

Mount Vernon
 April 17th 1858

Hon L. A. Douglas
 Washington D. C.
 Sir

I write you to
 ask you to be true enough
 to send me a copy of your
 speech on the Leecompton
constitution. This is an anti
Leecompton district - but the
 member Hon Jos Burns
 is in favor of Leecompton
 so we see but few Anti
Leecompton documents here

Yours
 H. B. Panning

141 Banning

M'Comen

Ohio
April 17, 1868.

Wants Speech

Hon^{ble} St A Douglas

Washington D.C.

Much Esteemed Sir

The Sundry Documents You had the kindness to address to me so far, have been received and promptly distributed amongst those of Your numerous Friends of whom I know to be true and active adherents of those sterling democratic principles You so masterly and victoriously know how to uphold -

Accept my Sincere Thanks and believe me to remain with the highest Regards

Your Obedt Servt

G. Lorr.

Freeport Ill April 17/58.

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Freeport, Ill.

April 17/58,

I have received &
distributed to all
the



Dear Mr. [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

Yours faithfully,
[illegible signature]

5059
Synn County Iowa 14th April 1858

Dear Sir

I hope that you will Pardon the liberty of Requesting the favour of your sending me a Document on Agriculture of a late Date as I had an intention of going into the Cultivation of Sugar Cane (and want to gain information the mode of converted into Sugar likewise if you could Procure me some Spanish Tobacco seed if I could get into mode of preparing it for manufacturing into Segars I was Rejoiced to see at the time of your appointment for making a speech in Galburg last summer that you had a good many which there was great threats made by Abolition Party likewise I was glad to see you Saluted by field Piece and a Band of Musicians I was in company with Col. M. M. Montoy at the time I am happy to hear that General Shields is got an Appointment for Congress from Minnesota

I hope that you will hold out firm for our
liberty as you have done heretofore adieu;

P.S. Direct to Alexander Lardin, Freeman
Center Point Lynn County your humble
servant
Jacob Alexander Lardin

Alex. Lardin

Center Point, Va.

Freeman

April 17/58,

Wm. A. G. R. R. R.

Larkin

SS

Old Folks Co. Ill

Hon Stephen Douglass 17th April 38
Washington

My Sir
I have taken the liberty to
address a line to you from
the fact that I feel gratefull
to you [as every man that is
a true republican in the true
sense of the word ^{should feel} for the
very active part that you
have taken in rwarding
off the monster in shape of
the Socompton fraud
Every man in Northern Ill
feels to rejoice over the
result And it is attributed
in great measure to your
labours And all true friends

an ask for is the opportunity
to show you our gratitude
And we expect to have
that chance when the
present incumbent of the
Presidential chair shall
cease to occupy that same
chair. We are here
situated immediately in the
hot bed of Abolitionism
And they all with the
Democrats to a man
endorse your views with
regard to this Secession
Grand. We have now
established a Democratic
paper in our village the
first paper of the kind
ever established in the county.
We have started it upon
good sound footing and

Have no fears but that
what it will flourish
our Subscription list now
numbers over seven hundred
And but one copy or number
Published. The paper is got up
by joint stock company.
I believe there was a copy
sent to you.

I have very
carefully read all the proceedings
in Congress during the winter.
Have recd several speeches
from you for which please
except my thanks. And if
you can conveniently send me
more and more frequent they
will be very thankfully
recd. I wish to keep myself
as well posted in the
political ^{of the day} doing as far as

¹⁴
Hereafter if you send
me any documents of
any kind please direct
to Polo and not to
Buffalo Grove as heretofore
at which place there is
no Post office at present

Very Truly

Yours John H. Hunt
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John H. Hunt
Polo, Wis.
April 17, 1853
Polo, Wis.
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April 17. 1858

Am J. A. Douglas

Dear Sir

Will you have
the goodness to forward to my address
a few Copies of your Speech delivered
in the U. States Senate March 22. 1858

