

Chas Baldwin
 W. Vermont Ohio
 April 27/58.

Wants Col:
 Pac: R.R. Survey

W. H. Hannon Ohio
 April 27, 1858

Dear Sir

Would you be
 so kind as to send me the 6th
 Vol. of the R.R. Survey from the
 Mississippi River to the Pacific.
 If you would grant me the
 favor, I would be under many
 obligations, Very Respectfully

Hon. S. A. Douglass } Chas Baldwin
 U.S. Senate } W. H. Hannon
 Ohio



A Hamilton Bayly,
Carlisle, Pa
April 27/58.

Wants Reports

"Dickinson College"
Carlisle Pa
April 27th 1858

Hon Stephen H. Douglas, U. S. S.

Dear Sir,

I respectfully wish
you, to send me a copy, of your
Speech, on the Kansas Question;
by doing so you will oblige
me.

Your obedient and humble servant
A. Hamilton Bayly

"Experientia facit stat omnibus"

10th March 1844
London
My dear Sir

Yours truly
John Lubbock

Received of the
Hon. Secy of the Admiralty
the sum of £1000
on account of the
purchase of the
H.M.S. "Hector"
for the service of the
Royal Navy
this 10th day of March 1844



Albany N.Y. Apr 27/53

Gen. Stephen A Douglas

Dear Sir.

Will you
please favor me with your
autograph accompanied by
a sentiment.

Very respectfully yours

Mourne Crannell

Please address R. Office

Box 807.

Moses Crumell
Albany
N.Y.
April 24/58.

Autographs

Portsmouth Ohio Apr. 27 1858

Hon S A Douglass

Sr.

Sir I am happy
to see you stand fast to the position
you started out on in relation
to Kansas Nebraska act. I am
somewhat surprised to see an
Senator from Ohio pursue the course
he has on this important matter
on which our salvation rests as
a party and if the Leecompton
swindle should be forced through
this session ^{we are gone} although our Member
of this Dist has gone contrary to
the wishes of nine tenths of the
Democracy of the District which
he represents or rather misrepresents
hope you may succeed if some
of those Amendments are not
pushed through I believe there
is not twenty Democrats in our
county but goes against the
swindle wished to be forced.

upon us and no doubt it will
defeat us in our Elections in this
County for some time to come.

While we have been fighting hard
for several years and only got
the ascendancy two years back but
God knows it is hard to be set
back when we were ten years ago
hoping for better luck and
hoping to hear from you.

I am

Yours &c
P. H. Cunningham

B. F. Hummingham
Dorsetmouth
Ohio.

April 27/58

Political



U.S. Marshals Office Chicago
April 27th 1838

Hon S. A Douglas

My dear

Sir

I have become exceedingly tired of wearing shackles it is the first time in my political life that my lips have been sealed and my tongue stilled I am not a freeman I feel that I am not enjoying the rights guaranteed to us as American Citizens, the freedom of thought and the freedom of speech are denied me these things to me are invaluable and I am ready to "Curse God and die" politically I feel that I have what little time I have been in office, discharged my duty faithfully and if for holding my own private opinion, or if to dare even to speak my mind is cause worthy of death I refuse not to die I pray daily for deliverance from this state of thralldom a vassalage I have thought for the last two months that I should be removed at some time I have seen no cause to change that opinion I still think that my days are numbered //

If it must come to this I hope I shall know it early enough to go through this State and expose the duplicity and brachery of the poor old man who occupies the Presidential chair great God what an association of thought is here a man occupying that exalted station a President of this mighty nation stooping to run on a list of petty officers and for what? because they dare to say that they have a mind of their own and dare approve the course of yourself as their Senator When Sir it comes to this that we are made to be allowed to think and act as freemen the Government in my estimation is no longer worth preserving I could perhaps consent to wear a collar lead to consent to having that collar inscribed "My dog" is asking of me too much

