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Maj. Wm. K. Blasdell
March 2d 1860
Springfield, Erie Co. N. Y.

asks for copies of late speeches for circulation.

Springville, Erie Co. N.Y.
March 2, 1860.

Dear Sir,

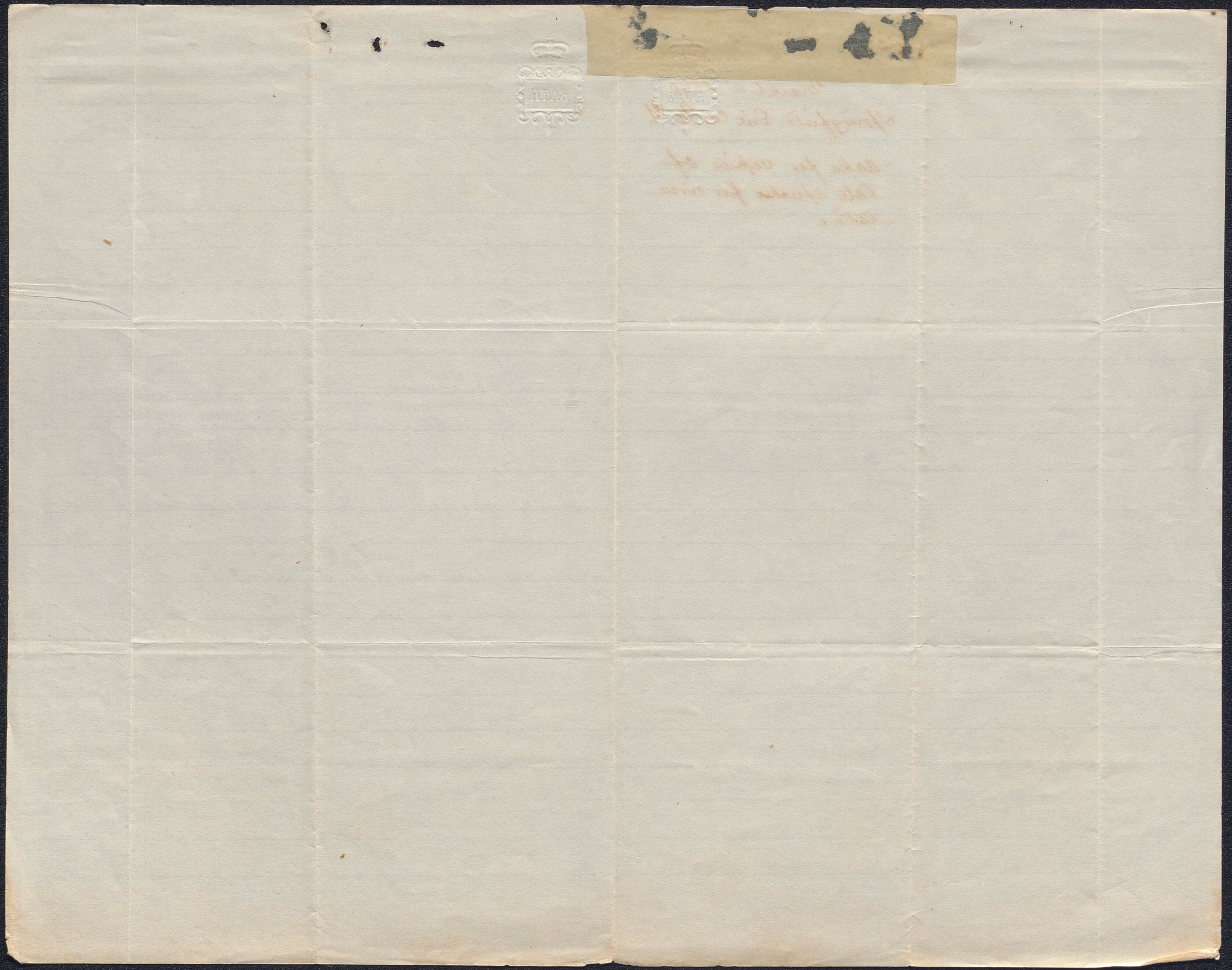
On the return of Major Wm. K. Blasdell, from Virginia, I accompanied him here, to his home. In reference to a conversation which he informs me he had with you at Washington, a few days since, he requests me to remind you of his wish to be supplied with documents, &c. A few copies of your late speech in the Senate would be acceptable, as he has promised them to some of his neighbors.

