

Chas Baldwin
 W. Vernon, Ohio
 April 22. 1858,

Thanks for Speech

W. Vernon, Ohio Apr 22, 58

Dear Sir

Your Speech was recd,
 last evening, for which "Many thanks";
 All I earnestly fear may think proper
 to send me will be happily received
 and highly appreciated. Believe
 me my dear Sir your friend

Very respectfully,

Wm S A Douglas } Chas Baldwin
 U. S. Senate,) W. Vernon
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Blairsville Pa Apr 22nd /58.
Hon. Stephen A. Douglass.
Dear Sir:—

I have read
and re-read your able address upon
the Bill to admit Kansas into the
Union as a State, and as I desire to pre-
serve it for future reference you would con-
fer a favor upon me by sending a copy
of the pamphlet edited to

Joseph F. Barnes
Blairsville.
Pa.

P.S. You would confer a favor upon one who
is doing all he can for the cause of Democracy
in this region by occasionally sending me a
public document. This Congressional District
is represented in Congress by a Republican &
he does not often bestow a favor of this
kind upon a person of any political pro-
clivities. Yours Very Respectfully,
Joseph F. Barnes.

Jos L. Barnes
Blainville
Pa.

April 22, 1858

Wants Speeches



Springfield Ill. April 22nd 1858

Hon Stephen A Douglas
Washington City

Dear Sir

I thank you for intrusting
a few lines upon you over the happy results
of yesterday's great meeting. It was indeed
a proud day in Illinois history. The people
were fully aroused to a sense of the importance
of the occasion and had a full attendance, and
amongst them ~~with~~ ^{not} a few of the leading spirits
of our State. Many a good feeling characterized
its every proceeding. The Speeches (and ~~there were many~~)
were potent in burning eloquence and patriotism;
the most pleasing part of which (at least to me) was
the eulogistic breathed for our favorite Senator.
Every speech was a rich, fervent & enthusiastic
panegyric of Douglas.

Luther Merrick & Thornton each surpassed all
expectations & made the best efforts of their lives.
The Resolutions cover our ground pretty well.
and you may rely upon it that the honest
heart ~~land~~ of your people are with you in
every particular and though we may loose
a few Government post masters & place seekers

we'll gain twice this number from the Ranks
of the old line Whigs and Republicans.

Calhoun, Dougherty, Carpenter, Cook & Leib and
many ~~also~~ of the paid tribe were here trying to
foist out difficult & plat. your views.

With the aid and countenance of a few Black
Republicans who sat with them in Convention
(to prevent their numbers from appearing too
ridiculously meager) they went through the
motions - the Republican organ is to fit
out the programme.

I need not say more - you will get it in
print perhaps sooner than you get this.

I send you the Register containing the whole
proceeding: but I must beg to call your
attention to the Resolutions adopted at our own
Committee meeting (also in the Register) that you
may see how well they accord in sentiment with
your last speech & yet they were written before
your speech reached us.

But in the tumult of political strife, Senatorial
~~stir~~ warfare and representative duties can you
give audience to the voice of private friendship?
or are you so absorbed so wholly engrossed
in detecting, exposing and defeating the wicked
designs of party leaders, that you have become
inscrutable to the words friendship & sincerely?
You have suffered martyrdom long enough
to need retirement from the sinful & ~~corrupt~~ ^{corrupt}
political theater of Washington and in that event

May I say how gratifying it would be to me
& mine to have you & Mrs Douglas spend some
part of the Spring or Summer with us?

In this honest invitation there is no device
or double dealing, but the fair expression
of the popular wish at our house to see you
and to entertain you (in our humble way) to
the best of our ability.

I am well satisfied that your presence here during
the summer in arranging for the fall campaign
would contribute much to our cause throughout
the State.

My wife joins me in sentiments of the highest
regard for you & your Lady

Yours very truly

James A. Banet



James A. Barrett,
Springfield, Mass.
April 22/58.

Springfield
Conventions Political.

Porter, Judge
Mr. Douglas to
visit them

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Buffalo N. York
April 22^d 1858

Hon. Stephen A. Douglas

Sir

I am a
Republican and one of
the men who condemned
you four years ago.
I now see that you
were right. The principle
of the Kansas bill is
the only one that can
harmonize the discordant
elements of our widely
extended country. It is
true I deny the rightful
existence of Slavery
any where but who has
a right to determine

that question if the
people have not? —

Take that right from
the people and the
barrier to every form
of injustice and oppres-
sion is removed. Let
the people rule is
the correct and only
safe rule, then they
can have just as
pure a form of gov-
ernment as their in-
telligence and morality
demands. I hope

you will have strength
to successfully carry
that principle through
Congress. Nothing else
can possibly calm
and settle the angry
bickering which has
disgraced our country
for twenty years. Let
justly settle Kansas &
the agitation is quieted
and freedom is safe
in this Republic.

With great respect
Your friend,

J. W. Coman M.D.

Mr J W Coman

Buffalo,
N.Y.

