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Antioch College
Yellow Springs, Ohio
May 1860

Invitation to attend
Commencement.

[May, 1860]

ANTIOCH COLLEGE.

COMMENCEMENT DAY, JUNE 20, 1860

The Class of '60 cordially invite you to attend their Graduating Exercises, and request the pleasure of your company at the Commencement Dinner on the day above named.

THOMAS CHARLES,
CHAS. S. RICE,
C. W. HORR,
MARY E. BEEDY,
REBECCA S. RICE,
} *Committee.*

N. B. Please notify us of your acceptance or non-acceptance by return of mail.

Yellow Springs, O.

11,574

[May 1860]

McComb Hancock Co, Ohio.

Hon Stephen A Douglas

Dear Sir — Please send me some three or four of your last speech, I want them for political use I sent the names of the most prominent Democrats to Mr Vallingham, but he has paid no attention to them yet, they are flooding this country with Black Republican Speeches and documents, and have a negro woman stumping, they have opened the campaign with Niegroes and a rail and maul from the farm of Lincoln,

Ever yours,

T. S. Armstrong

J. J. Armstrong

Pt. Comb, Hancock Co. Ohio

May 1860

a few copies of vols

to Davis.

11,575

Newcastle Henry Co Ky [May, 1860]

Hon Stephen A Douglas

Dear Sir — Please be so kind as to send me a copy of your of your excellent speech in reply to Hon Jef Davis. you have many warm and devout friends in this county and State and they are multiplying daily. The nomination of Lincoln has given you very much additional strength in Ky and I suppose through out the whole South. The Demorats are coming in almost to a man in advocacy of your nomination at Baltimore, and also a vast number of the old line whigs and Americans, as they call themselves. Send me your speech and I will promise you I will make good use of it. I can make it tell I think a tale of consternation to your pew oponents in this quarter. I agreed with you on the Lecompton question, I agree with you upon the territorial question. I agree with your friends that you ought to be the nominee of the Democratic Party — and that if you are you can lick Abe Lincoln or any one else. To receive such tidings from a stranger away out in old Kentucky, as I have attempted to communicate will doubtless be highly gratifying to you, ironically speaking at least, I am very respectfully, J W Barbour

J. W. Barham ?

Newcastle Henry Co. Ky.

May 1860

Copies of reply to Davis.

The democracy becoming unanimous for Douglas & non-Intervention -

11576

Wm K. Bowyer
Childress store
Montgomery Co. Va
May 1860

asks for speeches & doct. to support Judge D's doctrine in regard to right in Territories.

Childress Store [May, 1860]
Montgomery Co Va

Dear sir

It seems to be generally understood you will recieve the nomination for the democratic convention which is to meet in Baltimore on the 18th of June: I expect to give you my hearty support. and will ask the favor of you to send me all your speeches in the senate since the agitation of the slavery question commenced. I think your position on the Territorial question misunderstood. I am very anxious to see your recent speech in

reply to Davis of Miss
please send me any
documents that will
assist me in fully acquaint-
ing myself with your
position. I have since
old enough look to your
political course with a
deep interest and a
admiration. Though a Boy

Reply
Wm R. Bonyer

Hon S. A. Douglass

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[May, 1860]

Hon S A Douglass.

Dear Sir,

Will you please to send me a copy of your late Speech in the Senate and you will much oblige

Your Friend

Joseph a Bullard

P.S. Please direct to Waynesville

Warren Co

Ohio

Wesph a. Bullard

Waynesville. Warren Co,

Ohio – May 1860

Copy of reply to Dan.

11,578

Pennsylvania-
Lancaster. May 1860

Hon. S. A. Douglas-
Dear Sir -

Will it greatly incommode you to send me your great Speech on the 'Davis Resolutions' - lately delivered?-

Since the Democrats of this County were so palpably misrepresented in the Charleston Convention, any re-assertion of their steadfast principles is received and read with inexpressible interest -

You will greatly oblige
Yours -
A. E. Carpenter

A. E. Carpenter
Lancaster, Penn.a
May 1860

Copy of reply to Davis.

11,579-1

New York city May 1860.

To the U S Senator. Stephen A. Douglas.

Hon' Sir

You will excuse this address from one who knows you only by your fame, your great name, destined to be greater, by the title of President of the United States of America; - I am however only an humble supplicant for good will and influence for justice: and if possible the favor of your honored lady: as I scarcely can think that I am altogether unworthy of notice.