I am poor and shall be entirely thrown out of business with a helpless family to support and care for have had rather tail at the state hour of midnight and subsist on the meanest pittance than to yield to the wrong and be partaker in what I conscientiously regard the foulest wrong the Blackest iniquity I feel that I am doomed by this miserable

Administration shall I call it? No this hellish and vindictive Maladministration who are they persecuting, all whose vitals are they aiming their darts, Republicans known nothing common foes patitically dead so but at their own last prices those who laboured most ardently for the elevation of that man who is now slaughtering your officers that try so doing he may humble you Could not one ever consent to no compromise stand firm by the right and God and the Country will stand by you If you can find a moment of leisure from your most onerous and pressing duties drop me a line - Prisons my kindest regards to Mrs Douglas and believe me
My dear Sir

Yours most truly
Lester Davis



John McLaughlin
Chicago, Ill.

April 27, 1858.

Political

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Chicago April 27th 1838

A. A. Chandler Esq
Dr

Sir

Enclosed please find a
letter to the judge which please hand to the
judge and do not write to me for the
world as I should take it in Dodgeville if
you should I dare not send a letter to
Douglas direct from here Mrs Truly

J. M. Davidson



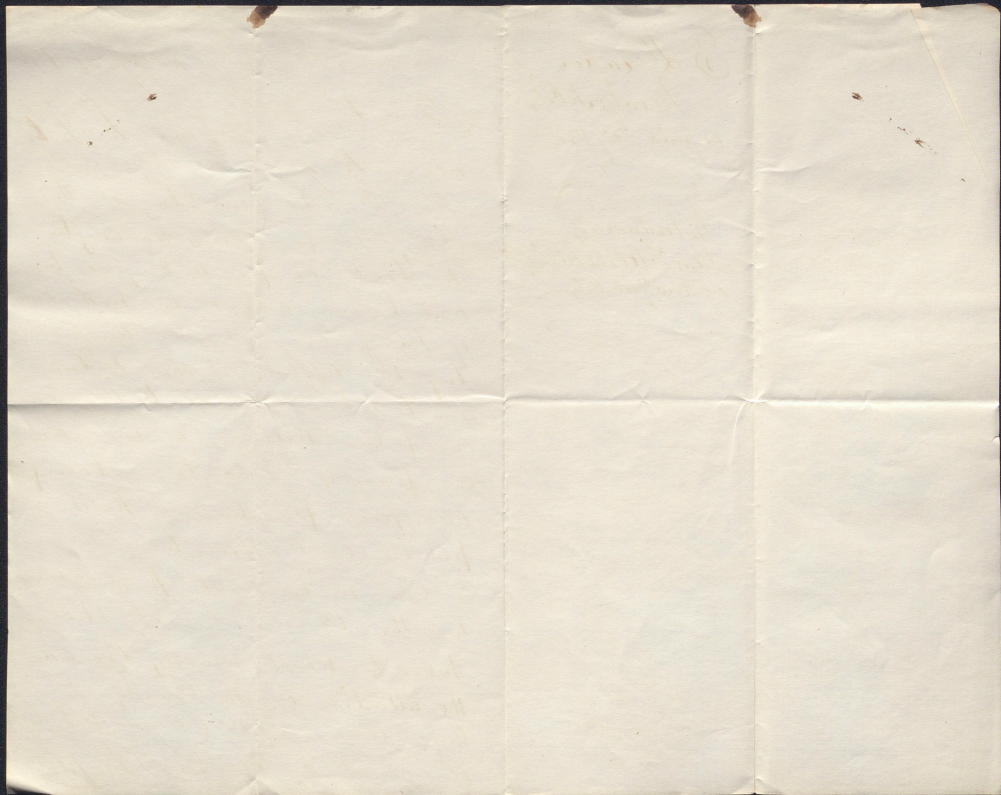
S Draper
New York City.
April 27/58

Introducing
Hon. H. A. Conckling
of New York City.