Yours Very respectfully
Wm H. Gardiner



Wm H Gardiner
Providence
R.I.
April 17, 1858,

Wants Speeches,

E. W. Herriman
Albany.
N.Y.
April 17/58.

Autograph
Sent
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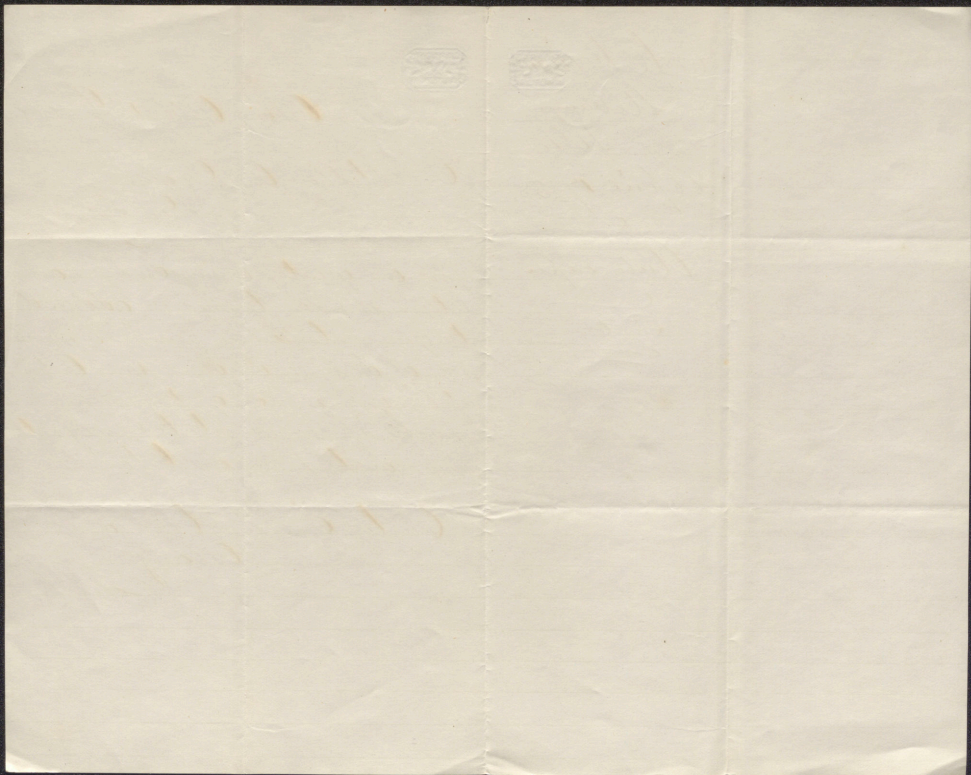
Albany April 17th 1858

Hon Stephen A. Douglass
Dear Sir:

Thank you

you are greatly annoyed, by having
letters similar to my own, addressed
to you, but I hope you will excuse
me, and by sending me your "Autog-
raph" you would gratify me very
much, if you see fit to comply with
my request, please direct to

Master E. W. Herriman
Albany N. Y.



East Bloomfield, Ontario Co. N.Y. Apr. 15th 1850

Mr Douglas,

Please send me public documents concerning the Government waggon Road that is soon to be built ^{from} as I have carpenter & should like to be one of the party

I Oblige your humble
 Servant George W. Huntley
 Hon. Stephen A. Douglas.

Geo W Whitley
East Bloomfield
N.Y.
April 11, 1858,

Accounts, documents,

Univ. of Mich
Ann Arbor April 17th 58

Hon Steven A. Douglas
Dear Sir

Will you please
send me your Speech on "Secumpton"
And very much oblige

Yours Respectfully,

J. C. Johnson

Ann Arbor
Mich.

Box 2440

J. C. Johnson
Ann Arbor,
Mich;

April 17, 1858,

Wants Speech.

Philada April 17 1858

Hon Stephen a Douglass M C
Washington City
Or Sir

Would you
please favor the writer with a
"copy" of your speech on Leecompton

I wrote on 31st of last
March since when receiving no
answer I supposed the letter had
miscarried. Your attention would
oblige greatly

Yours respect.

