

R. A. Borchia
N. Y.
Mar. 24

Invitation to
Lecture.

Answered

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Mercantile Library Association

OF THE

CITY OF NEW YORK,

Astor Place and 16 Nassau St.

March 29 1859

Dear Sir

On behalf of the Board of Directors
of the Mercantile Library Association, I
take the liberty of recurring to the subject
upon which we had the honor of commun-
icating with you during the Fall of last
year. - We hope you will not deem us
importunate in again asking you to
take into consideration our invitation to
deliver an address to our Citizens & under the
auspices of our Association. - If you are
inclined to favorably consider the matter
we should have the kindness to intimate
whether a public invitation signed by our
most prominent Citizens would be agreeable
to you, we should take much pleasure in

preparing such an invitation and
procuring their signatures & upon
your acceptance thereof, no pains
shall be spared on our part to make
such arrangements as would be
entirely agreeable & satisfactory
to yourself—

As to subject we should be
most happy to leave that to you—
Suggesting however, that our associa-
tion is composed principally of
young men, by whom a general
exposition of the duties & privileges
of the American citizen or of the
Citizen of the American Republic
or an Oration upon the character
of some distinguished man—would
be highly esteemed & appreciated.
I have the honor

to remain

Very respectfully

Yours obed^t Servant

R. A. Bachia

Ch^y Sec. Com.

N. L. A.

To Hon. Stephen A. Douglas

C. H. Brainard
Boston,
Mass.
Mar. 29. 1859!
Portraits

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Boston March 29, 1859

Hon. S. A. Douglas,
"Dear Sir,"
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I send
you by mail to day two
proof impressions of your
portrait, which I deem the
best of all the pictures gotten
up under my direction. //

The impressions I now send
you are the first taken from
the stone, and are far inferior
to what the subsequent impressions
will be. The other impressions
will be on oval India Paper
and will of course give the
portrait a more symmetrical
appearance.

Please inform me if you
will want more than the

one hundred mispermons
originally ordered. I shall
charge you only \$30.00 per
hundred for the second
hundred and for all
after that.

I hope that the
picture will please you
and I feel very confident
that it will. My artist
has spared no pains
upon it and says that
he considers it equal to
the best picture he has
ever drawn.

Very Respectfully and
Truly Yours
C. H. Brainerd.

Statesville North Carolina
March 39th 1839

Sir

Will you have the kindness to send me a copy of the pamphlet containing the discussion between you & Mr Lincoln at Alton. I had a copy but some person has taken it from my office & I am unable to procure another, here. I have the discussion at Faneport but I want the one at Alton in order to be able to state accurately what your views are as I think they are somewhat misrepresented here

Hon S A Douglass

Washington
D.C

I am very Respy
Yours &c

W M Campbell

W. M. Campbell Esq
Statesville, Iredell
County, N. Carolina
March 29 - 1860

asks for speech at
attn, Ill^s, &c.

New York, March 29 1859

Hon S. A. Douglas,

Washington

D^r Sir

In answer to
Your esteemed favor, received
yesterday, I will say that
owing to pressing business in
Chicago, caused by my pro-
tracted stay in the East, I
am obliged to forego the pleas-
ure of meeting you in Wash-
ington, I leave ^{for} home
direct, this morning, if
necessary Mr Sheahan will
go to Washington,

// I have taken pains to see
the trade here and feel them
false somewhat as regards
our forthcoming work, our

friends think as we do
that the interests of all
will be better served by
the publication first of
all, of a handsome thick
12mo volume, containing

a well written biography,
interspersed with some
of your best speeches, em-
bellished with a correct
likeness and perhaps a view
of your early home in New
England,

This book should not exceed
\$1.50 in price, in order that
a wide circulation can be
secured, five thousand
copies of a book of this
character can be sold, while
five hundred copies of such

a work as prepared by
the Phil^a House were being
disposed of. I am not
alone in this opinion,
afterwards, should it be deemed
expedient ^{and} much with your
approval we could issue a
standard library volume of
speeches &c.

Our connections are such
here, and in Boston &
Phil^a, and throughout the
entire north that we can
push the sale vigorously,
the trade here promise their
co-operation,

As soon as I reach home
I will talk the matter over
with Mr Sheahan, and shall
suggest to him the propriety

his visiting you at once,
Mr Wicks agrees with
me in my opinion as
regards the first book,

I am Dear Sir

Your Obedt servant
D. B. Cooke

Answered

Dec. 24

Chicago
He

D. B. Cooke

Watutown. N. Y.

March 29. 1859.

Hon S. A. Douglas
Dr. Sir

Please send me your speech on "annexation
of Cuba" at your earliest convenience
and oblige

Foster Ely.

Hon S A Douglas
Washington D.C.

J. Ely

Watertown

N. Y.

Jan. 29.

asking speech on
annexation of
Cuba.