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New York. 27. April 1858

Dear Sir, Permit me to Intro-
duce to you, the I Deau
Hon. H. A. Conckling of this
City. Mr. C. has Washington
to look on for a day or two,
and become acquainted with some
of the gentlemen who are Conduc-
ing the Affairs of the Nation,
and to whom, we are to consign
our future welfare, as well as
our present Interests. Having
occupied positions of high
political Consideration, Mr
C. Can unite with public men
in the Consideration of those
Interests which usually Command
the attention of the Country at
large. Commending Mr. C. to your respectful
Attention I am Very Truly
Yours S. Draper
Hon. S. A. Conckling



H M Eckman

Carlisle

Pa

April 27/58

Wants Speech

Pa

Carlisle Apr. 27th 1858

Please send me
your speech on the
Leecompton suicide &
admission of Kansas

H M Eckman

Carlisle

Pa



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Mendota April 27th 1857

Hon. S. A. Douglass

Dear Sir if you will have the kindness
to send me the last Patent office report I shall
feel much obliged to you for the favour

Address, Mendota, Ill.

Remaining yours with the greatest esteem & respects

S. A. Gillies

Sent Anshie Rep. 3 vols.
May 4/58.

S. N. Gillett
Mendota
Ill.

April 27, 1858,

Wants Pat. Off. R. P.

Sent May 4, 1858

Oranston April 27. 1858.

Hon. S. A. Douglass.

Dr Sir

I have the
pleasure of acknowledging Pub Doc,
"U. S. Coast Surveys for 1858" for
which please accept the sincere
thanks of

Your Obedient Servant.

V. C. Hamilton

Hon S. A. Douglass.

Washington
D. C.

H. C. Hamilton
Coanston, Ill.
April 27/58

Thanks for
"Coast Survey Rept."

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Hon. S. A. Douglas,

Pittsburgh April 27th 1858.

Order: A short time since I addressed you requesting you to send me copies of your speeches upon the Kansas question, and have received the one you delivered in the early part of the session. For this I return you my grateful thanks. I desired more particularly to obtain a copy of your last speech upon that subject, and I would esteem it a special favor if you would send it me.

Yours very respectfully,
Saml. Harpen



Sam'l Harper
Pittsburg
Pa
April 27/58

Wants Speech of 22^d
March 1858

Boston April 27th /58.

Dear Sir:

I am about obtaining a collection of autographs of distinguished men, and should like to procure yours if it will not be asking too great a favor.

Yours Respectfully,
Francis C. Hersey.

Youth. Boston.

Wap.

Hon. Samuel P. Douglas.

Francis C Hersey.
South Boston
Mass
April 27/58

Autographs

Geo. A. Nelson
Meredith Village
N.H.
April 27/58

Wants Speeches

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Meredith Village, N. H.
April 27th. 1858

Dear Sir

If your remarks in
the Senate recently on the Pacific
Railroad bill has been pub-
lished in pamphlet form will
you please send me a copy.
Will you also please send me
a copy of your last speech on
the admission of Kansas under
the Lecompton constitution.

Respectfully
Geo. A. Nelson

Stephen A. Douglas
United States Senator



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Entered according to Act of Congress, in the year 1847
By S. H. Henshaw, Clerk
In the Clerk's Office of the District Court for the Northern District of New York
NEW YORK STATE AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE.

SENECA COUNTY.

Albany. April 27th 1858

Dear Sir. I have taken the liberty to address you on the subject of Morrill's ag Land bill on ag College now before the Senate. New York as well as all the Western States are deeply interested in this bill. as we all have ag institutions under way. & the whole Country will soon have them should this bill pass - and I know of no measure that will more closely bind our Country. than an intelligent education of the great industrial classes of our Country -

You have been with us at our Fair, & know what is the Character of our farmers - We have begun our ag College, and hope soon to secure the necessary accommodations for 180 Students - I enclose you the Resolutions of our State of Say, which we forwarded to our members.

I have the Honor to be
Most respectfully,
Your very obt^d Serv^t
W. S. Johnson Sec. N. Y. ag College

Am J. A. Douglas.
U. S. Senate.