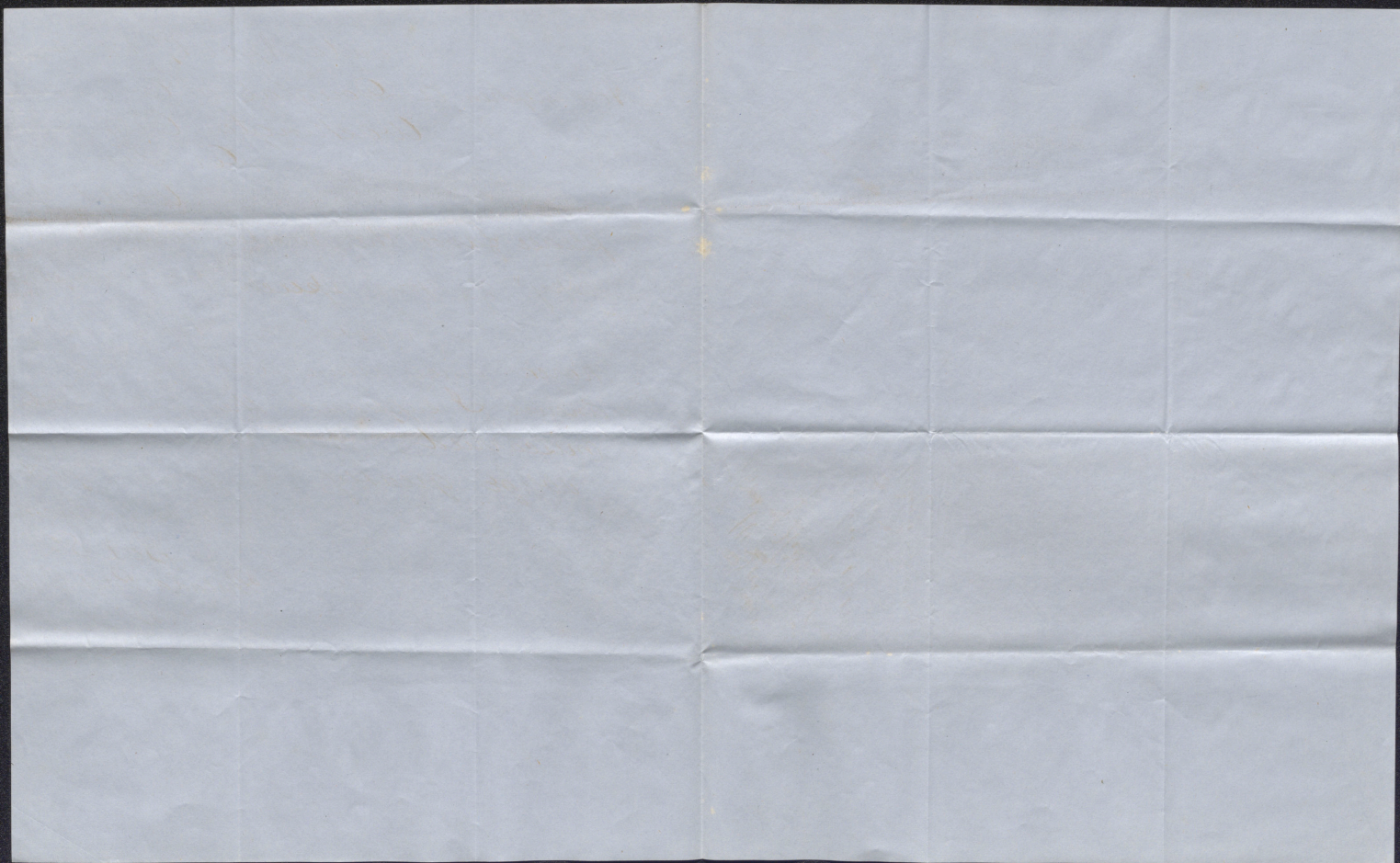
Thos. W. Carson
Box 82
Philada Post Office
Penn

Thos. M. Sarsen

Philadelphia
Pa

April 17. 1858.

Wm. S. Speech



H Longnecker

April 17. 1888.

Monticello.
Pitt Co. N.C.

Reuben Bowman
bought Land
warrants of James
Bamhorn, who
died before
assigning same
- wants this
remedied -
Mr Shaw has the
papers.

Respectfully
referred to Hon.
C. Shaw. H. K. R.
who, it is presumed
will attend to the
case April 28/88

Letter Sent to Mr Shaw
April 28/58.