My fathers sister married a brotherinlaw of the U S Senator, Hon' Jefferson Davis. (please tell me if Mrs Davis is in Washington city) My father died about fifteen years ago leaving to me a certain portion of his property, which, I have been assured by Mr Thomas Daulton, the Mayor of Marysville Ty, is considerable: My fathers own brother, Milton Culbertson was appointed Administrator and has lived on the property, withholding my rights for as long a time as twelve years; and though I have engaged Lawyers to settle the case for me, it is as far behindhand as it was ten years ago, and I am becoming more straightened in my circumstances every year, Thrown upon my resources and exertions for twelve years past, though I am a young woman, am so enfeabled by toil, anxiety and ill health, from exposure and destitution of the most common necessities of life that I fear if I cannot soon be relieved I must go down into a premature grave of consumption or die suddenly of disease of the heart. I wrote

twice to Hon' Mr & Mrs Jefferson Davis but received no answer: I stated to them my condition:

I have been a teacher in the noble Public Schools of Cincinnati, to which position I raised myself: seeing for my board out of school hours while I was a pupil and perseving my studies for examination: but my health failed, and coming to New York I have been unsuccessful in business and supported myself, for three years and more, by my needle: and often Oh very often, day after day and night after have I acually cried with hunger & cold: and lived on tenpence and sixpence per day: and without fire many, many a time during the Winter of 1857. and 58. and a part of 59. and my feet frozen till they festered and the toenails came off: with one quilt and some straw for a bed: keeping life and warmth in my body by sitting in the sunshine through my window and warming my fingers against a wall that was warmed from the ad-joining dwelling: Thus I served there all alone comfort-less: and friendless:

I applied this last Autumn to Esq. Brazor Tieman of the Eighth ward to whose chief clerk, Mr Auld, communicated to Brazor Daulton, of Maysville Ky, on my behalf, but received no statement-
[redacted]ndition of affairs or progress of the suit:
[redacted]have a copy of my fathers Will, and all my Lawyers correspondence: and I only desire some one to befriend me and help me to recover my own: for my Counsellors seem evidently regardless of my welfare:

Having like some aerial voyager arrived into that peculiar atmost phere where we are most tossed and injured, I aim at a higher sphere where I may sail clear, and so I apply to a higher individual than I have yet been able to approach, if peradventure I may win favor: therefore to you I appeal Judge Douglas, trusting that however high your aspirations may be, you will bend to the cause of the poor and oppressed: and having the power may also the will, (if impossible yourself) to use your influence and procure an interceeder for me:

If I only had means to open a small school for myself, and exchange my shabby old garments for genteel, so as to ap-pear at least ladylike, and get into some boarding school where I might teach the junio classes, and persue French and improve in Music: and buy some books necessary for study, I would be encouraged: For I have abilities, or talents which would fit me for a higher station had I the opportunity of improving: but with the pitiful sum of eighteen shillings per week, I must die in the unwholesome "slough of despond":

I would like to enclose my advertisment, if it might induce your Hon' Lady to use her power and influence for me: for as I received no response to my avertisement I feel much discouraged: no effort seems to favor me: but I know that great people do stoop to humble deeds of mercy, and my application may not be dis-regarded: I plead for justice and humanity: and trusting that it may prove to my benefit, I leave my cause to your benevolent impulses, in the name of Him who says "He that ruleth over men must be just ruling in the fear of God: and he shall be as the light of the morning when the Sun riseth

even a morning without clouds; as the tender grass springing out of the earth by clear shining after rain." And I would pray that such might be the administration of the Hon' Stephen A Douglas, U S. President in prospectus.

My uncle Milton Culbertson has been written to time and again, but never answered. I think he is of the Old Whig party.

I do not know exactly what is the value of my fathers estate, but I judge that it is by this time eight or ten thousand dollars. & my portion is one third of two thirds. If it was only one thousand dollars or five hundred dollars, or God knows even one hundred dollars I ought to have it. Is it not a sin and a shame that I cannot have just my own at least, while hundreds and thousands are squandered on the unworthy. That "native want hath pined where foreign need was fattened." "Woman been crushed by the tyrannous hand that upheld the flag of liberality." "Poverty prisoned up and starved by hearts that are maudlin upon crime "And freeborn babes been manacled by men who liberate the sturdy slave."

Hon' Judge Douglas please do not forget my cause The Rev' Dr Hobart, of Trinity Chapple. & resident 14. E. 34th st of this city is sufficient refference concerning me, and will deliver me any communication. I would first like to speak to you privately

I Am Most Respectfully

Harriett O. Culbertson

11,579-2

New York city June 3rd
1860

To the Hon' Mr & Mrs Stephen A Douglas.

