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Detroit, Jany 28/60.

Sir.

Please mail me a copy of your speech of the 23d inst.

Very Resp
Yr Obt Servt

L. A. Grow

Hon O. A. Dunlap.
Washington
D.C.

W. H. Brooks
Detroit
Mich
Jany 24.
Speeches

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Nashua N. H. Jan 28 - 1860

Hon S. A Douglas

Dr Sir

At a meeting of the Democratic City Committee held last evening I was requested to write you, and see if it would be possible to get you to come and spend a week or so in this State (& speak to us) between this and the 2d Tuesday of March next - We want you to speak to us here if you can't stop longer in the State.

The State com will extend an invitation if necessary - Mr Hughes is one of that com - also a delegate to the Charleston convention,

Please send me a copy of your speech of this week - We voted to have some printed for distribution here -

Yrs Always

E. P. Brown

P.S. If you can come please write when you can come last

E. P. Brown
Nashua. N.H.
Jany 28, 1860

Invitation to
Speak in N. Hamp.

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Hillsville, Carroll Co. Va.
January 28. 1860.

Hon Stephen A. Douglas

Dear Sir

Under present existing circumstances, when the people, as a mass, are moving North and South, upon the one great question of slavery, and the rights of the slaveholder in the South, and the protection of his slave property in the unorganized Territories of our government, all are anxious for the leading men of our country, to give some public expression of their opinions in regard to their views of the matter, and the policy of our government in relation to these exciting questions.

Virginia has been thrown into a state of the most intense excitement, on account of the recent inroad made upon the institution of slavery within her hitherto peaceable and long established borders, and she is looking with great solicitude to the position the free States may assume in relation thereto. You are prominently spoken of as likely to be the nominee of the Charleston Convention, for the next Presidency, and as the South, as a unit, would like to support the nominee of that body, and feel assured That they would be safe in such support, I, speaking The sentiments of a large class of my fellow citizens of Virginia, who, having nothing in view but the good of their Country, request you to give me your opinions

at large, upon this momentous question, and other important questions of National policy, now disturbing the public mind. As I have hitherto regarded you as a National and Union loving man, and speaking, as I do, the sentiments of a majority of the people of Virginia, I trust that you will answer me at an early day.

I am, With High Regard,
Your Obed't Serv't.
L. A. Buckingham

L. A. Buckingham
Collector
Revenue
Hillsville
Carroll C. Va
28 Day 1860

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L. Butler.
Franklin
Me.
Jan'y 20. 1860

Speeches.

Franklin, Maine,
Jan. 20th, 1860.

Sir:

I should be pleased to receive a copy of your Speech delivered in the Senate on the 12th inst.; also of any others which you may hereafter deliver during the Session. If you wile send packages, I wile circulate them with pleasure.

Yours, very respectfully,
L. Butler

To
Hon. Stephen A. Douglas,
U.S. Senate, Washington, D.C.

9944

Saint Louis Jan 28th 1860

How Judge Douglas

Dear Sir

Permit a humble citizen to address You a few lines, having admired You for your Course and feeling Every Confidence in Your ultimate success, on Reading Your late Speech at Washington, I Cannot refrain from Expressing to You the Satisfaction Your friends have in knowing Your health has so much returned, that You can proclaim the true & only doctrine that will Win, — — — — — — —

You have a true Friend in Col A. G. Hazard of Hazardville Con He will be a Delegate at Charleston, and He will prove a Working & Influential man, With a hope I may have the pleasure of Receiving Your Autograph, — also that You may recieve the nomination — thereby giving the People an opportunity of Expressing their Loyalty to one with the highest place in the gift of the true People, Having nothing to ask of Anyone allow me to Subscribe myself

Yours Obt & Humble Servt F. B. Chamberlain

B. F. Chamberlain
St Louis. Mo.
Jany 28. 1860.

Political

[Douglas Papers]
Clark

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Watertown N.Y. July 28 1860

Sir

For a long time I have contemplated writing you — as one of the people residing as I do in the most Northern County of the most northern States in the Union — believing that a letter of sincerity, with you heroic struggle for the Right — one of the people who at this distance can look on, with at least as little prejudice — as an ardent nature will permit, and if he can not right the wrong he can sympathise with those who are laboring in what he believes to be the only path left to save the Union as it is — and save a fragment of that once noble & Gigantic Party — whose flag is made to trail in the dust in almost every free State — from the Gross mal practice of this demented Administration — I have the

