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Carlisle Mass.
Apr 5th 1858

To
Hon. S. A. Douglas
Sir
Will you please to remit to me a copy of your late speech before the Senate and by so doing oblige

Your obt Servt

B. S. Adams

B. L. Adams
Carlisle
Pa
april 5/58.

Wants Speech

L. V. Bierce
Akron
April 5/58. Ohio
Political

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Akron, O. April 5. '58

Hon. S. A. Douglas -
Sir -

I voted for Andrew Jackson, Martin Van Buren, Lewis Cass - James K. Polk, and Franklin Pierce - When the proclamatory measures, and the insolent demands of the South, exhibited themselves under Mr Pierces Administration, I could not sustain them - and for opposing the extension of Slavery I was, unceremoniously, read out of the democratic party -

I thought I said then, I think I see now, more clearly, that the South demand, and will accept of nothing short of an

unconditional surrender on the part of the South — While I will never be ready to accord to them all their constitutional rights, I will not surrender mine —

That I may not be misunderstood, I must frankly say that I was, and am, decidedly opposed to the repeal of the Missouri compromise — to the fugitive Slave bill — to any further extension of Slavery — While I would not encroach on Slave territory, I would not allow them to encroach on Free territory — In this, I will frankly say, we differ — but Sir, the middle stand you have taken on the question of admitting Kansas, with an organic law that was forced on them by fraud, and United States troops, demands my warmest approval — In this day of time serving policy, you have shown a nerve, and a backbone, worthy of your native State — of our New England —

I hope this measure may again unite the true democracy, and separate them from those democracy, consists, solely, in extending Slavery, whether with, or without the desire of the people —

I wish you to Senator Wade, for my standing —

Respectfully,

C. B. Sumner

4796

Whiteville Tenn
April 8th 1858

Hon Stephen A Douglas
Dear Sir.

You will confer a favor on the undersigned by sending him a copy of your Speech on the ~~admission~~ resolution to admit Kansas under the Lecompton constitution

Although I am not one of your immediate constituents I hope you will not consider it an intrusion to ask this favor of you

At this time the great majority of the Southern delegation in Congress favor the views of the President but we believe the time is not far distant when there will be a complete revolution in their sentiments on this great question of Kansas

Resp. yr Obt Servt
J. G. Burford

G S Durford
Whiteville
Lee
April 7. 1858.

Wants Speech

Political

Stephen A Douglas M C
Washington City
D C

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April 5th 1858

Pleasant Plain
Warren Co. O.

Dear Sir

I never can manage to get hold of any of your Speeches in full. Please send me one or two and you will much oblige me. Go on your course is right & fear nothing and you will be rewarded by the party of which you are a member.

Yours truly
M. W. Cordell

Hon. S. A. Douglass

A. M Cordell
Pleasant Plain
Warren Co
Ohio

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John H. Crapsey
Dixon
April 5/58, Ills

Wants Pacific
R R Survey

Sent — Cuttenden,
Speech. —

Dixon Ills April 5th 1858

S A Douglas Esq

Sir please
to send me a copy of Pacific
Rail Road Surveys

Yours
John H Crapsey

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D. H. Farlin,
Geo. T. Moseley.

Metropolitan Bank.

D. H. FARLIN & Co.

Chicago, Apl 5 1858.

Hon Stephen A. Douglass Cashier:

Dear Sir

Your favor of the _____

is received, with enclosure as stated. We enclose for Collection,

Here Don's forget the "General Bankrupt Law" for Merchants Bank. Brokes — We need it out this way — It will do as all good & give a chance to many now Embarrassed to clear themselves & start new again

Yours Respectfully, D. H. Farlin & Co

D. H. Harlin
Chicago
April 5/58, Ills

Wants the
Bankrupt
law fixed.

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Easton Pa Ap 5/58

Hon S A Douglas

Resp Sir — Will you be so kind as to give me the Names of the Parties who in it is likely will get the Contract for Laying the Telegraph to Utah inclosed is a slip I cut from the Times which will put you upon the track the Bill has not pass'd yet But will in all probability. I wish to secure something to do this Summer as I have a family depending upon me for support, I can give testimonials for Energy & all the requisites for such an undertaking from Gov Reader, & such Spirits Answer & Oblige Your Humble Serv

Henry Langlois

The Military Committee of the Senate have reported a bill authorizing the Secretary of War to contract for the immediate erection and operation of a line of Magnetic Telegraph to Salt Lake, in order that the Government may have at its command ready means of prompt communication with the Army of Utah. That this is eminently necessary as a war measure, no one can doubt.—and it is to be hoped that Congress will take prompt and favorable action upon the subject. The bill provides no monopoly, but leaves the Executive to make the best contract he can with any parties who are competent to do the desired work. I understand, however, that there are parties ready to have the line in active operation in less than five months from the day that the contract is made.

