

Polo Gyle Co. Ills

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May, 27, 1858.

Hon S. As. Douglass  
Washington D. C. 3

Dear Sir

I must intrude upon your valuable time to prefer a small favour which is to ask for the "Agricultural report" of 1857 & 8, which I would like to be forwarded to this place to my address. many of your warm Political and personal friends here have often asked me if you would forward such documents. Should the end for them, on this subject I would like to be informed, at the same time I would like to have your speeches on the "Decompton" Bill since it was brought forward, to the adoption of the English Bill, should you not have the speeches I would much like to have the report.

Most truly yours,

J. G. Browne  
Polo Gyle Co Ills.

Santo Agostino  
May 31/58.



J. G. Browne  
Polo, Ill.



Ottawa May 27<sup>th</sup> 1858  
 Hon S. A. Douglass

Dear Sir

Permit @

friend to introduce himself to you  
 @ Prof C. S. Cummings formerly of Massachusetts  
 but now residing in the State of Ill; As  
 far as political matters ar concerned, I  
 was born ~~up~~ and brought up @ a true  
 Democrat, and I can say to one and all  
 that I have not voted any other ticket;  
 But I would say to you (and that without  
 flattering) that I am now cald @ a Douglass  
 Democrat; I am by profession @ teacher  
 of vocal and Instrumental Music

But my attention since I came to Illinois  
 has bin given to farming, and my  
 object in writing you is to see if you  
 will be kind enough to send me the  
 Patent Office Report of Eighteen hundred  
 and fifty seven and some of the

Geological Reports and all other works  
that you think would be interesting  
to a man of my occupation  
By doing so you  
will confer a great favor  
upon a friend

Please direct to

C. S. Sumner

Wagon

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C. S. Sumner

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Allen Hille  
Beardstown  
Ill.

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Beardstown Illinois  
May 27 1858

Mr. Stephen A. Douglas

Dear Sir

Please send me all the speeches  
you can spare me both in the  
German and English, for we have  
many thirsty souls here, who sigh  
for Douglass' speeches and it is  
painful to send them away empty  
The soil appears to be in good  
condition, then scatter the seed

Yours Respectfully  
Allen Hille

(Santo Agricoltore)



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Hon Joshua Hill  
At Repts.  
Washington D.C.

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At. Repts.

Wash<sup>y</sup>. May 27. 1858

Hon. S. A. Douglass

Dear Sir,

I was requested  
by a friend of mine, who is  
a political friend & admirer  
of yours, to remind you of  
his address - in order that  
you might send him some  
speeches, documents &  
anything else, that you might  
wish to send to his part of  
Georgia - You no doubt rem-  
ember him - Mr. Robert W.  
Simms - Newnan, Coweta  
Co. Ga.

I am very resp<sup>y</sup>  
y<sup>r</sup>. obt<sup>s</sup> serv<sup>t</sup>  
Joshua Hill.



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B. H. Irwin  
Cooperstown, N.Y.

May 27 1850



Cooperstown, Dutchess County, N.Y.

Dear Sir I want to get  
the Congregationalists' Expenses  
of the present Session of  
Congress. If you have any  
spare copies for distribution  
I will send one to me  
I will pay you for it. I  
have been in the habit of  
subscribing for the work. I  
find it a difficult mat-  
ter to get all the No<sup>s</sup> in  
good condition. I would be  
very much obliged to you for  
some public documents that  
are for distribution  
Very Respectfully

B. H. Irwin  
[Irwin]

Ben L. Engle



*Mr. James  
C. [unclear]*

Columbus May 27<sup>th</sup> 1858

Hon. S. A. Douglass U.S.A.

Dear Sir

Will you favor me with  
some of the latest speeches on the Appropriation  
Bill and oblige

Yours Humble Servt

A. W. Welton

Alex: M. Connell  
Columbus, O.

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Jas W McKean  
Frankfort Springs  
Pa.

Frankfort Springs,  
Beaver Co. Penn.  
May 27. 1855.

Respected Sir,

Last Winter ago there was a Bill before Congress for the benefit of the Widows & orphan children of Revolutionary soldiers. Is there no hope of its being passed? Could you not bring it forward, & by your energy & influence press it through? Would not this bring honor to our Country - & be doing an act of justice, long neglected - & add to your already noble reputation? Certainly it would bring on you the blessing of many.