Fortune to live in a Region of country most
thinly affluted with Black Republicanism
as you will readily discern by turning your
eye on the Election Returns from Ill. for the
last 8 years — In 1856 when we democrats made
the best fight they ever. And amongst other
Causes Latterly was the one that if Mr —
Buchannan was Elected — that Kansas and
all other Territories would be allowed to come
into the Union when they did come — With
just such a constitution as a Majority
of her people should desire — Well With
all these Machinations they beat us in our
county of 1400 Votes 470 — But after the
Election was over many who had left our
Ranks & followed off Fremont fled they had
left Home — and in 1857 they beat us only 550
in a Vote of 13 00 Votes — So you see we
were fast wiping out their insane majority

9945-2 [Jan. 28, 1860 Clark]

Will there ever that infamous Amidle from Kentucky and We all know that the President would not Endorse it— But the message came out and I need not tell you what it was— But I can tell you that so far as the Democratic Party has concerned it would of required a Sheriff with a Sub Warrant to of served it, in the Spring of 1857 We Elected 12 out of 22 Supervisors, in 1858 We Elected 4 out of 22— and this is a fair specimen of the Effect that was produced all over this State— And it does seem to me that Mr Buchanans advisers must either desire to destroy him or Else they have a total disregard of all the interest of the Democratic party of the Nation— We now We have two thirds of the votes are independent and they will do what they think Right

Setting consequences take care of themselves — And
if We have any hopes of ever coming up
as a party — or any hopes of defeating the
nominee of the Republican Party it must
Be upon the principles laid down in
our Springfield Speech and other Speeches
which you have made — once the platform
of the Cincinnati ~~platform~~ Convention
We have started off in this district in
the Right direction — by making a
Douglas Delegate one who will not desert
his Friend and Editor, at any small amount
of Smoke — And if the Bogus Wood delegation
can be kept out of the Convention & thinks
our entire delegation is sound a round the
Resolutions of the convention that the vote is to
be cast as a majority shall determine
on State is our Right, And with Van Pelt
Right What Your State ought to be Calculation

9945-3 [Jan. 28, 1860 Clark]

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as this that will not in the 1st Ballot give you the First & Last Vote in the Convention; — And I am fully behind as I this that one in nomination. We can carry the State for you at the Polls —

Now My Dear Sir this letter in part is one of a little moment as is — one from one of a few Working men who held a Caucus one afternoon that our Democratic Paper here should Raise your name as it did First Spring and let what will come We Shall Stand by it as long as there is a plank left to Stand on — No politician writes this but a plain unpretending Mechanic — Our Member C. B. Adams can tell you if you care to ask whether or not I can be relied on as I have had some pretty hard

Dear Sir

You know with him where he was in the
Battle Some hard fights against him since he
left us —

Yours Respectfully
J. M. Clark

W. H. Clark

Watertown

N.Y.

Jany 28. 1860

Political

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N. H.

Parker Village Jan 28 1860

Hon S A Douglas

Sir will you please send me some of your good Speeches if you will you will greatly oblige me

your most humble Servt

S A Dow

To Hon S A Douglas

Washington

DC

J. A. Dow

New Hampshire

Speaker

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Va.

Portsmouth

28 Jany 1860

Hon Stephen A Douglas

Sir:

Excuse this ungainly

writing from an entire stranger —

I have a suit involving

a land Claim of 111. valuable —

the Land is near Chicago Ill.

will you at your earliest convenience

for time is of the first Consideration

give me the name of some

experienced and eminent Land

Lawyer in the Town of Ill.

The Claim Helps me

very respectfully

Leopold C. P. Cowpin

Col Wright

Ill.

Leopold C. & Cowper

Portsmouth O.

Jany 28. 1860

Asking name of lawyer in Chicago —

Ans Feb. 26/60

Inamed Richard L Merrick

[Douglas Papers]

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Saturday
Jan 28, 1860

My dear Col.

I have barely time to say that I found that the Governor had returned on my arrival; I at once called; He told me he could not possibly go to N. York so I did not dwell long with him upon the subject beyond what was necessary to communicate the freindly messages to all which he most cordially responds in reciprocal messages to the Judge.

