

Hanover N.H. April 8th 48

Dear Sir

Will you favor me with a copy of your
speech on the Kansas Bill

Yours Watson K. Barnard

Watson K Barnard

Hanover,
N.H.

April 8. 1858,

Wm. S. Speech

Peoria Ill. April 8th 1858

Hon S A Douglass

Sir will you confer
a favor on me by sending to Mr.
Adams Phila. of this place a copy
of the Commissioner of Patents Report
on Agriculture and also a copy of the
Presidents message and accompanying
Documents including maps for 1857

Respectfully yours
D D T Benedict

W H T Benedict
Peoria, Ill.
April 8/58.

Wants, Dat:
Off Rep't Lc

Sent to
Adams Philo.
Peoria, Ill.

Vol 1. Mech Sent
April 14/58.

Chicago April 8th 1858
 Hon. S. A. Douglas
 Washington D.C.

Dear Sir - I have
 this day been favored with the receipt of Patent
 office "Mechanical" Reports of 1857, 2 x 6, the
 Vol of the latter year. for which I am indebted to
 you - I am much in need of Reports of
 1853 x 4 - In fact I know of nothing I desire
 more at the present time as they would be of
 infinite value to me in some investigations I
 am about making. - If the supply is exhausted
 I will be obliged to get them from some other quarter
 Can you help me?

The Miscellaneous Nationals, are
 having a good time generally. Ex Alderman Couglin
 has been decapitated already. I fear me that
 the celebrated "Cook" will need more Federal Saps
 to keep his aspiring buttons in work or take
 them on short terms - Couglin imputes his de-
 capitation to a speech he made lately - it was
 not so surprising. He it was, that said at
 a Military festival at Waukegan, that Capt
 Gleason and Skelly were two of the greatest
 Captains since the time of Nebuchadnezzar?
 That's quite rich isn't it

Yours truly
 Wm Broderick

New Prodenick
Chicago, Ill.
April 8/58.

Acknowledges receipt
of Pat. Off. Reports
wants those of 1853
- 4 - for Special
purpose -

He states there
would be of infinite
value to him - thus
complied literally
Sent him Mac & Repts
of 1851-2-3-4
Ab -

Those of 1853-4.
Sent April 20/58.





Chalklevel, Harnett Co. N.C. Apr. 3. 1858.

Dear Sir:

While on my way to New York last January to meet my wife, who had been on a visit to her father in Vermont, I saw your speech on the Kansas question - or on the Secession Constitution - which I read in the ears. I was pleased with the speech - its position - independence - and patriotism, as I understood it. But finding that your course is generally condemned in the South, I have a desire to see & read your speech with greater care than I could have done while in the ears.

My Vocation, being a Minister of the gospel, in the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, & a member of the N. Carolina Conference, forbids my engaging in political contests - so I do not make politics my study, at all - Your speech, so far as I know has never been read, or circulated to any extent in the South.

If you should find it convenient, and in accordance with your duties, I would be pleased to receive a copy of your speech - and any other information that you may be please to give me. I read a reply to your speech, but did not think it touched the merits of the case.

I will detain you no longer, May an All-wise Disposer of events, continue to exercise a benignant providence over our beloved Country, and long make it a blessing to the world - the glory of Nations. And may you, Honored Sir, long maintain an influential position in her government.

Yours, &c. &c. &c. In great sincerity, W. S. Chaffin.

Hon. J. A. Douglass,
W. S. Luke,

Rev. W. H. Chaffin.

Chalklevel.

Marion Co. W. Va.

April 8, 1858,

Has read Speech
Lafayette, - wants
others, Sec.

Portsmouth N. H. April 8th 1858

Hon Stephen A. Douglass

Dear Sir:

Although I have not the pleasure of a personal acquaintance with you, I feel assured you will excuse the liberty I take in addressing you. It is always gratifying to any one, indeed, to receive the assurance that his acts are approved. - When the Kansas Nebraska Bill was passed, that feature in it which embraces popular Sovereignty I regarded at the time of questionable policy, for I foresaw the agitation it would engender - the difficulty of ascertaining legally the popular will of the real residents of Kansas territory. I presumed

also, from your position, that you intended to "put Kansas through," under the Leecompton Constitution, but, Sir, when I discovered the fearless, independent, noble, and truly Democratic stand you assumed, and, up to this moment, have so ably and valiantly maintained, in defense of the people of Kansas and Popular Sovereignty, I cannot withhold my admiration and commendation for your action and cause. The fact is the principle you advocate is the right one, it is Democratic. It is the fundamental principle upon which our National Constitution is based. It is right, just, Democratic, for the people of every territory, within the United States, to establish their own domestic institutions, as they please, provided the same do not conflict with the federal Constitution. It is right, it seems to me, for such territory to come in to the Union now precisely upon the same ground, as the thirteen original States were formed. There is nothing in the federal Constitution to prevent any free State from establishing slavery within

It borders and therefore if any State desiring
I have Slavery, what power can object?
It would seem from the most unquestionable
evidence that Kansas ignores the "peculiar
institution" hence it is, I say, that your
position is right - democratic.