Henry Gaugher
Easton
April 5/88, Pa

Wants information relative to Pel. Co. to Utah

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Clinton DeWitt County Illinois April the 5th 1858

Hon Stephen A Douglas

Dear Sir

Please send me a Book concerning the Explorations of the Atlantic Coast and oblige

Yours Truly

M. Giddings

Clinton Ills

Hon Stephen A Douglas
Washington City
D. C.

M. Giddings
Clinton
April 5th 58
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Chas. F. Grace
Boston
April 5/58. Mass.
Speech

10 Marshall St
Boston April 5/58

Hon Stephen A Douglas
Dear Sir

Will you have the goodness to send me a copy of your speech on Kansas delivered in the Senate on Monday March 22. By so doing you will confer a favor on

Your humble servant
Chas F Grace

Please direct to
10 Marshall St

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Jas. M. Hook
Baltimore
Apl 5/58. Md.
Wants Lecompt
Constitution &
Speeches.

P. Office Balto. Md
April 5/58

Hon S. A. Douglas

Dr Sir

I would be much obliged, if you would send me a copy of the Lecompton Constitution, and your remarks on that instrument being the only Douglas man in this establishment, it is necessary to be posted. I would have you always right. I requested my uncle who is a very warm friend of yours to call on you and get the denied documents) J. Washington Hook, of Jacksonville Ills (but he forgot it. in conclusion allow me to congratulate you on your noble stand in defence of truth & Justice all will be well yet.

Respectfully Yours &c
James M. Hook

Hon S. A. Douglas
Washington

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Iowa City, Iowa, April 5, 1858.

Hon. S. A. Douglass,
Senator of the United States:

Honored Sir — When in Chicago, last June, & again last October, I found you out of the city, when I called wishing to revive the acquaintance I had with you at Canandaigua Academy, when, during the sickness of my elder brother, Henry Howe, I taught you, & heard your recitations in rhetoric. I have met you once since, at Burlington, Iowa, after your Pierce Campaign Speech there.

My brother & I have often spoken of you, among his many pupils, for he taught over thirty years, till his head th failed & he went upon his farm. He spoke, last Autumn, when we had a family visit of all the survivers of our circle at his house, of writing you, saying that Providence had put it in your power to be very useful to our country, & he meant to write to you.

Belonging as I do to the clerical profession (of the Presbyterian N. School order), I thought you mistook the wisest policy of a statesman, when you got into conflict with the three thousand Abolitionist clergymen. I admit many of them were Universalists, Unitarians & what not, & that the most solid ministers there had nothing to do with the memorial. Yet, like other professions, the clergy are a little clannish & fight for their privileged order; & expect courtesy, & attention, for their office's sake, like other men, — perhaps a little more than other men. This is true of even the Protestant clergy, though they claim no divine sanctity in the approach of their fellow men. And I have lived long enough to see how any slight of the clergy, is, soon or later, visited on politicians. William H. Seward would never have been Governor of the State of New York nor Senator of the U. States, in my opinion, (for I lived in New York at the time), but for the influence of Tammany Hall & Harvey Wright political crusaders against the Christian ministry, voting out chaplains from the Legislature at Albany & so on. And so of General Harrison's election to the Presidency in 1840. It was the Protestant clergy of the United States, conciliated by him & his friends, that carried him so triumphantly to the White House of the nation. Thirty thousand ministers, with hundreds of thousands of members of Protestant Churches went almost to a man for Harrison.

But I have dwelt perhaps too much on the reflection on the past. The present crisis, I am pleased to see you meet so manfully in Congress. You have evidently evinced to the nation that you will stand up for popular rights, come what will. You doubtless have the satisfaction of having discharged a high duty to the nation, on the Kansas question of Constitutional liberty, & popular rights, on which our general government was originally founded. And allow me to congratulate you on turning your native & acquired ability to so good account in the late struggle.

It is a great thing to be a statesman equal to great occasions, such as was Silas Wright,

or Daniel Webster, or Henry Clay, in the past exigencies of our Republic. Although but a few years (two or three) older than you, & so providentially our tutor, I may be allowed to entreat you to follow the right, regardless of consequences to yourself, as the best means of promotion in the world, if your court honor, lasting & true, among men. For then you may have conscience, & even God himself, on your side.

You may, respected Sir, regard this as a homily of a parson, perchance, but it contains my views of men & things, observed from over twenty-five years of adult life, during which events have come & gone, weaving the web of American History in one of its most important epochs — the period of the passing away of the fathers of our Republican institutions.

With sentiments of high consideration & respect, I am most sincerely yours,

Sam.l Storrs Howe.