I shall return to New York to-morrow.

Yours truly

A Anderson

Hon. S. A. Douglas
Washington



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Chicago March 2, 1860

Hon S. A. Douglas

Washington, Dear Sir,

I desire not to tax your valuable time with what may possibly be unnecessary business, but I feel anxious that the bill you pass^d through the Senate at its last session, but which was not reached in the House, Confirming the titles to the purchasers of Lots in Fort Dearborn add^n to Chicago, Should this session become a law. May I ask that you will give it another trial & when

it shall have pass^d the Senate place it in the hands of Mr Farnsworth or some other Representative who will urge it through the House.

Mr Farnsworth wrote me at the last Session he would give it his support & influence.

With Respect &
Your obt Servt

D. W. Burch

J. H. Burch
March 2 - 1860
Chicago, Illinois

Asking that the Bill for confirming the titles to purchasers of lots in Fort Dearborn, may again pass the Senate, & then Mr Farnsworth of the House would take it up.

Greencastle Mo March 2nd/60

Hon Stevens A Douglas

Sir after my Respects to you I take the liberty of adressing you a few lines and is during so my obgect is to invit I have a debate on the 26th of this month on the rit of the Legestalar of the Tertarity to Legislate on the question of slavery with Wm B Broden one of the guges of this County when I moved to the State of Missouri from Iowa 2 years ago and Located in the Town of Greencastle Sullivan County State of Mo I found that Iowa Thinks of the Popel did not under stand the true meaning of the Cincinnati Platform but I went to work and have have several debates on the principels and to day you have the majarity in your favor in this Town and visinity and I want you to send me some Publick dockments to help me to show to the Popel the rit kind of Democracy I have been in the State Legislatar 2 sessions in Iowa for the County of Ben Bearer and have allwise ben a Democrat and I expect to be send me all the dockements you can as our Senator Jas Green is flooding the country with what he calls democracy

But me like your self believe diferent
and not flattering you you or the
first choise of the majority of the
Democracy of this state but the Petitions
or gant you for this Reason I believe
that is the wont James Green or he
rather wants to be the Candate for the
Vispresident and if you get the nomination
he thinks his chance shine you may
think this rather coming riting but
thats the way I was raised to act
in old Kentucky my native state
plea send me what ever kind of
dackments you think will be best
to advance our cause and you may
aspire the shall be used to the
best atvantage yours in fact

J J Cassady
P M at
Greencastle
Sullivan County
Mo

J. J. Cassady, P.M.
Greencastle, Sullivan
County, Missouri.
March 2 1860

A good Douglas Democrat;
two year in Legislature; his
town all Douglas; backs
for Sheeler & Am. Facts

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Paterson New Jersey March 2nd 1860

Hon. Stephen A. Douglas

Dear Sir

Will you please send me two or three copys of your speech made on the 29 of Feb in reply to Mr. Seward

And Oblidge

Yours. Very. Respectfully

Allen Gluss

Allen Cluff
March 2d – 1860
Paterson – New Jersey

asks for speech in reply to Seward – of 29th Feb 1860.

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H H Coats
of Conn.
New York March 2/60.

Political

(Private)

New York March 2/60

Dear Sir

The Election in Connecticut is soon to be held and the mistake of defeat or success at this Election will have an important influence on the final result next fall. I suppose your interests there are being attended to.

Major Worthy from Connecticut was here to day consulting about Speakers for the coming Convass. and looking to Wall St. for Money.

