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Belleville, Ill., April 10th 1858

To the Hon. H. A. Douglas,
Washington City.

Dear Sir: Knowing that you take great interest in all matters concerning St. Clair County, I beg leave to inform you, that I have commenced publishing a german newspaper, under the head of Belleville Journal, of which I have send you a copy to day. One of the german papers published here is sold and is now in the hands of the editor of the "Volksblatt", who has been the editor of the "Zeitung" during the Presidential election in 1856. There is reason to believe that the "Zeitung" is or will be, the organ of Gao. Koerner, who is interested in that play. Some Republicans here, especially the Clique of the "Zeitung", at the head of which stands Koerner, are doing all what they can possible do, to break me down and so discontinue the publication of a paper, which is in their way. But I hope they shall not have a result. It is quite necessary that the large German population of St. Clair County and the adjoining counties have an organ to protect their interests and that a paper like that finds any support and considerable means, to defeat all these doings against its existence. Whilst I recommend the Belleville Journal to your regard,

I am, Sir,

Yours Most obedient servant,
Louis Bach,

Publisher of the Belleville Journal.

Hon. H. A. Douglas,
Washington City.

Louis Back

Belleville.

Ills.

April 10. 1858.

To the publisher of
Gleanings of Europe,
Lecc.

"Belleville, Ills."

Attempt to
perpetrate his slowness

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O. K. Barrell,
Notifies of
Meeting of Com.
Pub. Buildings &c
on 12th April

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Senate of the United States.

Committee on Public Buildings & Grounds

Washington, April 10th 1858.

Sir:

A meeting of this Committee will be
held on Monday next (12th inst) —
at 10 o'clock, A. M., which you are respect-
fully invited to attend.

O. K. Barrell, Clerk.

To the

Hon. Stephen A. Douglass.

Prints of the United States.

Committee on

1858.

Washington

Dr.

A meeting of the Committee will be

held on

at 10 o'clock, A.M. subject your case referred

for consideration is referred.

To the

Room



Wm L. Douglass

Utica April 10 1858

New York

Sir. I would thank you for a copy
of your last speech in the Senate on the D. Campbell Bill.

Yours E. R. Bates

CR Bates,
Utica, N.Y.,
Apr 10/58,
Wants Speech.

Luther Beckwith
Ann Arbor
Mich:
April 10. 1858.
Wants Speech



4908
Ann Arbor Apr 10/58
Hon T L Douglass

Sir please favor me
with copies of your speeches on
the Kansas Bill The Democracy
nearly to a man in this section
sustain you & the Republicans
are ready to swear by Popular
Sovereignty

Yours &c

Luther Beckwith
Ann Arbor
Mich



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C. C. Bryant
Kankakee
Ill

April 10/58.
Wants Seed,
Seed sent
April 14/58.

April 10th 1858 4909
Kankakee
Kankakee Co
Illinois

Mr. Douglas

Dear sir

Will you
do me the favor to send me
a Package of seeds from
the Patent Office
and Oblige Yours Truly
C. C. Bryant

Hillsborough Ohio April 10th 1848

Now I A Douglas esq Sir I see you still
have to fight the Lecompton fight I hope that you
shall conquer for they that conquer shall wear the
Crown for you are in a just cause and contending
for the same Democratick Principle that we fought
for in 54 and 56 and let us keep our coats on and
not turn it in 58 we have some warm times here
on the Subject I shall stand up to the work as
long as I have strength for I want the People of
Kansas to have a fair vote on their Constitution
and not for Green of the Senate to have the making
of it for them I would like to have the best anti
Lecompton Speeches I want you if you please to send me
some of them I would like to have other English Speech
on the Lecompton question send me some of the
best documents on that question I also want you
to send me one of the best Patten Office Reports if you
please I am surprised at some of our Democrats how they stick
out for the Lecompton Constitution I should be sorry to
force a ^{Settle} thing on every People but they think of
making some gain by the operation some for
one thing and some for a vote I see by
the vote in the Senate that my old friend G A
Bright is hard of for Lecompton I am sorry
to see him take that side of the question
So no more at Present only hope that
you stand up to them with due respect
I Remain your friend in haste Samuel B Colley



Saml B Caley
Hillsborough
Ohio.
April 10, 1858.