April 22, 1858,

Political

J. C. Watson, Esq.,
Fort Edward
N. Y.
April 22, 1858.

Autograph

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Rev. Joseph E. King, A. M.,
PRINCIPAL.
Rev. Henry B. Taylor,
REGISTRAR.
Spring Term Opens March 18th, 1858.
Fall Term Opens August 19th, 1858.
\$22.50 Pays for Board and Tuition in
Common English for Term of
FOURTEEN WEEKS.



Fort Edward, N. Y.,

April 22nd 1858.

Dear Sir:

Will you be so kind
as to favor me with your
autograph? also, a copy of your
late speech on the Kansas, Se-
cession question? desirous
of securing a memorial of
the men of the age, without
yours, I should consider my
collection sadly deficient.

Hoping a favorable issue to
my request, I remain,
Your obt. servt.

J. C. Watson Esq.
Fort Edward
N. Y.
Hon. E. A. Douglas



Handwritten in brown ink:
11th Street
New York

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Washington April 22nd 1858

Hon: Stephen A Douglass }

Dear Sir,

Thomas Hallinan the owner of the house at the corner of H. Street and New Jersey Avenue has requested me to make known to you the facts relative to the change of grade of H. Street last year, and the injury which he sustained thereby.

The grade was changed by an act of the Corporation of Washington, consequent upon the petition of Mr Callan, (representing the interests of yourself and Messrs Rice and McKenridge) and, for aught I know to the contrary, other property holders in the vicinity. All parties were benefited by the change, except Hallinan, who had built upon the previous grade and upon whom the change forced the necessity of raising and altering his house. Some evil disposed persons tried to persuade Hallinan to prevent the change from being made or, failing in that, to endeavor, by legal process, to arrest the work. His wants of course have been unable to effect either of those objects, without considering, however, his ability or inability, he rejected promptly the unamicable advice and determined

to offer no obstacle to the work. Mr Ballan promised him to write on the subject to the gentlemen whose interests he represented and encourage him to believe that they would save him from loss or damage. Encouraged by this assurance he went on to make the necessary changes in his house which cost him, as he assures me, five hundred and ten dollars. (I rely on my memory for the sum and may be incorrect but am very close to the mark.) The debt is now bearing him down and he sees no alternative but to sell the property, which is all he has and is the result of many years of close economy and hard labor. The courts have decided that he has no remedy against the Corporation of Washington, of course he has none against the United States, I believe he is aware that he has no legal claim upon those whose property was benefited by the change which was so ruinous to him.

Wallman has worked under me and I personally know him to be a good man - industrious - economical - faithful and, I believe, temperate. That he earned from his small wages enough to buy his lot and build his house proves his superiority to most of his class. My own attentive performance of

duty under me he has earned my respect and with it some right to ask of me the favor which I now render him by making this explanation to you.

To apologize to you for so doing, or to seem to fear that you will misunderstand me would be inconsistent with the perfect confidence which I have in your own kind and generous impulses.

Most respectfully and truly
Your friend & obedt servant
Randolph Bayle

Randolph Coyle
Washington City
April 22/58,

Present to Judge
L^d generosity
appeal in case
of Thomas
Hallahan -
- poor man's
loft by grade
changed on
New Jersey Av;
L St Street.

John De Witt
Harrisburg Pa.
April 22^d. 1858

Autograph

Sent



Penn State Library
Harrisburg April 22nd/58
Hon Stephen A. Douglas

Sir Would you
be so good as to favor me
with your autograph.

I have the honor to be
your obedient servant

John De Witt

Asst Librarian





"RESOLVED, By the House of Representatives of the State of Minnesota, (the Senate concurring)—That Aaron Goodrich, Moses Sherburne and William Hollingshead, heretofore appointed Commissioners to revise the Laws of this State, be and they are hereby instructed to enter upon their duties, and compile the Laws of this State, ranging them under suitable and appropriate Chapters, and to prepare a system of pleadings and practice for the several Courts of this State. Such system to conform as near as practicable to the present New York Code, having reference to the brevity and legal intent of the pleadings, and that they cause the result of their labors to be printed, and laid before the Legislature at the earliest day possible."

ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA, }
1858. }

DEAR SIR:

The undersigned, one of the Commissioners to revise the Code of Minnesota, desires to obtain the Statutes of your State, together with such works published under its authority, touching the pleadings and practice therein as you may be pleased to send him. These favors will be gratefully remembered, and on the Publication of our Volume, cheerfully reciprocated by an exchange of copies.

Respectfully,
AARON GOODRICH.

Please direct whatever you may send from any department, thus:

"His Excellency H. H. SIBLEY, Governor, &c., St. Paul, Minnesota."

When this Circular is sent to persons not representing some department of a State or National character, they will please direct thus:
"AARON GOODRICH, St. Paul, Minnesota."

April 22 - 1854

Dear Sir,

I am rejoiced to see that you are doing the County good service, yet I fear that Executive patronage will carry Secumpton through both branches of the National Council. "We have fallen upon evil times;" God only knows what is in store for us, but "God be with me all!"