When you see the Judge, pray tell him that I should have taken the Governor to see him had it been possible for me to do so, and as you will see by the enclosed note from Col C. one of my emissaries of

which I told you, and the
Judge, you will notice that
it is quite as well for me to be
here as New York, since I can-
-not take the Governer down there
with me to-night.

Yours in haste

Sam. Colt.

Col° Geo Saunders.

Saml Colt.

Jany 28. 1860.

Note to Geo Saunders

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28th 1860

Monticello Piatt Co Illinois Jany

To the Hon S A Douglas

Dear Friend & Sir I have been
Reading your answers to the attacks
made on you in the senate &
I Glory in your resolution to
Speak the Truth & Speak it
Boldly I think Mr James Buch-
anan has change & many others
that proclaimed to stand upon the
Cincinnati Platform & because
you would not change with
them they Double Treason
on you I hope & trust you
will get the Nomination
if you go into the convention
you have some true friends
in Piatt County & in some other
Counties also I have been
sick the Entire summer & until
1st of Nov so that I could get out

to see to My Business any but
I have been Laying Low since
My head was Taken off short
& I have paid the Administrator
P O Department 62 Dollers & fifty
Cts more than is there since
they have Taken that much clear
off of me I suppose they are
in needy circumstances & want
all they can get they have got
a man now that had to go to
Pennsylvania & get some friend
there to Recomend him to the
favorable notices of Isaac Cook
of Chicago & the Clinton & Bloomington P.M.s &c to help him
get it & his security is now Dead
& he has not Paid to the Department one cent as yet but
I suppose it is all right they
can do as they please Just as they please

& there is nothing said about
Thank fortune their time is short
& they will have to render some
kind of an account.
I suppose you have been furnish
with a List of names to send
to & so I will not take up your
time should be pleased to recive
any document you might see
proper to send me should like
to have the Globe & Appendix for
the Last Session & as many reports
as might be convenient to send me
I should like to have the report
of the Smithsonian Institute for
58 & 59 our town paper has
Passed into the Hands of the republicans we could not prevent it
or it was sold before it was
known publickly I send you
one of them for this week

I should be pleased to receive a Letter from you at this time as it may Benefit me very Especially if you think your Chance is good for the Presidency ~~I would~~ at the choice of Piett Democrats is Stephen A Douglas 1st & 2nd 3d & all the Time

I remain your friend while I Live for reasons that I will tell you some time or other

J C Johnson

A. Lincoln
Springfield Ills
Jany 28. 1860.
Postmaster Bunn
Please forward

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Zanesville Jany 28. 1860

Hon S. A. Douglas.

D. Sir

If there is any particular line of policy you wish marked out with a view to the difficulties which may be encountered at Charleston. be pleased to advise with & command me.

Long your friend

H. D. Lewis

H J Jewett.

Zanesville
Ohio.

Jany 28. 1860.

Wants advice
for course at
Charleston Law:

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Elgin Kane Co Ill
Jan 28 1860

Hon Stephen A Douglas.

Dear Sir: Please send me a copy of your speech delivered in the Senate on the 23d. As I have always heard and read with much pleasure your able efforts in defense of Democratic principles, I would respectfully request you to remember me when sending your speeches in the future to your numerous friends,

Yours respectfully
L B France

L B Franc
Elgin Ills.
Jan'y 28. 1860

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Edwardsburgh. Cass Co
Michigan. Jan. 28th 1860

Hon S. A. Douglas
"U. S. Senator from Illinois"

My Dear Sir,

Allow me to request you to forward to my address several copies of your late speech on your Resolution to protect the States and Territories against invasion from without.

I will also state that we are doing all we can in this State to secure for you, delegates to Charleston who will vote for you first, last, and all the time. If you are successful at Charleston, and we trust in God you may be, Michigan can be again made a Democratic State. The principles you advocate, and which we your friends here in this State advocate, with the "gallant Illinoisan" as our Standard bearer, will sweep over Michigan like a whirlwind, and burying beyond resurrection, this corrupt and misruling party in Michigan, annihilate forever the bone and sinew, ligaments and tendons, and indeed every vestige of the Republican Party in this State, and secure you our Electoral vote. We must have you for our Candidate and then those places that now know Republicanism will know it no more forever.