Major Worthy is the Secretary of Col Colts Manufacturing Co

and claims to be your
friend. Your friends
be foremost in their
efforts in carrying the
Connecticut Election

Yours Truly

Hon S. A. Douglas

A. H. Coats

P S I leave for home
this P M

Rockford March 2th 1860

Well sir I being nearly the only one in this northron sodem of Ill
I will trubel you with A fewlines if we are to have the
eripresabel conflict orimpending crises one thing we are certin
that rockfor in winnabago county is the strongest abolition
county in the state in 1854 when the so cald republican
party part[illegible]tions & adopted them as thare presant platform
thay all unaversaly went it blind the demacrats more
Jenerly made that grand turn than other countyes in the state
old line wigs that saved themselves at that time would not
nomber as many as the lord requierd to save sodem you can
plainley see that A man with staterite principals dont stand
any more chance hear than A cat would in hell without claws
thare first resalution was congessional intervention & the
amediate & unconditional repeal of the fugative slave law
it becun nesesary as thay thought to make sum statement
why thay had bin demacrats & wigs up till that present day
& then call themselves republicans thay gave diferant reasons
sum saying thay ware democrats because thare fathers ware
befre them others said thay suckit from thare mother after
those remarks had bin made & every thing that was said in order
or out of order all went with one grand rush more fanaticaly
than I had ever sean any peopal work themselves up too before
one of the deligates in this district made the enquira saying
that he represented the abolition party & seeing that the so cald
republican party had taken all the ground thay had ever claimd
he wanted to now whare he & the abolition party should befound
he suposed thay would have to go to the poorhouse but he hapend to now

that thay had all got on his platform & all most crouded him off
the old abolitions have nothing to doo now but stand still & let those newconverts
work by thare silance in the mater thay think it is A good cuver for thare eniquity
when the exacution of John Brown took plase the simpathisers from the too
falln partyes out numerd all therest what was cald the old ultry
abolitionest foundout thay dident stand no ware to compare with the
new stock that had joind them about the time old John was gowing up
thay hele prayermetings & sermons preacht & simpathising metings in
every part of the city whare thay could find room & told the bells
till thay concluded the old man had arived safe in heven thay even said
that A bout this time that good old mans soal & spiret had swung upinto
immortality & yet thay are trying to make the people in joining states
believe that thay are loyal to the constitution of the united states
I have had sum chance of A litel comon sence argument with sum of them
since thay gave the old man such A fair start why thay dont take old Browns
~~weapons~~ wepons & folow him delays are dangerus & if thay want to make A shure
thing of it start while the curage is good but thay lack of curage & will sooner
resk hel than Browns kind of heven. but poor old garet smith got cheated
out of heven by his best fends by runing him of to the asilalm & will finaly
bee lost forever. well I supose we have had Anuf on that part of the question
I supose when you was in freport in 1858 you could see the fanatical peincipal that
prevaild thare at that time beter than I can discribe it to you, you recolect
when old abe made his answer in regard to the peopal of A teritory wen thay applide
to bee admited in the union in dred of egypt he did say that if he was
amember of congress & he was shure the peopal of A teratory had A fair chance
& wanted A slave constitution he suposed he would have to let them cum
wel thay gave louder chears for old abe then than on any other oasion when
thay found his aryuaments was the weakest thay cheard the loudest

