C. P. Allen
Johnson
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Johnson April 16. 1858

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

Dear Sir.

It is nearly twenty years since I first had the pleasure of an introduction to you, it was at Chicago August 1838. Since that time although I have not had a personal acquaintance with you, yet I have not been an indifferent spectator to the scenes which have, and are passing before the country in which you have been an important actor. It is needless for me to remark that your friends in this, yours and my native State, are innumerable.

I shall remain at this place until October next, when I return to my adopted home in Christ. Randolph Co. Ill.

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The Congressional proceedings received through newspapers being merely outlines of what transpires, I shall take it as a favor that shall be reciprocated, if you will send me your speeches on Kansas affairs, and any other public documents that will have a tendency to keep a person posted. Hoping and trusting that you Sir may receive the honors in 1860 which should have been yours in 1856.

I remain,
My Respectfully
Your Obt Servt
E. P. Allen

Please direct Mr E. P. Allen
" Johnson
Vermont

Nebraska

April 16th 1858

Hon Stephen A Douglas

Dear Sir I recd a lot of your minority reports with a note on the fly leaf of one of them seeing you had understood I had gone to the west I immediately wrote you informing you that I was still at this place but not having recd an answer to my lines have concluded you have not recd them. I will just say I leave for St Paul M T on the 20th & if you should think worth while to communicate with me Address to St Paul. & be assured sir that my Humble but Best efforts shall be exerted in sustaining the principles most Dear to us both & the rights of the people & for this purpose we must be armed with official documents any thing you may commit to my charge shall be attended to to the best of my ability

Yours Truly

Thos. Cannon

Thos Cannon
Nebraska
April 16/58.

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states he leaves
for St Paul's,
Min:

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Geo T Chapman
Kenyon College
Gambier, Ohio.
April 16/58.

Asking Dr Rhodes to persuade Judge D to deliver the oration before Philomathesian Society on 30 June 1858

Ans'd Mr Rhodes
April 27/58
Thos. Ford

Kenyon College
April 16th 1858

Mr. Rhodes

Dear Sir:

The Philomathesian Society of Kenyon College has unanimously elected Hon. Stephen A. Douglas, Orator for the ensuing Commencement, which occurs on the 30th of June next. Knowing your intimate acquaintance with the Senator, I told my Brother-Philomathesians I would write, write, & earnestly solicit your valuable influence for us. Do you think Mr Douglas will accept? Would you be willing to write and present our cause to the man of this Republic? The Philomathesian Society is the oldest here and comprises the best talent of the College. Nothing would delight the students the Faculty & the friends of Education generally more than an affirmative answer from Mr.

Douglas. Hoping that you will oblige us by rendering aid in this matter, I remain

Very Respectfully

Yours &c George T. Chapman

P.S. Please favor me, if convenient, with an immediate answer. Address George T. Chapman Gambier Knox Co.

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Paperville Tenn April 16th /58

Hon S A Dughas sir

Pardon me for again troubling you by calling on you for information — I have ever been an admirer of you as a politician and when you first differed with the Executive on the Kansas Lecompton constitution question I set out with the defence that you were honest but now as nearly the entire Democratic party stand opposed to you & all the information I get on that question is on the other side You will please send me your Speeches and any other information you may think proper and I shall remaine as ever your friend and

fellow citizen

O P Crockett

P S My address is Paperville Sullivan Co

Tenn

O P C

O. P. Crockett
Paperville
Tenn:
April 16. 1858.

Want Speeches.

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Copy

John Dixon

Camden Mills

Rock Island Co

Ills

April 16. 1858.

Is bondsman for the Dep P M there, who has become so dissipated that his removal is required. — this he asks & that Thos O Chesnut be appointed in his place.

Respectfully referred to the Post Master Genl with Judge Douglas's assurances that the writer is a gentleman of highest character & standing ~~& Respectability~~

April 22/58.

John W. Earl
West Bloomfield
Ontario Co. N.Y.
April 16. 1858.

Sends names
wants
Garden Seed.