Charles E. Stuart has pledged himself by letter to us, to support you, if sent to C. as our "delegate at Large", and to use all honorable means for your nomination. He says he is your political and personal friend, and that if sent to C, will resist all attempts by that Convention to nominate any other man for the Presidency, so long as there is the least prospect of securing that most honorable Post for you. Do not regard me as obtrusive in penning these lines. You may or may not peruse them to the End. At least they Express the sentiments of a disciple and follower of the Senator from Illinois

Yours respectfully R. M. Johnson. U. S.

R M Johnson
Edwardsburg.
Mich.
Jany 28. 1860

The Michigan
Delegates.
Hon: Chas E Stuart
pledged for Judge
D.

La Grange Lewis Co Mo Jany 28th 1860

Hon. S A Douglas

Dear Sir it is not necessary for me to apologize to you for this trespass on your time. My object is this I am a Democrat of your Stamp and Nativity wish you success in your Efforts with Southern Democrats that have assailed you & your Course. I will say I have no fears of your Success and I hope you may get the Nomination at Charleston for President — and that — on your own Platform as Planted out; I want you therefore if you can & have time to Send me your Reply to the Senatorus & any thing Else Sir. You will be acceptable I was Introduced to you at Washington City in your Memorable fight with Lincoln I live here in 7 Miles of Green & Lafayette as I think the Mass of the Democratic Party is with you & for you in 1860 for President: If you can Disinterested any thing further do so to D. L. Avery. M Dwight. S M Marshall G J. Hutton. I am Respectfully Yours

D M. Marshall

L. M. Marshall,
La Grange,
Mo.
Jany 28/60

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Jan 28 1860

Bristol R.I. Jany 28 1860

Mr Douglass.

Dear Sir.

I should be greatly obliged to you if you could furnish me with one or more copies of the Speech delivered by you in the Senate Monday Jany 23d 1860 if it is convenient for you to do so

Yours very Respectfully

Benjamin Matt.

Camden Democrat, N.J.

1/2 doz c/pies, Gov. Chas S. James, Providence R.I.

Chan. Halstead Newark N.J.

Gov. R. M. Price "

Hon Wm. Wright "

9955

Springfield Ills Jany 28th 1860.

Hon: Stephen A. Douglas.

Dear Sir.

In looking over the newspapers, I notice that at an early period, you will make a speech defending yourself against the assaults of Greene, Davis, Mason, Clay & others. When you make that speech, I beg the favor of you, to send to me a pamphlet Copy of it, and if you please, a few copies for distribution among the people in this Region.

I have observed carefully the Course of public affairs, and it has not escaped me, that Certain gentlemen, have made every effort to put you down, and in a way, which strikes my mind, as being very unjustifiable.

Having had an opportunity of observing your conduct in the Senate of the United States, for four years, and being well satisfied that you are in every sentiment of your heart, loyal

to the Constitution, and to the just rights of the Southern States, and at the same time, uncompromisingly opposed to the Republican, alias Abolition Party, and to all other sins at war with the happiness and welfare of the Nation, I am free to say, and take pleasure as a National Democrat, in saying, that I hope, for the sake of the Democratic Party, but particularly for the sake of the Nation, that you may receive the Presidential nomination, in the Charleston Convention, for I do believe that you are the only man the Democrats can elect to that high office, at the next election.

You have many ardent friends in this portion of the State, but at the same time, you have enemies among us, whose official positions give them a considerable influence; your friends however, are beginning to speak out, and to the point. It ~~will~~ would afford me high pleasure to cast my vote for you next fall, as the standard bearer of the Democracy. I trust I may have the opportunity.

Hoping you will pardon this intrusion upon your attention, so much engrossed, as it must be, I am—

Respectfully
Your Obt Servt
M. Oliver

P.S. I hope you will regard me as an ardent friend now, as I hope to be in the future.

M. O.

M Oliver

Springfield

Ill.