when A fanatical pinsipal takes possesion of the mind arguament is of no use John Browns acts was but the nessisary result of what had bin preacht from the pulpit & the stump for the last 30 years the constitution is nothing the union sis nothing but abolition universal peasibely if we can · forsibely if we must with out any consideration what what is to bee dun with the negroe but to let them all loos at onst so that emalgamation may commence in thare oan way in 1861 thay have bin hel back so long from that dsired object that thay cant stand it no longer & many of them cant wait till that time cums · I have often thought it was beter to bee rite than to bee president & have found out that all of our strict old constitutional men has generaly failed of reaching the chair henry clay never could bee president because his strict adhearance to the constitution & his sentimants was nowan to the world before he got the nomination his political sins consisted of beeing in 1844 just what he had bin for years before so you see that my sins & your oan consists of beeing alwais constitushanly rite on the negro question thare is two great extreams between the north & south the south demands protection in the teritories & the north demands prohibition one About as reasonabel as the other but when the north started thare crusad on the teratories thay only took that advantage which thay had bin looking for with that fanatical eye for years when thair hole intention was to strike A death blow to slavery where it had existed ever since the constitution was part & parcal of it the south has becum weakend by thare demands for protection but if thay will now drop that at this late day & combine thare strenght on the conservative principal thare is still hope in thare case & without A northran candidate I dont see any chance for them thay had beter leave the union at onst than bee stript of all constitutional rite as several of the free states has now pas state laws so conflicting with the constitution of the united states that the tw cant remain long together with out the white peopal in the south bee cuming more slaves to the north than the negroes are now to the south no man in the north can say that suthern men has came in the free states too establish slavery in thare midst or even teulald thare free lune institutions of any kind the north has not had thare property stolan from them what thay hold under the constitution & those north states that have past laws in defiance of the federal goverment still clame thair seats in congress the same as if thay bee longd to the union when it is virtualy disolved by thair state laws · now sir I have never teulald you with A scribal before but pleas answer this · I will give my opinion on the present question confidentialy between you & my self & hope that you will not betray that confidence which ought to exist between all law abiding men · your nomination at chalralston is certin or els the south is nothing now money will save all & if you get the nomination I can giv you my plan now as well as after if the mony power of old tamany hall can bee brought in full force in the north part of this state from the Ill river north thare can be A shure thing made of it my helth is not very good but I have got lots of friends that will bee willing to receive my advise at any time for laying the roops so as to bee shure of victary thare has got to bee A greater efort made than when you was elected to the senat in 58 still I dont think the greatest nois acomplishes the greatest object not all wais in the first plase the peopal in northran Illanois & suthran wisconsin are prest more hard in money maters than any other nation on this earth & with mony suffisient to giv releaf to the farming comunity for A term of 2 or 3 years will turn the fanaicks in to conservative men more than all the argaments that can bee produste mony in small sums secured by trust deades at lawful interist would make the greatest change hear of any thing that I now of that & the cathalic churches together would make A shure thing of it the cathalik party can bee bought cheap by apelging to the priest first I write rite more if I had room pleas answer this confidentialy my polaticks has alwais bin that of the old line wigs & my greates sins is that I have never changed on the negro question nor constitutional rites as our fathers made them & any man that cant proclame his sentiments in the south as well as the north I dont want to hear one word of when you rite me an answer to this if you want any referances I can giv you all that you may nead my post ofis address is

Stephen Coshen Rockford Winnebago Co Box three hundred 7

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Stephen Cobham
Rockford.
Ills
March 1860.

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Accokeek Stafford Co. Va
March 2nd 1861.

Hon. Stephen A Douglas:

Dr Sir

The Batt. Sun of yesterday gives a report of a speech recently delivered in the Senate by the Hon Wm H. Seward of "irrepressible conflict" notoriety – also your reply which is spoken of as a complete refutation of that gentleman's peculiar idiosyncracies upon the much vexed question. You will confer a favor upon the writer of this – & several other gentlemen by sending several copies of both speeches to this office. Direct them to my address & I will distribute them. In haste

Yours Very Respectfully –

W. W. Coe

W. H. B. Cox

March 2d - 1860

Accotink, Stafford Co. Va.

asks for several copies of reply to Seward for distribution.

Wm G Daniels
Chicago. Ills
March 2. 1860.

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Chicago March 2d 1860

Hon S A Douglas

Dear Friend

It is with no ordinary feeling of gratification that I congratulate you on the auspicious prospects which have glimmered from the numerous conventions that have assembled through out the different States,

You friends here and all over the "Prairie States are sanguine of your nomination at Charleston; and as a premonitory sign of the times, the friends of Union, Manhood and faithfullness to States Rights are working here day and night to show your enemies that Chicago has been redeemed, never in the history of the city has there been such enthusiasm displayed never has there been such a unanimous desire, as now, to crush for ever the quintessence

of falsehood, scandal, and treachery,
John Wentworth. The fulmination of the
Indiana Senators, and the "Sound and
fury of the" "Slave Codeite?" are laugh
-ed to scorn by your reliable and
faithfull constituents, the signs are that
on the 23d day of April 1860 the
"Institute Building" in the queen city of
the South will hear eloquent and
Stentorian voices saying