B/p Johnson
Care of Scotty's
Aper 27/58,

Enclosing

Resolutions of
NY State Agricultural
Society in favor
of endowments
by Congress of
State Agricultural
Schools &c - by
grant of lands

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Agricultural Rooms,

Albany, February 10th. 1858.

ANNUAL MEETING.

The following Preamble and Resolutions were presented and unanimously adopted:

On motion of Mr. E. C. DIBBLE, seconded by L. F. ALLEN:

WHEREAS, The Public Lands of the United States are the common property of the whole Union, and in their distribution should be applied for the general good of the whole; and as it has been the established policy of the Government to set apart a portion of the Public Lands for the purposes of Education, and believing that no disposition of the Lands can be made which will more completely promote the prosperity of our whole country, than by the appropriation of portions of the same for the establishment of a system of Agricultural Colleges, in the several States and Territories and in the District of Columbia, for the Education of the Industrial Classes; therefore,

RESOLVED, That the Senate and House of Representatives be requested to grant, during the present session of Congress, to the several States and Territories, and to the District of Columbia, a sufficient quantity of the Public Lands to endow and maintain Agricultural Colleges in each State and Territory, and in the District of Columbia; and that we approve of the main features of the Bill introduced into Congress, by the Hon. Mr. Morrill, as well calculated to carry out the objects contemplated.

RESOLVED, That the Secretary be directed to furnish each member of the Senate and the House of Representatives with a copy of the above Resolution.

Hon:

In pursuance of the Resolution above adopted, I forward you the preceding Preamble and Resolutions, respectfully asking your attention to the same.

Very respectfully yours,

J. A. Johnson
Secy Secy

B. P. Johnson
Corr. Secy

Feb'y 10 1858.

Enclosing
Resolutions of
NY State Agricult
Soc: in favor
of endowments
by Congress of
State Agricul Schools
by grant of lands



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My dear Sir,
I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 10th 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,
Yours truly,
J. M. Smith

Very respectfully,
J. M. Smith

Edwin Kimball
Calcuttowa
New Jersey,
April 21/58,

Wants Speeches

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Calcuttowa Monument to Westbury
April 27th 1858
Hon. Stephen A. Douglass
San Francisco

Will you please
send me your speech on the Sumpter
Bill & also those of Sumner, King, Hol-
loman, Wade, Fremont, Brooks, &c.
Wilson, Bell, Pittman on the same question.
It is very difficult to obtain them here
I have seen you & some of the others in
the journals of the day but would have
glad to have them in pamphlet form.
With the ardor I cannot deny for the
triumph of the great principles you
advocate & your own perspiring &
sweat that you
Edwin Kimball
To Hon. Stephen A. Douglass

John W. Hunter

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H. W. Lee

Charlestown
Mass.

April 27/58.

Autograph.

Monument Park

Charlestown April 27/58

Hon. Stephen A. Douglas. Mass.