Permit an humble friend to present her compliments and best wishes to the most worthy couple that graces the U. S. of America & even the world over. Time does not permit me to say all that I could wish to say. but the name of Stephen A Douglas and his most estimable wife is the brightes among ten thousand. May the great work go on. honor an success to the pure the brave and the true.

Mr Hotchkiss and Rev Dr Hobart have left the city but G. A Weeks. at the Gen' Theological Sem' Cor W 20th and 9th Avenue, W Building, will deliver your communication to me. May our residence is in a Tenement house. My real name I do not give in this house for reasons which Mr Weeks will explain. I hope to be in a more elevated position some day & if my name & poverty stricken condition need not be associated with it. Some persons might object to the association

I have written this scrawl in great haste. as I go to earn my 3 shillings. today

and get dinner and tea included which is no small item with me. The following advertisement is the one I desired to send Mrs Douglas. I give my name here H. C. Clarke this is no Lodys name and I may adopt it to suit my present purposes. I hope to have the privilege of seeing the Hon' Mrs. Douglas. who I am told is so lovely, so good. Earth needs some angels,

A VISITING GOVERNESS.—ENGAGEMENTS TO INstruct children from six to twelve years of age in the ordinary branches of English education wanted, by a lady experienced in teaching, is a most excellent fine sewer, with some knowledge of housekeeping, experienced, willing and faithful in cases of sickness; if engaged by one family only would assist the lady as a companion in household duties. Terms accommodating. Call during two days at 120 32d st., west of 7th av., first door, third floor. References exchanged.

Onward and upward ever ascend
And tremble not though thy lader should bend
Be patient be firm press on persevere
While God is thy strength thou needst never fear.
Douglas the great the good and the strong
Shall live in the hearts of the people long
And his wife shall be our nations pride
Whose worth is known both far and wide
And their beauteous child now gone to the skies
Like an angel bright shall bid thee arise
Whispering sweetly mid thy toils an care
This is the way. dear mama dear papa prepare.

Adieu for the present
and believe me
your humble "little friend"
Harriet O Culbertson

11,579-3

Mary O Culbertson
New York City
May 1860

Private —

Enquiries —

Hon. S. A. Douglas.

Sir

you will oblige me by sending to my address several of your Speeches on "popular sovereignty" recently delivered in the Senate & also to apply to Senator Davis & any other Speech on that subject. Especially apply to Mr. Benjamin Jun Pet

Yours truly

L. L. Dubuisson.

Gayoso City

Mississippi

C. L. Dabney son

Yazoo City, Mississippi.

May 1860

Copies of reply to Davis,

& reply of Pugh to

Benjamin.

11,580

[May, 1860]

Hon.l Stephen A Douglas

Dear Sir

Please send me from time to time your Speeches, or any public documents you may think proper, for I am surrounded by persons who are opposed to popular Sovereignty in the territories, & I am not as well posted on all the points as I would wish. By attending to the above request, you will oblige very much

Yours respectfully
W. H. Eldridge

Please address W. H. Eldridge M. D.
Meridianville
Madison Co.
Ala—

Wm. W. Eldridge, M.D.

Meridianville, Madison Co.

Alabama

May – 1860

ask, for all speeches
&c to enable him to
defend Pop.r Sov.y

11,581

P. Erben
284 Pearl Street
New York City
May 1860

Autograph.

[May, 1860]

Hon Stephen A Douglas

Dear Sir

You will I trust regard the liberty that I assume in addressing you this letter, but being placed as Guardian of a promising Lad of some 16 years who is for some time has been collecting the Signatures of his Illustrious Countrymen I should deem the Labor but half accomplished if

your name did
not appear among
the others - Confident
that you will grant
my humble Request
I have the honor to
subscribe myself
Your faithful
Constituent
& Robt Street

L. Ehrlich
284 Pearl St
N. Y.

11,582

[May, 1860]

Hudson, Columbia County
New York.

Hon Stephen A Douglass
Dr Sir.

