

1 Sunday June 6 /58

To the Hon Mr Douglass

Sir please send Patent office Reports
Mechanical and Agricultural

Address Michael Burke Dearborn

Mc Henry county Ills

Yours Respectfully

Michael Burke

Michael Burk
Munda. Hls.

P G Chase
Berlin, Wisc.

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1838

Berlin Wisconsin June 6
To Hon Stephen A Douglas
Dear Sir

allow me to introduce
my self to you and ask a
pardon of you = you know
me in this state as so unfortun-
ately as not to have a Democrat
in Congress & as I claim to
to be one " and have been ~~overlooked~~
overlooked in the distribution
of the Books appropriated by
Congress " I do not ask you
to send me any but should
feel very much gratified if
you should make a mistake
& send me one or more of
in fact I should like the whole
Seven vol of the ~~Anti~~ Survey
of the Rail Road for Mississippi River
to Pacific nation

and in token of my friendship
to you and your Coes in
Congress I will tender my
services to you should you
be a candidate for the
Presidency in 1860
I will subscribe my self
your Friend & Democrat

P G Chase Secy Ag

Milwaukee & Hudson
N H

J. W. S. Braley,
Freeport, Me.

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June 7

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Freeport Me June 7-1878

Dear Sir

Political matters look well
for us here - Reconstruction is the
dead & things appear now
we are quite sure of our - a firm
step - if not also one in the
long some night winter -
Ivan & Davis are determined
we shall gain nothing from
Republicans, but the Union is
evidently working - Republicanism
as well as Democracy are not
indifferent to the malignant
or contemptible course of the
Administration toward you.

I notice that the list to
whom you send documents
here is old. I think to send you
a new list -

Yours truly, Thos. Appoind

among as a call on "Mary
Worcester" for a meeting on
Saturday last to appoint de-
legates from this Co. to what
Jim Griffith & Colene call
the "house thief convention" at
Springfield ~~on~~ the 9th.
Nobody came - of course
there was no meeting - and
Thompson Bagley & gentlemen
whom Washburne has just
appointed a Com. in this Co.
become voluntary self consti-
tuted representatives of the
"National" to go to Springfield.

By Appt. me
J. W. L. Brewster

(Sent Vol. 5, p. 115.
Jan 12/58)

Ross S. A. Douglas
W. S. L.
W. S. L.
J. C.

B B Laloney
Columbia Ky.

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Columbia Ky June 7th
S. A. Douglas.

Dear sir, All of
the members of Congress of our
state (Democratic Members) having
gone off after the, Leecompton
Calf, we have not had any
of the speeches of Congressmen ^{or Senators} on
the negative side of that question.

You will oblige me very
much by sending me a copy
or two of each of your
speeches, on the Original
Leecompton bill.

Yours &c
B. B. Laloney



Hollidaysburgh
June 2^d 58 Pa

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Hon Stephen A. Douglass
Boston -

Dr. Linn -

You would confer a great favour upon a friend, by sending me the first volume of Latham - I received the 2^d & 3^d - from our Congressman, but when he found that I stood up against Secumptions, he refused to send the Others - although he had inadvertently omitted sending it in the first place -

Believe Me

Your Friend
James Elared

James Elared

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Gas Eldred
Hollidaysburg, Pa.