The future is veiled from us, I think very wisely, but, Sir, I do not hesitate to say the principle you have advocated, the eminent ability you have exhibited, and your position, at this time, upon various National questions, place you foremost for the next Presidency among the large majority of the States.

While the Whig party lived I acted with it, and for the last three years of its existence I was a member of the Whig State Central Committee. I am now identified with the Republican party, but I can assure you Tacont has shed his day. I did all in my power for his success, but the fates were against us. No other Statesman would I now rejoice to see at the head of the next Presidential campaign than yourself. If you think I can be of any service to you I am ready to enlist. Yours with great respect
J. Barlett Clayton



J. B. Clazett.
Ottawa
April 8/60 N. H.

Political
Sanctuary

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O. F. Davis
Omaha
Nebraska
April 8, 1858
Wants Speech
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Omaha, Nebraska, April 8th
1858.

Hon S. A. Douglas,
Sir.

Will you
please, if convenient, send me
a copy of your speech on the
Secession Constitution delivered,
I think, March 22nd

With respect,
Yours truly,
O. F. Davis,



J. H. Farnham
Phila
April 8/58, Pa
Box 497,

Speech

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Philadelphia April 8/58.

Hon Stephen A Douglass.

Dear Sir.

May I
trouble you to enclose me a
copy of your late speech, delivered
March 22, and by so doing very
greatly oblige;

yours respectfully
Thomas W Farnham

Please address J. H. Farnham Box 497.
Phila. - P. O.

Dear Sir

Dear Sir

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Dear Sir

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 11th inst. and in reply to inform you that the same has been forwarded to the proper authorities for their consideration.

I am, Sir, very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

James M. Thompson

Secretary

of the

Board of Directors

of the

W. Torrey
Phila
April 8/58

Political

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My dear brother - Tho' my kind friend I cannot leave my place as I cannot wish to see you and shake you by the hand, yet believe me I think of you daily. Even if you never hear not ~~as~~ my hope it is on my pen constantly. I have now spoken almost of the leading topics of the States, and with fearful effect - doing my little work here while you were doing yours in Illinois the Senate.

The effect of a turn of
the screw upon public
opinion has been
wonderful. It has
awakened the most
active feeling. We
have got them.

Your resolutions were
adopted at our
monster meeting at
Mt Auburn. Of course
you saw them.

I congratulate you
upon the healthy
appearance of things
in Illinois.

I wish you lost
them to-morrow.

Give me your
news. Yours, Very
truly,
J. W. Foster

Wm. A. A. Douglas
Phila. Phila &

Wm Morris, Dec April 8th 1858
Hon L. B. Douglas
Sir,

I take the liberty, being
a young Democrat of the Douglas School,
and consequently in favor of Popular Sovereignty,
to request a copy of your last speech, on
the Dred Scott Constitution. I have read sev-
eral synopses, of it, but I wish to get it entire.

The Democracy of this Section are all
with you, and a few ^{extra} ^{last} ^{speeches} in this
section, would make them still more firm.
Any other speeches that you may see fit to send
me, will be ^{valuable} ^{arguments} ^{received}.

With my best wishes for the success of the cause
with which you are identified, and with hopes
of its universal success. I have the honor to

