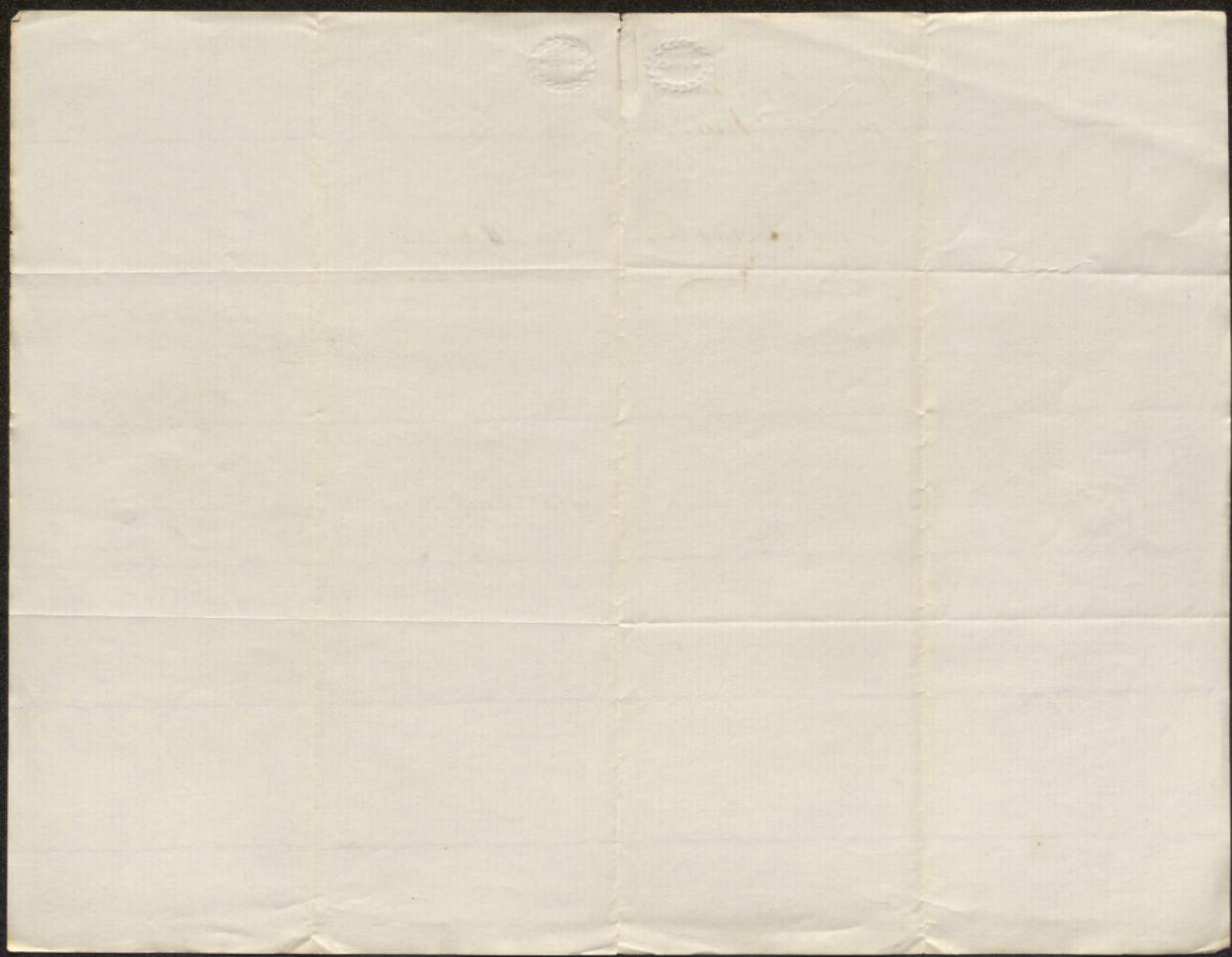
Dear Sir

Will you favor me with
your autograph, and oblige

yours respectfully
E Farinhame

Box 497 Phila P. O.

Philad March 29/58



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BY TELEGRAPH.

Dated Philadelphia 29th March 1858

Rec'd, Washington, 29 1858 9 o'clock A.M. M.

To Hon Sa Douglas

Engaged speak in
Jersey tomorrow having
once failed to do so
and Thursday tenth (10th)
legion, fatal to break
Engagements

Ira W. Farny

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John W Torrey,
Phil.
March 29/58,

Political

V

C L Frothingham
Salem Mass.
March 29/58

Wanted Speech

Will You Stephen A. Douglas be so kind as to send me a copy of his speech on the Compromised bill.

I have been desirous of reading it & have not as yet been able to see a free copy. Very Respectfully

C L Frothingham

Salem
Mass.