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Saml S. Howe
Iowa City
Iowa

Editorial

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Oneida N.Y. April 5. 1858

Hon S. A. Douglas

Dear Sir

I feel as though all that emanates from you on the Kansas question should be spread before the People - Therefore I would like to have you send me a few Copies of your Speech delivered in the Senate, just before the passage of the Lecompton Swindle, by that body. You receive the credit for killing the thing.

Yours Always

C. A. Walrath

P. S. Very much obliged for the Kansas report of yours

C.A.W

C. A. Wilbraham
Oneida
April 5/58. N. Y.

Wants a few
copys of last
speech.

San Francisco April 5th 1858

To Hon S. A. Douglas U.S.S.

Sr

I take the liberty of writing to you asking a favour of you which I hope you will grant I would be thankfull to you for you Speech made in U.S.S. on the Presidents message and if I would not be a Taxing you to much I would be Thankfull for any other Documents that you can Spare you have my very Best wishes for your health & Happiness and may you Ever have the Strenth and Wisdom to Sustane the Rights & freedom of the American people – I am with Great Respect your obedt Ser

James G. Marshall
No 96 Jackson St

Jas G Marshall
San Francisco
Califa
April 5. 1858.

Wants Speeches

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Apr 5th 1858

Mr. S. A. Douglas.

Dear Sir—

Being for the development of the cause you are now promulgating, and the continued watchfulness I keep-looking to your ultimate success, and triumph, in representing our Prairie State in the halls of Congress. I feel it a priveledge to ask of you to send me the last Report of the Commissioner of Patents in full and Oblige Yours &c

L. L. P. Moore

(Address) Marseilles

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Illinois

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L. S. P. Moore
Marseilles
La. Salle Co
April 5/58. Ills

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(3 Vols. Mechanical)
April 16. 1858.

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Balto. April 5th 1858

Hon
S A Douglass
Respected Sir

Will you confer the favor by sending me one ~~to~~ or two copies of your Remarks on the Kansas Lecompton Constitution, or any other Documents you may be in possession of touching the Kansas Question. I am endeavoring to procure all the Speeches &c on the Kansas Question with a view of having them bound. By conferring the above favor you will greatly oblige Yours Very Respectfully

L Thomas Prince
114 Balto St
Baltimore
Md

L. Thomas, Prince

Baltimore
April 5/58, Md.
Wants Speech

J. P. Robinson
Plymouth.
Ind.a
April 5. 1858.

Question of
location of
Pittsburg Fort
Wayne & Chicago
Rail Road.

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Plymouth Indiana
April 5th 1858

Hon S. A. Douglas
Dear Sir.

I take the present opportunity of informing you that the location of the Pittsburgh Ft Wayne & Chicago R R into Chicago has become a mooted question. There is considerable talk of changing it to a Lake Shore route from the mouth of the Calumet and I think if the subject were laid before our Resident Engineer Mr J. E. Young in the succinct manner you laid it before me during last summer it would produce a favorable impression. I merely suggest this as it appeared to be a matter of interest to you

and whilst talking it over with him last night he regretted not having an opportunity last fall of seeing you & obtaining your views personally. His address is J. E. Young Resident Engineer Plymouth Ind. We are all Douglas Democrats out here

Yrs Respy
A. J. Robinson
Pon Asst Engr

4810

Galena Ills 5th April 1858

Dr Sir:

I have to ask pardon for calling your attention to my interest so often being comparatively but a stranger to you. I had the pleasure of an introduction to you at Alton Ills, in 1847 by my late & Esteemed friend Dr Joseph B. Wells a short time before my leaving for Mexico

You may ask why I do not enclose in my letters to you, some good political Autographic Signatures — Suffice to say, I can obtain the names of all good Citizens of Galena if desired, but I would rather keep my own wishes to myself — except from those I hope to receive the favor asked for.

I have had to do my own business since I was ten years of age. I was left without a father at two "2" years — My Mother married again &c, I left home at ten years of age for Galena to battle for myself —, which is now twenty-five "25" years.

What little Education I have received since I obtained here and at Galesburgh Ills, At Galesburgh I lived with one Col Chambers.

paid for my board by chopping fire wood.
I mentioned the above facts that you may
judge of my qualifications to fill whatever
I may ask for — I have always been a Democrat
As stated in my letter prior to this, I made an
application to the War Dept for an appointment
in the regular Army through Hon James Shields
I learn the present form of the Army bill
as per Hon Pugh's Amendment to the House
bill requiring a Company from each State
passed your Honorable body, which I expect
will be the law — I pray to be accepted with
a full Company — Ninety four 94 Men
rank & file If not
I would really like an appointment to
go to Arizonia — And I would go there
if I had the available means at hand.
I believe I could make money fast
in that part having a knowledge of
Mining being raised here in the Mines.
Any small favors will be thankfully received.
Although the President & you differ in some
matters of opinion — And I am sorry to say.
that the President has turned out of office
some of your particular friends yet he may not
be so, about an "old Soldier" who might be
headless without his aid &c,

Your Humble Servant

W. D. Simpson

Hon S. A. Douglas.
U.S.A.
Washington D.C.