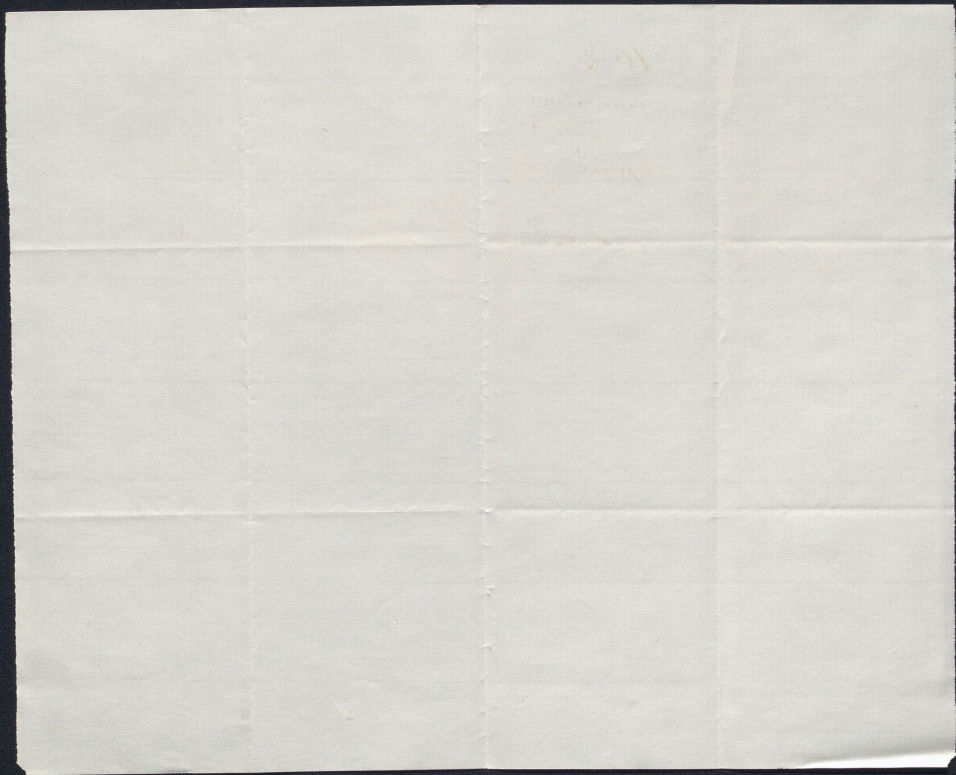
Dear Sir

The Stand

which you have taken commands the
admiration of all who love the right.
I should esteem it a great favor to have
your autograph.

Very Respectfully,

H. W. Lee



Carlisle Pa

Hon S. A. Douglass

April 27th

Sir

I hereby request a copy
of your speech on the Kansas Bill

Yours truly
J P McArthur.

L. P. McArthur
Carlisle, Pa.
April 27/58

Wm. Speech



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Walter R Morse
Methuen
Mass:
April 27. 1858.
Wants Speeches.

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Mass
Methuen April 27. 1858
Hon Stephen A. Douglas
Dear Sir
If it would not be
asking too much of you I
would like a few of the last
speeches made there in Congress.
Wishing you a long life with
much happiness I remain
Your true friend
Walter R. Morse.
A line from you would
come acceptable at any time.



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St. Vernon Ky ^{Apr. 27, 1858}
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Apr. 27/58

Dear Friend (I call you my
friend because by your correct
principles you ~~are~~ but so)
I rec^d your first sketch in
in blood and the last
speaking of her Union
and Stuart. I have
given them out. Sorry
you did not send me
more. Send me a bundle
of your last sketch. I
will hand them out.
All parties in this
section are with you
and her Union.

stand him by will
stand by you as a
Crittman. No mistake.

Yell Crittman (an old
friend & brother in
the Legislative Hall)

I have not the present
petition in a line or
account from him.

My dear Sir: You &
Crittman ~~are~~ stand
by the Union. This
is your and Crittman
alone. Very respectfully
E. Smith

It is a majority ^{of} ^{mountain} ^{section}
separately in this section.
(Crittman knows the
section) are with you
and Crittman. A large
majority of the American
are for you and Crittman.
Nearly all are for you
E. S.

Went for gold - a bunch of
lost sheep

But never 14th St. from

Hon! J. N. Bengtson (U.S.S.)

Washington
Rail } City

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Delaware
April 27/58

W. Smith
M. Newman
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Edward Stanwood

Augusta

April 27/58

Wants Speech



Augusta Me. April 27.