Wm Sampson
 Springfield, Ill.
 April 17, 1858,
 Wants Speecher,

Wm Sampson
 Springfield, Ill.
 April 17, 1858

Springfield, Mass.
 Ill

Honorable Sir

I take the privilege
 of encroaching upon your
 time. — which if I can form
 any opinion from the integrity
 of your actions, and the
 purity of your intentions —
 as inculcated in your report to
 congress from the committee on
 Territories, which now lays before me
 — I cannot hesitate in declaring
 that it is precious therefore
 I will not detain you long
 in reading my Letter
 at the request of numerous friends
 and hoping or rather desiring to
 increase my own knowledge
 of public matters and of affairs
 and desiring to learn the
 opinion of our debaters upon
 subjects which concern us all

under these considerations
(I wish (as at first stated)
to encroach upon your time
for a few moments. Requesting
(or begging) you to send me
a number of Public documents
such as are in pamphlet form.
I receive the Thanks and
well wishes of Wm. Lymphin Esq.
and numerous Friends.

I am your humble servant
Wm. Lymphin Esq.

J. A. Langley Esq.
H. C.

Columbus April 17th 1858
 Wm Stephen Douglass
 Sir

Will you have the kindness to
 send me two copies of your great speech after
 the report of Committee on Kansas Affairs &c.
 One copy of your speech in which you first
 took your noble stand in behalf of "real"
 Democratic Principles. I can only say that
 you are sustained by half of the American people
 Your most humble Serv^t

A. W. H. Cornwell
 Columbus
 Ohio

Alfred Cornell
Columbus,
Ohio
April 17, 1858,
Went, Speeches,
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Ann Arbor

April. 17th /58.

Mr. S. A. Douglas.

Sir. Please send
me your late speech on the Secession
Constitution, and such other documents
as you may think calculated to throw light
on this much vexed question of the rights
of the people Kansas and the people of any
other territory in common with them.

Yours &c

Sincerely - - - - - W. Marshall

Ann Arbor

Michigan



W Marshall
Ann Arbor.
Mich;
April 17, 1858,

Wants Speeches
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Lepe Decker
New Haven
Cto.

April 17/58

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New Haven, Conn., April 17th 1858.
Hon. S. C. Douglass,

Sir. Will you allow
a stranger, though an enthusiastic
admirer of your glorious defense
of true democratic principles and
the rights of American citizens,
to request the favor of one or
more copies of your great Speech
in behalf of Kansas, and in
opposition to the monstrous
invasion of the rights of its
injured people.

The glorious triumph of
the opposition in Connecticut
is but an indorsement of your
policy; and New England's sons,
from New Hampshire & Maine to
the ends of the earth, will respond
to your eloquent appeal in behalf
of the Constitutional rights of the

the citizens of our glorious Re-
public.

We claim to be an order-
loving, and law-abiding people,
and Southern men are rapidly
becoming disabused respecting
our real character. We do not
indorse the fanatic doctrines
of a few abolitionists who have
done so much to disturb the
friendly feeling formerly sub-
sisting between the North and
the South; but we do protest
in the name of Justice and
High Heaven against the abo-
minations of a dissolving and
damning administration which
is smothered upon the in-
slavement of our whole American
people.

May God preserve your life
and health, and reward you,
for thus hearing the old lions

in his den, and taking the
"Buck" by the horns!

Very Respectfully,
Yours, Wm. Beck.

5076
Mrs Caputicum
Lancaster, Pa.
April 17/58.

Goliath's interest
in Act Relief of
Revolutionary Soldiers
&c.

Lancaster April 17th 1858-
Hon. Stephen A Douglas

Dear Sir-

This address
is from a very humble individual, who would
not have intruded herself upon your notice,
but for the encouragement your late course
in the Senate on an important subject gives.
that you regard the sacred rights of in-
dividuals. I am interested in the "Claim
of Rev. Officers", which will soon be brought
before the Senate, and which contrary to
our expectations, after it had passed the
House by 40 Majority, was defeated in
the Senate, by only one vote. Whatever
might have been your reason for voting
against it then, I trust it will be presented
in such a form, that it will be consistent
with your convictions of right, to use your
influence in favor of it now.