I have not so much as a speak of any kind sent me by our delegation, Col Goodrich of the pioneer and Democrat of this City. I am doing good service against this Secumpton outrage - yours
A Goodrich.

Baron Goodrich
St Pauls.
Main.

Dart. Coll. Hanover, N.H.

Apr. 22, 1858.

Dear Sir,

If you would be so
kind as to send me a copy of
your last speech you would
much oblige.

Your humble servant

R. S. Greene

Hon. Stephen A. Douglass.

R S Grund,
Hamover
NH.

April 22./58

Wants Speech

Greenfield Missouri

April 22 1858

Hon. Stephen A. Douglas,

Sir;

I wish you
to send me your speeches on the
Leecompton Constitution, Brethren's, &
others pro & con.

We get scarcely any thing against
the Leecompton Constitution here, &
would take it as a great favor, if you
would send such documents - those
that would have a tendency to put
up the people - and oblige your
political admirers - This
is by request of friends.

I beg to remain your
obedient servt

Hon S. A. Douglas
U. S. Senate

John H. Howard
Greenfield
Dade Co
Missouri

John A Howard

Greenfield

No.

April 22, 58,

Wants, Speeches,

Waverhill Apr. 22/52

Mr Douglass Sir

Will you please send me if
I may trouble you so much, your autograph
with your speech on Decomposition. I have long
wished to read your speech but have not had
access to it. ~~and as~~ Believe me, sir, your course on
Decomposition meets with the hearty approval of
of a great majority of the sons of the old Bay
State. your Obt Servant

Wm Stephen A. Douglass

D. N. Merrill.

N. D.

Waverhill
Mass

April 22d 1852

Ch Merrill
Haverhill
Mass.

April 21. / 58.

Went's autograph
with Speech

Chicago. April 22nd

Am. S. A. Styles.

Sir - As I understand
Mr Price has good many copies of the
Globe for distribution, I w.^d be much
obliged, if convenient, you w.^d ask requests
him to let me have a copy. The
reason I thus trouble you, is that
I have a full set of the congressional
Debates from 1774 up to 1892, you
can well see that it will be an
addition to my library. If I was
well acquainted with Mr Price, I w.^d
not trouble you -

Yrs very respectfully
B. J. Sumner



B. J. Semmes
Chicago. Ill.

April 22/58,

Wm. C. Condit
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Henry Evan Osdell
New Diggings
La Fayette Co, Ohio
April 22, 1858.

Wants Pay Mastercy
U.S. Army

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New Diggings
La Fayette County, Wis
April 22, '58

Sir

Sometime in Feb^y last I received a letter from the Hon^{ble} Jas^l St. Earnest. Stating that himself together with many of the prominent men of the Democratic party, of this State, had forwarded to you a recommendation, to be presented to the President, requesting an appointment for one, as Pay Master, in the U.S. Army. Will there be an increase in the Pay Department? Or is there any vacancy, by death or resignation? Any effort, that you may be pleased to make in my behalf, that will tend to procure me the appointment, will be gratefully received by me, and duly appreciated & recommended by a host of your warm Democratic friends in this State.

I am Very Respectfully
Yr Obed^t Servant.
Washington City, Henry E. Osdell
S.C.



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Philadelphia City, April 22nd 1868.

Hon. S. A. Douglass—

Dear Sir:—Permit me to introduce to you, Mr. Quinn, the bearer of this, from Trenton, New Jersey. He is a young gentleman, whom you can take by the hand, I believe, as "true in the faith," and a man of very clever attainments. He visits Washington, on business connected with the Patent office, and whatever hospitality you may be pleased to extend to him "as one of your constituents at large," will no doubt be gratefully remembered by him, & appreciated by your

Amable & obt. servant,

G. L. Vliet.

G. S. Bleile.
Philadelphia
April 22, 1858.

Introducing
Mr. Quinn



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C. A. Wattle,
 Bethlehem
 Conn.

Vacants Cong Globe
 Lc

Bethlehem Apr 22nd
 Hon L. A. Douglas

My Dear Sir

I am
 very anxious to obtain the "Congres-
 sional Globe and Appendix" of the
 Thirty Third Congres. and think-
 ing you would be more likely to
 have them than the Senators from
 this ^{State} I address you in this way to ask
 you if you can furnish me with them.
 I would ^{feel} much pleasure if
 I could receive them from your
 hands. For I have great respect for
 you. I respect you for adhering to
 the true principles of the Kansas
 Nebraska Act, and but for your
 position the people of Kansas would
 have had a constitution forced

upon them, which they despise.

Also will you please send
me a copy of your speech delivered
March 24th against the Procrustean
constitution. I have sent to
Washington twice for a copy, but
it was not sent me.

Should you favor me with
this document I ask for, or
should you favor me with any
of your predictions at any
future time you will have my
warm thanks and I shall ever
hold you in grateful remem-
berance. I am With great respect

Yours truly
H. A. Wadley
Bethlehem
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