James H Sampson
Galena
April 5th/58 ALS

~~D. Citrcole~~
Wants Appointment

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O. F. Smith
Falmouth
Mass:
April 5/58

Wants Speech

Falmouth April 5th/58

Hon S. A. Douglas.
Dear Sir.

Seeing a portion of your late speech in a Boston paper, & being unable to procure the entire speech, I ask from you the favor of sending me your last speech, on "the Kansas question" - In doing so, you will greatly oblige

Yours Truly
O. F. Smith

Please address -
O. F. Smith
Falmouth Mass.

Fred. A Stevens
Bangor
April 5/58. Me

Wants Speech

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Bangor Apr 5th

Senator Douglas.

Hon. Sir,

Will you favor me with a copy of your late speech in the Senate on the Kansas question and oblige your humble servt

Frederick A. Stevens

Bangor
Me

Hon. Stephen A. Douglas.

4813

Stockton ~~March~~ April 5th 1858

Dear Mr Douglas

If convenient please favour me with a copy of your speech delivered in the U.S.S. on the Kansas Question March 22d 1858. Address

Dr C. W. Sickney,
Stockton,
N. Jersey.

I am your

Ver C. W. S.

Dr C. W. Stickney
Stockton
N. J.

Speech

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Peoria Apr 5th 1858

Hon J. A. Coughlan

Dear Sir:

Please accept thanks for your kind remembrance of distant friends. I had perused them long since, as soon as I received from the Press, hundreds of thousands of freemen before thought these Great & Glorious States, as the prospect of the defeat of the Lecompton fraud on the People of Kansas. A large majority of the People of the U.S. and territories are on your side there is no mistake about that, & bonfires burn now on the highest hills & the thunder of Cannon announce their joy to think that Popular Sovereignty is or will be always triumphant. Our Western hemisphere is looking with Int at their Representatives violating their wishes in advocating this Iniquity against the wishes of their constituents as made with legal

Como Ill Apr 10th 1858

Dear Sir: I am in receipt of your letter of March 5th

J. B. Taylor
Peoria, Ills.
April 5/58

Political

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J. B. Taylor
Springfield
Ills

Private

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Wyoming Ill. April 5th 1858

Hon S. A. Douglas
Washington D.C. Dr Sir

The bundle of your minority report from the committee on Territories came duly to hand and have been properly distributed among our friends. Your course meets with the approbation of every democrat that I have conversed with in this part of Illinois, I know of no one who states the opposite side of the question in this vicinity who professed to be democrats except Haney of the Peoria Union and a few with him who doubtless join with him thinking they may share in a few paltry loaves & fishes, if the Lecompton fraud can be defeated we shall greatly rejoice as well as many others in our Prairie State; our best wishes you surely have —

Yours as Ever
James M Thomas

P.S. I have been very anxious to obtain a copy of the report of the Commissioner of Patents for 1856 and know of no way to procure a copy except through our M.C. Can one be had —

Jas. M. Thomas
Wyoming
April 5/58 Ills

Mants. Speech

mants Patent Office
Reports.

Political

Sent 3 Vols. Medal.

Judges Speech
Sent to all
April 16/58

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Rostraver April 6th 1850

Dear Sir

Please excuse me for the liberty I have taken to address you in order to secure a copy of your last speech in the Senate. You will oblige me very much by sending it to

John Tyler
Rostraver
Westmoreland Co
Pa

John Pyler
Rockover
Westmoreland Co
April 5/68. Pa.

Grants Speech

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Lancaster C H Va
April 5. 1858

Hon S A Douglas.

Dear sir – I had the pleasure of being introduced to you in august 1856, by Hon Mr Boyce at Willard's Hotel, some fifteen or sixty Carolinian were there together, this of course, you do not recollect & it is not alluded to supposing you would recollect it, for every day meeting with strangers, & being introduced for a few moments does not make lasting impression it passes & escapes the mind – But I recollect the circumstance as well as if it was yesterday, because I was pleased to shake by the Hand a man I admired & Esteemed – I then felt, & have a warm feeling for you –

I write this to ask you to send me (when published) a number of your late Kansas speeches, I have not seen it in any of our papers, & am anxious to read it carefully & without prejudice I would not have alluded

at all to the Information, but that you may be assured the letter is not prompted by any improper motive –

Very respectfully
Your obt serv't
James H. Witherspoon

Hon S. A. Douglas
U. S.

Jas. D. Witherspoon
Lancaster
April 5/58. S. C. H.
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Wants Speech