New York Sund 7. 1858
Hon^{ble} Stephen A. Douglass,
Washington,

Dear Sir,

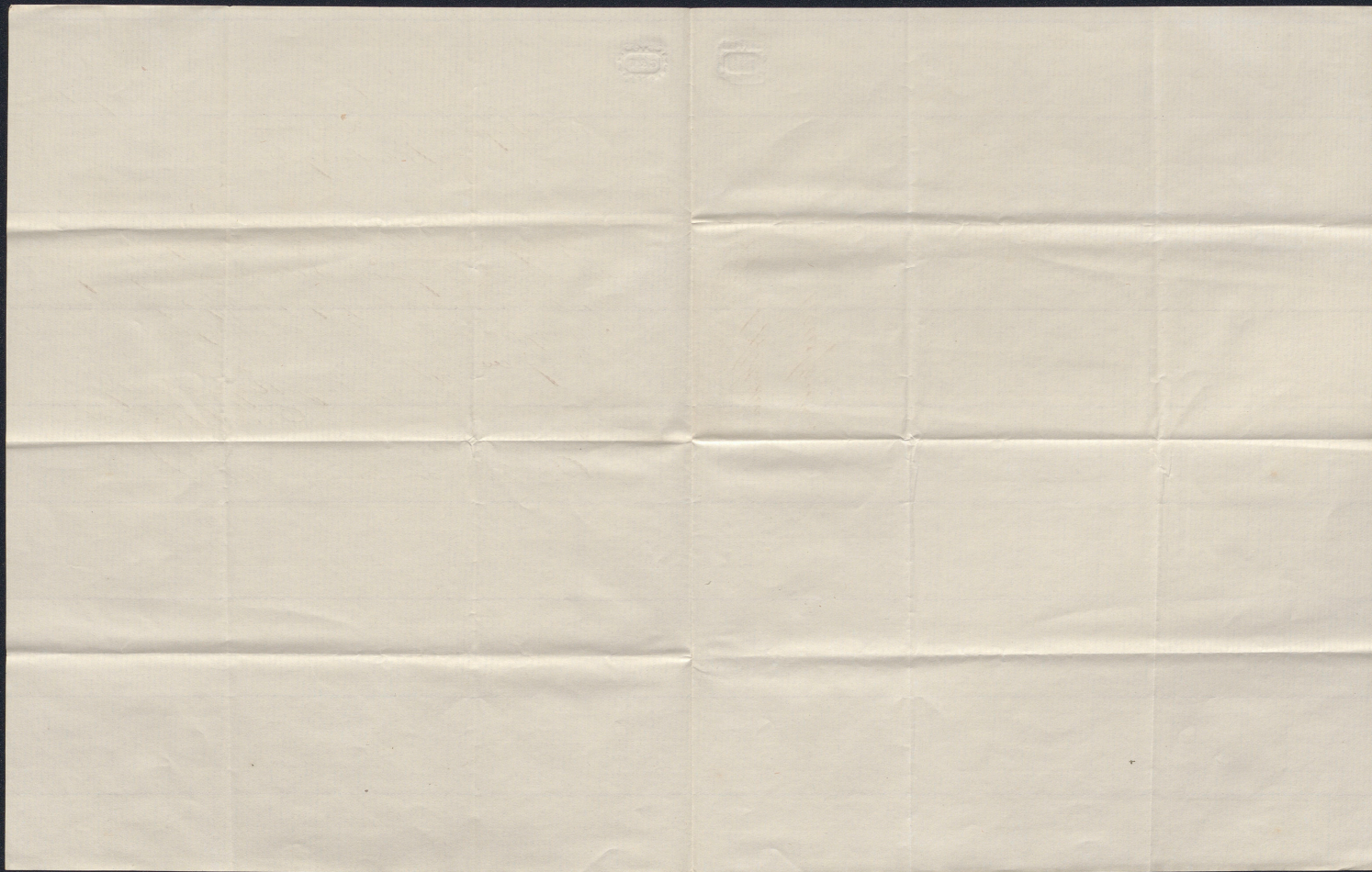
I am about
making a collection of autographs, and
should it comport with your dignity, it
would be exceedingly gratifying to me if
I might add your distinguished name
to my list.

Yours Very Respectfully,
Albert H. Fordham

Please address

Care Mess. Gannett & Co.

Albert A. Brigham
New York.



Portsmouth N.H. June 7th 1838

Hon. S. A. Douglas,
Respected Sir,

Your several favours have
been received and are at work; I am much
obliged for them.

Can you send, a copy
of the Report & Resolutions of the Committee on
"British expressions" & also your speech in sup-
port of the same.

Very Truly

Yr. Obedt. Servt.

Joseph Foster

Jos Foster
Portsmouth
N.H.