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Senate Chamber April 10th 1858

To the Hon Stewards A. Douglass
 I left Vienna Johnson Co Ills
 on the 3^d day of the present month
 and would a kin glad to see you
 But we have for ever this after
 noon I say to you the people
 of my County is for you not
 with standing John Dorey -
 paper of Lancaster now Ills -
 your friend *Stearns*

Judg Douglass
 Senator from
 Ill

A. Chapman

S J Chapman
of Jonesboro'
Ms.
Washington City
April 10/58.

Political

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Hon. S. A. Douglass
Washington City
D. C. —

W B Clarke
Boston Mass:
April 10/58,
Wants Speech.

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Boston April 10/58
Hon S. A Douglas
Dear Sir

Can you oblige me by
sending a copy of your
recent speech on the
Kansas Question.

I am Very
Truly Yours
A. B. Clarke
(Bot 964.)

Geo W Crabb
Harrisburg
Pa.
April 10/58

Wants Speech



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Department of Common Schools,

Harrisburg, April 10, 1858.

Hon. S. A. Douglas,

Dear Sir - Can you send
me a pamphlet copy of your last speech
in the Senate on the Dredgton bill?

Yours Truly,

Geo. W. Crabb.

A. T. Low, Jr.

Ottawa

H.B.

April 10/58,

Enclosed \$1.-
for "States" —

Same handed
"States" — per receipt
within

Hon. J. A. Douglas.
Washington
D. C.

Enclosed you have
\$1.00 for which please have the "States"
sent on, added to the Club list sent
on a former occasion — to my address.

With respect

Yours &c

[Signature]

Ottawa April 14 1858.

State Office

Name inserted in Club

[Signature]



Hon S. A. Douglass

Dear Sir

Will you favor me
with your autograph. and oblige

yours respectfully
E. Farnham

N^o 220 Chestnut St. Phila

Phil^a April 10th /58.

E. Farnham
220 Chestnut St.
Phila
April 10/58.
Oppan's autograph



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Cape Cod Mass. April 10. 1858

Dear Genl.

I thank you for the course you have pursued in relation to the Kansas question. If the administration does not desire the Democratic party completely annihilated here at the North, they should yield at once, and adopt the Southern non-resistance, and treat it through as quick as possible.

Had the administration not hesitated, and finally changed, in its policy in the Kansas business, we might have pointed to a victory in New Hampshire, Connecticut, & not far off, in Maine, but where are we now? let the returns from those states answer.

What object has the South, in hitting off the Democratic party North? Have not we stood by them through evil as well as good report?

I must, I fear it, it is not magnanimous for them to persist in such suicidal course, I say suicidal course, to them as well as us, I do hope

they will at once withdraw their ships & accept
the Amendment of Mr. Critten den a former
slave this infamous Kansas Embargo.

I thank you for your
perseverant efforts in carrying out the
true intentions of the Kansas & Ne-
braska Bill as understood by the whole
Democratic party of the Union, ever
since ¹⁸⁵⁴ and up to President Buchanan
special message & Congress.

Wm. L. Chapin, A. Douglass
U. S. Senate, Washington
D.C.

Yours truly,
Geo. H. Freeman

Geo M Freeman
Cape Reddick.
York Co. Me.
April 11/58.

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Monceit P.O. Waukesha Co. Wis.
To the Hon. S. A. Douglass of the U.S.

Respected Sir: I have been watching
your course since the sitting of the present
Session of Congress with deep interest
and as your members from this state have
neglected to send us any speeches or Pub. Docs.
I take ^{this} moment to address you this note as a
Douglass Democrat hoping you will not deem
it impertinent on my part. My object in so doing
is to obtain of you a copy of ^{your} late speech on the
Kansas Question and others that you may have made
during the Session and also any other Pub. Docs.
you may feel yourself at liberty to send from time
to time - the same will be thankfully received
Hoping it will be convenient for you to send the
same - I am very respectfully and truly your
Friend and fellow Democrat

A. B. Hanna P.M.

April 10th 1858

A B Hanna

per Mr.

Morse.

Winchester Co.,
Iowa.

April 10, 1858,

"A Douglas Democrat"

wants Speeches

W. Edgar Hoyt
 Rochester, N.Y.
 April 10/58
 Wants Reports



Rochester April 10

Hon. S. A. Douglass
 Dir.