Hon. Mr. Douglass

or Sir

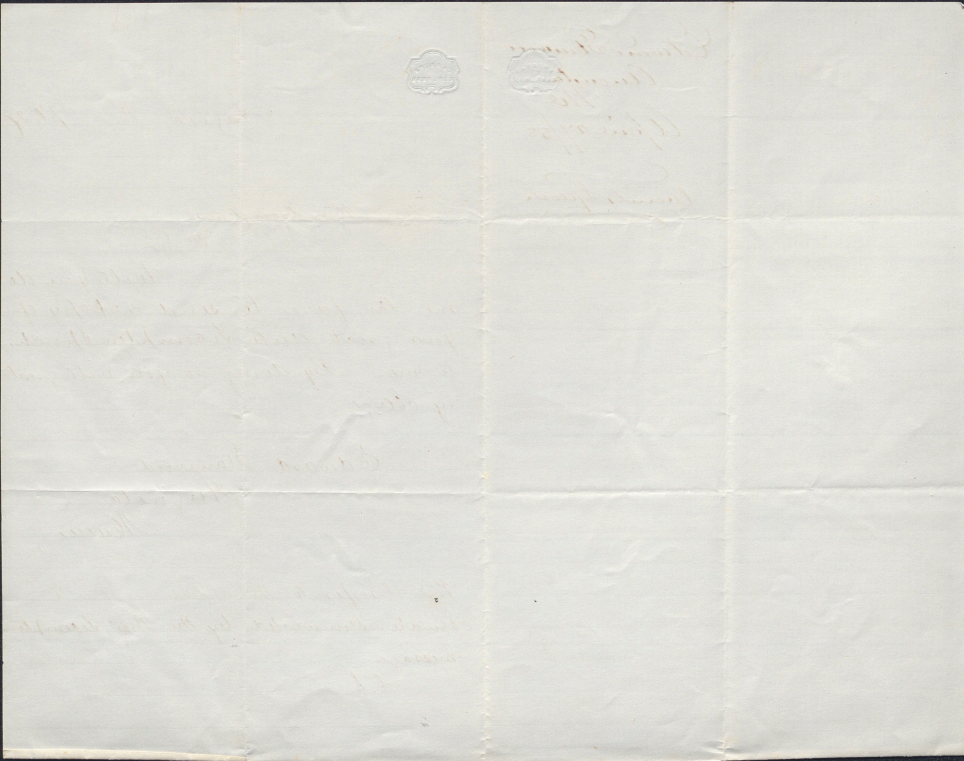
Will you do
me the favor to send a copy of
your great anti Leconte speech,
to me. By doing so you will greatly oblige

Edward Stanwood

Augusta

Maine

P.S. I refer to the speech in the U.S.
Senate, stimulated by the Pres' Leconte
message
E. S.