Since the Adjournment of the Charleston Convention I have taken much pains to Ascertain the feelings of the Democracy of this County in regard to the position the New York Democracy should take in the Baltimore Convention. it is a feeling of unity. a feeling of Enthusiasm. and a feeling of Justice & of right which governs us here, and we demand from that Convention the name of Douglass for our leader. there must be no back down on the part of yourself or your friends or the masses of our Party would remain in the coming Presidential Election but more lookers on without any action on their part to throw over the Republicans in this State. that we can carry this state in the Ensuing Election for yourself I do most sincerely believe. I have been a most active man amongst the masses of our Party for the last fifteen years & know them better than any man in this County & I know that your name would cause a rally unknown for the last twenty years. & such the feelings

it must be the same throughout the state.
The Persecutions of the old Tyrant of the White House backed by a small bevy of deceders amounts to nothing for his & their benefit. the People despise him & those who labored most for his benefit hate him as a most thorough lying and debased demagogue. born as an Enemy to Democracy his whole aim has been during his administration to break us & destroy us. his days are few & his name will go down to posterity dishonored and unmourned. He is not worth the paper I am writing upon.

Let us stand to our guns no yielding to Corruption but firmness for our rights. no dictation. no usurpation. but fair play and a most thorough triumph over Black Republicanism with Douglass and Stephens. in any manner a nomination may be made.

With many wishes for your nomination
I am yours as Ever
James A Faulds

James A. Farrell

Hudson, Columbia Co. N.Y.

May 1860

The position of the N.Y. Democ-
-racy is is a feeling of unity &
of enthusiasm, & will de-
-mand the nomination of
Judge D. at Baltimore.

We can carry the
State, in spite of the
administration & southern
Seceders — &c.

Read
Douglas & Stephens-

11,583

[May, 1860]

Will Judge Douglass have the goodness to favour me with a few copies of his late speech for distribution?

Edmund Flagg.

Washington,

D. C.

Edmund Flagg
Wash^n City – May – 1860

a few copies of late
speech for distribution.

11,584

Hon Stephen A Douglass [May, 1860]

Dr Sir Having read with great interest your last truly great Speech & having heard a great desire on the part of many persons to read the same in full. Pardon me for suggesting the idea to you of extensively franking them to this Section of the Country. If the idea is of any value to you I can furnish you with a list of names in this part of the 8th Dist.

Westford
Middlesex Co Mass. Yours Truly M H Fletcher

W. H. Fletcher -

Westford - Middlesex Co. Mass.

May 1860

Copy of late speech.

Will send names, for other copies, if desired.

(my paper is a ~~l~~ ten miles to a alone so I hope you will excuse my finishing on a slip of cardridge ~~wide to~~ I L. Honeycutt Jack F Hill, Pride Jones, R E Reeves, John C. Bodham, B. Baxter, these are men that I know for myself to be friends of yours influential men scattered over Nc two particular friends whoes names I had liked to have forgotten M A Bledsoe & S L Love, If these men are apprised of the necessity of making an effort, old North Carolina will make a fuce showing at Baltimore, and I would advise that you make a like effort in every State in the Union, and show yours and your countries Enemies so deep that the hand of the Resurrectionists alone can bring them up,

The Baltimore Convention of the 7th inst is a perfect failure, no go, creates no enthusiasm not even in Ten, and will be numbered with the things that were a perfect Congaroo, all its strength in its hind legs, Mr Everet is looked upon as a good cleaver worn out old man, Bell, a perfect old Fogie, that if he had the reigns of government in his hands, would let the B. Republicans run the country to the D— before the thought would ever strike him that he had the whip in his hand,

I have had no Conespondence with Mr Clingman for the last eighteen months but when I last saw him he was very decided for you, as I thought, one thing I do know he was very anxious for a demonstration to be made in our last Legislature, for I spoke freely with him upon that subject as for Gov Bragg- I can not tell his whereabouts, he is a very shrewd man-one idea, Thomas Bragg then all the little Braggs— If Clingman is right tell him to give Marcus Erwin, Harold Coleman, et al the cue, and he can do much—

If you have time I would like you would give me a little hint of the "signs of the times" &c &c, in the mean time believe me with sentiments of high regard

Your obt servt

J A. Fogg

Hon S R. Douglas

Washington city.

DC

NB my office is

Holly Grove Madison Co. NC

J. A. Fogg
Holly Grove, Madison,
North Carolina
Mar. 15 [illegible] 1860

Mathematical Instrument
Maker, Manufacturer
& Inventor
Sketch and Model
Work in Wood & Metal, &c.

11,585

Herald Office,

FORT WASHITA,
CHICKASAW NATION, MAY 1860,

SIR:—

The undersigned would respectfully call your attention in behalf of the Indian People, who design to establish a National Library for the Chickasaw Tribe. It is suggested that useful and valuable contributions could be obtained of suitable works, from gentlemen in Congress, who may be inclined to assist this young and progressive People. It is known that members have the privilege to frank much matter that would add to the value of a Library without expense to themselves.