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West Bloomfield New York Ap 11
Hon Sir

Pardon the liberty I take in writing you = but you would confer a great favor - if you would send me a few Garden Seeds from the Patent Office - There is but few Democrats in this Town. and as we are his Representative by a Republican I give you the Names of the prominent Democrats in town

David Paul
Warren Pierpoint
Albert Chase
Joseph Case
N R Crandall

Please accept of my sincere regard for your Health and Happiness and I remain

Your Hble St
J W Earl P.M

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Wm Farnsworth
Ann Arbor
Mich:
April 16. 1858.

Wants Report

Ann Arbor April 16th 1858

Hon. Stephen A. Douglas.

Dr Sir

Will you be so kind as to send me 2 copies of the "Minority Report" delivered by yourself in the Senate

I remain Your Obt. Servt.
William Farnsworth.

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Merchants and Drovers Bank of Illinois,

SMITH & GOODELL, Bankers.

Hon S A Douglas Joliet Ill., Apl 16 1858
Washington

We had our County Convention yesterday and appointed 65 Delegates to the State Convention among the number are McRoberts Elwood Osgood Col Smith Bowen & others from the County. McRoberts made a strong speech sustaining you in every particular. We passed resolutions similar to the Quincy ones there were a few votes against them but they all said (I talked with the most of them after the Con) that the one sustaining you they did not object to.

Yours Truly
R E Goodell

Sent an assorted bundle of 20 speeches.
April 21/58 McCook

R C Goodell
Joliet
Will Co. Ills.
April 16. 1858.

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J. P. Harmon
State Line,
Franklin Co. Pa.
April 16. 1858.

Wants Speeches.

State Line Franklin Co. Pa.
Apr. 16. 1858

S. A. Douglas, Esq.
Dear Sir:
Please forward to my address a copy of the Lecompton Constitution, also a copy of your recent Speech delivered in the Senate on Lecompton, and such other matter as you may deem of importance, and you will much oblige me. Yours Truly
J. P. Harmon

Private.

near Baltimore April 15th 1858

My dear Sir.

At the request of numerous personal and political friends in this State, Penna. and elsewhere I propose to compile and prepare for the press an edition of your Congressional Speeches, Reports &c. I believe I have all of your Speeches, Reports &c. with several of your addresses, but as I intend the volume to be a creditable one in every respect I am extremely anxious to be accurate in every particular.

I desire from you a list of your (Legislative and Congress) Speeches, Reports and Addresses, and in case I have not all of them in my possession and cannot procure them, would you oblige me by loaning such as I may want. Perhaps you may want to make some corrections before I consign them to the printer. Any suggestions you may make in the premises will be duly regarded by your old friend and obedient servant.

Geo. H. Hickman

To,

Hon. S. A. Douglas
Senate

Please address
GEORGE H. HICKMAN,
ATTORNEY AT LAW,
Baltimore

(over)

* Please send me a couple copies of your Latt Speech on Kansas

(Copy of Reply)

Washington City
May 4. 1858.

Sir

Public engagements have precluded a more immediate reply to your communication of 16th ultimo, requesting copies of speeches, &c with a view to an edition of my "Speeches, Reports and addresses" which you propose to compile and prepare for the press.

Hitherto, I have had no sufficient leisure to revise any of these documents, nor can I promise myself immediate opportunity. I have therefore declined all previous applications, except in one case.

On this occasion, I must be permitted to withhold my assent

Respectfully
Your Obed't Serv't
(Signed) S A Douglas.

George H Dickmann Esq
Attorney at Law.
Baltimore
Md.

Geo H. Hickman
Near Baltimore
Md.
April 16, 1858.

Want Speeches to finish a publication of Judge Douglas' Speeches - he is now preparing

This Man is a great Scoundrel Judge must not correspond with him or have any dealings whatever

McCook

See Reply written

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

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John T. Howe
Danville
Montour Co
Pa
April 16/58.

Wants Speeches

Danville, April 16th 1858

Hon. Stephen A. Douglas:

Dear Sir,—

You may think strange in one addressing you with whom you are totally unacquainted. And perhaps stranger yet in asking you to do me a favor.