Wm S Stryker
 Princeton NJ
 April 27/58

Autographs

Sent

Nassau Hall
 Princeton NJ April 27th

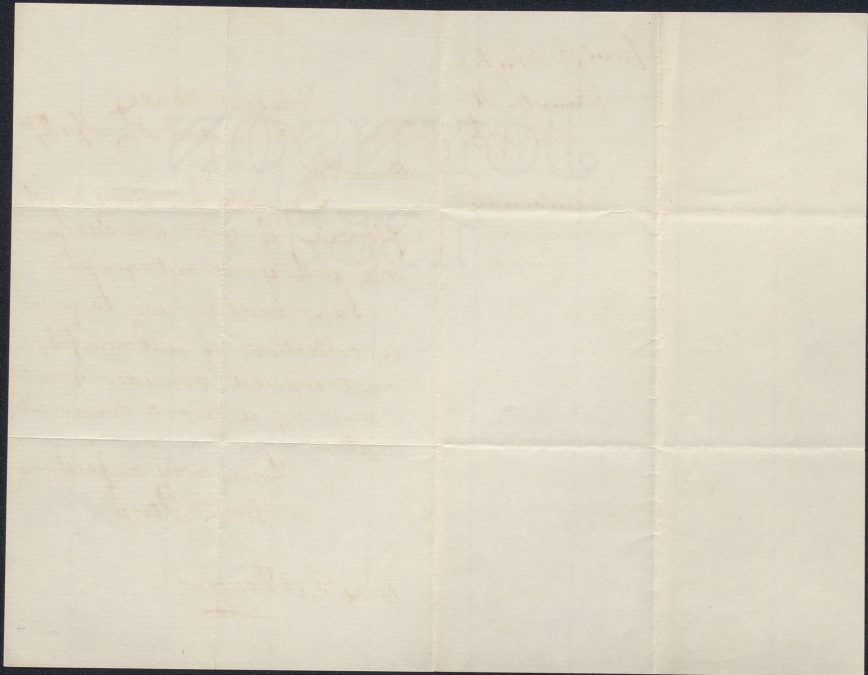
Dear Sir

I would be very much
 pleased if you would favor
 me with your autograph

I am endeavoring to form
 a collection of autographs
 and would consider your
 name as a great ornament
 to it

Yours very respectfully
 Wm S. Stryker

To
 Hon. F. A. Douglass



New York April 27. 1858

Hon Stephen A Douglass

Dr Sir

Your friends in this City feeling a deep solicitude in your personal ~~an~~ political welfare, ~~an~~ most heartily sympathizing with your course in the Body admitting Kansas under the Lecompton Constitution on the Democratic grounds that said instrument did not reflect the will of the Majority of the people of Kansas ~~an~~ believing that in all cases when a State is admitting it ought to be done in accordance with the voice of the people. ~~an~~ for the unity of the Democratic party we feel to hope ~~an~~ wish that you will favor the report of the Joint Committee as reported by the conference of the two Houses of Congress, as that in substance submits the said Constitution to the will of the people, altho not in a plain simple manner, but substantially submits the whole matter to the people to be effected thereby. ~~an~~ although not perfectly satisfactory it is in our judgment the best for the party to pass it ~~an~~ thus disposed of the embarrassing ~~an~~ subject of potential Slavery.

Now, we do not think the objection, to this
Report sufficient to risk the preservation
of the Democratic party, & for the sake
of Union & the Unity of the party, we sincerely
hope that Your Honor will be found aiding
in the passage of the bill reported by the Committee.

We think should you continue your opposition
to the measure in its present form, you course
will be viewed by the party as, faction & work
to Your great political injury, & the benefit
of the Blk Republican party, & to the injury of
the Democracy generally. Many Democrats
sympathize with you in the opinion that
the citizens of Kansas ought to enjoy the right
to adopt or reject that constitution, & that
is the only barrier against admitting her as a
State, & the New bill in substance remedies
that defect, & we can see no further ground
for opposition to the admission of Kansas (or
the disposition of it) according to the reports
of the Committee, & the objection told are
more in "thin air" than in substance.

Should you oppose (or refuse to concur
in) this measure it would only strengthen
the assertions of the Secessionist advocates, that
your opposition to the measure was, founded
more on factional animosity to the administration
than to patriotism or regard for the principle
of popular sovereignty & the Democratic

party. Now is the opportunity offering for you to
again fully identify yourself with the
party, & still retain your consistency in the
favorite doctrine of popular sovereignty.

It is the earnest desire that your Honor,
& Our Representation in the State, sustain the
report of the Joint Committee, & dispassion
of the tone of contention, that Whittier & the
Blk Republican Occupation be gone, &
I doubt not your constituent will fully
sustain you in the matter, & I can
assure you in all confidence that the
Democracy here will fully sustain you.

Hoping to see your name enrolled with
the lists when the bill comes up.

I am truly yours,

A. G. Thurston
of Franklin
New York

A C Switzer
New York
Apr 27/58.

Political

V

J. P. Williams
Brinton

Ohio.

April 27. / 58.

Wants Speeches.

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Brinton, Champion Co Ohio
April 27. 1858

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

Considering you the
leader of the Anti Slavery
Phalanx I have attempted to
request you to send me a
copy of your Speech of the
22nd March on Kansas affairs
in pamphlet form. Also
those made by the following
gentlemen.

Mr Crittenden	March 17th
" Stuart	" 22nd
" Broderick	" 22nd

Bell 18th March

Address me as above and oblige
a friend. In the mean time,
I am

Very Resp. Yours
Jesse Williams