

Lynn County 2nd May 1850

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Sir I return you sincere thanks
for the Speeches of those Eminent Characters
on the Kansas question I would consider as
a great favour if you would have the
goodness to send me a Survey of the harbours
of the United States Maps if you will have
the goodness to send me a Document of
a late date I would consider as a great
favour I am very happy to hear that friend
Shields is Elected from Minnesota I am very
much gratified with the part you took
on the Kansas question on the Secession
Constitution and am glad that you got
a good many able members who took
an active part in it Sir

P.S. Direct to Alexander Dording

Center Point Lynn County
Iowa

Yours
Obedient Servant
Alexander Dording

Alex. Lardin
Center Point
Iowa

Hartford N.Y. May 2 1858

Hon S.A. Douglass

Dear Sir

I would inform you that the position you have taken in Congress is sustained in this vicinity by a very large majority of all parties Democrats Americans & Republicans I would state that it is my wish to do all in my power to advance your position and build up a formidable party and by so doing should much help to have ^{you} sent under your own flag your speeches it is gratifying to many to be thus noticed which induces me to send you a few names not wishing to tax you very heavily Alexander Gorley Nathaniel Bull James McNorthup Levi Arnold Samuel Brayton Harvey Smith Alexander Hall Fayette Haile Charles W Higley Wm Park Timothy Park Thomas A Brayton Anson Brayton Andrew Daicey Cornelius Sheehan Joseph P Goodell John H Kincaid James Bowen John M Hughes Robert Morison Daniel Mason Hiram Waller David Martin all at Hartford N.Y. also Richard Gill Zachariah Gill F D Beump Joseph Clark James Covell Horace Maynard Miles Inghelsh Calvin J Furson South Hartford Those persons are from the three parties and are influential men some of whom have enquired for your speech I could have made a much larger list but will be content if they can receive a pink from you

It is all folly to think the Administration can carry N York at the fall Election

and is in consequence of the position taken
in relation to Kansas affairs

I am not acquainted with the Democrats
from this State who opposed Secrest
there for I have not written them I reside
in the Dist represented by Hon E Doolittle who
is acquainted with me I refer you to him
if you think it proper to make any enquiry
I was always opposed to him in politics
& never voted for him and he is aware
of it

Yours Political friend
and well wisher

John Norton

John Norton
Hartford
Vt.
May 2/58.
Political
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B F Parks
Aurora. Ill.

And this man that I found, or something good

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May 2^d 1858

Have V & Douglass
Washington D.C.