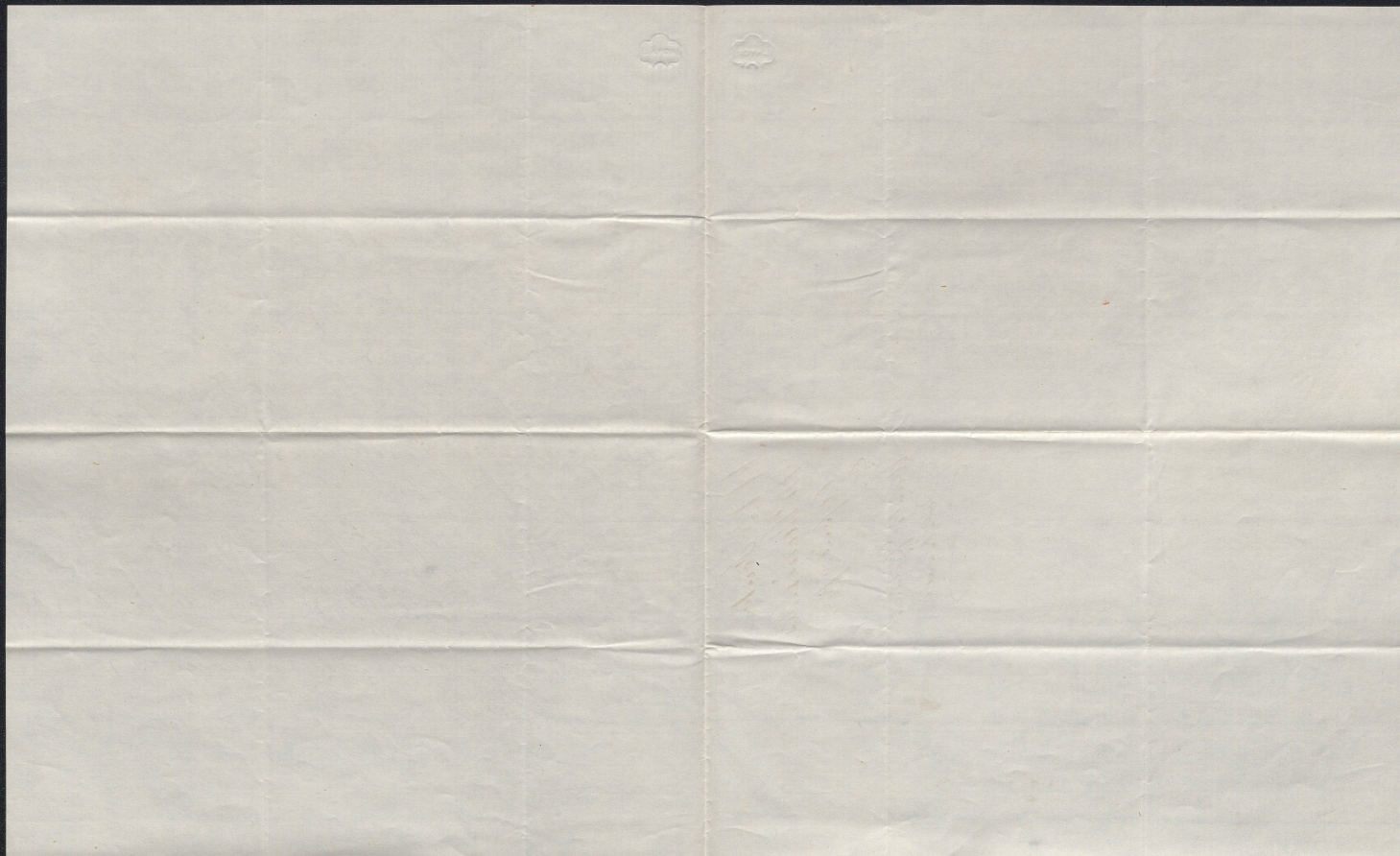
Be Sir yours most respectfully
Hon. Stephen A. Douglas
Washington
D. C.

A. B. Fouke

Wm Morris,
Ogden, Ill.

H B Foulke
W Morris. Hs.
Apr 8/88,

Wants Speeches
Polit. &c



Carefully Pay Taxes,
IN IOWA AND NEBRASKA.
Buy & Sell Real Estate
and attend to general
LAND AGENCY BUSINESS.

SIoux CITY BANK OF

Locate LAND WARRANTS
IN IOWA AND NEBRASKA.
Collect Notes Drafts &c
Invest Money
AT WESTERN RATES.

BOSLER & HEDGES.

Sioux City, Woodbury County, Iowa, April 8. 1858.

Dear Stephen A Douglas

Dear Sir

Will you
be kind enough to forward me a copy
of your last speech delivered in the U.S.
Senate in opposition to the admission of
Kansas. Under the Deception Constitution
we are or have been unable to get the
speech in full by so doing you will
greatly oblige

Yours Very Truly
Stephen A Douglas } Cha E Hedges
U. S. Senator }

Jos Henry
 Secy. of the
 Washington City
 Notice of Meeting
 of Regent, Smithsonian
 Institution,

April 8/58.

Smithsonian Institution,

WASHINGTON, - *April 8th 1858.*

Dear Sir:

I have the honor to inform you that
 a meeting of the Board of Regents of the
 Smithsonian Institution will be held in
 its hall, in the Smithsonian building, on
Saturday, 10th Inst. at 12 o'clock,
 A. M.

