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Killingly Windham Co Ct.
April 2nd 1858.

Hon S. A. Douglas.

My Dear Sir:—

You would confer a great obligation by forwarding some a copy of your last speech in the Senate on the Kansas question.

I desire very much to obtain it and shall remember your kindness.

I am Sir
Yours very truly

N. S. Alexander

W. S. Alexander
Killingly
Windham Co
April 2d Ct.

Want Speech

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H H Arthur
Phil.a
April 2d 1858.

Autograph.

Phila April 2nd /58

Hon. Stephen A. Douglas.

Dear Sir

Will you favor me with your autograph and oblige

Yours Respect.
H. H. Arthur.

Box 352 Phila P.O.

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Albion R.I. Apr 2 1858

Honored Sir,—

Will oblige an ardent admirer, a warm friend, an Anti-Lecompton Democrat of 20 years standing, a life long opponent of old Federalism, or the doctrine that the people are not capable of self government—morally, by sending me your last speech on Lecompton Swindle. Or if you could send me several for distribution, I should like it much. It is rather hard for Douglas men to get any favors of in the way of public documents or speeches. Such speeches as Hawkins & many others would be very serviceable, perhaps, for distribution. At any rate, if I should receive any such favors, they certainly shall be distributed to the best of my abilities. I should like to be remembered.

Most Respectfully
Your Obt & Humble Servant
W. I. Butler

Hon Stephen A Douglas

H. S. Bartlett
Albion
April 2/58 R. I.

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Hollowayville April 2d 58

Sir

The Patent office report, also your minority report, in due time was received by me, for which please acc^t my thanks, I am aware your time has been greatly taxed previous the passage of the Leecompton bill, your effort has given great satisfaction within the circle of my acquaintance, extensively to the democratic, and highly gratifying to the other party, (and more especially) considering the state of your health

Mr Crittenden I see by the Tribune has made a great effort although I have not had the pleasure of seeing it

Respectfully Your
Alex Boyd P M
Hollowayville
Bureau Co
Ills

Alex Boyd
Delavayville
Bureau Co
Ills.

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acknowledges
receipt of Pat
office Rept.
& Rept.

Chicago April 2d 1858

Hon S. A. Douglas
U. S. Senate
Dear Sir

As one of your approving constituents, I respectfully beg leave to express my most cordial congratulations upon the defeat of the Lecompton fraud in the house of Representatives. This repudiation and rebuke of that most brazen faced and daring — insolent and abominable fraud, is most cheering and gratifying to the heart of every honest democrat.

And allow me to say that that noble champion of integrity who in this unparalled struggle against iniquity, in high places, have planted themselves upon the Rock of Truth honesty and fair dealing, and so boldly — sturdy and indignantly exposed, rebuked and repelled this most atrocious attempt at fraud and domination, will be gratefully remembered by every honest and genuine lover of his country and his country's honor. — Respectfully your humble constituent, E. Burnham

The inclosed slip with my initials was in the daily Times of the 7th March and in the weekly of March 11th E.B.

E. Burnham
Chicago
April 2d 1863
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The Lecompton Constitution.

Editors Chicago Daily Times:

Gents—I have been a voter thirty-six years and a Democrat always. Prior to the year 1853 I resided in the State of New York; where I was not a "Free-soiler," but an "Adamantine," or "Hard-shell" Democrat. I was never tinctured in the slightest degree, with Abolitionism, but always opposed it with all my energy and humble influence, and have always defended the South to the extent of my capacity, against the mischievous, impertinent and injurious efforts of that blind, zealous and perverse faction; and have admonished them a hundred times to "weed their own garden," and to respect the political rights of the Southern States.

I voted for James Buchanan, and hailed his election to the Presidency with inexpressible satisfaction, and good hopes for the country; but I do not concur in his present course in regard to the Lecompton Convention and Constitution—I *cannot*, because it appears to me to involve a sacrifice of integrity, and an endorsement of fraud, disengeniousness, duplicity, unfairness and dishones'y.—Allow all that the President has said in his messages, about the unwise, the perverse, the pernicious and rebellious conduct of the "Free State" men in Kansas to be truly and justly said, it does not therefore become necessary or justifiable to resort to, or endorse and approve of fraud, duplicity and dishonesty on the other side.