To Hon. Stephen A. Douglas, U.S. Senator

As one of the great democratic party of this City, I beg leave to enter a solemn protest against the confirmation of William H. Peck as Postmaster here. Mr Peck for years prior to his appointment had studiously refrained from participating in politics, and had again and again declared, that "he was out of, and had nothing more to do with politics." When he was active as a politician, it was as a disorganizer of the party, and he and his associates, on several occasions, ran an independent ticket which received about twenty six votes, at the most, against the regular democratic ticket. Why, so great an injustice should have been done the democracy here, as the appointment of Mr Peck is astonishing, and more especially so, in view of the peculiar ground advanced to secure it. A man's religious opinions are and should be his own, and no one should sit in judgement upon them; but when an applicant for office offers up a reason (and the only one) for his appointment, that he is of a particular faith - and to strengthen his application on that ground falsely asserts that Mr Campbell late Postmaster General (and of the same faith) would have appointed him as Postmaster, but was apprehensive that the Know Nothing spirit then rife in the land would be promoted by it; such a man, who is obviously a bigot or a knave, should be indignantly hurled aside, and a man appointed who can safely refer to his antecedents as a democrat, and say, "my fidelity and service to my party and principles, and my integrity and capacity justify me in seeking for and asking this appointment," I have always belonged to the democratic party, I have raised my

voice on the side of the good old cause" and given it
my humble aid, when others who had fattened on office
and were regarded as leaders have been silent at
the grave; and they leave to remonstrate against
the confirmation of this appointment, and ask for
its rejection, not only on the ground of the questionability
of Mr Peck, ~~democracy~~, devotion to our party
and unworthiness politically - but because he has
dared to ask appointment for religious sake, such
a precedent is not to be countenanced for an in-
stant, but should meet with a prompt and with-
ering rebuke - His particular faith I entertain
no prejudice against - I abhor intolerance and
proscription - I wish every man to worship his
maker according to the dictates of his own conscience.
But when he offers as the chief, may only reason
for his appointment to office, his religious faith,
and his influence, which that alone could
secure, to ask him, I say his application should
be rejected, our worthy chief Magistrate, in whom
we have unbounded confidence, has been mis-
led as to this appointment, and I (who am not
an applicant for the position) ask you sir, in
your high place, to weigh this matter, and
in acting upon it, so dispose of it as to quiet
the great dissatisfaction and disaffection, the
appointment has engendered here.

I have the honor to be &c
Saml Garrison
22 Court St
Brooklyn
June 1/58

Saml Garrison
Brooklyn
N.Y.

Carlinville June 7th 1858.

Dear Sir

Once again I take the liberty of addressing you, for which I hope you will pardon my presumption, my excuse lies in the fact that perhaps an occasional line of approbation from a friend may not be unacceptable. I have seen the course you have pursued with regard to the schemes of the administration in the affairs of Kansas for the last twelve months, with the most intense satisfaction, For the first time in ~~our~~ ^{the} history of our national existence, has the spectacle been presented to the American people, of the strong arm of executive power being used to encroach on the liberties of the people, although, the simple passage of LeCompton, may not have had any very serious consequences in itself, yet it was but the stepping stone to greater encroachments, and as such the duty of every patriot seems to have been apparent, yet alas how few seem to have apprehended the danger, or had nerve enough to resist the aggression, yet there was one high in the confidence of the people, who dared, to stand between the throne and the people and hurl back upon the aggressor the defiance of the unyoked millions, you have espoused the cause of right

you have planted your banner on the fortress of liberty
and have raised your voice in defence of the blood bought
rights of American freemen, when the clouds seemed
black with the coming tempest, when the storms of
aggression seemed ready to burst upon the rock of
our liberties when the friends of right seemed bowed
down in despondency when the rights of the people
dearer than their hearts blood were invaded, and
all seemed dark on the political horizon, there
arose a star, before whose presence the clouds were
robbed black upon their fountain head, the storm
which had seemed ready to pour its torrents upon
our ^{dearest hearts} was turned aside and that star still shines the
star of hope to the people, and a beacon light to
their onward career, at home felt more pride in
you since you have incurred the execrative displeasure
bathing for the rights of the people, than I ever
did when you were basking in the sunshine of pop-
ular and executive favor, Sir you have defeated
an act that would have produced untold evils to
our country, you have shown that the liberties of the
people were dearer to you than the sunshine of
presidential favor, you have shown that your heart
is in the right place, and although you may expect
that the great engine of executive patronage will be
exerted to its utmost, to crush you, and although the
labors of years may seem to have been destroyed, yet you
will never have cause to regret the course you have
taken, for you have planted yourself upon the broad