"Stand firm and fight"
For truth and right
" A Douglas to the fray,

At all the meetings there is a ripe
and healthy determination to do and
to be heard in the present and
coming ~~contest~~ canvass, and I can
assure you that the city will
go Democratic on tuesday next.
I am generaly slow to believe
and when I make up my mind
I generally stick to it. I say again
the city will go Democratic on
Tuesday next. It is unnecessary
for me to I presume to inform
you that your friends sincerely
pray for your future good
health and prosperity.

Remember
me kindly to your amiable
Lady, accept my best wishes
for yourself and believe me
your sincere friend,

Wm L Daniels
P O Box 1808

P.S. I would be pleased to
hear from you

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Alexander Davis
March 2 1860
Newton, Iowa.

asks for political docts suitable for campaign.

Newton Iowa
March 2 1860

Hon Stephen A Douglas U.S.
Sir
Having had the honour of your acquaintance while living in Morgan Co. Ill. during the time you presided as judge in that district. and where I had the pleasure of aiding by my vote the good cause of Democracy when you were Standard bearer. I look forward to the time when I may again rally under the banner of the champion of popular Sovereignty. in the coming great contest for the Presidency

In view of the importance of the coming campaign — and when the doctrines of the democratic party in regard to the slavery question will be attacked with all the zeal and malignity of an unprincipled opposition. It is the duty of every democrat to post himself upon the issues of the campaign. Will you therefore please send me some documents ~~suitable for the times~~. and oblige an old friend and popular sovereignty democrat

Very Respectfully
Alexander Davis

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H. P. Clunlary
Des Moines, Iowa –
March 2d – 1860

Democracy beaten unless Judge is nominated at Charleston.
asks for Doct's speeches.

Representative Hall,
Des Moines Iowa,
March 2d 1860,

Hon
S. A. Douglas,

How does matters stand at Washington, has the South backed down from the Cincinnati platform? If so what will be the consequence? It cannot be possible that the Democracy can sustain themselves by so doing. We get no documents here from Congress, from any source, and ~~can~~ know but little of your proceedings. We have great Hopes that we can carry Iowa with you.

Yours H. P. Clunlary

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D. W. Greer, Sec.
Morgantown, Va. March 2d 1860

announcing the appt. of Judge as Honorary Member of the Monongalia Academy Reading Room Association.

Ack. March 25/60.

Morgantown, Va March 2

Hon Stephen A. Douglas

Dear Sir

I take this opportunity to inform you of your election as an Honorary Member of the Monongalia Academy Reading Room association.

With much respect and deference I remain,

Yours

D. W. Greer, Sec. R. R.

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Pittsburgh March 2nd 60

Hon Stephen A Douglass.

Sir.

You will confer a great favor on one of your many admirers in our "Smoky City" by sending me your Autograph

Respectfully Yours

Jay T Howard

To the Hon Stephen A Douglass U.S. Senator

Gay J. Howard
March 2 - 1860
Pittsburgh, Pa

asks for Autograph -

Danville. March 2d.

My Dear Sir.

Some time since I received a letter from Mr Banks and replied to it through you. Thinking that some knowledge of your prospects in this state might not be uninteresting I have concluded to give you my opinion of them.