Jan'y 28. 1860

"An ardent friend -

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Long Marsh Jannay 28th 1860

Hon. Steapher A. Duglis

Dear Sir you will
Confear a favor by Sending your Speach
delivered in the united States Senet
on the 23 day of Jan. 1860 to your frend
Pleas direct it to Long Marsh
Anne Ans Co. Maryland & oblige
yours with respect

Mordecai Price
Post Master at
Long Marsh

Mordecai Price
Long Marsh.
Md
Jany 28. 1860

Speech

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State of Michigan
Shiawasee County } ss

Owasso Jany 28th 1860

Hon Stephen A. Douglas

Sir

I am a Democrat — and was born such, voted for Jas Buchanan believe in the doctrine of popular sovereignty — as set forth in Buchanans letter of acceptance of the nomination

Am now in favor of the little Giant for the presidency — Now, after reading the foregoing you will naturally suppose I have one axe to grind

will I have I want reading
matter and hope you will
place my name on your list
for this County and not forget me
in your distributions - We the
Democrats have no representation
at the Capital to favor us -
Hoping you will not forget
my wants I remain yours &c

Jay D. Deadenbrook

Orops

Michigan

Jay D. Deadenbrook
Orops Co. Mich.
Jany 26, 1860
Speaker.

9958 [Jan. 28, 1860]

Hon Steven A Douglass.

Dear Sir, It it is some time since I wrote to you, or met you as I have done in your merited association, but I hope you will excuse me for asking you to favour me with some forty or fifty copies of your late speech in the U.S Senate. You have many warm friends in Baltimore and we have at this time quite an excited canvass in regard to the Election of Delegates to the Charleston Convention.

I would ask you to send some copies to Mr Buchanan Wills, who was lately discharged from the Post Office Department, because as I have reasons to believe he dared to disperse his favourites to you. Mr Wills is a worthy gentleman and you will find him amongst the Douglass Delegates of Charleston.

I am more as I ever was a Douglass man, and perhaps a victim on that account, but will say nothing on that score at present.

Your most Obt Sr

J. A. P. Wallace

Baltimore Md.
Jan. 28th 1860

Jas P. Shallcross
Baltimore
Md.
Jany 28. 1860
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Mrs. Thomas A. Dougherty

Nov. 4th, 1940

Dear Mrs. Dougherty:

Since this is a week to give an account
of a few days in your immediate surroundings,
we feel that our duty requires us to inform
you of what we really know of the activity
of Mr. Dougherty in the U.S. Senate.
For many years Senator Dougherty
has been known as the "Watch Dog of the
Treasury" on account of his constant
vigilance in regard to the Treasury of
the United States. Senator Dougherty
has been a very active member of the
Senate Committee on Finance and
will say nothing on other days at least
you must admit

Yours truly,

Philadelphia, Pa.
Nov. 3rd, 1940

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Sommerville Cass Co Mich Jany 28 1860

[Douglas Papers]

Hon'd Sir

I wrote you some time since desiring that you would forward me three copies of the Patent report for the years 56/57 & 58, one copy on mechanics & the other two on Agriculture, & as I have rec'd no answer, I have concluded that you have not received my letter, If this should reach you, please forward them at your earliest convenience

I remain yours truly

John Vaule

Jno Sole.
Somerville
Mich:
Jany 28. 1860

Reiterates his
Request for Pat:
Off: Reports.

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Tostusburgh Marion Co. Ill.
January 28th 1860

Hon Stephen A Douglas

dear Sir

Having learned through the papers that you had made a speech in U.S. Senate in reply to the attacks made upon you by several Southern Senators, I am very anxious to procure it. I would therefore be very grateful to you for a copy and also for any speeches that you may think proper to send me.

I think the great cause of which you are its champion is steadily gaining friends in this section of the State.

I am very respectfully your friend and political admirer

R. W. Townshend

Hon. S. A. Douglass
Washington D.C.

R. W. Townshend
Speech —
Illinois.

Rev. Jonathan Freeman
Illinois

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Millville Columbia Co. Penna.
Jan. 28th 1860.

Hon. S. A. Douglas.

Sir:

Enclosed please find a Certificate of Honorary Membership of the Greenwood Literary Society.

The objects of said Society are the dissemination of useful knowledge among the members.

Any contribution you may please to make to its Library, or Cabinet, will be thankfully received.

By order of the Society.

Yours Truly,

A. P. Young

A. P. Young
Millville Pa
Jan'y 28. 1860

Elected Hon. Member
Greenwood Lit.
Society

[encl. (yours) Jan. 28, 1860]

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TO THE FRIENDS AND PATRONS OF SCIENCE, ART, AND LITERATURE;

GREETING:

This will certify that Stephen A. Douglas *has been elected an*

HONORARY MEMBER

of the Greenwood Literary Society of Greenwood Seminary.

Wm Masters *President.*

Ezra Enos Jr. *Secretary.*

MILLVILLE, Jan 26th 1860