platform of human rights, and I glory in the knowledge
that each day makes more and more apparent the sacrifice
you have laid on the altar of liberty, Sir although the
people may not all see at once the nobleness of your
course, time will unfold its brightness until all shall
behold it, and realize the blessings that course has produced
(Illinois, the great, the noble, the magnificent, representative
in the councils of the nation, by men of like virtues
an unit for liberty and right, Major Harris has like yourself
made himself a host of friends, and friends not confined
by State lines, but wherever the banner of liberty floats
or wherever the warm gush of patriotism wells up in
the heart, there in those sacred altars of devotion
the names of those who have forgotten fame ambition
place and power and have remembered only the Right
are written in characters of admiration and love
you must pardon me for thus encroaching upon your valuable
time yet it is the offering of an honest heart and as such
accept the tribute. I am but a poor laboring man
yet untettered as I am and unaccustomed to writing
I hope you will not be displeased at my presumption
in thus addressing you

Respectfully Yours
Thos Goodsall

Amos Goodsell
Carlinville
Mo.

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June 7

Kingsville June 9th 68

Dear Sir

I received that speech
and perused it page with undivided
attention for I think a great deal
of such works and hope you will succeed
in your efforts I am very anxious to obtain
copy of Mechanical Report of the Patent Office
Will you Sir please to send me a
copy if so you will much oblige
your obedient servant and friend

J. E. Grover

P. S.

My

if you can
get the Report
Please to send
me something else

Address

J. E. Grover

Kingsville

Ashtabula Co

Ohio

H. C. Grover

Kingsville
Ohio.

Naperville June 7, 1858

Stearns A. Douglass

Dr, Sir, I have just received from you, in pamphlet-form, your speech against the admission of Kansas under the L- Constitution delivered March 22, My address now is and will hereafter be, as above given, I had read the speech in the A, to the C, Globe, and also those of Toombs, Green, Bright, Crittenden & others, I am, however, thankful for such favors, and shall be pleased to receive from you, at any time, any political matter of moment

Yours Respectfully
John Wright

John Knight
Kapeville
H.C.

Phila'd'a 7th June 1858

Hon Stephen A. Douglas,
Senator,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir

I had the honour to receive, with your autograph attached, a copy of your speech "against the admission of Kansas under the Leecompton Constitution," also your speech on ~~the~~ "Refunding the fine assessed upon Genl Jackson &c, together with letter from J Madison Butts Esqr. To simply say, accept my thanks for these acts of kindness, would be but a poor expression of my feelings, for I consider it a distinguished honour to have received from the hands of Senator Douglas, any document however insignificant; how much importance I attach to the reception of the speeches named above, cannot be estimated nor measured by any language at my command, I have read & re-read them, till my soul has been filled with indignation at the

villainous proceedings of the friends of the Scound-
-lous fraud, and with admiration and love
towards him who bared his breast to the storm
and dared enter the list. Freedom's Champion,
and the consistent, true, firm dependant
of Democracy. - Your speech on the Admis-
-sion of Kansas I have loaned to a dozen
or more of my friends & neighbours (mostly
like myself) Democrats, and there came but
one opinion from them, "I'm not Douglass's
enemy". Douglass is right, and I vote for
him in preference to any living man for
President, - and allow me to say of those who
entertain the same opinions in Philadel. their
name is legion. - Believing that the masses
of the people, generally, do not fairly under-
-stand the merits of the Kansas question,
a club in the 15th Ward (in which I reside)
have determined to republish your great
speech, made in the Senate 22^d March, and
send them broad cast throughout the entire
State. You will very greatly oblige me if you
will send a copy of each of your speeches, as
forwarded to me, to Col Mansel White of
Deer Range, near New Orleans, La.