Please send me
 copy of "Report of Com.
 on Territories"
 and oblige

Yours &c
 W. Edgar Hoyt



LAND WARRANTS
BOUGHT AND SOLD.
MONEY LOANED
ON LAND WARRANTS.
The Highest Price paid for all kinds of
BROKEN BANK
AND
UNCURRENT MONEY.

BANKING OFFICE OF G. F. LEWIS,

No. 5 SUPERIOR STREET,

CLEVELAND, OHIO, April 11 1858

Hon Sa Douglass

You have laid out the
Cold fogies and the whole country says
well don

a Very Strong feeling is setting against
the President. Moomon war also and 12
months more it appears will kill him
dead in that quarter

The Government favour a general Bank
rupt law which the Merchants are going
in for Very Strong both Debtors and
Creditors Debtors want to get free
Creditors & property owners want their
property to rise which they are sure
will be the case as soon as a good
forting to commence business on is laid
and they think they can make more than
they will lose

Can you not get this thing in a shape
that the Cold Stick will not get any.
Credit for the measure it is getting quite
a popular measure especially in N.Y. and
all the business centers. Had em and they
must come to an a dispaful end // Yours G F Lewis

G. F. Lewis,
Cleveland
Ohio.
Apr^l 10/58.

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Oak Forest Franklin County Indiana
April 10-1858

Hon Stephen A Douglass

Dr Sir

The following Resolution was
passed by the Board of Directors
of the Franklin County Agricultural
Society in the Town of Brookville
on the 3 day of April inst-

Resolved that the Secretary of this
Society be instructed to
Correspond with Senator Douglass
of Illenais and request him
to deliver an address on the
fair Grounds on the third day
of the Fair (Thursday the 23
day of September 1858).

Hoping that it will be your
good pleasure to attend
at that time and address
the people of our County and
of South Eastern Indiana
on the subject of Agriculture
and hoping to hear from you
at your earliest convenience
addressed to Oak Forest Franklin
County Ind. I am Sir Respectfully
yours A. B. Line } sec F. C. A. S.

A B Sine,
Society Sec.
Oak Forest,
Franklin Co
Ind.
April 10. 1858.

The Franklin
County Agricultural
Society request
Judge Douglas to
deliver the address
on 23 Sept. 1858

Philad^a April 10/58

Hon. Stephen A. Douglas

With much gratification I, this evening for the first time, was able to read consecutively your speech of Dec 9th, & on the facts have gained varied & valuable instruction from it. To say that I thank you, Sir, is but a feeble expression of my gratitude; for though I read extracts from it long since, I find they were but garbled & gave no true idea of the whole. The sentiments uttered in it do you great honor, but your manfully redeeming of them since & the effects of that conduct, so far from "reading you out of the party" constitutes you really its saviour, & probably, not only its but the Union's - the Country's. For no observer of public proceedings & feelings can doubt that had you gone with ^{his} Buchanan using the LeCompton villainy would be an accomplished fact; the consequence, very probably, civil war commenced & on the question of slavery - to be followed by other such examples, & national ruin & degradation to be consequent & more rapid & complete than our growth & prosperity have been. An immense debt is thus due you, & I trust it will be justly & speedily paid;

I desired, Sir, to get your last speech on Kansas, supposing that I knew the material parts of your first. That desire is increased by reading it in full & at leisure; & I hope you will order me a copy.

The following men, my friends, would also, I know, be grateful
for your ordering them a copy each.

A. M. Laughlin, Wm D. Norris, Henry Cope, near Wellsville, Ohio.
Wm M. Laughlin, Marceline, Adams Co. Mo. Geo M. Laughlin,
Warsaw Hancock Co., Adam Pfeiffer, Chicago, Ill.
Ill.

Very gratefully yours
Gaul M. Laughlin
504 Prairie St.

Wm M Loughlin
Philadelphia

Pa.
April 10/58,

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wants Speeches
for friends within
named

Wm M Loughlin
Philadelphia

Jas M Myers
Versailles.

Ind. at
April 10. 1858,

Wants Speech

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Upwells Puffer County
Indiana April 15. 1858

Now S. A. Douglass
Sir

Now will do me an unexpected
favor by keeping and accept
of your speeches on the
affairs of Kansas

Your Obedt Servt
James M Myers



J. L. Phillips
J. W.
Cordova,
Rock Island Co.
Ill.
April 10/58.

Wants Pat. Off. Rep.