If the

"Widows" petition was granted by the "Worst
Judge." because she "weeried" him. Will not a
righteous cause find an Advocate with
a just Judge? Trust it will.

With respect

E. A. Putnam

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Haddonfield. N.J. April 1/58.

Sir, I have just read your
very able speech on the Kansas
question, and I must say that
it exceeds anything of Daniel
Webster in his prime days.
I accidentally picked up Burpee on
Shirleyham, & quote from him
a few lines probably familiar to you.
"No holy zeal of religion, no rage,
no statesman, no orator, no man, if
any literary description, whatever age
came up to me, the pre-eminence to the
pure perfection of power & vision the
offer to that man of knowledge
force of imagination, breadth of vision,
heart & elegance of thought, strength
& copiousness of thought, passion & insight
of conception, to which we have this day
listened with order & admiration."
From poetry up to eloquence there is not
a specimen of composition of which a
complete and perfect specimen might
not from that single speech be
collected, and collected it!"

And as my humble representing
Citizen of a Sovereign State, I venture
to address you, Hoping that your
future success may be as brilliant
in the future as in the past.

Hoping to hear from you occasionally

Yours Truly —

To
Hon. J. S. Bayless } Joseph S. Redman,
Washington }
Sb

Joseph S. Redman
Addison Hotel
N.Y.
June 17, 1838.
Political

Wm E Simmons
Lawrenceville
Georgia,
April 17, 1858.
Wants Speeches



5072

Lawrenceville Georgia April 17th
Hon. Stephen A. Douglas,

Dear Sir:

Will you be so

Kind as to forward to my address copies of
your speeches recently delivered in the Senate, upon
the Kansas question? I should not have thus thrust
myself upon your notice, were I not exceedingly
anxious to review at length the positions assumed
by the opponents of the Reconstruction Constitution.

Your views upon this question not coinciding with
those of the Southern press, are not published at
length in our papers, and hence we southerners are
compelled to glean our knowledge of them from
the meagre telegraphic dispatches.

I have the honor to be yours
Wm E Simmons



5073
Jas T Smith
Lowell
Mass.
April 14. 1858.
Wants Speech



Lowell April 17
Mass
Hon Stephen A Douglas
Dear Sir
Will
you be so kind as to favor
me with a copy of your speech
on the Scompton Constitution
and much oblige
Yours PC
Jas T Smith
Lowell
Mass^{tt}



[Faint, illegible handwritten text, likely bleed-through from the reverse side of the paper.]

Lebeauff, Erie, Pa.

Wm. D. Douglass

Can not your
political associates respect a
consistent straight ^{cause} in any man
and at the first rupture between
you self and Mr. Burham I feared
the result but now I assure
you that all is right and your
cause is daily gaining ground

Our fingers that have
closed you are silent as nearly
so and I know in the country
this day a large majority are with
you

With respect

Wm. D. Stranahan

You have friends in
Lebeauff Erie & PA

John J. Stannah

Lebanon

Exc Co Pa

April 17, 1858.

Political



Baraboo

Sauk Co. Wis

April 17th 1858.

Hon. Stephen A. Douglass

At the suggestion & request

of E. Senator D. Vittam I write you this
 requesting you or some of your friends to
 send each of us a copy of the Reports of
 Coast Survey the last Report published
 being as we are Democrats we are very
 unfortunate (Wisconsin) not having in either
 House a Democratic Representative therefore
 we are obliged to petition friends out of
 the state for favours that may be trans-
 up in our Achens should you comply with
 our request it will be thankfully received and
 humbly acknowledged &c

Respectfully Yours

W. C. Waite

D. J. Vittam (E. State Senate Wis)

W. C. Waite

McWail
Leth Pittam
Baraboo
Wisc

April 18/58,

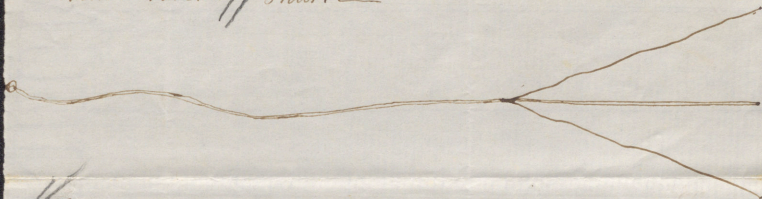
Wants Coast
Survey Report

Washington April 17 - 1853

Senator Douglass

Dear Sir: From present indications the Pacific Rail Road Bill is about to fail unless some means can be devised to satisfy the North and the South. Would it not bring these portions to the support of the Bill, by offering the following amendment. Construct two Branches to unite with the main trunk now before the Senate, as follows.