And now my dear Sir, I will
introduce a subject which to me is not so
agreeable as the one I have just left, but to

the point; Having a good deal of leisure I
have connected myself in the whole sal Pro-
-duce of our arduous business, with a Merchant
of high standing in this city, F. S. Allens
Esq; our business will be chiefly from the States
of Ohio, Illinois & Ky - day before yesterday,
as, in our office, I handed my partner your
Kansas speech, to read at his leisure, his
eye rested on your auto graph, which I had
cut from the envelope and glued on the cover
or title page, he said, "this name would do
us more good, on our business circular,
than all we now have, or shall get? - I at once
determined to ask of Senator Douglas his
permission to place it there, and although
an entire stranger I would respectfully
refer you to several prominent gentle-
-men to whom I am personally known,
and whose names are to appear in said
Circular, as references for which purpose
yours is solicited, viz Genl H. A. Butler of
Carrollton Ky - Genl Palmer M. C. Col M. White
M. C. - & Ex Gov Call, of Fla - I have put in
- to the concern \$20,000, and am an active
partner, If you will be kind enough to
give your consent, to allow your name to
appear in said Circular merely as a ref-
-erence, with no responsibility or liability of any

Kind attaching to you. it will be a very great
favour conferred, and I assure you high-
ly appreciated -

The painting of "Jackson
before Judge Hall in 1815," is steadily going
on, and as soon as it is completed, will be
sent to London to Engrave. It will afford
me great pleasure to form and you a fine
Artist proof copy of the work when done

I am, Very Respy

Your at at Servt

C. I. Heddenberg
22 Logan Square

C. I. Heddenberg

Phil. Pa.

June 3. 1858.

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Painting of

Jackson before

Judge Hall in

1815.

Memphis June 4th 1858

Hon S A Douglas

Sir

It gives me
pleasure to introduce to your
favorable acquaintance my
fellow citizen Lyman German
who is about to visit Washington
on business.

Any favor you
may or can bestow upon him
will be properly appreciated by
him who is really your
personal friend —

I have the honor to
be Respectfully yours &c
A. M. Hewitt

A M Herrington
Geneva, N.Y.



La
Gaezville Wyoming Co Pa June 4/58

Hon Stephen A Douglas Esq Sir
Please Send me 'A Patent Office
~~and~~ Mechanical Report and the
agricultural Report of 57
and oblige me

Yours Politically
Martin Johnson

N B
(We are all Douglas
Democrats here)

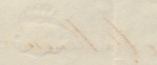
Martin Johnson
Sallyville, Pa.

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Geo W Kendrick
Lancaster
Pa.

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Lancaster, June 7th. /58.
Exp. Stephen A. Douglas
Having
heard that Congress had decided to
adjourn on Thursday next, I thought
I would, before adjournment, return
you my sincere but humble thanks for
your kindness in forwarding to me
your very valuable Minority Report which
I consider more important than the Ma-
jority Report, & your two able addresses.
Your minority report in my opinion is as
great a state paper as was ever produced.
It upholds principles as ancient as
free government itself, while the Ma-
jority reports uphold doctrines which I
consider as insulting to manhood.

Yrs. Respectfully
Geo. W. Kendrick



Thos W Maires
Houndsh
Kansas.

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Sheriff Office
Securus Ark June 7. 58
Shawnee Co.
K. T.