The undersigned has just published the first law book for the Chickasaws, a copy of which may be seen at the Indian Bureau, and the other Departments of the Government,

Such favors as are desired, which would be appropriate, for a National Library would be gratefully received by the Tribe, FRANK TO

E. J. Foster,
Fort Washita,
C. N.

E. G. Foster

Fort Washita, Chickasaw Nation — May 1860

asks that Books may be franked to him for the Library of the Chickasaw Tribe.

11,586

[May 1860]

Monongahela City
Washington Co
Penn.

Hon. Stephen A. Douglas
Senator from Ill.

Dear Sir

Will you please send me such speeches as will present strong arguments in favor of Democratic principles & Peoples Sovereignty. And if convenient I should be happy to have your Autograph.

Very Respectfully
Yours
E. T. Goucher

E. T. Goucher

Monongahela City, Washn.

County, Penna.

May 1860

Speeches & articles in

favor of pop.r Sov.t

Autograph –

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La Fayette Jackson Miss 1860

Hon S A Douglass

Pardon me for addressing you, - not being an immediate Constituent, though a friend. —

I wish a copy of your remarks in the U S Senate which is characterized as the great effort of your life. and such other Documents as you may be pleased to send me, consistent with your duties & obligations to your immediate Constituency.

With high regard
I am yours obediently

E. A Greene

E. A. Greenlee

Lafayette, Indiana

May 1860

Copy of reply to Davis.

Monticello Sull Co N.Y.

Hon S A Douglass.

Sir. If it were not too great a task on your time & patience could I be favored with Copies of your Speeches on "Popular Sovereignty" in pamphlet form? I would especially wish your crushing reply to Jeff. Davis.

Mr I C Holley our delegate is as sound as ever & will steadily vote for Sullivan County's favorite, Stephen A Douglas. With much respect & the highest hopes for your success I am

Yours very obediently

I W Hammond

J. W. Hammond
Monticello, Sullivan Co.
Ohio — May. 1860.

Speeches on pop. sov.
especially reply to Davis.

11,588

[May, 1860]

Centre College,
Danville, Kentucky

Hon. S. A. Douglass:—

Sir:—

Allow me to take the liberty of requesting a copy of your late Speech in the United States Senate; also of your reply to Mr. Davis.

With great respect,
One of your ardent admirers,
John G. Hendy.

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

Box 256
Danville, Ky.

John F. Kendy

Box 256-

Danville, Kentucky

May 1860

Copy of reply to Davis.

11,589

[May, 1860]

MEETING OF THE DOUGLAS CLUB.—A meeting of the Douglas Club was held at Vigilant Hall last evening.

Joseph R. Hunter, Esq., President of the Club, stated that he had called the meeting at the request of a number of Democrats, in and out of the Club, for the purpose of considering the action of the delegates to the Charleston Convention, and discussing the propriety of instructing the delegates from this county to vote for Hon. S. A. Douglas as the Democratic candidate for the Presidency.

Mr. James Irwin offered the following, which was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That the President of the Douglas Club is hereby requested to prepare and publish an address to the Democracy of Allegheny county, which shall also be circulated among them, having reference to the action of the Charleston Convention; and that we recommend to the friends of Hon. S. A. Douglas to hold meetings in their various election precincts for the purpose of instructing our delegates to vote for him at the approaching National Convention at Baltimore.

James H. Hopkins, Esq., offered the following, which was also adopted without a dissenting voice:

Resolved, That the President be requested to correspond with the Democratic County committee of Correspondence, desiring it to call a County Convention to indicate [illegible] the Allegheny County Democracy as to our candidate for President, and in case the Committee refuse to issue [illegible] call, then the President of this Club be authorized to call a mass Convention to assemble on the 8th day of June.

On motion the meeting adjourned.

Dear Sir: We intend having an
Effective Demonstration & and on Election
we can carry the county two to one

Yours truly

R. Hunter

Please send me Your Speech of the
16th Inst

Jos. R. Hunter

Pittsburg, Allegheny Co.

Penn.a

May – 1860

Enclosing resolutions passed by the Douglas Club to call meetings throughout the District to instruct delegates for Judge D. ask for copies of late speech.

11,590

J. K. Lennefo
Haverhill, Mass.tts
May 1860

Davis speech, & two copies of the reply of Judge D.

[May, 1860]

Haverhill Mass.