That the Lecompton Convention, in its election and its action—in forming and sham-submitting its Constitution—practiced the most rank, gross, glaring, unblushing dishonesty and fraud, no sane or honest man can deny or gainsay. The proof is overwhelming and on its face; and I repeat that the reprehensible and rebellious conduct of the opposite party affords no excuse or justification. And the resort to fraud and falsehood is as impolitic as it is unjustifiable and deeply disgraceful. The man, or the party, or the Administration who descends to these disgraceful means to carry a point or defeat an opponent, degrades himself or itself below the respect and confidence of all honest men, weakens his own power and brings suspicion and distrust on his cause. Tricks, falsehood and fraud are *not* the means of success in a *good cause;* they are not the legitimate or effectual means or weapons with which to meet and remedy the *evil of wrong doing* of other men; no never. But the man or the party who stoops to such means not only stoops to disgrace and infamy, but also stoops to ultimate defeat. Heaven does not smile on fraud and dishonesty; and the truly honest man, either in private life, or in high official station, will rebuke fraud and dishonesty in his *friends* as well as in his opponents.

Very respectfully, E. B.

Mr. Marsh determined to show his card, he dered his bills to be immediately posted, wh Quiz himself stepped on to the cars in pursui business and—further adventure. We hope found both.

The Royal Arrival at Berlin.

The Prince and Princess of Prussia started fr Cologne on the 5th of February, and proceeded due course to Berlin, the state entry into wh took place on the morning of the 8th. The peo gave their royal highnesses a most enthusiastic ception, and the procession was large beyond p cedent, numbering fully 20,000 persons.

The German papers narrate numerous instan which distinguished their royal highnesses' jo ney. An ingenious compliment was paid at He Bochum, where four large bells of cast st brought from a distance of four miles, were h around the triumphal arch, and rang a joyful p while the royal train was slowly passing. Be the arch was an inscription, in which allusion made to the fact that bells of *cast steel* were known in England, and that therefrom the Eng Princess was on this occasion welcomed by sou quite novel to her ear. At Minden the royal found, besides the civil and military authori various deputations from Minden, Lubeck and H ford, who presented them with a poem writte the dialect of the peasants of those parts, and several presents, including a large national cak Westphalian ham of extraordinary size, a piec fine Westphalian linen, and the saddle and br of a beautiful white horse named Senner, which in a few days to be sent to Berlin as a part of gifts.

Amongst the numerous presents is a large dlestick in silver offered by the 1st Regiment of Guards; the trunk of a tree receives the light, t muskets lean against it, and the bottom is for of soldiers lying in bivouac; whilst an extingui is attached to it, consisting of a Prussian helme

The grand festival performance, originally t to take place at the Potsdam theatre in presen the entire court on Sunday last, was, it appea be given on Saturday instead, out of regard to sentiment of the British nation respecting th servance of the Sabbath. Prince Frederick Wil himself selected the piece, namely: *Vor Hun Jahren* (a Hundred Years Ago,) which is ric Prussian military reminiscences, and brought heroes of Frederick the Great's time, "in habits as they lived," before the eyes of the yo ful bride. All sorts of splendid *fetes* are to suc each other rapidly at Potsdam, up to the 19t this month. The grandest of all will be the ception *fetes*," the day for which is not yet defi ly fixed, but which will immediately preced departure of the newly-married pair for Wei whither they have decided to go in the cour the present month, to pay a two-days' visit to court, and before all, to his Royal Highness' gr mother, the dowager-princess.

☞ Mr. David B. Meech, of Brutus, Ca county, Ohio, has a two-year old heifer whic lately found alive in his straw stack, where sh been buried for *two months and fourteen days* the time of threshing his grain last fall, he m new stack along side of an old one, and soon m one of his young cattle. Search was made directions, but no trace of her could be found Mr. M. had given her up as lost, and had a forgotten the circumstance, when a few days his son, in getting straw from the stack, disco

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Washington Michigan
April 2d 1858

Hon. S. A. Douglas

My dear Sir you will oblige me greatly could you send a few copies of your speech delivered in the U.S. Senate just before that bundle of iniquity passed that body, viz Lecompton Constitution. And would also be much obliged for a few copies of that noble Kentuckians speech, Crittenden —

Allow me to say that the whole mass of the North are with you, and the true men of the South. We can only earnestly wish that you may be long spared to adorn the counsels of our Country

Very Respectfully
your Obt. Servt

Geo. H. Cannon
U.S. Dept. Surveyor

Geo. H. Cannon
Washington
City

Wants Speeches

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New York April 2nd 1857

Hon. Senator Douglas.
Dear Sir.