The southern Branch to commence at or near the point when the Arkansas River strikes the state of the same name and to run north and west for 5 or 600 miles and then unite with the main trunk. The Northern Branch to commence at or near the 42 parallel nearly west of Chicago on the eastern border of Nebraska, and running south and west to connect with the main trunk at or near the same place of the southern Branch. // Thus: —



// This plan would perhaps remove the interested objections of the extreme North and the extreme South, as the southern Branch would unite with the Charleston & Memphis line, giving the whole route connection direct with the main Trunk, and the Northern Branch would unite with the extreme Northern lines from the sea board by the way of Chicago and the Iowa Railways. //

Although this plan would add 1000 miles or more to the Road
it would or should not be objectionable on that account as
the Main Trunk and the two Branches equally pass thro'
-ugh fertile lands which it is important should be opened
to settlement as soon as practicable. Would not this amendment
remove the Northern and Southern objections to the Bill and
secure its passage. Do not let it fail. I have written a sim-
ilar letter to this to Mr Edwin. Yours truly A. Watson

P. S. It would remove another objections to the Bill by terminating
the road at the eastern line of California. What right
has the government to construct a road for the State of
California, more than for Arkansas Mo. or Iowa. This means
take of 500 miles of the road 1000 about to be constructed by the
government.

A. Watson
Washington City,
April 17, 1858

Suggestions on
Pacific R. Roads

Wm H Watson

Utica, N.Y.

April 17/58.

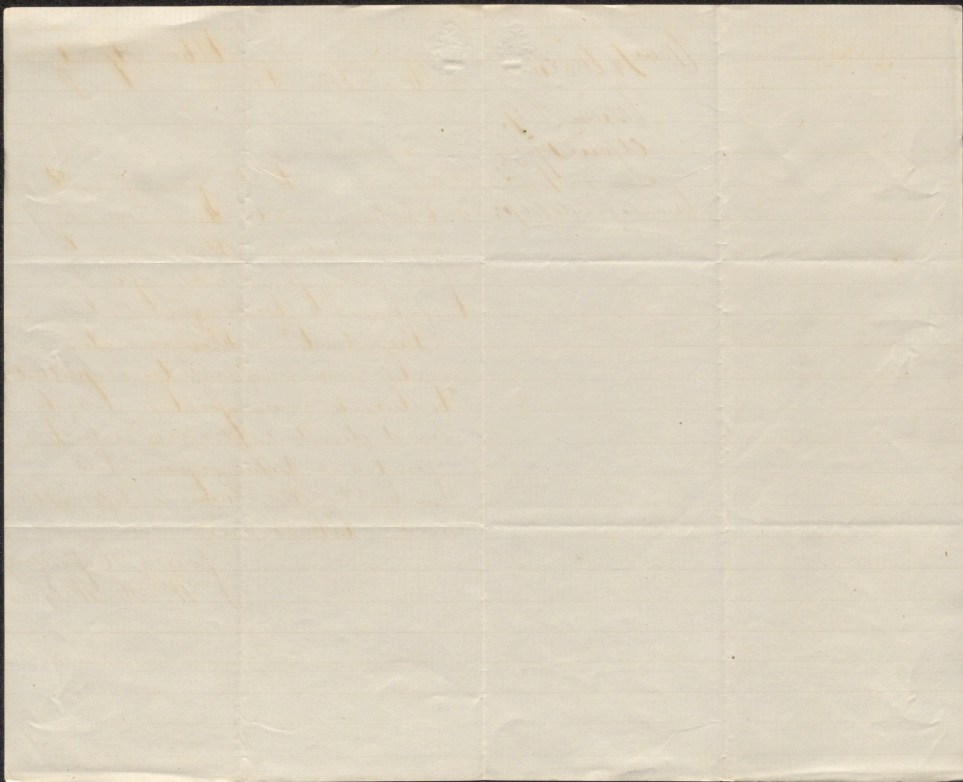
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My Dear Sir