I having seen part of your last great speech published in the "Danville Democrat," I am eager to see and read it all, for in it I found all the arguments upon the Slavery Question worth preserving for future reference. And if you will have the kindness to send me two copies of your speech, I will feel myself under many obligations to you. If you will do

Oblige me Please address as follows:—

John G. Howe,
Danville,
Montour County,
Penna.

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G. N. Hulbert.
Fabius. N.Y.
April 16. 1858.

Wants Speeches

Fabius, Onondaga Co., N. Y.,
April 16th, 1858.

Hon. S. A. Douglas:

Being one of the so-called "Douglas Democrats," and highly gratified with your recent honorable achievement in the successful resistance to the Lecompton outrage, I assume the license of directly addressing you to ask you to frank me two copies of your first opening speech on the subject; and also am very anxious to enjoy the perusal of Senator Bright's able argument on the same, which I have not seen entire, and wishing you to enclose me if convenient, two copies of his speech.

Would be happy to have you place my name among the list, to enjoy the privilege occasionally of your franking facilities, for the further intelligence of

our democratic brethren in this county.

Your political Friend,

C. A. Wulbert,

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E. C. Leavitt
Meriden NH
April 16. 1858.

Autograph

Sent

Meriden April 16 1858

My Dear Sir
Will you please send me your autograph and oblige
E. C. Leavitt

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Wayne Co Dem. Office
Wooster O
Apl. 16/58

Hon. S. A. Douglas.

Sir – Have the kindness to send me a few copies of your "last great speech." I design to publish it. Notwithstanding I am Post Master at Wooster I am with you for Popular Sovereignty and against Lecompton

Yours truly

L. A. Marchand

I S Marchand

J. S. Marchand
P. M.

Ed. Wayne Co. Democrat,
Wooster, Ohio,
April 16/58.

Notwithstanding P.M.,
respectfully Your

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Bloomfield April 14th 58
Walworth Co Wis

Hon S. A. Douglas

will you please to send me a copy of your speech upon the admission of Kansas under the Lecompton Constitution delivered just before it passed Also if convenient send me a copy of Trumbull speech

your course is ~~warmly~~ highly applauded in this vicinity by Democrats & Republicans with the exception of but one Democrat & he is a perfect old Rhinocros

Yours &c David Miller

David Miller
Bloomfield
Ills.
April 11. 1888.

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U. S. Rev. Cutter Philip Allen
Annapolis Md., April 16th 1858

Sir,

Understanding a Bill for an increase of pay to the Officers of the Rev. Cutter Service will be presented during this session of Congress, I have taken the liberty of addressing you asking your support in effecting its passage.

I will not tax you with a lengthy epistle upon the subject, as it is to be presumed the petition will afford every necessary information, but will briefly remark that the present pay of a Captain in the Rev. Service is one hundred dollars per month or twelve hundred per annum without any other perquisites or emoluments, making the pay of a Captain in this branch of public service less by three hundred dollars than the Lieutenants of the Navy.

Many of the Officers myself included have large and expensive families, and from the fact of the high prices of every article of consumption, we find using the most rigid economy the pay totally inadequate to their support, and to afford our Children a necessary education,

Apologising for intruding upon you with this letter,

I have the Honor to be

Sir very Respectfully

Your Obedient Servant

Thomas Ames

Capt. U.S. Rev. Service

Hon. Stephen A. Douglas

U. S. Senator

Washington

DC

Thos Sands
Capt Revenue Service
Annapolis
Md.

April 16. 1858.

Asks support
of bill to increase
pay of Revenue officers

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Meriden, N. H. Apr. 16

Hon. S. A. Douglas, Sir,

Please send me some of the latest speeches made in the senate.

and oblige your obedient servant,

Pascal G. Sprague

Israel J. Sprague
Meriden N.H.
April 16, 1858

Wants Speeches

Private

National Hotel, Friday P.M.

Dear Douglas,

An old friend of mine, a democrat from New York, now many years a resident of California, writes me on business from San Francisco, according to the enclosed. My correspondent is one of the best-informed men in California. Could you not get it inserted in the "States" as an extract from a business letter from an old New York democrat, now & many years a resident in California, to his friend in New York?