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

JOSEPH HENRY,

Secretary.

Hon. S. A. Douglas

REGENT OF THE SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION.

Emersonian Institution.

100-200 HXVII.

Dear Sir,

I have the honor to inform you that
a meeting of the Board of Trustees of the
Emersonian Institution will be held in
its hall in the Washington building on
Thursday, the 11th, at 10 o'clock.

Very respectfully,
Wm. Brewster

Emersonian Institution

100-200 HXVII.

Emersonian

Wm. Brewster

Emersonian Institution

Office Portsmouth Times,
Portsmouth, Ohio, April 8. 55.

Hon. S. A. Douglas.

Please send me, for use on the
stump and at the editor's table, such documents
at your disposal as will illustrate this Kansas
controversy from the beginning until this hour.

I need scarcely inform you that
nine out of ten of the democracy cordially
sustain your position. You have lost no friends
here, you have on the other hand made many
proselytes. For one, I sincerely wish you "health,
honor, length of days."

Yours Truly

W. C. Hood,

Editor Portsmouth Times.

W C Wood
Ed. Portsmouth Times.

Portsmouth
Ohio.
April 8 1858.

Wants, Speeches, &c

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Wm Jewell,
French's Mill,
Dal
April 8/58,

Sends pamphlet,
Larkin's Speech.

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French's Mills, Pa. Apr. 8, 1858.

Hon. Mr. Douglas:

Please accept this
token of regard;^x and, if convenient,
reciprocate.

Respectfully,

Joel Jewell.

^x Discourse on
"Bible & Slavery"

O. B. Johnson
Syracuse
April 8/58, N. Y.
Wants Enslaved
Speech

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Syracuse N. Y.
April 8. 1858

Hon. S. A. Douglas

Hon. Respected Sir

Will

you have the kindness to send
me a copy of your last great
speech on Kansas, and also
a copy of the Senate Com.
reports on the same topic.

There are but very very few
Buchanan Leocomptanites in
this City & they are all office
holders or seekers. Any quantity
of Douglas anti-Leocomptan
men can be found who are
ready to join in a great
Opposition party composed
of Democrats & Republicans
and led by yourself, and

They are only waiting an
opportunity to throw their
caps into the air & shout
for Douglas & Opposition,
Douglas & Freedom and
Douglas & Popular Sovereignty.

Among the number of
Republicans you can
count the, as yet boyish
voice, of Sir

Your Most Obedt
Servant

P. B. Johnson

Dearfield Center N.H. Apr 8 1858

Mr Douglas,

Dear Sir. Will you
have the kindness to send me a copy
of your speech on the Secompton
Constitution.

Your Friend, A. G. Ladd

A. G. Ladd
Hearfield Center
N.H.
April 8/58.

Wants Speeches.

Chas H. Lumsden
Springfield.
H.C.
April 8/58.

Political
Requests answer

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Springfield April 9/58.
Dear Sir:

The papers will have informed you that the demand of the annuitants on taking hold of the work right. We shall have a large convention, and if there is an anti-Locomotion man in N. out of Cosh, I shall be surprised. From that county lately I am led to hope that our friends will beat the hirelings. The only fear I have is that our friends will come here too bitter for judicious or prudent action. Generally they are bent a "Nord." But we must keep safe as well as right. I am this

country, we will put in Matteson
Horse, Hutchinson, Conroughth
and Barrett, &c., among our
numbers.

If you have any sugges-
tions about the shape or mat-
ter of the subscription, leave them.
Shoulder with me. While we
want to be firm, bold, sincere,
we must make a sure cord,
by doing, and expressing our-
selves not only correctly, ^{in principle} ~~but~~
in good taste - for outside ef-
fect.

As we read the signs here
the adae. and its crew are
flattering - appalled at its own
work.

I would be much pleased to
hear from you Yours truly
Phoebus

Stone S. A. Douglas.

U. S. Senator.

Washington D. C.

Philadelphia April. 8. 1858.

Sir,

I have just concluded reading your
final speech on the Kansas question.

It is as logical as any of the
"immortal" Daniel Webster's best
efforts - and Democratic to the core.