4923
Cordova Rock Island Co. Ill.
April 10
Hon. J. F. Douglass Esq.
Dear Sir, having for some time
a desire to place the Patent Office
Reports, their Agricultural &
Mechanical, before you, will
confer a grat. by sending the
above books, and oblige your
Humble friend and humble
servant yours, with respect

J. L. Phillips Esq.
Cordova Ill.



Copy

Executive Department
Santa Fe April 10th 1858.

To

Hon. Lewis Cass
Sec. of State
Washington.
Sir:

In my despatch of the 11th of December last, I called your attention to the serious evils under which we labor from the want of Courts of Justice, for the administration of law, in many parts of the Territory. This subject is alluded to and more fully explained in my message to the Legislature Assembly, a copy of which I transmitted to the Department of State.

Under a construction of a law of Congress passed in 1856, relative to fees of office, we now have Courts of Justice held at only three places in this extensive Territory. This spring in consequence of the absence of two of the Judges, we shall have Courts at only two places. This amounts to almost a denial of justice, and its fearful influence on society is becoming too apparent

parent When men have no courts to
appeal to, they have more excuse for ap-
pealing to their own passions, and violence
and crime must become the order of
the day. To avert these evils as much as
possible, the Legislature were induced
to extend the jurisdiction of the Probate
Court in each county, and to give them
a jury and criminal jurisdiction
in all cases below the crime of murder.
This County Court system has not
yet gone into operation, and I fear will
not work well among a people unaccus-
tomed to administer law for themselves,
and unwilling to tax themselves for
any purpose. This unwillingness
indeed I may say this determination,
on the part of the Legislative Assembly
not to tax their constituents for any pur-
pose, is an insuperable barrier to all
improvement in the Territory. The only
tax they will consent to is one, upon
merchants and upon land and goods. They
rely upon these almost exclusively
for County & Territorial purposes. The
consequence is that their warrants are
almost

almost worthless, and on that account
I have great difficulty in getting suitable
persons to accept of office under ^{the} Territorial
Government. I therefore urged the Legis-
lature in every way that I could to im-
pose a small property tax to pay the
debt of the Territory, and for other necessary
purposes. But the recommendation
found no response from either Branch
of the Legislature, nor any aid from
the only newspaper published in the
Territory though edited by an intelligent
gentleman, and one in the employ-
ment of the Federal Government. All
seemed to admit its necessity but
were afraid to touch so unpopular a
measure. From these considerations,
as well as others, I fear the County
Courts provided for by the last Legis-
lature, cannot be rendered effective,
and that we must continue to be al-
most without Courts, and without
law. Such a state of things, if it con-
tinues in a Country like this, must
soon lead to a partial dissolution of
society. I beg, therefore, that you will use
your