The letter is dated, San Francisco, March 20. 1858.

(Confidential) A friend of mine is interested in the passage of what is called "the New York Fire Bill." You know the measure is eminently just. You have formerly reported it, & voted for it. It comes up to-morrow morning in the House. Will you see that your friends are present and go for it? Tell Mr. Shaw, or Morris, or some one, to see to this. By so doing you will confer a personal favor on,

Yours Ever,

H. B. Stanton

I am too much engaged to see you personally, to-night.

H B Stanton

Washington City

April 16/58.

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Public opinion in California will sustain Broderick &c

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Extract &c. from a business letter.

Tom Fran

"San Francisco, March 20. 1858

xxxx As to politics. The Legislature of this State has passed Lecompton resolutions. But the Legislature does not represent the people. A vast majority of the people of California will support Broderick and Douglass. I am not mistaken in the signs of the times. I know the State as well as any man in it, and I tell you the State is for Broderick on this question."

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Apr. 16, 1858

35TH CONGRESS, 1st Session. } HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, { REPORT No. 10.

BARCLAY & LIVINGSTON, AND OTHERS—DUTIES ON GOODS DESTROYED BY FIRE IN NEW YORK.

[To accompany Bill H. R. 204.]

JANUARY 21, 1858.

Mr. JOHN COCHRANE, from the Committee on Commerce, made the following

REPORT.

The Committee on Commerce, to whom was referred the memorial of sundry merchants of the city of New York, praying for the refunding of duties paid by them on goods destroyed by fire, in the city of New York, on the 19th day of July, 1845, together with various other papers relating thereto, submit the following report:

The memorialists ask for the refunding of duties paid by them on certain goods destroyed, in their original and unbroken packages as imported, by an extensive conflagration in that city at the time above mentioned.

The claimants are highly respectable merchants of the city of New York, and from their certificate in the hands of the committee it appears that they are still the owners of the claims in question, they not having parted with their interest therein, but relying upon the justice of Congress to grant them relief.

Most of the goods destroyed had been but recently imported—some of them only the day before the fire occurred—and many of them were *in transitu* for re-exportation. The case is regarded as a severe one for the claimants, inasmuch as the loss of the goods themselves was very heavy, and involved the necessity of reimportations to supply their place; thus subjecting the claimants virtually to the payment of double duties.

The whole amount of duties paid on goods destroyed in their original and unbroken packages by this fire was about $400,000. Of this sum $109,967 52 has been repaid by the Secretary of the Treasury, on wines and liquors in bond, under the act of March 28, 1854; thus leaving the goods not in bond unprovided for by any existing law. The bill herewith reported for the relief of the owners of these goods is limited in amount to $300,000.

The common council of the city of New York has passed resolutions asking Congress to refund the duties in question; and the Chamber of

Commerce of that city has, after fully acquainting itself with the facts of this case, twice adopted resolutions affirming the *bona fide* character of these claims, and calling upon Congress to pass a bill for the relief of the claimants.

This measure has been favorably reported upon by the Committee on Commerce in the 30th, 31st, 32d, 33d, and 34th Congresses, and also in the same Congresses by the Committees on Finance in the Senate.

Bills for relief have passed one or the other House of every Congress since the original application was made; but have failed to pass both Houses of the same Congress for want of time to get concurrent action. A bill for relief passed both branches of the last Congress by large majorities, but failed in the Senate on the eve of the final adjournment, from lack of time to agree to an amendment of the House.

Your committee are convinced that the application of the memorialists is made in good faith, and is founded on actual losses, and comes within the principle on which the government has repeatedly acted, and on which it now uniformly acts, in respect to goods destroyed by fire in cases like this.

The bill herewith reported rests upon a principle which has received the reiterated sanction of Congress and the government. The statute books and records exhibit numerous special and general laws granting relief in similar cases, commencing with the first act passed in 1790, and coming down to the act of March 28, 1854; which last act, by a general provision, provides for all like cases occurring from and after the date of the warehousing act of 1846.