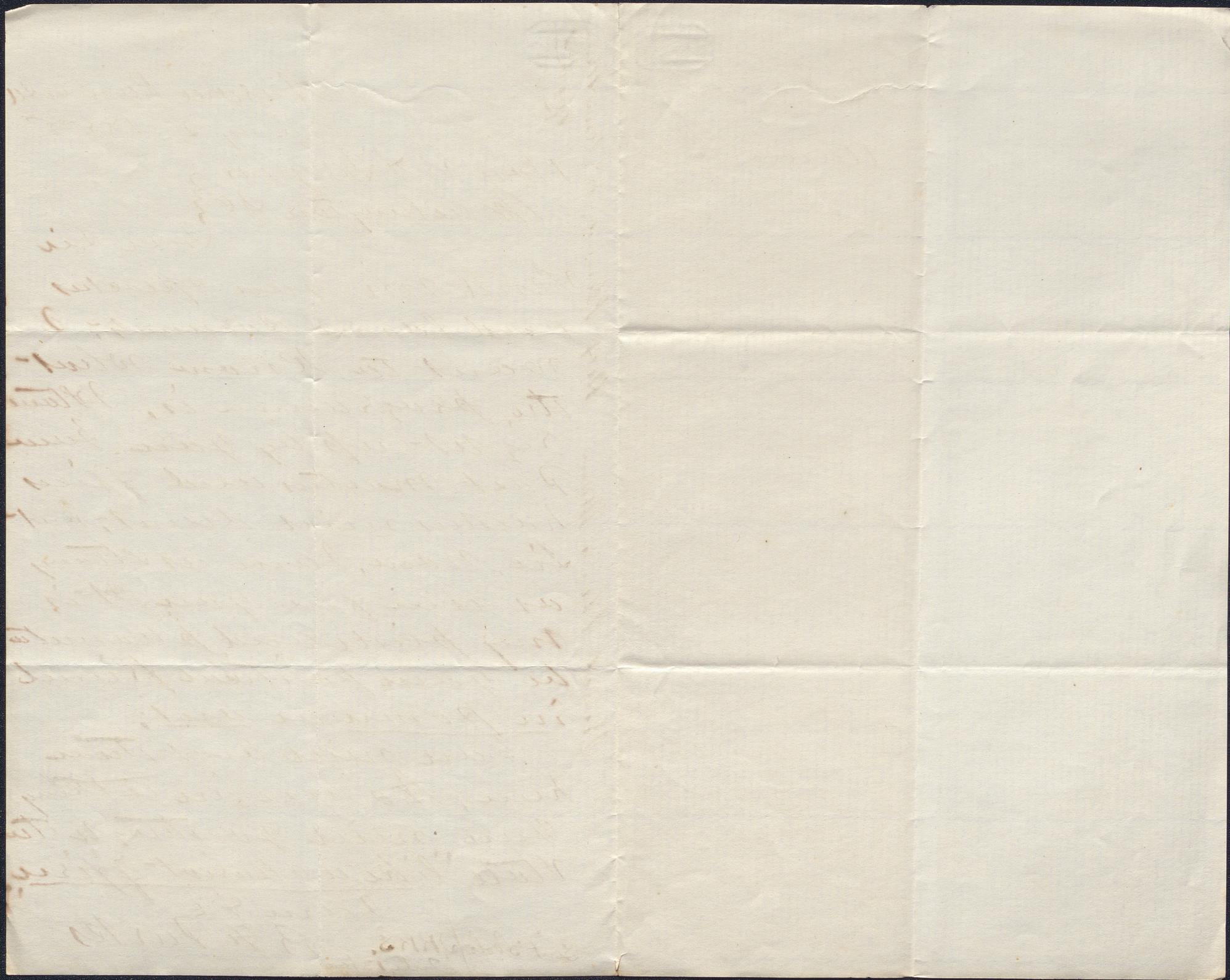
Dear Sir

Send me your speeches
and some documents; I
want to know what
the program is, I stand
right up by you. I am
Past Master and Officer
hundreds will desert; But
Sir, now, I am as strong
as ever for you. It is
my pride and pleasure
to be your political friend
in power or out;

You will beat them
here, No one is talking
You will go through the
State like a chariot of fire

I am &c
B F Parks

Sent 300. PRRS.
July 13/58.



Autumn May 2

Wm. S. A. England

Dear Sir

As I am making a collection
of the Autographs of distinguished
persons it would afford me great
pleasure to add yours to my
collection. Please send it as soon
as convenientⁱⁿ and greatly oblige

Your Obedt. Servant

Chas E Pearce
(Sent June)

Chas E Pease
Auburn N.Y.

Wm. Brewster

May 2nd 1888.

My dear Sir, I never troubled you with Congratulating on your successes, I ask you leave to Congratulate you now.

Success in any sphere of life is a good thing, but is a true test of merit in none. In politics, it is as often a disgrace as an honor. A man who sacrifices his conscience to his position, is not only a bad man but a small man. A truly great man will always sacrifice power to principle, when either must be sacrificed. And such a man has not only the support of his own friends of conscience, but sooner or later is sure to receive the sympathy of all men, whose manhood makes their sympathy worth having.

Henry Clay said a great thing, when he said that he would rather be right than be President. He said it; you have done it.

With my whole heart, I congratulate you upon the truth, resolution & manhood of your whole course on the Kansas question. I confess I

never appreciate your entire worth before.

The great mass of the Democratic party in the West are with you. They will not leave the party, but will adhere to its principles in spite of President & Congress. In this State, we are almost a unit. So far as we are concerned, if any one must leave the party, it is the President & his supporters. We want to see you & hear you. You are our leader & our hope.