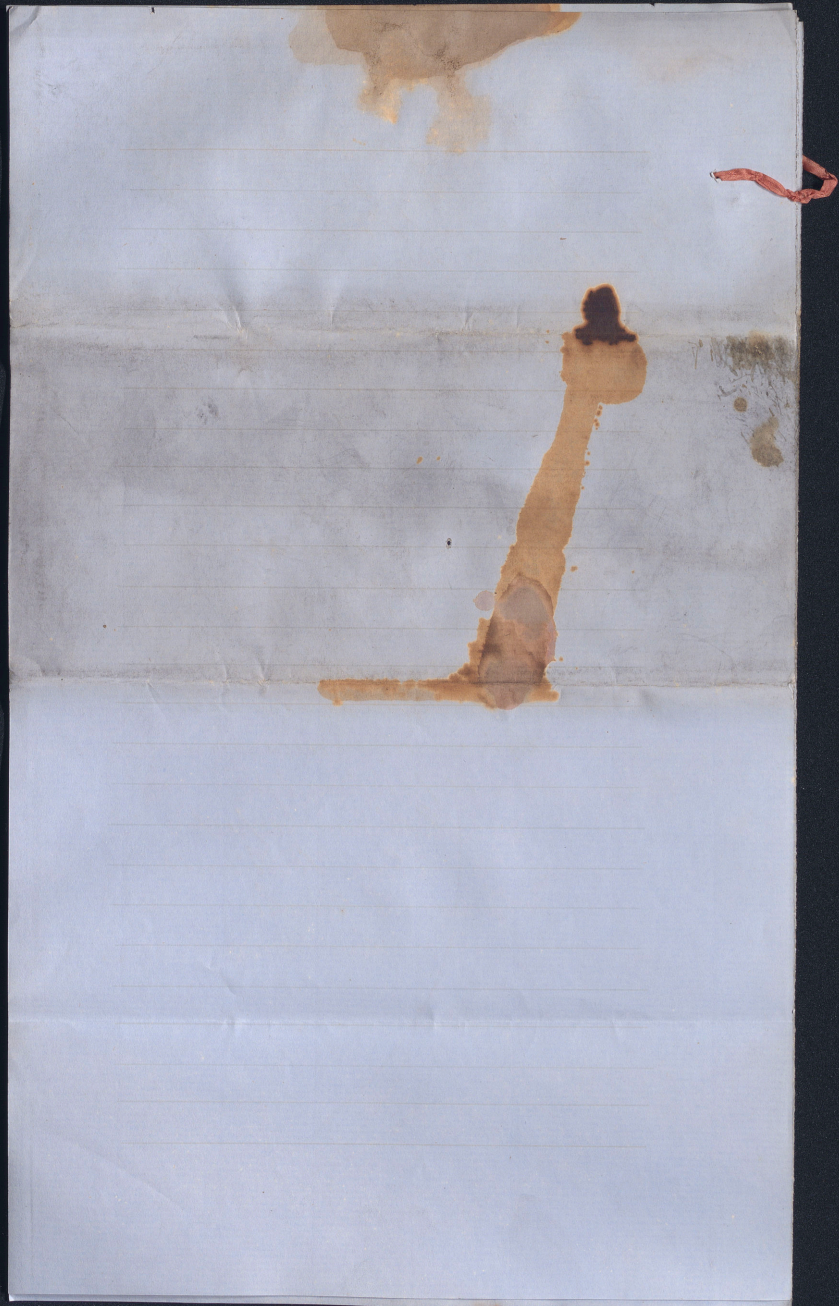
your influence to have the law of 1856, as modified as to restore the Courts to each of the nine Counties in the Territory, at once restored. Unless something be done for the better administration of law in the Territory, we shall soon have a fearful state of society.

Under this state of things, it is not to be wondered at, that Indian depredations and massacres should continue and become more frequent. I have just received a letter from S. B. Watson dated at Fort Barclay the 4th instant, informing me that a party of Comanches had just destroyed a settlement recently made on Red River, forty or fifty miles east of Fort Union, and had barbarously murdered Mr. Burnham, the American under whom the settlement was made.

A delegation also from the Pueblo of Sanguan waited on me a few days since to complain of the murder of one of their people, the week before, by the Pueblo of James, and asking for satisfaction. All I could do was to advise them to an amicable adjustment of the matter if possible, as I had no power to interfere. What a diversity of

of opinion there may exist as to the policy
of transferring the superintendence
of the wild Indians, there can be none
as to the Pueblos. Undoubtedly they
should have remained under the care
and control of the Governor, who could,
from his position exercise a power over
them for good which no Indian agent
could. They seem unwilling to recognize
any other Tata or father. Most of them
speak Spanish and are intelligent, and
not inferior in agriculture and coarse
manufactures to the lower class of the
Mexican population. I think, therefore,
it would not be a difficult matter to
improve their condition and advance
them in the arts of civilized life.

With great respect
Your O^bl. Servant
(Signed) A. Rencher
Gov. N. M.



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Hezekiah Shook
Versailles,
Inda
April 10/58
Wants Speech

Versailles Ind. April 10th 58
Hon S. A. Douglass
Sir
Will you please send me
a copy of your last
speech on The Lecompton
Constitution delivered in
U. S. A. and
obedient Yours
Hezekiah Shook.



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Geo. W. Stevens
Concord, N.H.
April 10/58.

Wants Speech.

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Concord N.H. April 10. 58

Dear Sir -

Will you be
kind enough to send
me by return mail copies
of your speeches on
the "Lecompton Constitution"
in the Senate - and oblige

Yours Respectfully
Geo. W. Stevens

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Eagle Point Apr. 10th 1858

Mr. Douglas

Sir.