Excuse this liberty taken by an entire stranger. It may not be wrong to state that I am brother

of the late Th. N. K. Keenan, once  
a member of Congress & for a short  
time Sec. of Interior under N. Fil-  
more.

With much respect,

Yours truly  
Th. N. K. Keenan

Committed Mrs 27  
 Hon S. A. Douglas

Your documental forms  
 have been read & read & distributed  
 I can use some to an advantage  
 Mr. McComb. Can't tell as to my  
 similarity & guess my father  
 We are all with you but  
 you will please send me any & all  
 thing a Stamp may want - as  
 I sometimes pay such of mine -  
 will you please send me ~~Montgomery~~  
 of P. P. Spect. or Leicester  
 & any other you may think  
 necessary. Your Obedt  
 B. F. Pate

Cancelled  
 Cancelled  
 Ohio

Keep me posted during the recess  
 of Congress

B F Potts  
Carrollton, Ohio,

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Lebanon, May 27, 1838.

Hon. S. A. Douglass,

My Dear Sir,

I could wish you were to forward to me a package of your speech on the Kansas question, under your frank, to be distributed in this section of the country, with some effect, as well as place you right among people who need - like doubting Thomas - some proofs of the correctness of your position, to be convinced.

I am, very truly your friend

Jas. Lewis Rightmyer

Lebanon, Pa.

Gas S. Pöhltinger  
Sebanon pa.

Mayville, Ky., May 27th, 1852.

Dear Sir:

We cannot do better in opening our communication to you than to call your attention to the memorable words, of one of the most distinguished of that band of wise and virtuous men, who achieved our liberty and laid the foundation of our present National greatness:

*"The fourth day of July, 1776, will be the most memorable epoch in the history of America. I am apt to believe that it will be celebrated by succeeding generations as the great anniversary festival. It ought to be commemorated as the day of deliverance by solemn acts of devotion to God Almighty. It ought to be solemnized with pomp and parade, with shows, games, sports, guns, bells, bonfires, and illuminations, from one end of this Continent to the other from this time forward, forever."*

In a recent spirit of devotion to this prophecy and this injunction, and, as no less recent recollection, and love of the day, and the men, and the events that have forever hallowed it, the people of Mason, Fleming, Bracken, and Lenoir Counties in Kentucky, and of Brown and Adams Counties in Ohio, and such others of this Country as can attend, propose to meet together and celebrate the Anniversary of the Republic's Birth-Day, at the grounds, in Mason County, of the "North Kentucky Agricultural and Mechanical Association," Saturday, the 5th day of July next.

We respectfully invite and request you to be present with us on that day, to participate in the exercises of the occasion, and to address the people on some of those inspiring National topics so interesting to every American heart.

In these times of disunion, we ardently desire to draw all persons and parties together, in an cordial spirit of fraternity, to recognize their common citizenship, and brotherhood, and upon a day so sacred to all patriots, renew their vows of fidelity to their whole Country.

We have the honor to be, Your Friends and Fellow-Citizens,

HARRISON TAYLOR,  
R. H. STANTON,  
W. H. WADSWORTH,  
THO. A. CURRAN,  
ROBERT M'KEE,  
FRANCIS T. HORD,  
E. WHITAKER,

Committee of Invitation.

Harrison Taylor  
& others  
Commi. of Invitation  
Maysville, Ky  
May 27, 1868.

Invitation to  
Celebration of 4<sup>th</sup> July

TO THE HONORABLE SENATE  
OF THE STATE OF KY.  
BY  
HARRISON TAYLOR  
COMMISSIONER OF THE  
STATE OF KY.  
MAY 27 1868

Geo E Turkington  
 Lane. Ill.

Lane. Ogle Co Ill  
 May 27<sup>th</sup> 1857  
 Wm S A Douglas

Sir

I would like to have you  
 send me the latest Pat  
 Office report

and thank Oblye

Geo E Turkington

(Sent. Agricultural)  
 May 29/57.



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N Bartlett  
Cleveland,  
Ohio.