When Congress adjourns, I trust that you will put yourself upon the Country on this great issue. The Country expects you to give yourself to this question. Your position with the people now is so strong, none can be worthy of you.

For myself, I use no meaningless phrases. With all my power to lead or to follow, I stand by you in your position.

With great respect,

Your friend
Hon. Stephen A. Douglas.

C. J. Folger

E. G. Ryan
(Milwaukee
Wisc.)
May 2, 1858,

Political



J. H. Sammons.
 Antioch. Ills.
 May 2. / 58.

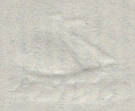
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 Reports

Sent

Antioch May 2nd 58
 Boston Street + Douglas

Friend Douglas would
 you please to send me
 the agricultural report
 for the past year (our
 relatives) is some what
 mixed a little in our town
 I think at the present the
 Douglas men - has the majority
 as ever truly yours

Friend J. H. Sammons



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Windsor Worcester Co. Mass. May 2. 1852.

Hon. Stephen A. Douglas

Dear Sir.

Please send me copies
of your Report & Speeches on the
"Kansas" question.

Yours Truly

Hervey A. Samson.

Henry A. Samson
Winchendon
Map.
May 8, 1858.

Wants Speech



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J. Lester Shipley
Dickinson College
May 1. 1858

Wants Speeches

Dickinson College May 1/58
Hon. Sir,

Having a true conception of your character as a representative; and highly estimating your ability as a statesman, I would humbly solicit a copy of your speech on Kansas. You would moreover confer an inestimable favor upon me, if you would so accommodate yourself as to send to me any others which you may think proper.

Yours Respectfully
Hon. Stephen A. Douglas. J. Lester Shipley



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S J Smith
Burlington, Vt.

May 1, 1858,

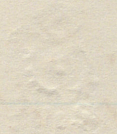
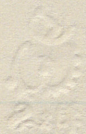
Wants Speeches

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Saturday May 1st 1858
To Hon Stephen A. Douglas,
Sir

Will you have
the kindness to send me
a copy of each of your speeches
on the admission of Kansas
You will greatly favor me
by so doing.

Yours
S J Smith

Burlington Vt



Buffalo May 1st 1858

Wm Stephen A. Douglass
Or Sir

Will you have the kindness
to send me a copy of your speech delivered in the
U. S. Senate against the admission of Kansas under
the Lecompton Constitution, if you had it printed in
pamphlet form and very greatly obliges

Yours Respectfully

Wm. J. Champaign

Box 2339

Buffalo N.Y.