Dear Sir,

Sympathizing as do the Democrats of The Old Bay State, with the doctrines of Popular Sovereignty and Non-Intervention of which you, sir, are the most distinguished advocate and desiring your triumph and the triumph of such principles and as one of the delegates to Charleston mis-represented the wishes of his constituents, there is to be a meeting of the Democrats for the purpose of instructing him as to his duty. It would greatly please us if you would send us copies of your recent speech as also copies of Senator Davis' most

radical speeches as they will greatly enlighten those who have long enough been under the dictation of government office-holders. Every appearance seem to augur success at the rally of your friends.

Very Respectfully
Your Obedient Servt
J. H. Jennes.

Hon S. A. Douglas
Washington
D. C.

B. W. Kean
Warsaw, Benton Co. Mo
May, 1860

Copies of reply to Davis.

11,591
[May, 1860]

Warsaw Benton
Caunty Mipsouri

Howy U H Douglas

Dear Sir
I am not a Resident of
your State but I do ad
mire your Cause in
Politicks and I would
be under Many Obligations
to you if you would
forward to my adress
a few Copys of your
Speach in Reply to Davis
of Mipsippi I am a South
Carolinian by Birth I do
think the Doctrine advoc
ated by you is the only
Tenable ground

that the Democratic party
Can Sustain them selvs on
I met a few days a go
with an old Illinois friend
of yours he Lives now in
this County and he Requsted
me to ask you to send
him your Speach
Excuse me for the Liberty
I take in making this
Requst Missouri is for
the Little Giant Shore
adres
B. W. Keown
Warsaw
Benton Co
Mo

11, 592

[May 1860]

A copy of Mr Douglas' last great speech together with any of his former ones in relation to the same subject, is most respectfully requested by.

Mrs Saml. J. Tarred.

Present.

Washington May. 1860.

Mrs Sarah P. Learned
Washn May. 1860

Copy of recent speech
& of former speeches.

11,593

[May, 1860]

Bluffton Wells Co Ind

Hon S A Douglass

Sir you will favour a friend by a copy of your speac in reply to Mr Davies, Have all of your speaches there been publish in pamphlet — one of your speach on the Jackson piece I am anxious to have that as at some future day have them form a volum in my Library

Geo McDowell

S A Douglas

Washington

Geo. McDowell

Bluffton, Wells Co. Ind.

May 1860

asks for copy of reply to Davis, & also speech in favor of remitting fine on Genl. Jackson.

New Store Buckingham Va

Hon Stephen A Douglas

Dr Sir

Please

send me a copy of your late Speech

in the Senate

Your respectfully

P. W. McKinney

P. W. McKinney
New Store, Buckingham Co. Va.
May 1860

Copy of reply to Davis.

W. Patton.

Washington City
May – 1860

In regard to a speech of Mr Buchanan, in reply to Calhoun, that the South was overloading Northern Democracy &c.

(Confidential)

[May 1860]

Mr Buchanan, in a speech of his in the Senate, I think it was in reply to Mr Calhoun probably on the slavery resolutions offered by him, (Mr C) complained that our Southern brethren were overloading the northern democrats and putting on them burthens they were not able to bear and were placing them between two fires a fire in front and a fire in rear. I am so pressed with my official duties that I dont know whether I can get time to hunt it up in the Congl Globe where it undoubtedly is to be found. If I can get time, I will, as I think it wd be appropriate to quote it just now.

Your friend &

W. Patton

11,595

[May, 1860]

Wells Hamilton & Co. N.Y.

Hon. & Stephen A. Douglas

Dr Sir

Pleas Excuse me for intruding upon you, but I am very anxious to get your late speech upon the Concess Resolutions. Having no acquaintances in Washington & your Representative being a Republican I have taken the liberty of addressing you. A few copies for distribution in this section would do great good. for it is surprising what a mis apprehension there is in the country in regard to the true Democratic doctrine. Hoping that the Baltimore Convention will appreciate the true interest of the party by giving you the nomination I remain

Very Respt Yours

H. J. Powell

W. I. Powell

Wells, Hamilton Co. N. Y.

May 1860

Copy of reply to Davis.

[May, 1860 ?]

I made a speech in the House in which I laid down the doctrine you attributes to a letter. Sentman McQueen & another seemed to vote for me. in a debate a few days after. I said that while I had no doubt of the power of Congress over the subject in the Territories its exercise would be unprudent and unjust. and the Gentleman voted again for me

Richardson

I send Randall your Speech, which reported correctly. is wrong and must be corrected

R

Gov. Richardson

[May, 1860]

[May, 1860]

Dear Judge

I am going to Buffalo to night. Every thing is right here but I want to see Richmond and make them move.