Utica April 17/58

Will you if not
subjecting you too much
inconvenience, oblige me by
procuring for me a copy
of the "Messages of the
President" Allow me Sir,
in the name of all true patriots
to thank you for the manly
and decided course which
you have taken upon the
subject of the Kansas Difficulties
and believe me

Yours Respectfully
Wm H Watson



Elgin 17th April 1858

Dear Sir

The badging and abuse directed against you by the ruzgades Bigle Fitch and Company in the Senate and the Braying of the Union serve in an eminent degree to exhibit the ingratitude of Mr Buchanan in particular and ^{the} Slave Holding States in general for your powerful and unswerving advocacy of his ^{Pro} Election to the Executive Chair, and the vindication of the rights ^{of the} South against the aggressions of Northern fanatics and demagogues. But for your energy and sleepless action in the campaign of '56 the prevailing opinion in Illinois is that Fremont & Seward would have been certain, and consequently Southern rights trampled under foot. || Does the President and his infatuated ^{friends} and advisers imagine that Extrajudging you and removal of your friends from the federal offices in this State will apostatize the democracy of Illinois from the doctrine of popular sovereignty as contained in the Kansas Nebraska acts, the Cincinnati platform, Baker Langueval and his instructions to Walker. The democracy of our State will tell the real ruzgades at Washington and elsewhere that the right of the people as held by you is a living democratic principle not to be repudiated at the beak of political mountebanks or official tyrants. The democracy is a unit and will sustain you to the triumphant end. //

11 We held ^{an} ~~of~~ convention on the 15th which ^{well} was attended
Two or three Postmasters smuggled themselves in as delegates
with about as many friends. They made a feeble effort to get
a resolution adopted intended to naturalize the very forbear-
ing ones we had adopted. The ~~the~~ short speeches were
very severe upon the President, charging him with fully
verifying the predictions of the Territorians that if elected
he would use the Federal power to make a slave state of
Kansas, and that we who denied such actions by him were
now tainted as knaves or dough faces, and that we were
false to our professions as dupes to the south.

Had Mr B. in his annual message recommended the
remanding of the Le Compton constitution back to Kansas, for the
vote of the people, for or against the slavery clause, and
the instrument itself, and ^{freely} been sustained by Hunter
& Mason & Linton and Orr and other old democrats
the democratic party ^{element} would now be stronger than ever
before. The sectional ^{right of the south} of slavery would now be out of the
reach of demagogues. the secured by the great national
democracy of the Union. During 40 years of my life
I have stood by the South in her struggle with the northern
fanatics. ^{During} I have been slandered all over by foul
mouthed abolitionism, whiggism, and other antagonisms to
democracy, as a dough face & pro-slaveryite and friend
to ^{negro} ~~divers~~. And now when the election of '56 had by
the voice of the nation decided in an emphatic that the
people in the territories should mould ^{system} and form their own
system of government and that that should be their

act and deed; That the Senator from Illinois (who as
Chairman of the Territory inaugurated and ingrafted the
popular sovereignty doctrine into the Kansas bill) together
with the democracy of Illinois, by such old whigs as Toombs
& Stephens and Mount Morris Van Buren Cochran Fitchie
Biglers & Huald Burnett and W. Lincoln Wendell is a
piece of cool impudence that we in our new failing democratic
state can and will laugh to scorn ^{South}.

If the Statesmen of the present in their hostility to uni-
denoting northern democracy, their bulwark against aboli-
tion weakness, will be firmly weakened. Our aid and
cooperation may not be equal, their want. Indeed you
have said by your opposition to the Le Compton
policy has been our only salvation. Had you & our
noble Representatives in Congress favored the Unionist
would have passed and Northern democracy would
be hatched. Go on then and be assured that Buckard
The Cook and John Wentworth combined will not be
permitted to harm you.

More than ever yours

Wm L A Douglass

E. Wiley

you will be troubled
to read this

you may read some of this to some southern democrats and tell them
it came to the life

C Wilcox
Elgin, Ill.
April 17, 1858,

Political

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