

Albany N.Y.
May 25, '58,

My dear Sir:

I am under
very many obligations to
you for the variety of
speeches with which you
have favored me on the
subject of Kansas.

Truly

Yours -

Wm D. Humphrey

Hon. F. A. Douglass

W L Murphy
Albany. N.Y.

New York May 25th 1858
Hon Stephen A. Douglass
Member of Congress from
Illinois
U.S.

Dear Sir

I beg leave to take this pleasant opportunity of asking you to have the kindness to sign a small slip of paper I will enclose to you My object is to get the signatures of all the great men in the United States if you will notice & sign you will much oblige me

Obedient. Servant
Henry B. Murray
care of

John B. Murray
New York

Please return

(Sent)



Geo B Murray
New York.

Wils. City May 25th /58

Hon. F. A. Douglas
 Sir

I take the liberty of writing to again. I am still your friend, and ever shall be found supporting you while you hold to first principles. But Sir, we are a little afraid that Col. ^{my} Forney is going to carry the war into Africa! Sorry am I to see it -

That which induces me to write to you at this time, is that in looking over my old papers, for facts to support your position, as true to the Democratic doctrine. I find in the Pennsylvanian of July the 9th 1858 - an article taken from the Washington Union of July the 8th 1858 - in support of the President. Gov. Walker and the very principles you have contended for, is, as if you recollect against the action of the late Democratic Convention (Democratic Convention) one in Georgia, and the other Mississippi in which

They opposed the doctrine set forth
in Gov. Walkers Inaugural. that the
Constitution of Kansas when made
should be submitted to the people for
their approval or rejection. I think it
an able defense of your position, when
and when ever I have used it, it backs
down all argument. They cannot deny
the facts it contains;

If you cannot get the
original, I will send the one I have to
you, if it is your wish; I should do so.

We are to have a County mu-
-tine on the 29th of this month, and I suppose
the Ins. will control the Outy, as it is for-
mally the case - but they will have some
trouble if they attempt to oppose the doc-
trine of Popular Sovereignty or the Rule
of the Majority. honesty and truth must, and
and will sooner or later prevail.

Any thing I can send me will be thank-
fully received.

I am your most
true and aff. servt.
Bry. N. Ogilvie

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W B. Payne.
Cleveland.
Ohio.
May 25. 1858.
Commending
Paul Leiger of
Columbus

Received
May 28th 1858
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Cleveland May 25th 1858

Dear Sir,

I have just heard that
Paul Leiger of Columbus starts to day
for Washington where he will remain
a few days. He is an ardent devoted
friend of yours and as you are aware has
taken an active part in the Anti-Slavery
conventions this winter. Knowing
his anxiety to form your personal ac-
quaintance I take the liberty of commending
him to your special attention. Few men
in Ohio equal him as an effective stump
speaker and you will find him a
zealous and trustworthy as well as an in-
telligent and agreeable friend.

I am waiting a letter from you
(promised by Rhodes) when I will write you
on politics - yours truly
W. B. Payne
Washington



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Mr. J. A. Douglas Sir
 Will you please send to my shop
 the last Reports of the Patent
 Office & oblige yours Truly
 Thomas Pierson

May 26th /68

Address Thomas Pierson J.S.
 Montrose Summit
 Co Ohio

Thos. Pierdon
Mouthrose
Ohio.

L. L. Potter
 Franklin, Mass.

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Hon. Stephen A. Douglass,
 Sir:

I have
 a great desire to possess a volume
 of the "Pacific Coast Survey" and
 have taken the liberty of
 addressing you in hope, of ob-
 taining one from you.

Yours with respect-
 from Peter
 Franklin
 Haverack Co. N. H.



Wm Pratt
Como.



Como May 28th 1858

Dear S. A. Hays

in reply

You have the kindness to
transmit to me one copy
of the Patent office and
agriculture report and
oblige a friend
Please address William Pratt
Como Whiteside County
Illinois

Yours Truly
Wm Pratt

(Mch^d Sent May 29. 1858)



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P B Rippelee
Savannah, Ga.