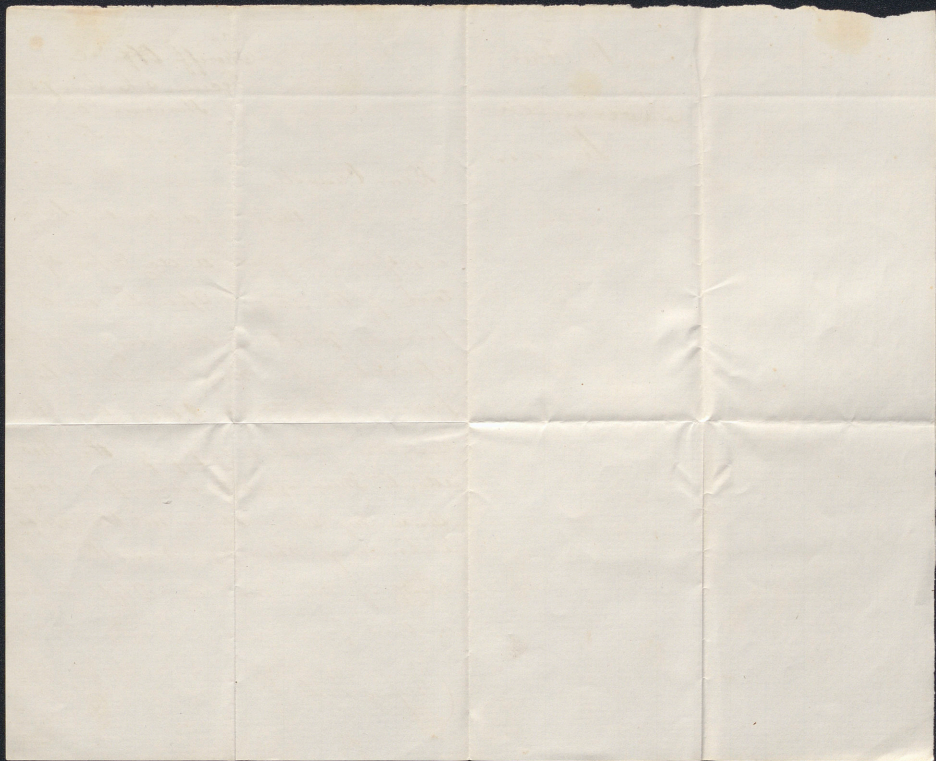
Dear Chandler,

Will you do me the kindness
of sending me a doz copies of
each of the Judge Speeches on the
Kansas question, also any other
speeches you may be able to
procure for me. I will thank
you send me a copy of the Pres-
idents Message and accompan doc-
uments my return I have recd the appo-
intment of Sheriff. I am therefore
Sheriff of Shawnee Co. I hope to have
a visit from you soon

(No page sent)

Yr Ld

Thos W. Maires





Easton, Pa., June 7th 1858

Hon Stephen A. Douglass

Dear Sir

An old
Pennsylvanian would like to possess
your Autograph. Will you be so
kind as to send him a line or two
of your handwriting

Respectfully Yours

Peter H. Montgomery

Peter W. Montgomery,
Easton, Pa.



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J. M. Mott
 University of Michigan
 Ann Arbor
 Mich.

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University of Michigan
 Ann Arbor, 7th June /88

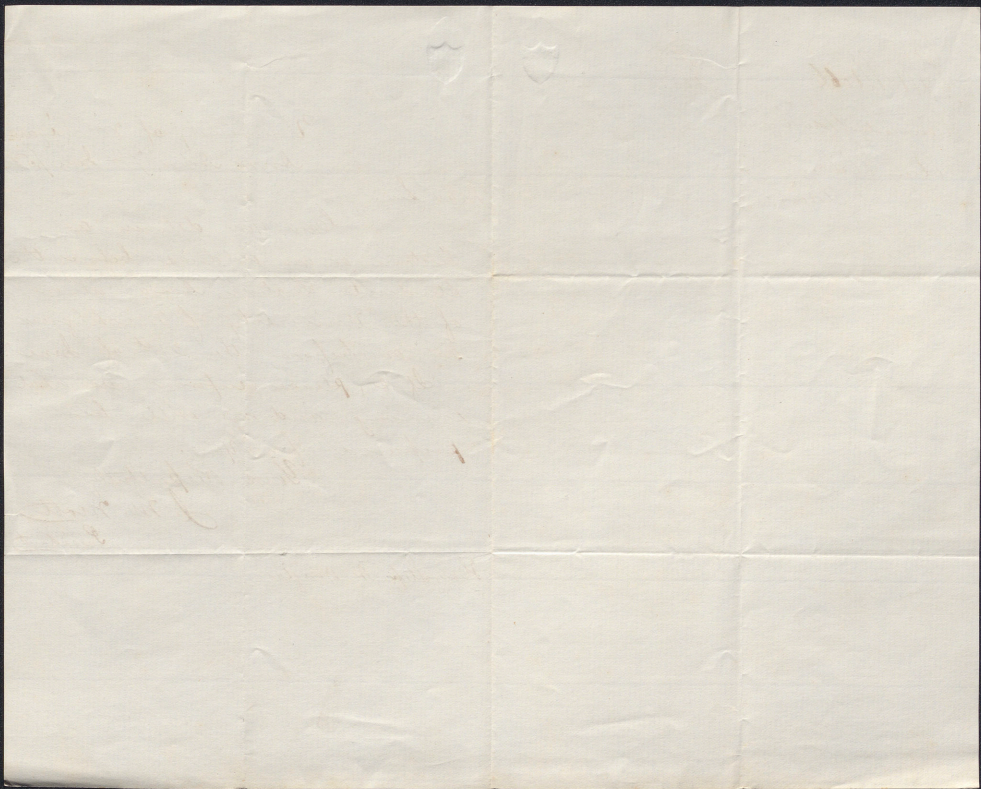
Dear Sir:

Can you deliver a
 Lecture or an address before the
Students Lecture Association
 of the University of Michigan
 on or before the 21st of June?

If so, please inform us what
 evening and we will be
 prepared for you.

Yours Respectfully
 J. M. Mott
 President

Hon. Stephen A. Douglas



Geo W Porter
Enfield, Mass.



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Palmer June 7th 1838

Hon Stephen A Douglass

Sir, I have quite a desire
to read your speeches on the
admission of Kansas and likewise
those of some of the other eminent
members and if you will please
send them to my address you will
greatly oblige

Yours Respectfully
Geo W Porter
Hon Stephen A Douglass N.C.

P.S. Please direct to

~~Attn: L. L. L.~~
Enfield, Mass.
Hornesville
Mass.



J. B. Scott
Newark.
N. J.

no

Newark N. Jersey
June 7th 1858

Dear C. A. Longfellow

Dear Sir I have long
admired your abilities and
intellectual power - (excuse my
frankness) I have carefully
read your speech delivered in
the Senate of the United States
on the 2^d of March with much
satisfaction. When you shall
have carried the doctrine of
popular sovereignty a little
further and take the ground
that none ought to be slaves
but those who vote in favor
of slavery I cannot help think-
ing that you will have taken
a position before the American
people and the civilized world

which cannot be overcome
a resisted

Thanking you for
your many favors and with
many wishes for your long
life and happiness, I am
with great respect

Your Fellow Citizen
J. B. Scott

Portland O. S. June 7th 1858

Hon. S. A. Douglass
U. S. Sen. from Ill.

Dear Sir - Allow me to
ask you to send me a copy of your
speech upon the Admission of Kansas
I have seen extracts from that speech
but am unable to procure it in
whole - Should you not deem it pre-
suming in me I would be greatly
obliged if you would send me any
other of your speeches, or whatever po-
litical documents or papers you may
please -

Though always heretofore a Whig
your late position so far as I un-
derstand it meets my hearty ap-
proval -

Very Respectfully
E. D. Chatterbox



Ed Shattuck
Portland, O.T.
June 7, 1858.

Rural Retreat Ill June 7th 58

Dear Mr Douglas sir your
favour of a packet of seed sent to W^m H Thomas was
received for which you have our thanks now sir
I wish to get the latest Patent office reports; and
not knowing who to send to for it; you would
oblige me very much if you could send me one
yours very respectfully

Mrs W^m H Thomas

(Sent Agric Repts)

Wm. H. Thomas
Rural Exports
H.C.

Chicago June 7th

Hon. S. A. Douglas

Dear Sir

Wishing to obtain a copie
of Capt Mc-Clelland Report on
the state of the armies of Europe
as I cannot get any in this city
you wold confer a favor by
forwarding me a copie if you
have any in your possession

Yours Truly

Henry Turner

Address Henry Turner
Chicago, Ill.
Bot 6/4

(Sent Smithsonian)



Henry Turner
Chicago. Ills

Chicago, Ill.

Dear Sir,
I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 10th inst. in relation to the matter of the Chicago & North Western Railway Co. and in reply to inform you that the same has been forwarded to the proper authorities for their consideration.

Very respectfully,
J. M. Thompson
General Manager

Enclosed herewith

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Isaac L. Wilson
Leueva Hls

Genl. Mr. June 6 1858

Amos A. Douglass
Washington City

My Dear Sir

. Allow
me to introduce to you Mr
Lyman German one of our
oldest citizens and a very respect-
table man. He visits Washing-
ton on business connected with
one of the Departments.

Any aid it may be convenient
for you to render him will
be worthily bestowed, and
considered a favor shown
to

Your Friend

Isaac L. Wilson