Please send a printed copy of your late address to the following address & you will greatly oblige the undersigned.

L. D. Chadwick
Newark
N.J.

S L Chadwick
New York
April 2/58

Wants Speech

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Aaronsburg April 2, 1858

Hon S. A. Douglas

Dear Sir

Please send me a copy of your late speech on the Kansas question and oblige yours

Chas Coburn

P. S. Direct to Dr Chas Coburn
Aaronsburg Centre County
Pa

Dr Chas. Coburn
Aaronsburg
Centre Co
April 2/58. Pa,

Speech

Philip Dorsheimer
Buffalo. N.Y.
April 2/58.

Political —
Eulogistic —

Buffalo April 2 1858

My Dear Sir // Will you permit
me to congratulate you upon your
glorious and important victory
in Congress. The news of the
defeat of Lecompton has been received
here with the greatest enthusiasm,
and may one who speaks of the
subject expresses a sense of gratitude
to you. // to whose services this
victory must in large part be

attributed.

Important as I feel of satisfying you this result must be superseded. I am sure that I do not misjudge you in saying that the pleasure which it gives you, proceeding out of the fact that the country has been saved from disgrace and from most serious disturbances.

I beg Sir, that you will always regard me as

your faithful Servant

Philip Dashiell

Hon S. A. Douglas

Geneva Switz. Apl. 2.
1858

Hon. S. A. Douglass
Dear Sir

I have the honor to address you at this time concerning a matter of no little importance, to us Americans who happen to be in Geneva without a visa from some American Consul. Two days since, Mr Bolton who has during one term entire, and one year of another acted as Am. Consul here, left on account of extreme ill health, for home, leaving no one to act in his place, which he, undoubtedly, had power to do.

Should it be necessary for any one of us to go over into France, we cannot so do under three days time, and not little expense. We would be obliged to first go with or send our Passports

to Bern for our visas, and there for that of the French Consul. You see at a glance such a position is unavoidable, and thus I have applyed to you, knowing your position, politics, etc. and also of your being well acquainted with my Father N. D. Elwood, Esq. of Joliet, Ill, and I hope you will not pass this over in silence.

The Consul left his books, papers, stamps, and in fact everything pertaining to the Consulship in care of and Enghishman, by name of J. Monroe, who is proprietor of a fine library and English reading room, and until otherwise ordered, I can assure you they will be in safe hands.

Pardon my having taken up so much of your important time; and should you wish any questions answered, I will endeavor to reply. Address, if you please,

yours very truly

James G. Elwood,

E. 7. Montbrillant

Geneva

Switz.

P.S. Since I wrote the above I learn that Mr Monroe of this city has applied for the Consulship, either as a permanent or temporary official, and I would with all my heart second his proposals. He is a gentleman who has for twelve years carried on in the very heart of this city, a most extensive business as librarian and has thus been thrown

the midst of all Americans who come here, and I dare say all would gladly aid in promoting him to this office.

Any aid you will give will be very thankfully received; he has already written to General Cass, and so has Mr. Gurnée (of Chicago) aiding to the promotion. The gentleman can give all necessary securities. I would take at least five months to establish another gentleman from America here you know, and to have one who may act is heartily wished by all, but none more than your

obt. servant.

J. S. Elwood,
(Joliet, Ill.)

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W. G. Elwood
(Son of
Mr Elwood of
Joliet. Ill.)

Geneva.
Switzerland
April 2. 1858

Mr Bolton – Am:
Consul has left
Lecce.