The decisions of the United States courts have invariably affirmed that the principle of not levying, or, when paid, of refunding the duties on goods which from any cause DID NOT ENTER INTO THE CONSUMPTION OF THE COUNTRY, is based upon equity and justice, and that such is the spirit and intent of our revenue laws —(See Marriott *vs.* Brune, 9th Howard's reports, page 619, where the opinion of the Supreme Court was pronounced by Mr. Justice Woodbury.)

This policy has been sanctioned by several heads of the Treasury Department, and finally by the act of the 28th March, 1854, above mentioned, has been engrafted upon our laws as the settled policy of the government. The same policy prevails in Great Britain, France, Russia and all other commercial countries.

A policy thus repeatedly acknowledged to be just by the legislative, judicial and executive branches of our government, would seem scarcely to need defence. In special legislation, however, every care should be taken to guard against fraudulent claims. The bill herewith reported by your committee keeps that point constantly in view. It is based substantially on that of July 7, 1839, which granted relief to the sufferers by the great fire in New York, in 1835. Its safeguards against fraud and perjury are more complete and stringent even than those embodied in that act.

It institutes a commission to examine the claims, composed of the collector of the port of New York, the naval officer of that port, and the United States district attorney for that district.

Their report in favor of any claim is to be subject to the approval

of the Secretary of the Treasury. Like the act of 1838, it does not take any money out of the treasury, but provides for the issuing of certificates to such parties as substantiate their claims, which are to be receivable in payment of duties by the collector of the port of New York.

This bill is confined to goods destroyed in their original and unbroken packages, as imported, and, as above stated, is limited in amount to $300,000.

In accordance with the foregoing statement, I am instructed by the committee to report the accompanying bill.

Private

Indianapolis 16 April 1858

Dear Sir

Last evening I had a free conversation with several of Mr Bright's special friends. They frankly admitted that his day of doom in Indiana has come, but expressed the belief that he & Fitch would be confirmed in their terms respectively by the Senate. They were so gracious as to express satisfaction, rather than regret — admitted his arts, management, & manners generally to be of a guerrilla character, that he had refined from mischief among the people so long that he had forgotten the way of planning and leading them, confessed his despotism as a party man, and condemned his late speech unanimously. I repeated my predictions as to the result agt the Charleston Convention, & as to Cretinden yourself, & another, and heard no uncandid denunciations of you, or anything to the success of the Charleston nomination as would have, & did frequently, greeted my ears a few weeks ago. The Sentence may not go for you yet as likely as not, if Jesse is turned out of the Senate. The day that happens the

intimate friend of his fellows who have looked to him and the gentlemen who have been led by him — John L. Robinson & others to expect his course in the Senate, his action as Vice President, or call into the Cabinet this afternoon — action as President, will turn their backs on him. Such a Thespian of every man who makes friends or any principle other than mind. If B. fades under the adverse vote of the Senate, he is a gone — will never come up again — and ~~will~~ all his expectations ~~& ambitions will plant themselves in the foreground~~. The mediocrity of his mind shines between Tom & Peter — of his conduct towards J. Wright — and of his coming home to our & your Convention — he had no time in all this — and the fatal consequences to him were pretty fairly admitted by his dear friends with whom I conversed last night.

If it be so that B. & T. are to be repulsed, and B. feels it is to be so (he believes the contrary very fully now) B. will, as usual, dodge, lay in ambush, and coming home to claim it as "an act of great courage on my part to harmonize the Party". The Star will say, so as it did about his "waiving his right to a place in the Cabinet". The purpose has been a copy, & his treading blow his triumph. But it will not all answer the purpose. Every dog has his day. B. has had his.

Very truly

W. W. Hick

W. H. Wick
Indianapolis
April 16/58,

Political

Senator Bright &c

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James A Wise
Georgetown College
D.C.
April 16. 1858

Want Speeches.

Georgetown College
April 16th 1858

Hon. S. A. Douglas,
Respected Sir,
Will you please furnish me with two copies of your last speech on the Lecompton Constitution and greatly oblige
Yours respectfully
James A. Wise.

Hon. S. A. Douglas
U. S. Senate