Every sentence carries conviction,
"in spite of pride, in erring reason's
spite" The course of the adminis-

-tration, will be changed
in the next Congressional election -
adverse alike to the Democratic
party and to the administration
which has lost its "prestige" -

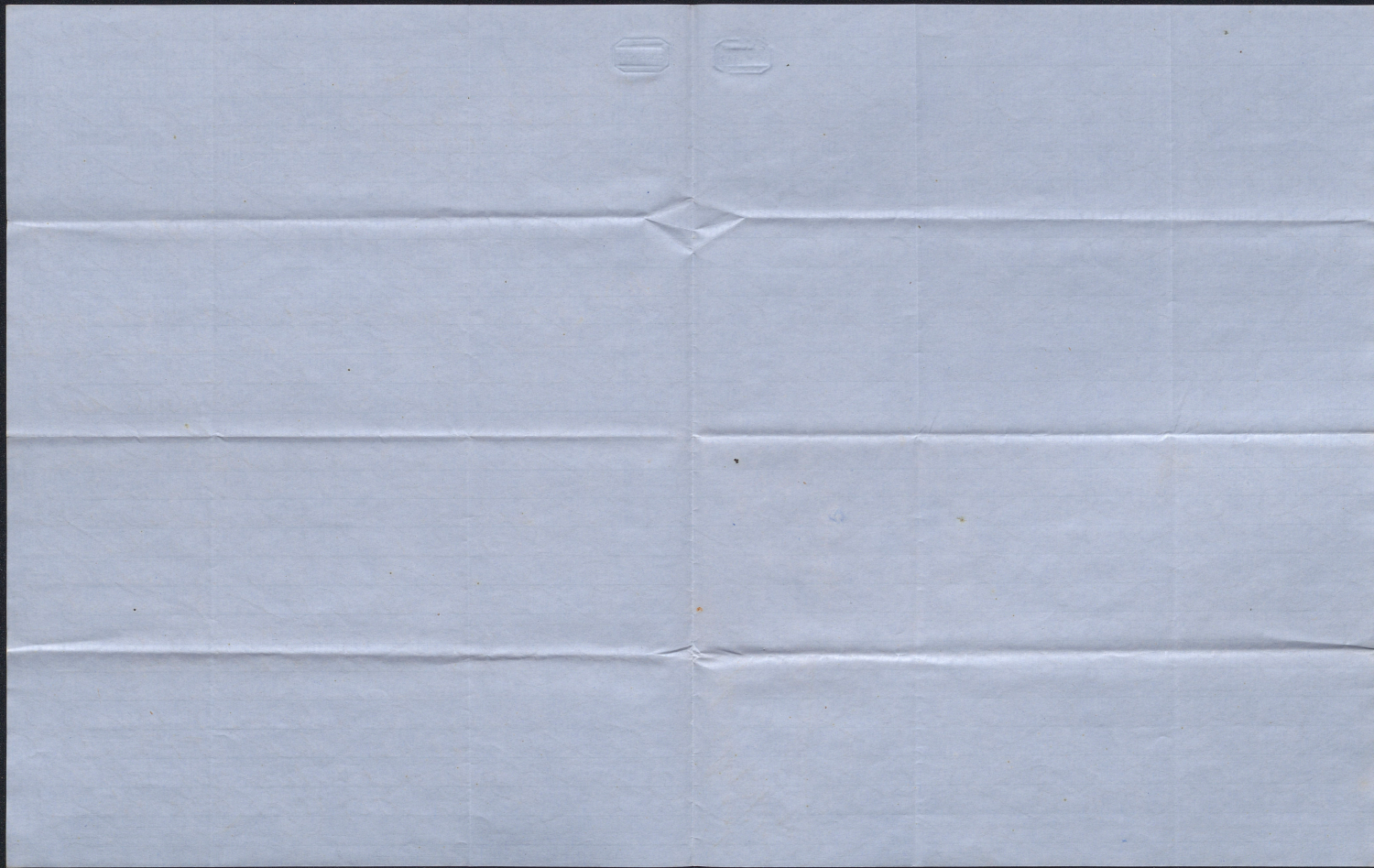
Would you favor me with a
copy in Pamphlet - to preserve -

I have the honor to remain
with great respects Very truly Yours.

Wm. B. Calcock



John B. Laycock
Phila
Chas. St. G. Pa.
Laycock



H. Moseley,
Freeport,
Monroe Co. N.Y.
April 8, 1858.
Wants Speech.

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Freeport Monroe Co. N.Y.
April 8, 1858.

Hon. S. A. Douglass,
Dear Sir:

Will you favor me with a
few copies of your Speech
in the U. S. Senate on Decempton?

Although I have not the
honor of being your constituent
yet I beg leave to subscribe myself

Your Admirer
H. L. Moseley.

P. S. Anything you may be
pleased to favor me with will
be thankfully received
H. L. M.



W. M. L. L.

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W. M. L. L.

Norfolk Va April 8th 1855

Sir

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of a copy of your speech on my return to this place from Mobile on yesterday PM, and beg to tender you my thanks for the favor.