May 25

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Savannah Ga. May 25th

Hon. S. A. Douglas

Sir I wish to trouble ^{you} with a
Question in ^{which} we are at this time
Interested which alone you
can settle. The editor of the
Tenne Haute Journal after
having endorsed, & your princi-
pally in his paper to the
gratification of all us Douglas
men he now turns round and
puts your name at the head of the
LeCompton State Ticket and
tells us if you were among us
you would support the Bright
& Fitch Ticket now sir you will
be so kind as to ^{conform} ^{to} us with ^{the} ^{signature} that
matter as soon as convenient
as we ^{are} much interested in your
answer at this time for untill we

here from you we cannot believe
it as you fought it manfully for
the last five months against
friends and foes much to the
gratification of your friends
in Indiana and especially of
Vigo County your ^{wife} please answer
this in Reception and oblige many
of your faithful Farming Friends
T. B. Rippetoe
(To Hon. S. A. Douglas)

address at Sandford Station
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Falls of Saint Anthony, Minnesota
May 25th 1858.

Hon S. A. Douglas.

Dear Sir:

Some two years ago, the leading physicians of Saint Anthony and Minneapolis, organized a "Medical Society" with a view to the cultivation of the Sciences generally, and the consequent diffusion of such knowledge and information as would be valuable to the members of the Society and, through them, to the people of the State, Territory & elsewhere. The Society has labored under many disadvantages and its influence much circumscribed, from the fact, that it has been without the means of procuring a select library and other Journals and publications essential to its success and is, consequently, left to depend upon prominent natural men, like yourself, to furnish such works in Scientific Subjects, (for instance, Reports on Surveys, Topography, Geology, Astronomy

Minerology, &c, &c, as may promote
the object of the Society.

I need not observe
My Dear Sir, that this letter is addressed
to you because the members of the
Society feel that the interest which
you have ever exhibited in matters
of great public interest encourages the
hope that you will aid in promoting
an enterprising Committee, steep to the
attention of public men, and of great
concern in the advancement of the
Sciences in our young and growing
State.

Please address Dr. C. W. Leighton
who is President of the Society and
an unflinching anti Slavery Democrat

With great regards
Yours &c

Wendell Robertso

Wendell Robertson,

May 25/88.

St. Anthony, *May 26* 1858.

Dear Sir:

The St. Anthony and Minneapolis Union Medical Society have in course of preparation a report upon the Topography, Geology, Climate and Diseases of Minnesota, and respectfully request your co-operation, by contributing information in your possession on the following topics:

1st. The Topography and Geology of your neighborhood; embracing a description of its streams, diversities of superficial character, the amount and quality of timber, and geological characteristics.

2nd. The Climate, as indicated by thermometrical and barometrical records, the quantity of rain, and prevailing winds, etc., etc.

3rd. The Diseases most prevalent, their mortality and the treatment usually adopted. Have you ever known "Fever and Ague" to originate in your vicinity?

As this work is designed not more as a contribution to medical science than the setting forth to the world of the peculiar advantages of our territory, and as it will involve, besides much time and labor, considerable pecuniary outlay, it is hoped that every citizen of Minnesota, interested in its permanent growth and prosperity, will aid the Society in obtaining for the work such a circulation as shall defray the expense for its publication. It will be published in the spring, in octavo form, and will contain about 200 pages of closely printed matter, neatly bound in paper.

One dollar sent by mail will ensure one copy of the work as soon as it is published.

C. W. Le BOUTILLIER, President.

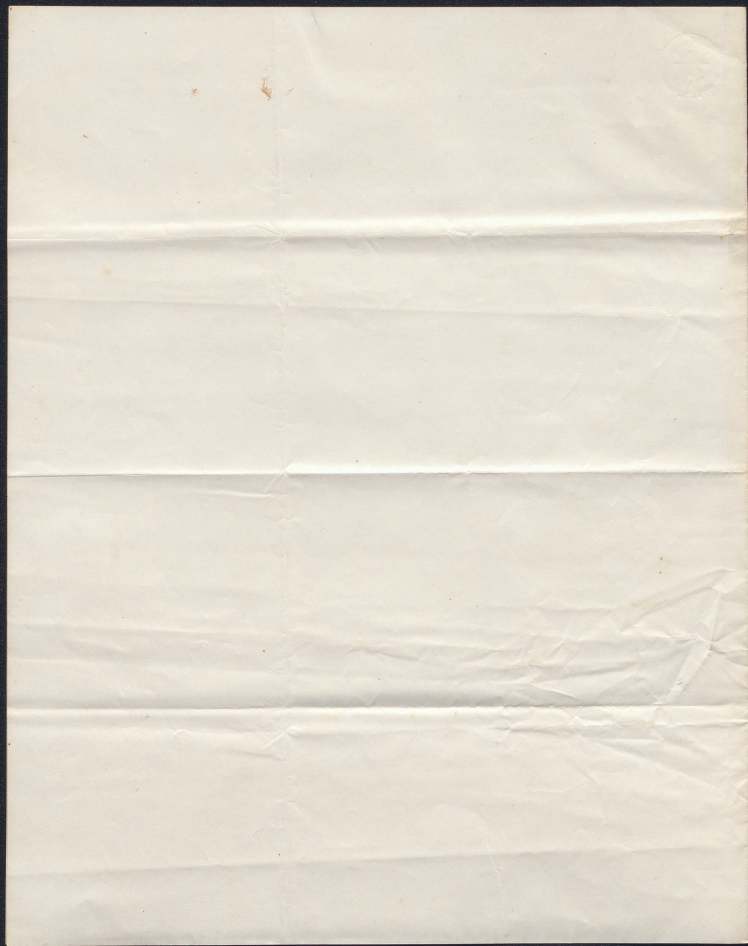
C. L. ANDERSON, Secretary.