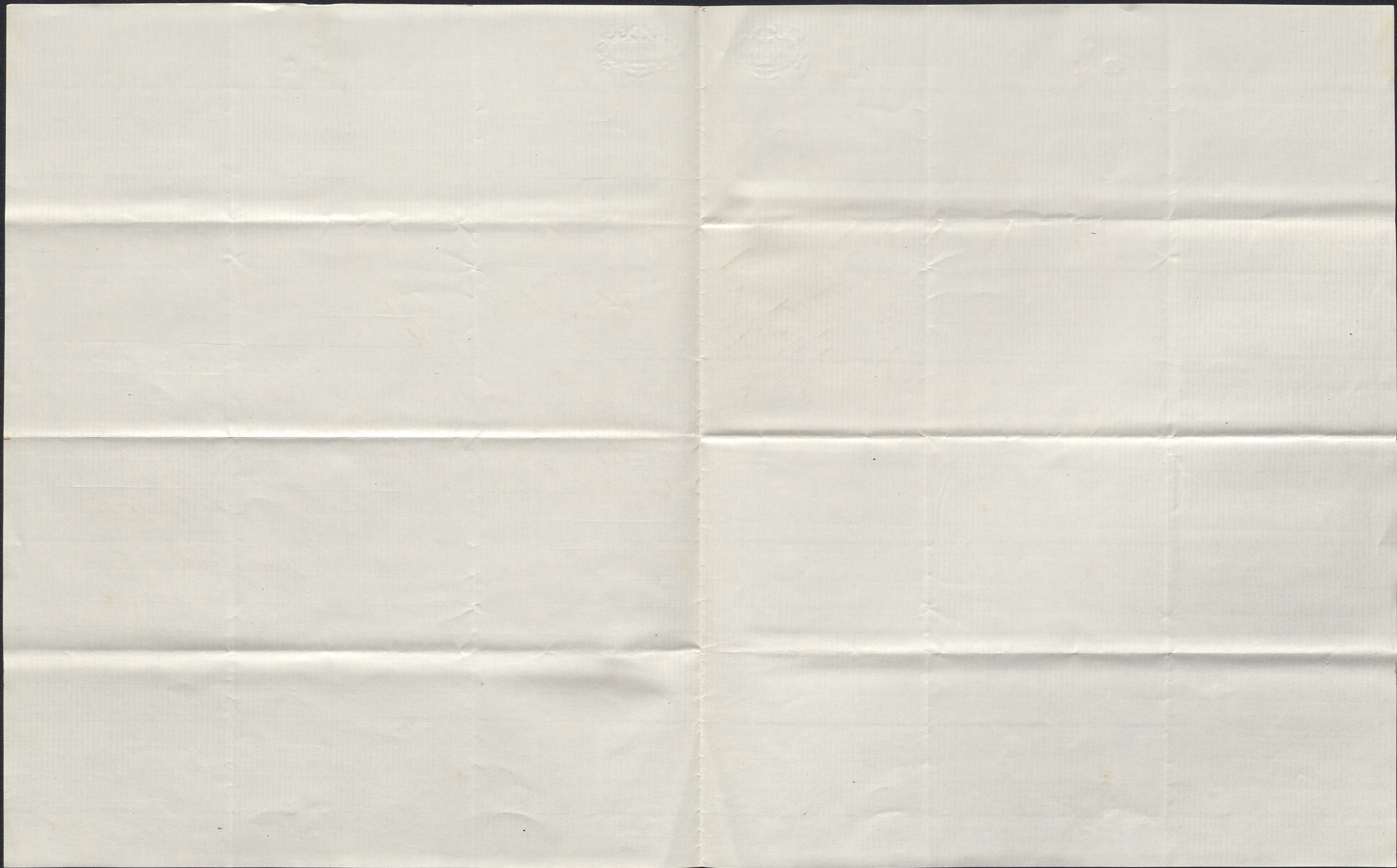
Wm J Thompson

Buffalo.

N.Y.

May 1. 1858.

Wants Speech



Wm J Thompson

Buffalo.

N.Y.

May 1. 1858.

Wants Speech

W B Wilson
Harrisburg Pa



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May ✓

Harrisburg May 2/88
Honored Sir
I hope you will excuse
me for thus intruding upon
your precious time. I have
written several Honorable
Senators for the purpose
of procuring a copy of
Mc Lillans Report on the
operations of the Armies
of in the Crimea. but the
answers I received were that
they had disposed of all
their allotted copies. When
a young scholar my school
master taught me a little
song titled "Try, Try again"
which I have not forgotten
therefore I write to see if
you could send me a
copy. I remain ever

Yours Obt. Servt.
W.B. Hickern
Am. S. Hoagland

Pefferson, Whitley Co Ind, May 2nd 1858

Hon. Stephen A. Douglass,

Dear Sir

Permit an humble personage as a "School master" of the "Hoosier state" to address you. From what we can learn by taking the papers (Old Time) we learned there was such a man as S. A. Douglass, and all about the "Nebraska Bill," and also, all (almost) about "Secumpton," and your "position," on that question, and also that you made a big speech about it, but we didn't see any thing of the speech, only we heard it was a humbug and that you was a d-d traitor - alias Walker Geary - Needer & Co., Now we are Democrats but we can't swallow "Secumpton," "Feathers and all," and the body of Democrats up this way are with the "Little Giant," on the Secumpton score and we want to have a share of the good speeches Documents &c on the government affairs and your speech among the rest. Please take chance of the Franking privilege and send some - up this way
Yours Respectfully

Hon S A Douglass
Washington City
D. C.

H. W. Fentz
- Saturn P. O. -
Whitley Co
Ind

W. W. Bantz
Jefferson
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