The only drawback to a united support of you is Squatter Sovereignty. The democrats of Va made such a noise about it in 1852 to defeat the nomination of Genl Cass, that, a back out at once is rather against the grain. The opinion is, however, rapidly spreading that, practically there is nothing in it and, with the spread of this opinion your prospects increase. Were it not for this objection the democracy of Va would

Transcribe
Mr Abraham Lincoln
Springfield
Ill.

rally to you enthusiastically after seeing that neither Wise, or, Hunter could be nominated. Besides this, there is another element operating most powerfully in your behalf; viz, the belief that you alone can be elected. This carried the state for Buchanan in 1856 on the first ballot, and, will carry it for you secondarily in 1860. The irritation consequent from John Brown is nearly died out, and, nearly every body desire success rather fall anxiously to avoid disunion. The people of Va are against disunion except as a last resort, and, therefore go for the most available candidate. The defeat of the Black Republicans is the great desideratum with them. To sum up the whole matter, and, the opinion is formed from association with delegates in the late state convention and observation of public feeling I think it now certain that secondarily you will carry the delegation for the following reasons.

1st. There are in every district original friends of yours.

2dly. The belief that you can be elected and, that, nobody else can.

3dly. Your friends take but little interest in the fight between Wise and Hunter, and, mean to see only, that, the delegates appointed are not hostile to you after they fall. You now have my opinion and the reasons for it. I know it is correct.

I desire you to frank, or, have franked to me at this place a supply of your late speech on the invasion of states, and, also any other documents shewing the fact of your real, and, to me, well known and consistent fidelity to the constitution. You can shew this letter to Pryor and Roaock.

I shall next week want

them, as, I intend preparing with care a series of communications for the Examiner in presentation of your claims provided it is shewn at Charleston, that, neither wise, or, Hunter can be nominated. The fact is, the quarrel between them has ~~called~~ killed both.

Tell Pryor I have quit liquor, and, that, he must quit making so many speeches. One more "set speech" during the session should be his limit.

I am
Very Truly
Your Ob. Sv.
Chas. Irving

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

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Office of Frank Leslie's Publications,
~~19 FRANKFORT STREET.~~
19 City Hall Square
New York, March 2 1860.

Senator Douglas

Will you favor me by allowing Whitehurst to take your portrait, and also by furnishing me with the literary matter, platform &c to accompany it.

Yours truly

Frank Leslie

Frank Leslie
March 2d 1860
19 City Hall Square, N. Y. City.

asks ~~that~~ Whitehurst may be allowed to take his portrait, & wishes literary matter, platform &c to accompany it.

(Sent)

Answered
March 9th Ed

"Bourbon House"
Lexington Mo. Mar. 2nd 60

Hon. Sir,

You have my thanks for your "Invasion Speech" which are in demand here, so much so I handed a young friend of yours one to read yesterday (Mr. Henry Dement of Ill.) who is sojourning with me, en route to Pikes Peake, who says a Country friend of mine took, or, from him by importunity—

This Speech has reminded me that I should, as briefly as I can, relate an outrage upon one of our citizens in Kansas territy, not long since

and suggest a remedy for such offences - It was.

One of Wm C Bevin's slaves fled to the Territory & a Mr. Bell & a friend went there to apprehend him, they were at a house in the vicinity of the slave one night, when a number of slave-thieves (whent in company with the slave, to Bell & his assistant, & made (Bell & them give up their coats, money, pistols & horse to the negro, and conducted them back to to this State on foot - Besides robbing them, they also treated them with great indignity - This conduct, will not afford the citizens of that territory any protection for any offence that may be committed in their territory hereafter - in this State.

Can ~~not~~ the Congress, by law, make a State (or the people of a territory) responsable to the citizens of another State &c. for hindering or preventing the owner of property, ~~of~~ regaining the same when found in another State ~~this~~ by the injured person bringing suit in the Federal Court against the State, for the value thereof, with heavy damages? This would ~~of great~~ not as the State laws do, against citizens, compelling them to pay all damages

done by mobs to private property. Such a law would prompt the citizens of every State or territory to deal justly with their neighbours, as they would be responsable for the value of property & heavy damages for all property detained & wrongfully witheld by mob violence from individuals.

I have not seen the details or provisions of your bill & therefore make this suggestion.

I mailed you my review of Senator Green's speech last week & will send you the conclusion this — If you have time please point out the errors —

truly your friend &c

N. W. Letton

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N. W. Letten

Lexington, Missouri

March 2d 1860

Outrage on Missouri citizens in Kansas Territory &c.