Henry Hibbard
Detroit
Mich.
April 2nd 58.
Speech

Detroit (Mich) April 2d 1858

Hon S A Douglas

Dr Sir Not having seen a copy of your late speech you will oblige by forwarding a copy

I have ever been one of your staunchest friends and hope the day may come when I can prove it by my suffrage

Yours Respectfully

Henry Hibbard
Detroit
Mich

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Charlestown Apr 2/58

Hon S. A. Douglas

Dear Sir

I have taken the liberty to address to you for the purpose obtaining your autograph to place among a collection I am now making. Hoping you will grant my request I remain

Truly Yours Gardner R Johnson

address Gardner R Johnson
Charlestown
Mass

Gardner K Johnson
Charlestown
Mass.
April 2/58

Autograph
wants Speech

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J. W. Metcalf
Brunswick
April 2/58. Me.
Wants Speech

Bowd. Coll Apr. 2nd/58

Hon. Stephen A. Douglas

Sir

Please send me your late speech upon the admission of Kansas under the Lecompton Constitution

Yrs respectfully
J. N. Metcalf
Brunswick, Me.

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Lancaster Pa.
April 2, 1858.

Hon. Stephen A. Douglas
United States Senator
Washington D.C.

Dear Sir; I feel a great interest in the Congressional Debates and more especially in the discussion of the Lecompton Constitution hence I take the liberty of soliciting copies of your speeches delivered in Dec. 7, 57 & February 57 hoping that you may be able to send & oblige you

Truly Yours

Amos Herr Muslin

Amos Herr Mylin
Lancaster
Pa
April 2/58.

Wants Speeches

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J. A. Patterson
Hanover
April 2nd/58. N. H.,
Wants Speech

Hanover N. H. 2nd April 1858

Hon S. A. Douglas
Dr Sir
I respectfully
solicit a copy of your speech
on the Kansas question
Very truly yours
J. N. Patterson

Office "Daily Telegraph"
Harrisburg April 2/58

Hon S. A. Douglas

Dear Sir

Please send a copy of your late speech on the Lecompton Constitution when published to me at my country place Academia Dauphin Co Pa. The document we get in the office we always file & write to keep a file at home. Permit me to congratulate you on the triumph of the great principle you are so nobly rally battling for. I trust your Companions in arms will not be neither in the final struggle. Pardon the liberty of so great a stranger to you & permit me to subscribe myself with my great respect

Yr h & Ob Svt
Jno I. Patterson
Editor of Telegraph

Hon. Stephen A. Douglas
Chicago Illinois
Care of Chicago Post Office
Lincoln Street

B. A Sawyer
Haverhill Mass
April 2/58.
Speech

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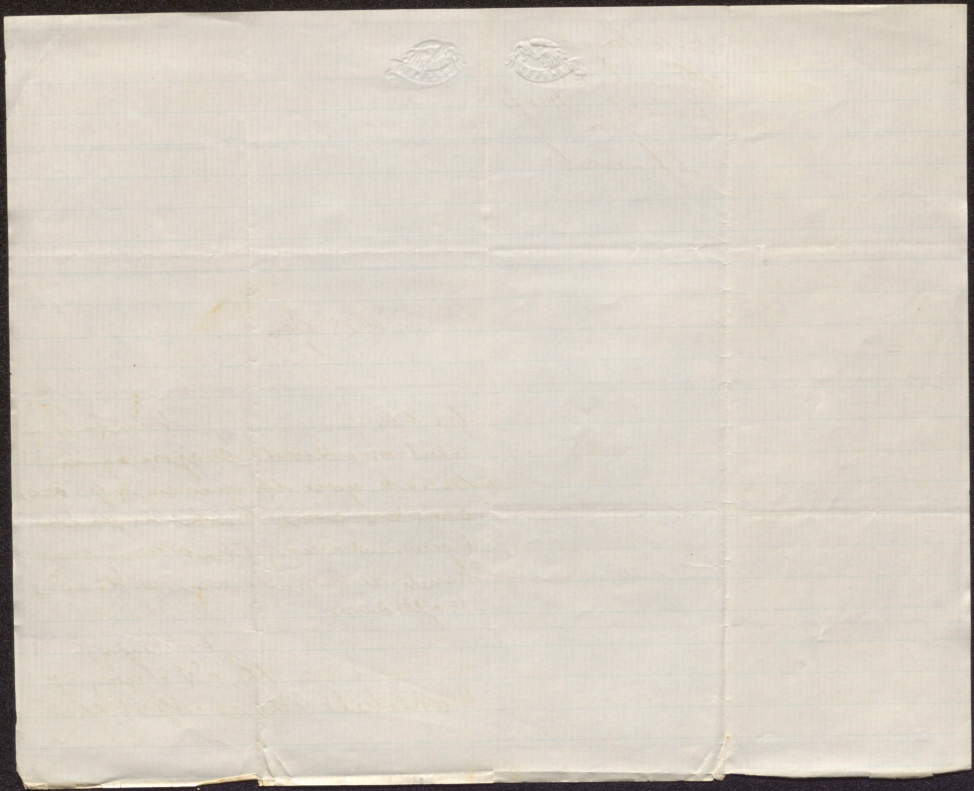
Hon. S. A Douglas
Sir