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Rooms of the Franklin Institute,

VIROQUA, WIS., MAY 25, 1858.

DEAR SIR:— A few of the citizens of Viroqua have incorporated themselves (under the General Laws of this state) into a Literary Institution, to be known as the "FRANKLIN INSTITUTE."

We have done this for the purpose of increasing our facilities for mental improvement, and for the further purpose of holding out inducements to Young Men to spend their leisure hours in reading useful books, instead of spending them in bar-rooms and saloons.

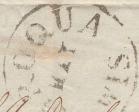
The objects of the Franklin Institute are two-fold—The establishment of a Library and Reading Room, and series of Public Lectures.

To fill the shelves of our Library, we shall expend our own means most liberally; for we know that to be successful in this enterprise, we must depend upon ourselves. But we know, too, that ~~they~~ are in the East and South, hosts of noble-souled men who look kindly on the "Great West," and who are willing to help beautify and adorn her "Waste Plains." It is to such we appeal, hoping that those who are blest with an abundance, and whose lots are cast in more favorable places than ours, will voluntarily render us such assistance as they may feel disposed to, by donating Books, Periodicals, and Papers to the Institute.

All Communications may be addressed, Franklin Institute, Viroqua, Badax Co., Wis.

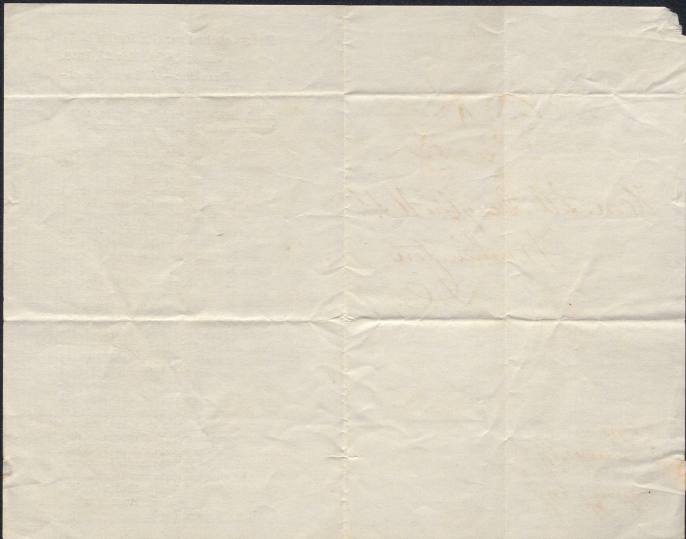
JAMES RUSK, Pres't.

R. C. BIERCE, Clerk.



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

Jan Rusk
Viroqua
Wis.



W. F. Sapp,
Mt Vernon, Ohio.

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Mount Vernon Ohio
May 25th 1858
Hon. J. A. Douglass
Sir

I beg leave
as an humble admirer to approach
you with a request. Will you
be kind enough to send me
a copy of ^{or two} each of your
speeches made upon the
~~Decomposition~~ Constitution. If
you will I will take it
as a great favor

Yours Very Respectfully
W. F. Sapp.