If not presuming too much upon your time, and if convenient to do so, would you be pleased to inform me of the mode of procedure in procuring a Patent. The cost and length of time required to procure a patent from date of application. I have invented an entirely novel "Sewing Machine," one of the Simplest, Cheapest, and Most accurate of all the machines of the kind, as yet invented. I have perfected it at a great cost of time, labor, and Money, and as my means are nearly exhausted I could be saved the fate of inventors in
General

general, and secure the fruits of my
ingenuity to my family, without
having recourse to aid from Speculators
and Capitalists. The invention is a
valuable one in the broadest mean-
ing of the term, and of course I
would like to make the most of it,
and intend to patent it in France,
and Great Britain as soon as I
can realize the means.

Yours, Sir,

Respectfully
Yours &c, Sir,
Wm. Pearson

New Stephen A. Douglass
U.S. Senator from Illinois
Washington D.C.

Mr. Pearson
Norfolk
April 8/88 Va

Wants information
of patent forms.

Marion Ind.

April 8. 1858

Mr. J. A. Douglass

Sir I wish to obtain
a copy of your late speech on the Kansas
question (i.e. the one made a few evenings ago.)

Should it be asking to much you
will do right by declining to send it

Yours Truly &c

Jno. Rathbiff
Jonesboro
Indiana

John Ralcliffe

Marion,

Ind.,

April 8, 1888,

Wants Speech

Omnia v Sage
Prattville
April 8/58, 4,

Speech



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Prattville New York,
April 14/1858

Hon. S. A. Douglas

Washington

Dear Sir

As it is

impossible for me to obtain here anything
but a brief synopsis of your speeches, as
contained in the newspapers of the day, I
take the liberty again to presume upon
your time and patience, so far as to ask
for your late and closing speech in the
Senate on "Leaves two".

Hoping you will not vote me a loss,
I am, Sir, yours,

Very Respectfully

Omnia v Sage



[Faint, mirrored handwriting visible through the paper, likely bleed-through from the reverse side. The text is mostly illegible due to fading and the nature of the paper.]

J Scamman
 Saco, Me.
 April 8, 1858



Wants copy
 of Pac. R.R. Survey

Saco Apr⁸ 8th 1858
 Hon. J. A. Douglas Esq
 Sir

Will you be
 kind enough to give me a copy of
 the Pacific Rail Road Survey if
 you have any to spare.

Observe excuse a stranger for begging

Respectfully Yours

J. Scamman



Faint, illegible handwriting, possibly a signature or address.

Aurora, Dearborn County, Indiana

April 1st A D 1858

To The Hon S A Douglas U.S. Senator
from Illinois Dear sir

I address you for the purpose
of obtaining your speeches & reports
on the "Kansas and Nebraska Bill"
and on the "Kansas Secession Question"
in the senate of the United States

You will please send them at
your earliest opportunity - if in your
power to do so - also the speeches
you may hereafter deliver in the
Senate The democracy of Indiana
and I believe every where are with
you on the Secession Constitutional
Question, Your position is consistent
and harmonizes with the Kansas
& Nebraska act & no other position
in my mind can or does

Yours truly
Robert A. Merrill

Pubt. L. Ferrill

Aurora

Dearborn Co

April 8/88, Ia.

Wants Speeches

Philadelphia, April 8th, 1858.

DEAR SIR:

An attempt by the Executive to control the right of self-government of the sovereign people, has been rebuked in the Hall of their immediate Representatives. It was a triumph over the first effort of power here, to prevent the exercise of the privileges of freemen. The friends of the People throughout the land are desirous of signalizing this defeat of dictation, by uniting in one great national party which shall have in view the good of the whole country and of all its citizens, without selfish aims or sectional ambition; and at the same time secure the revival of a genuine American policy, and the speedy restoration of prosperity to commerce and manufactures. Schemes of party preference and exclusion have been made manifest in the course of the official head of the Republic to the disregard of merit and patriotism. The same spirit of despotism which has been shown in the direct violation of popular sovereignty in a single territory, has been practised in the adoption of no other test of fitness for employment and public duty, than blind and slavish submission to partizan will. The worst passions are indulged and the most cruel proscription is exercised to gratify party caprice or personal malignity, while the true protective policy which once distinguished the national legislation has been set aside until the different branches of former prosperity, have been involved in deep distress, and threatened with utter ruin.