I will be in Washington or St England in ten days as you may advise me by telegraph at Chicago where I will be on Monday next

The Dickinson and Day mob movement was killed by the meeting which was a grand affair. It will come to nothing But I think we had as well look to Lincoln a little & two or three days there will be well put in

In haste

I am Truly

Wm Richardson

Gov. Wm A. Richardson

May – New York City

Leaves for Buffalo –
Will be in Chicago
on the 29th inst.
all night in N. Y.

[May 1860 ?] J. J. Seibels J. J. Seibels 11.598

Confidential Polit.

I still have some little apprehension of New York notwithstanding Belmont's assurances. If our delegation should be rejected at Baltimore it not only buries the true & only real friends of the national organization in this State, but it disrupts the democratic party forever, & puts this State into the hands of our enemy. Put our friends to work in N. York especially, & every where, our case from Ala. should be taken up first as it comes first alphabetically, and then we should be there to aid the true friends of the Country, regarding the

admission of the other delegates. No Delegate sent to ~~Baltimore~~ Richmond, should be admitted to Baltimore. You must let us, your true friends from Ala, have a little latitude at the start, should it become necessary, on account of our status here in Ala. We have a desperate struggle here in case of your nomination, (which I now regard as certain) & we must guard all the points. To do this, a diversion may become necessary, but you may rest assured that it will be made with proper caution, & will never be allowed to injure you. Forsyth, Bradley, Dumpkreys & myself will stand guard & sentinels on this point. I will talk over this matter with you when we meet, & explain it more fully what I mean.

Your friends bid, must give us Bitz patrick on the ticket with you. His nearest, dearest & best friends & relatives have thrown themselves in the breach in this movement in Ala, and his name would be a tower of strength not only in this State, but throughout the entire South West, where his old friends & neighbors are scattered from the Ala, to the Rio Grande.

Finally I may say, to you, that you have come as true, bold & unflinching

friends in our delegation
to Baltimore as ever entered
the political arena. Gilmer Patrick & Houston can tell
you how I have fought
these devils here, you
know how Harry the
has done it & there are others
just as true & firm as me.
I think I can safely say,
that you can count on
Ala. with as much certainty
as any State you have.
But this should not get to be
known, to any but those
of your personal friends
who could be trusted to keep it.
We must be admitted at Baltimore without incurring the
enmity of the other Southern
states. This you will understand
in connection with your position
in Ala. Nor should it be known that I have
written you this. Very truly your friend
Hon. S. A. Douglas, J. L. Pickett

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[May 1860]

Lebanon Warren Co O

Hon S A Douglas

Will you have the goodness to send a Copy of your Reply to Davis. to the following Persons

Wm A Johnston Morrow Warren Co
John Shawhan " " "
Col D Richey Hopkinsville Warren Co
Capt James Hopkins " "
Wm L Haynes Springsborough

and to me. they are your strong friends &c

May God bless you

Truly yours S Smith

L. Smith

Lebanon, Warren Co. Ohio

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Copy of reply to Davis;
& to persons named within.

M. Van Buren to the Hon
[May, 1860]

S A Douglas

From the evidence of long observation, and close study of the Political affairs of our country, I have come to a strong; and what I consider to be, an unanswerable conclusion: that all the Political corruption—contention—derangement of the Federal and State Governments; and the variance of opinion among the People, eminate almost exclusively from the common and unequal practice of giving the Public employments entirely to the Lawyers, and that too, generally, to an inferior class of the Bar. It appears to me that the Fathers intended a more equal distribution of the Public Offices; but since they have not left any direction in this matter, it will be assumed that talents has placed the Public employments in the hands of those that have them, but if so it must be domestic talents, for it must have only to appeal to the deranged condition of the Federal and State Governments, to prove beyond a question, that those who have had them, are totally incapable to the task asigned them, or more properly, that they have assumed. About a month since I wrote an address to the People and especially to the industrial Classes on this subject which also contains a new System of Nominating, and does away with the great expence of holding National and State Conventions; which places them entirely in the hand of the wealthy portion of the People, it secures to every person an equal chance for the Public employments, and gives to every Voter of a Party a voice in choosing the nominees of his Party.