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My dear friend
I have just received
your letter of the 10th

and am glad to hear
that you are well and
hope to see you soon.
I am sure you will find
the trip very pleasant.
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Huacomb Meddunghbury May 25 1858

Dear Friend

I doubt not that ere this you have ~~been~~ been informed of the melancholy bereavement I have sustained in the death of my husband very painful and agonising have been my affliction and now my soul is weighted down to the earth in anxious solitude for my children it is in their behalf dear Sir I make bold to address you entreating that you will please to help us some if it be ever so little as I am not able to work but very little owing to a severe pain in my side which is caused by leaving so constant I exceedingly regret being compelled to address you on so delicate a subject as my own misfortune but there is no alternative if I would avoid depiction I have devoted the very best years of my life in an honest endeavor to make a living I have made my support by sewing for the last 4 years but now in my declining years I have been reduced to absolute want still I am anxious to act properly honorable to all or at least so far as it is in my power so to do anxious for their welfare I have ventured to make this application knowing your willingness at all times to befriend the unprotected and fatherless

the reason why I ask it of you I have ^{heard} of you as
being one of the most feeling men that we have in this
world and I thought if you would read this letter in
congress and use your influence perhaps some of the
congressmen would have pity on me and help me a
little they could all through in a very little and ^{would} not miss
it and it would perhaps be the means of me keeping
my children together and giving them some education
and if I am not able never to reward you for it gods
will reward you for it.

I will now give you a small history of my
life I was a daughter of John Atkinson who died in
Abbeville about 20 years ago I married when I was ^{only} about 14
years old my husband was a brother to David & Head of Carthage
his name was Benjamin Head a strong friend yours I think if
I mistake not you was acquainted with them both I remember
of hearing you making a speech in Carthage in the court
house yard my father was very much opposed to me marrying
so young but I would not hear to taking his advice which
I see now was very wrong but we was married without
his consent he was so put out about it that he would not
help us any and so we worked alone and done the best we
could and when he died he did not will me a ~~share~~ share with
the balance of the children he left a small amount to my

children which is a small house with only 2 small rooms
and that is all we own in this troublesome world my
husband died about 6 years ago leaving me with 4 small
children nothing left for their support but we got along very
well as long as I had my health I learnt the dress making and
worked day and night many nights I worked all night
I finally took the palsy so bad I could only see about
2 hours in the day and then I could hardly get a breath
that was a sore show for a living too proud to beg not
able to work I concluded I would marry again but that
only made the thing worse it only brought trouble and sorrow
on me I was married one year ago the 14 of this month when
to my sorrow my husband came home to dinner about 3 weeks
ago and said it was impossible for him to support the children and
educate them as they ought to be so he packed his trunk and left
I know not where he said he would go ~~there~~ he never would
be heard of again so we are left alone to struggle this lonely world
alone and unless we can get some help we are bound to suffer
his name was Abraham Hall my friends if I have any has not
offered to help me any and I always said if I had to ask
any person for help I would ask strangers then if I got help
it would come free I think if I could only get some help
for one year my children then could get some education
enough by that time to make a living for them and
myself or if I could get help enough to put a small

adiation to my hoos I could take borders and that
would rest me from sewing untill my side would get
better I do not wish to beg if I only can get my health
for all we want in this world is very little my
relations all rather think themselves above me but that matter
not I hope and intend to try to live to praise god and when
I am done with the troubles of this world I hope to have a
place in heaven where parting will be no more now this is
my situation if you can help me a little or get any one else
that will it will be the means of me easing my family
from suffering and if I am never able to reward you
there is a god in heaven that never forgets blessings
please answer my letter

Sarah A Wall,
Macomb, Ill.

Sarah A Wall

to Steven A Douglass

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James G. White
New Orleans
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New Orleans La.
May 25th 1858.
Hon. S. A. Douglas }
U. S. Senator }

Will
You be so kind as to for-
ward me your speech on the
Kansas LeCompton Constitution
and the report of the Committee
of Conference? And if it
is not contrary to your
rules put my name on
your list book, so I may
receive all documents of any
importance, which you send
out.

Very Truly Yours
James G. White
Care of Box 780
New Orleans
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[Faint, mirrored handwriting, likely bleed-through from the reverse side of the page. The text is mostly illegible due to fading and mirroring.]

Office of White, Cook & Co., Bankers.

WM. WALLACE WHITE, }
LYMAN COOK, }
JOHN N. BAXTER, }

Burlington, Iowa,

May 25th 1858

Hon. S. A. Douglas,

Dear Sir,

Can you,
without trouble, send me a copy of
your last speech on the original Kansas bill?
I allude to the Senate bill, & the last discussion
prior to the final vote on its passage ~

I am in receipt of Daily Globe, but, as yet,
have missed that speech, & I should be glad
to obtain a copy ~

Respect Yrs
W. W. White

W W White
Burlington Iowa.

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Pension Office

May 25/58

Dear Sir;

In answer to your letter as you have requested
 King's (M. C. C.). I have
 today admitted the claim
 for an increase of pension
 I will send you the official
 Certificate for the same tomorrow
 or next day.

Very truly yours

Wm. A. Caylop

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