If there are seeds in the
Patent Office for distribution, I would like a
package, both of garden and flower seeds, if you
will please to send them.

Respectfully Yours

Harriet L. Stewart

Harriet S Stewart
Eagle Point
Illinois
April 10, 1858,

Uncle's garden &
flower seeds.

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W. B. Taylor
Cottage Grove
Wisc.
April 10, 1858.

"Reports" See



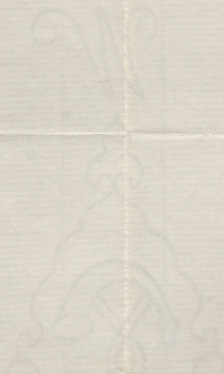
Wisc - Cottage Grove April 10/58

Senator Douglas

Dr Sir

please send me copy of your
minority report under the Leconte
and one of your most comprehensive
speeches on the Kansas question
Want something covering the
whole ground that I may
fully understand the whole ques-
tion - Direct to Cottage Grove
Dane County Wisconsin
from your admiring friend

W. B. Taylor



Utica Licking County Ohio April 10th 1858
 Hon

Stephen A Douglas U.S.

Dear Sir You will

confer a favor by sending me the last Speech You
 made in the Senate before the Vote was taken on
 the LeCompton Constitution & also one of Senator
 Crittenden's Speech, my object is to have them in
 Pamphlet form that I can file them away to refer
 to at any future time. If You could ^{send} a few
 more I will distribute them amongst our
 Democratic friends

Yours Truly

J. Turner P.M.

J. Turner.
P^r Mr
Utica.
Sickling & Co
April 10/58

Wants Speech
to distribute

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Bell Plain Marshall Co. Ill
Hon. Stephen A. Douglas
Washington
D. C.

Sir if you will forward
me a copy of the Annual Report
of the Board of Regents of the
Smithsonian Institution for the year
1856 you will confer a favor which
will, I trust, be duly appreciated,
your Obedt. Servant

10th April 1858

J. M. Vandervoort

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J. M. Vanderwort
Belle Plaine
Ill.

April 10/58.

Wants Smithsonian
Reports -

Buffalo N.Y.
Apr 10. 1858

Res^d friends.

Will you have
the kindness to send me
your Speech (in pamphlet
form) our Lectures
and much oblige

Yours &c
Horatio N. Walker

Hon.

S. A. Douglas.
Washington.

Horatio N Walker

Buffalo, N.Y.

April 10/58.

Uncle's Speech

Securusch April 14/58

Hon S A Douglas

I take the privilege of writing you and for the purpose of asking you to send me a few copies of your speeches on the Kansas Question as a great many of us in this part of the country think your and your friends stand on the Democratic Platform and others have left it I am taken the Union and cant go with him on the Kansas Question as he is one sided. I send a list of persons that is anxious to read your speeches by so doing you will confer a favor on you old friends who have voted for you every time you run for Congress and who you are well acquainted with in Illinois Yours Respectfully

Wm P. Walker

J. W. Sayse	J. Loomis	Jane Soley
J. Sharratt	J. Holbrook	C. Wright
R. Wright	W. Stronge	A. P. Buck
C. A. Goshen	R. Irwin	J. Bishop
G. W. Field	W. Jameson	L. Corson
John Sears	L. M. Cure	J. Pound
J. R. Little	Wm. Townsend	A. Catling

Sent April
26/58
of 22 March 1858

Wm J Walker

Leamouth

Nebraska

April 10/58,

Political
give names,
for speech, &c.

C. B. Wilkinson
Deansville,
Onondaga Co. N.Y.
April 10/58.

Edit. paper in
Waterville - wants
Speeches. So sends
to above address.

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Deansville, Onondaga Co. N. Y.
April 10: 1858.
Hon. S. A. Douglas
Dear Sir:

Although I edit a
paper in Waterville - where your
speeches, &c. have franked to me by
you - yet the above is my
address, and I will be greatly
obliged if you will send me
your speech of the 29th ult. and
other doc. with which you may
be disposed to favor your friends.
The "Young Democracy" are with
you on the "Secession Question",
and they will "declare their
intentions" in this State, the first
of forthwith
Your friend
C. B. Wilkinson