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Cleveland, O. May 28/58  
Hon. S. A. Douglas  
Sir

Will you please send  
me some of your speeches & reports  
- in pamphlet, & put me on your  
list for favors of this kind.  
I thank you

Douglas Democrat.  
Yours personally & politically

N Bartlett

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 Sent to Agnew's. June 1. 1858

Illinois  
 Adaline Cole County May 28th 1858  
 You J. A. Douglass

Dear Sir, I will  
 Be under obligations  
 For the Favor of the Patent  
 Office Report  
 Yours  
 Wiram Beare

P.S. I feel gratified that  
 that there is not one  
 Democrat in our town  
 ship that does not endorse  
 your course J. B.

Hiram Board,  
Adeline, His,

Hankakee City, Ill,  
May 27<sup>th</sup> 1858

Hon. S. A. Douglas,  
Washington City, D. C.  
Dear Sir,

I have applied to the "Ordnance Department" in Washington City, for the purpose of introducing an invention in the U.S. Service, which will be of vast importance in that Service. It is a mounted Carriage which can be used by from five to ten men, <sup>in</sup> much more advantage in many cases than a hundred well drilled Soldiers under the present state of arms. This carriage will be of invaluable service on the frontier, at weak Posts or Forts, with mail & Express Posters, <sup>etc</sup> it is so constructed as to discharge from 30 to 40 shots at the same time, or about 2000 shots within the space of 20 minutes, with the same precision that could be performed by other Arms used at present. I have proposed to engage in the proper department for the purpose of superintending the construction of one of my inventions, if the proper authorities will forward me \$100 for an out fit and traveling expenses to such place as I shall be ordered to report myself, and \$80 p. month after I report myself for duty until one of my

are finished, and then I will leave it to the  
discretion of Congress, or such other authority  
as may be necessary. The amount which I shall  
receive as remuneration, and the privilege of taking  
the conveyance by paying the cost, should both  
remuneration be refused by me.

If you will be so kind as to use your in-  
fluence to my interest I shall be very happy  
to recompense you at such time as I can be able,  
as for my honesty and integrity I refer to  
Geo. S. Mack & A. D. Wilson of this place,  
& J. M. Thurston, Post Master North Star I. O.  
Dark Co. Ohio, and W. B. Barry formerly  
Commission Agent Cincinnati O., my limited  
means is the only reason for soliciting aid  
from the source I do, my experience for  
the last 15 years, as a Soldier, Engineer and  
Mechanic, has afforded me ample opportunity  
of judging of the value of my invention besides  
recommending me favorable under the present cir-  
cumstances.

Very Respectfully

J. W. Caldwell,

Hon. Gen. Douglas

J. W. Caldwell  
Kankakee  
Ill.

Chicago, May 28<sup>th</sup>.

Hon. S. A. Douglas

Sir:

Being a young man, and a good anti-Leocompton Democrat, and also being a searcher after the current information of the day, I have often felt the want of possessing such records and statistics as are distributed over the country through the medium of the Senators and Representatives, which want I know no way of supplying other than through a direct application to you. You will confer a lasting obligation upon your humble servant, if you can, without inconvenience to yourself, send me such works as are from time to time published by order of the Senate. They will always find me if addressed to the Times Office.

I remain yours

with respect &amp;c

(Saml. McKel. Peck)  
Saml. McKel. Peck

J. M. Campbell  
Chicago, Ill.

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Received of J. M. Campbell  
the sum of \$100.00

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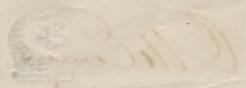
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O. W. Evans  
Linc Lexington  
Pa.

Linc Lexington May 28/58  
Hon. Stephen A. Douglas  
Sir;

As this section of the country has been flooded with the reports of Senator Green and Stephens on the Kansas question; will you oblige an admirer of your position on said question, by sending me the minority reports of said committees & other Congressional documents, that I may distribute, in order to counteract the influence said papers have, & may create in this neighborhood.

Yours Respectfully

O. W. Evans  
Linc Lexington  
Mo. Co.  
Pennsylvania



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Auburn, May 28<sup>th</sup> 1841

Hon. Stephen A. Douglass

Dear Sir

As I am collecting Autographs, it would afford me much pleasure to be able to add yours to my collection.

Be so kind as to send me it, as soon as convenient, and you will greatly oblige

your obedient Servant  
M. B. Goodrich

M B Goodrich  
Auburn  
N.Y.