At such a moment the nation is called on to rise in its majesty and declare itself indignant against an oppression scarcely less destructive than that which roused our fathers of the Revolution to resistance, and proclaimed a national, as it will now do, a political Independence. It was on this spot that, more than eighty years ago, a solemn pledge was given to the world to throw off a load of tyranny or perish in the attempt. Under the influences, never to be lost sight of, of this glorious example, the friends of the people in Philadelphia respectfully invite you to join them in a Mass Meeting, to be held on Monday evening, April 12, at National Hall, Market Street, above Twelfth; or if not able to attend, to communicate at an early moment your views, in writing, on the occasion which calls us together.

Time has served to remove almost every remnant of narrow opposition to the great national principles which were boldly and successfully maintained, in his life time, by Henry Clay; and even to give sanctity to the recollection of his patriotic virtues. He was the unselfish advocate of all that was truly American, and the unrelenting foe of all such principles as now guide the councils of the government. He was the especial friend of manufactures, the advocate and promoter of the American system, the stern friend of a conservative policy, and the able supporter of a paternal government which should extend its protection over the whole length and breadth of the land. His name has been adopted as the rallying watch word of our great national party. Led by his precept and example, it will recall the fleeting honors of the Republic, and secure for ages the blessings of the CONSTITUTION and the UNION.

With great respect,

Your friends and servants,

Stephen A. Douglas

JOHN THOMPSON,
JAS. L. CLAGHORN,
JOS. B. MYERS,
CHAS. C. LATHROP,
C. A. WALBORN,
JOHN D. WATSON,
J. M. WILLIAMS,

Committee.

Committee

Invitation

John Thompson

Others,

Committee of
Call for Meeting
to form new party

Philadelphia
April 8/58.

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Metamora Franklin Co. Indiana

April 2 1853

Mr Douglas &

Dear Sir. I send you
 these few lines for the purpose of asking
 you to bestow unto me a favor
 One which I know you are competent
 to give and one that I would be
 glad to receive. We have assembled
 Ourselves in the capacity of a
 Lyceum during the past season
 and we propose giving an Exhibition
 On the first of May and we
 have resolved to make as Splendid
 A Fair as possible Out of it —

And for to make it interesting
 we have money of ours concluded to
 write to some of the leading men
 of our nation and ask them to
 write a declamation ^{for our} and I have
 Chosen to write to you So I would
 Cordially ask you to write me one
 and send it by the next mail
 Chosen Subject I suggest you wish for
 So it is not a political One
 Yours &c George W Whipple

Direct your letter to
George W Whipples
Metamoras, Frontiers
County Indiana

Geo W Whipple

Metamora

Franklin Co

Ind. a

April 8. 1858.

Wants Jude W
to write a
declamation
for their Lyceum

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Sidney M. Apr. 8th 1858

Hon. S. J. Harris

Dear Sir I embrace
the present opportunity of informing
you that the Democracy is all right
in this Part of the State it is a hard
matter to find an Administration
Man in this Section Dear Sir being
acquainted with only one member
of the House Personally that is W. J. Davis
of Andover formerly in his (the 7th Dist.)
and not being acquainted with
any member from this State I take
this method of asking you to send
me Mr. Douglass's late speech and also
such other matter as you can spare
if you will do so you will confer
a favor on a Democrat who would
gladly return the favor if opportunity
if opportunity presents itself

Very Respectfully

Your Friend
Chas. W. Wright, Secy.

P.S. being a delegate from Champaign Co.
to the State Convention I hope I will
have the opportunity of seeing you there
and forming an acquaintance W. W. W.

Wm. Wright
B. D. W.
Sidney, N. H.
April 8, 1858

to
Hon. F. L. Harris,

asking for
Judge Douglas'
Speeches.

Enclosed
I hope this sent

Indianapolis April 1858

Hon A A Douglas

Dear Sir Though an entire stranger I presume to address you - It is possible that I may have spoken to you last Summer in the office of H H Monroe Chicago I was in company with Dr Egan I am well acquainted with Col May of that City - I fear my preface will be too long - but I must perform the unpleasant work of telling you who I am and thus introduce myself - I am at present the President of the North Western Christian University located at Indianapolis an institution opened 3 years ago mainly cordoned and patronized by the Discommunion Called Reformers (Campbellites) I have been for 20 years in public life dividing my time between teaching and the ministry In the University I have been teaching Chemistry Natural Philosophy and Law for the last 3 years - I have determined to close my labors as a teacher in the University on 1 July next - A few weeks ago I was nominated by the Republican party of Indiana for the office of Superintendent of Public Instruction I expect to make an active appeal of the State during

the months of July, August and September
I was born in Ireland and I learned in early youth
to hate all tyrannical oppression. Before I crossed
the Atlantic I became a zealous advocate
of the free trade doctrines of the English political
economists. During 14 years in the United
States I was always a warm and zealous
Democrat with certainly a pretty strong
mixture of free soilism about me.