I directed it to H. Greeley. who has distroyed and
refused to publish the address, I sent stamps for
the return of the manuscript, he kept the stamps
and wrote to me, that he had an indistinct recollection
of my address, but could not tell where it was.
I write the address for the benefit of all Parties
without taking sides with any, ~~Party~~ save that
I expressed my opinion that the People must
look to the Republican Party as the true source
of reform, but it appears I was in error, for the
leading Editor and Organ of that Party, has
assumed the sable Garb of Aristocracy, and
refused the working Class of people to be
heard through his the New York Tribune for
a redress of their grievances. The censorship of the
Press which he has ever been plounting in the face
of Southern Editors, for not publishing his one
sided productions; he has now pobbed to his
own bosom against the Labouring Class of the
whole Country: this inferance cannot be turned
nor avoided; and whenever I am able I will
treat the subject to the extent which it deserves.
I have the original address and as soon as I am able
I shall will write another, and try the Democratic
Press, I believe Bennet of the N. Y. Herald would
have published it without a question.
I have never taken a position of on the Slavery question
and you may see that I cannot consistantly support
the Republican Party. I would like to have you opinion on
of on the first ~~sentence~~ part of this letter to the first
period, and also the propriety of adopting a resolution
~~not~~ containing the sentiment by the adjourned

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convention to Baltimore. The working class must be favourably noticed by yourself, or the convention; to secure my interest; which if I can get the means that is due to me, I will try to make considerable; I am however at present only a Journyman Shoe Maker. If this letter is published the last portion may be better left out.

Yours with due respect.
Payson Adams & Co Mills

H. Van. Mfs.

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H. Vanness

Payson, Adams Co. Ills.

May 1860

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an article for publication
in favor of the working-
-men, &c.

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[May, 1860]

Hon S. A Douglas

There is a Statute in Penn. which makes "dogs" (when registered in the proper Office) property (Purdon p 1059) Delaware has legalized lotteries and there of course lottery tickets are property. Other States may have similar laws under which things which are not property at common law are made so by ~~the~~ local statute. Slaves are in this category. Now would the Senate or the country stare, to hear the Pennsylvan delegation demand a "Congressional code for registered dogs" in the territories - or the Delaware delegation threaten to dissolve the Union unless Congress would agree to a code for the protection of "lottery tickets." and how would the world laugh at the idea, that the people of an organized territory might not dispense with both even by "unpaired legislation" but must be compelled by Congress to retain both, even though ~~and~~ well convinced that the one is a curse, and the other a nuisance

Why will not your enemies see that Congressional protection must be confined to such things as are property independent of local law, or else be extended to every freak of legislative enactment of every State in the Union?

Stand firm sir. Yield not an inch. All secessionism North or South, must go down before you and your platform

Your friend A. W.

Allentown Pa

R. S. V.

Allentown Penn.a

May 1860

In Pa. dogs are made property by statute; in other States, lottery tickets. Why should not a proposition be made in Congress by the Pa. delegation to protect dogs in the Territories?

Hampden. Sidney College.
Prince Edward Co. Va

Hon Stephen. A Douglas.

Please oblige me by sending me a copy of your late speech on the Davis Resolutions —

Yours very resp —

A. W. Sheddell

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A. W. Weddell
Hampden Sidney College
Prince Ed. Co. Virginia
May 1860

Copy of reply to Davis

Hulfish Ch. Va

Honorable S. A Douglas

Dear Sir

I See from the papers you have made a speech upon the Davis Resolutions relating to the Territories of U.S. I wished to receive a Copy of this Speech.

Your Obd St

Geo H Hess

Geo. H. Neat
Halifax C.H. Virginia
May 1860

Copy of reply to Davis.

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[May, 1860]

Hon Judge Douglas

Sir

You will greatly oblige one of your friends. if you can favour him with a copy of your recent speech in the Senate

Very respectfully &c
Your Obt. Ser.
Oliver Wood
No 335 East Pratt St
Baltimore

Olivier Wood
335 East Pratt St.
Balte. Maryland
May – 1860

Copy of reply to Davis.

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Hon. Stephen A Douglas

Washington D.C.

Dr Sir

If your Speech recently delivered in U.S. Senate in reply to Mr Davis of Mississippi on the resolutions offered by him, defineing the duty of Congress to protect Slavery in the Territories, should be published for distribution, I should feel indebted to you for a Copy. Any additional Copys you may send will be distributed with pleasure. The Speech is reputed to be a masterly vindication of your position.

With Sentiments of high esteem I am Your Obedient St

William Whitmore

Wm. Whitmore

Waynesboro, Va.

May, 1860

One or two copies

of reply to Davis.