Morris Illinois March 29th, 1854

My Much Esteemed Friend &c

Some ^{long} time has elapsed since I heard from you although you promised in your last letter to be punctual in corresponding, I should not have written but it is a dark gloomy, rainy night and I could not get down town, and Sophia suggested to me to write &c She wants you to send some seeds immediately and Book ask my friend Houl & A Douglass to send me some under his Frank tell him I am still fighting his battles strong here in this dambd Abolition hole and that only a few nights ago I married a child for a friend of mine S A D Hynds (he knows Judge Hynds the Father of the child &c) This leaves us all in good health at present my boy Clay started for Pikes Peak ⁽³⁾ three weeks ago and we have not heard of him since he left Peter is down in Rushville with Andrew Ashton who is editing a Douglass Paper (I will send you a number the next I receive) — I am still in the Records Office here and as the Republicans have a large majority now in this County I suppose my Friend will be removed when his ^{term} expires but if as I expect Douglass is elected ^{President} I am in hopes I shall get either the Post Office here, or a Clerkship at Washington (or what would suit me still better an Indian Agency west in some Territory)

I am getting sleepy, but Sophia says you must
give her love and kind regards to Aunt Sophy and
all her friends in George Town let us hear from you
as soon as you can Remember me to all enquiring
Friends tell me the news from the Potomac and
explain why you have not written before

Fraternally yrs
J. A. Holtzman

Baltimore 29th March '59

Hon J. A. Douglas,

Dear Sir,

Permit me to acknowledge the receipt of your speech on Non-intervention and "popular sovereignty". Please accept my thanks for the favor.

When convenient to you, communications of a like nature will be received by me with great pleasure.

Very truly yours,

Leary J



J. Leary Jr
Baltimore

Mar. 24 Md

Thanks for speech

23^d



N. Dougherty
Kenia

March 20. O.

asking copies
speech 23^d
sent

OFFICE OF THE

American Express Co.

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mch 30th

Ohio Express Co Ohio 1859

Haw S. A. Douglas
Washington City

So Friend
I have noticed in this morning's
Cincinnati Commercial that you
forwarded the O. Statesman
with an of your speech in
pamphlet form in ant. to Senator
Brown of Miss. in relation to
the new plank the fire eaters of
South wishes to insert in our
platform at the Charleston Con-
-vention. I wish you would send
us an or more of those pamphlets
you have some friends here who
would like to peruse them and
show them to their neighbors
Yours with regard
N. Dougherty

OFFICE OF THE

American Express Co.

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Kings Co.

Hon. S. A. Douglas
Senator &c.

New York Mch 30/9

Respd Sir.

I should be very
happy to have a copy of your speech of Feb'y
23 1859; and would regard it as a very
special favor if you would forward me
one when convenient

I am

Sir,

Yrs truly

William T. Nicholls

Atty. and Notary

Jm. J. Nichols
Williamstown
Kings Co

Nov. 30. N. Y.

asking copy speech
23^d

Indianapolis March
30th 1839

Hon Stephen A Douglas

Dear Sir

If you will
send me a few of the pamphlet
copies of your late Speech I will
be pleased to use them to advantage
here.

Yours Truly

Winston S. Pierce

P.S.

When you return to Chicago I
shall make you a visit,

Yrs

Pierce

Dr W. L. Pierce
Indianapolis
March 30. Ind.

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answered

April 3.

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J. H. Porter
Lebanon
St. Clair
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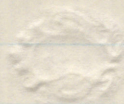
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Lebanon St. Clair Co. Ills.
March 30th 1859.

Hon. S. A. Douglas,
Dear Sir,

Being desir-
ous to obtain ~~two~~ or three
copies of your speech in
the U. S. Senate on the 23rd of
Feb. last, on the subject of
non-intervention by Congress
in the Territories, in reply
to Hon. A. G. Brown of Miss. &
others, I write you accordingly,
hoping, if it be convenient,
that you will do me the favor
to send them to me.

Very Respectfully,
Yours &c.
J. H. Porter



New York Mar 31. 1859

My Dear Sir -

I have your favor
of yesterday - My plan is to take
the steamer for Savannah on
Saturday. My long absence from
home admonishes me that I must no
longer delay my departure. I regret
that I shall therefore miss the opportu-
-nity of a talk with you. What I
wish is, to be enlightened upon the
subject of the Southern aspects of your
position on the question of slavery in
the Territories. Upon every other phase
of the negro question your record is clear
& beyond suspicion. Having confidence in
the purity of your sympathies as well
as the general integrity of your principles
on the question, I am unable to believe, as
your enemies charge, that you have
deliberately resolved to tread the path of
your ambition, ignoring the South &
its interests, & trusting to the free State

preponderance to be established by 1864.
To my mind, your antecedents forbid
this belief. If I am right, then you
have not given up ~~the~~ support of the
South as an element of strength, &
then, also you must hold that your
Territorial views are tenable & defensible
at the South. What I want is the
argument & the view of the question to
support this position.