When the Nebraska bill passed I was
well satisfied with its principles but I much
feared the results and wished you had
let matters remain as they were.

During Mr. Pierce's Administration I became
thoroughly satisfied by the constant turning
out of governors that the National Admin-
istration were too much under the influence
of the South to do justice to Kansas.

After the Cincinnati Convention was
held and Mr. Buchanan nominated I balked
and voted for J. C. Fremont. I tried I was
right and I have never regretted it for a
moment. James Buchanan does not
dissappoint me. I expected but little better
from the man under the circumstances.
This has been indeed a long preface yet it
may not be altogether impertinent as it
serves to point out my political latitude
and longitude.

It is my intention during the rest of my life
to give myself to the profession of law and
like others of that profession to take some
active part in promoting my country's
well being. In the Campaign now before me
I desire to act prudently in the fullest good
faith towards the party who have responded
in me their confidence and also to act
in a spirit of brotherly kindness towards
that wing of the Democracy whose
views do closely correspond with my own.
I at present regard you as theavior of the
Country. In the first speech I made after
my nomination I believe I expressed my
highest admiration of the course and
noble course of Walker, Stanton, Wise and
not least yourself. I have very little intimate
communication with the Anti Slavery
Democrats of this State but I can see that they
are troubled and seem to be unable to foresee
the end. Their meeting here was noble. Their
speeches manly and patriotic and I think
their whole course sundered alike the
respect of the Republican party and
indeed of all right thinking men.
I fear that if I were to utter my whole heart
in this matter I might appear to go far
beyond the reserve and prudence which
a stranger should exercise.

I have indeed an exceedingly strong desire to see that noble wing of the Democracy who have stood up for freedom in her hour of need and the Republicans become permanently united and affiliated - This might be effected by the loss of a few known nothings who are still found in the Republican Camp but these could well be spared - A leader is needed for the Republican party or for any new body that may arise from them - a leader firm, moderate, and national and I and thousands of others are now satisfied that you can fill that requirement -

No great principle exists to bar such an union. I believe all now agree that the principle of the Nebraska act should become the permanent policy of the Nation.

The free states in their numbers and their floods of emigration are safe in upholding this principle - Our struggles and protests for these years past have been rather against the intolerable partiality of the National government than against the principle of this measure. You have doubtless long before this time carefully surveyed the whole field,

- From the Buchanan Democrats and the South you can expect nothing but bitter hostility now henceforth and forever -
- From a union between the Anti Secession Democrats ^{and Republicans}, every thing good to the Country may arise -
- 1st It would perpetuate and maintain all the great principles of true Democracy by which so many victories have been gained in years past -
 - 2nd It would purify the Republican Creed from any lurking remains of whig or Know Nothing partialism -
 - 3 It would give assurance to wise and moderate men at the South that our movements were not guided by Abolition fanaticism //
 - 4 If you cherish a laudable ambition to serve your Country in ^{the} office of chief Magistrate I firmly believe from all I see transpire around me that you would not be disappointed -
- I am now ready to close my long sermon with a practical reflection -
- If I could see any fair and reasonable probability that Union were likely

to take the course I have here indicated
I would in my public speeches through
this state do something to smooth the
way and lead the public mind in
that direction - Perhaps I may say
without vanity that I can do much
with my fellow men when I meet them
in their primary assemblies -

I will labor for this consummation with
great zeal if I can see that there is any
probability of success - If there be really
no such inclination then I shall not
try to effect the matter in this state
for I have long since learned that
I can not carry the work on my
shoulders. Neither can I turn it right
when it begins to get wrong -

You will easily perceive that I have not
written this letter in the spirit of
a cautious politician but I have
poured out my whole heart -

If you think worth while to
snatch a few moments from the
hurry of business to reply I shall
be most happy - I am like most
other men I long to look into
the future - Perhaps you can

tell me what is to come
but if you can not then sure I am
that no man can do it
Much of the future history of your
country now depends upon your
course. I pray heaven that you
may be guided wisely in this
great crisis

I am yours respectfully
John Young

I shall mail for you some of
my pamphlets - J. Y.

John Young,
Indianapolis
Ind.^a

April 1858.

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letter

Philadelphia Apr 8 1858

Sir

I would ask of you the favor of a
copy of your speech On the Bell for the admission
of Kansas, delivered March 2nd, and also any
subsequently made and Separately printed
(your attention will very much oblige)

Yours Very Respectfully

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