Thanking you for the your autograph that you sent me I write to you again to ask you if you will please send me some Books or Public Documents any that may come handy as I have a great desire to get some.

I obligd
B. A Sawyer
Haverhill Mass April 2/58



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So Deerfield Apl 2/58

Hon S. A Douglas

Dr Sir Below I send you a small list of names to which I would like to have you send copies of your last speech on the Lecompton Const=itution we are all anxious to read it & can only get shorts from it in our papers. I would also like to have one for my own perusal. Very Truly Yours

David S. Smith

South Deerfield Mass

David B Arms O. S. Arms
A. M. Kingman R. M. Pease
Wm Anderson A. W. Bates
Squire Palmer H. Bartlett
Russell Smith Chas. A Pierce

South Deerfield Mass

Mrs. S. Smith
Sheet Music
Mass:
Apr. 7, 1858.

Search Blood
for
Given names
of sitters.

List of Names
for Search
from Northfield
Mass

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Buffalo Apl. 2. 1858

Hon S. A. Douglas

There being a lull in Israel about these days. I desire to congratulate you on the result so far, & at the same time request you to send me a Pamphlet Copy of your last Speech & that of Mr Crittenden

With my best wishes for your perfect & happiness I am

Truly R. H. Stevens

If you desire to have any of your Speeches circulated among some who have not already received them I will distribute a few if you be pleased to send them to me.

R. H. S.

R H Stevens
Buffalo NY
April 2d 1858.

Wants Speeches
to circulate

Napa City April 2nd 1858.

Hon Stephen A Douglas

Dear Sir

We the undersigned having known you as a just Representative of this Nation for many years, have thought proper to inform you of a Matter which is on foot and will present itself either in the Senate or House. Men by the name of Grigsbys have sent to Washington City to have a special act of Congress passed granting said Grigsbys a right to about Eight Hundred acres of Land which is now Congress Land the act of Congress establishing the Board of Land Commissioners in this State made it the duty of all persons claiming Land by or through a Grant should present the same to the said Land Commissioners within a certain time for investigation, or the same should be government Land said Land has never been confirmed nor presented as required by Law for Confirmation the land now being government land we claim each a hundred and Sixty acres on which we reside by Preemption right and we do hope we who are living on the same may not be deprived of holding a preemption right which we are entitled to by the preemption act extended to this State

We hope you will use your influence in our behalf and prevent the most thieving swindle from being reopened that has ever existed in America and which has robed the Government and Citizens of this State of thousands. The Grant under which Grigsby's claim was said to to have been granted to Salvador Vallejo which no doubt was a forgery – In watching this Matter we will ever feel grateful to you

Yours M. Whitton
" P. T. Harris
" R. D. Upchurch
" A. Lice
" A. March

J. W. Whitton
& L. Harris
Lotter,
Napa City,
Califa
April 2. 1858.

Caveat
against a
confirmation by
Congress of a
Grant of Some
300 acres to
Grigsby

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West Fremont, Mono Co
N. York April 2/58

Dear Sir

Will you please forward me a copy of your speech deliv. on the 22d of last month. Lecompton Constitution as you are probably aware is generally advocated by the Democratic Pres of this State. This I assure you is no indication of the sentiment of the Party. I know in this immediate vicinity that the Democrats are almost to a man with you on this question. If at any time you should want a list of names in this vicinity I will cheerfully send them to you. Or will distribute speeches at any time

Hon S. A. Douglas
Washington
D.C.

Respectfully Yours
Francis E Winslow

Frank E. Winslow
West Henrietta
Monroe Co
April 20/88 N. Y.

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to distribute

Political