By the rule of alternation the South is
entitled to the next nomination. I think
we ought to waive it. I know of no
true man among us who could get
more than the slave state vote, & an
entire one would not unite the
whole South. He must have a sound
free state man to keep the issue
from being purely sectional - for when
it becomes so, a Black Republican is
elected & that I think will finish
the race of Presidents of the present
Union. You are the man of all
men for the race before the Admin-
-istration was guilty of the deception
fully & humbly. Can you be
re-instated in the position you

then held, & be placed before in curia &
before the people of the South before
the meeting of the Charleston Conven-
-tion? That's the point I am after.

I shall be most happy to hear from
you at Mobile, & whatever besides
you will be sure to find a warm
regard for your character in the Register
as long as it is under my control.

I am very truly
Yr. friend &c

John Forsyth

John Forsyth
N. Y.
Mar. 30.

Political

✓ 1859

Middletown Conn March 31st 1859

Dear Sir

Yours No. 1. & 2 are duly received believe if I had some few doz of each I could turn ^{them} to a good acct. — reason why — as Mr Kettleto said when they sent me to the legislature, no, that is not it, cant be otherwise, must have some Steamboat about it, well Sir when I tried my Steam Frigate propellers with a four horse boiler connected with a 60 horse Engine upon the Steam boat Thelleyan at the Novelty works New York and found that my Machinery worked perfectly, to the satisfaction of those present including a committee appointed by my Middletown Stockholders, a few days subsequently I received a message that if I would sign a certain writing that would give some few of these stock holders the control of my patent, I might have as much money as I wanted to finish off my boat — in return compliment for which, I directed the messenger to tell the gentlemen politely that I would see them damned first, they thought however to crowd me to it as every cent ^{that I was} worth some three thousand dollars was vested in the boat, they found however that I could make shoe strings, as well as Steam boats, and the consequence was that the boat was dismantled and went up to auction to pay her bills — I then

started a small factory, and made shoe strings, made corset laces a most excellent article for the ladies made fishing tackle, in all I made to good an article for the New York Market the consequence was I travelled, and distributed my goods to our country merchants, over Connecticut. Rhode Island western Massachusetts up into Vermont eastern New York and over Long Island, and have continued to travel more or less through these places semiannually ever since, and have the pleasure ^{to} very frequently meeting him who was once a federalist or whig that informs me that ~~was~~ it was I that made him a democrat. in fact during the cow skin dispensation I used to "go it Mike", though possibly more politely I used to show them, how to get up banks of some two hundred thousand dollars charter wherein seven men could make twenty thousand dollars each in the operation show them how to fly kites &c. &c. In fact I liked nothing better than to take some ten or a dozen of them some lawyers and others that thought themselves pretty smart — lock horn (as David Crockett said) with them, and make them "shut pan" and although I have never talked politics in my own town to a very great excess, I am nick named abroad the Middletown democrat at any rate I have been democrat enough to over run our party organiza-

tion and run a scratch ticket, and send Mr Toucey into the legislature for Governor because he showed himself rather too important in not answering a respectable democratic letter addressed to him which had he even replied, that he was in position at the ~~time~~ to make it difficult to answer the questions therein included there would have been no difficulty notwithstanding all this I have always thought a good deal of Mr Toucey. have voted for him otherwise than as above, and think if it was convenient at some time for you to compliment him through the medium of some fifer ^{fluter} or fiddler with some of them tunes that I sent you say Kellsey's Man of War. The Steam Frigate or a glorification he would like it — From the nature of my business for some twenty years past as will appear from the above I must of course make a great many acquaintance and as I have not permitted them to find out my bad tricks, I pass very current, at any rate all are apparently glad to see me when I come along — I shall make a cruise among them again in about some ten days. If you think to send me some few dozen of the above documents I will try to place them where they will do some good. I am very respectfully
Hon S A Douglass U.S.S. Your O^bd Servant
Washington D.C. Franklin Kellsey

W Kelsey
Middleton
Conn.

Mar. 30.

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Stykes Williams Co Ohio
Can S A Douglass March 31th 1849

I notice from
The Cincinnati Enquirer, that you have
written a pamphlet, on the vice to
protect Slavery in the Southern, if you
desire it to have publicity, send me
25 Copies

Yr humble servant
J B Kimmel

J. B. Kimmel
Stryker
Williams Co.

Mar. 31 Ohio.

Sent 25 copies of
speech 23^d

Sent -

Chas Lanman
Georgetown
Mar. 31. D.C.
Inclusing Edwards
manuscript.

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Georgetown D.C. March 31. 1859

My dear Sir,

I hasten to comply with
your request, and send you, inclosed,
the sketch of Mr. Edwards. I had
already ferreted it out from my
dictionary papers.

I hope, my good Sir, that you
are in the enjoyment of your
usual good health.

With high regard
Yours very truly

Chas Lanman

Hon. Stephen A Douglas.
Sir

