Boston Dec. 11, 1857.

Hon. S. A. Douglas.

Don't back down.—The Democracy of the North will sustain you.

Buchanan don't know anything. I thought he had common sense—but am now convinced he is in his second childhood.

I would give my name but I know my head will come off—therefore I resign my

One who was a Buchanan Democrat

But is now a Douglas Democrat.
P. D. Ames
East Dorset, Vt
Decr. 11/37

Dwight Copy of your late Speech

East Dorset, Vt,
Dec. 11, 1857.
Hon. S. A. Douglas,
Dear Sir:

Will you do
me the favor to send
for a copy of yours
late Kansas Speech in
the Senate, in a form
suitable for preservation,
and also an autograph
letter, even if limited to a
single line, for my collection.

Respectfully

Bronson D. Ames.
J. C. Andrews.
No. 88 Tremont St.
Boston.
Dec. 11th 1857

Dear Sir,

I have an autograph

I sent January 15th.

Boston, Dec. 11th 1857
Hon. Mr. Douglas.

Dear Sir,

Having

a collection of autographs, and

being desirous of adding yours to

the number you would confer

a favor by addressing yours to

me.

And oblige your de. servt.

J. C. Andrews.

No. 88 Tremont.
Chicago Dec 11, 1857

Honor S A Douglas

Dear Sir,

At the meeting of the Bruce Association on Wednesday evening last, Major Division proposed to lay before the Association a history of his financial troubles, with a request that the party would loan him $1000 to go on with the National Insurance. It was suggested to him that he had better lay the matter before the Ex-Congressional committee, and with some difficulty we succeeded in deterring him from his original purpose. After the adjournment of the meeting, each member of the Ex-Congressional committee was called together, and his grievances were detailed by him in full. It appeared that the paper was in debt $10,000 and upwards. A part of which was in bonds (say $2000), whereupon we had been issued, and under the same the sheriff had laid upon the establishment, of which he was in possession awaiting our action before advertising for sale. The type press he was estimated by Steele at $10,000 probably not with over $9500, and the nominal debts due to the
concern was $4000 probably not with over $1000, making in the whole in property at a fair price to a purchaser on time $500 to pay a said debt of $10000 if unpaid.

Divvy admitted that you had contributed $4000, and claimed that he had contributed $5000 and stated that you were a partner with 2/5 interest in the establishment. His figure was, while amount paid in and & 6th paid $21500 - 2/5 of which since he claimed you should pay = $17200 left $600 already paid leaving a balance of $11200 for you to pay - which since he refused to take legal proceedings to obtain unless otherwise arranged as his auditors were pressing him - At this stage of the proceeding I had sufficiently considered my duty to suggest an adjustment which was carried.

Last evening Bartow, Brubaker, Wex and McNichol met Divvy and Shade again in the subject where I insisted upon having the contract, which was shown to Brubaker & myself. I think you are a partner & as such am liable to the creditors. I then requisitioned Brubaker and Divvy to meet me at my office 5 day when we have time in consultation most of the time. Mr. Wood declined the loan, but offered to sell or buy.

Divvy said he could not buy without a loan of money, and we there became apparently very anxious to purchase. Finally we agreed to loan Divvy $4000 - 1/2 payable in the year and the other half in 18 wks with 10 per cent interest accord by incumbrance real estate, upon conditions that he and Shade would release all claims against you, and guaranty the payment of all debts and liabilities of this paper. So, concluded he could do nothing - nothing at all - and Mr. McNichol and myself took the responsibility of paying to Mr. Brubaker to clear the trade. The paper was to be executed on Monday where we take all your contracts with Shade, and Divvy and Shade are to sign a release and guaranty of which an encumbrance.

Upon the execution of these and a bond of trust to secure the $4000 we are to pay the $1000 in the stuff bond and $2000 in Stubs, and the balance of the $4000 in 60 days. The arrangement I consider an advantageous one for you, as you thereby get rid of the whole encumbrance including some $600 capital due to Shade besides the other debts. I promise very truly your Obt. Tr.

[Signature]
Dec. 11, 1857.

Dear Sir,

Having come from the interior of our state, and not having any acquaintance in General from this district,

allow me to ask, will it be perfectly agreeable to you to afford me a little, or an argument occasionally?

I have had some time to think in view some of the chief questions of to-day to-day, and have thought in respect to the times of which the elevation ladder was made.

Sincerely,

Laurel O. Bullock

Nov. 4th, 1857
M. J. Schall
Washington D.C.

[Signature]
Laurel A. Belden
Brooklyn
Kings Co. N.Y.
Dec. 11, 1858
wishes to keep house
and act of Congress
support banks &c.
&c.
Astor House, N.Y. Dec 11th 1857.

Tho' W. Bently

Endorses your

writing on Kansas

Astor House
N.Y. Dec 11th 1857

Dear Sir,

I have been thinking here a few days, 

and watched closely the proceedings at

"head quarters." On the

Kansas question you stand

right. Stick to it. Not

only the N.Y. but the

whole Northern Democracy

the cool thinking of the

South must sustain

7.

Stand by the

Great principles of the

Nebraska & Kansas bill,

for the end is not yet.

Principles we thoroughly
Philadelphia, Dec 11th 1857,

Hon. S. D. Douglas

Dear Sir,

I take this opportunity to express a word of my admiration for what I consider the greatest act of statesmanship. The consequences of modern times - your speech just made in the Senate. I have but one expression among those feeling differing and formerly opposed - by note you, all alike pronounce this a most manly step, and though temporarily painful it will, all think, place you in the leadership of a party stronger than all others.

I trust it may add to the impression some solid constancy, and I am grateful that I am now in position to do so.

Most respectfully yours,

James G. Black.
I Blodget
Phila
Dec 11 1857

Endorse & return
A
Bellvale Dec. 1857

Dear Sir,

You will oblige me much by sending me a copy of your recent

Yours very respectfully,

A. Burt
Bellvale
Orange Co.
N.Y.
Rutland, Oct. 11th, 1857

Hon. S. C. Douglas

Dear Sir:

I am much gratified in relation to the position you have taken on the Kansas question and now write to inform you that the people here independently of party sustain you.

I have conversed with many influential Republicans that have been very much prejudiced against you, who, since your debate in the Senate on the 9th Inst., are out in your support. They say right out openly "Douglas is the man." With your present course, even Vermont will be right in 1860.

The Courier anticipates your course and in last week's issue took upon ground in favor of submitting all & every article of the Kansas of the Kansas Constitution to the people of Kansas. No other Democratic paper has, as yet, dared take that ground.

Oberst you ob[1] John Cain
John Cain
Rutland, Vermont
Dec 11, 1837
Enclose Courson
on 12
Pavia Dec 14th 1857

Wm S. J. Douglas

Sir, Will you

do me the favor to send me
the report of the Civil Survey
of the Pacific R & B Route. And
the Patent office report (agricultural)
and oblig.

Anna Very Respectfully
R. S. Balch
H. A. Hallmar
Trenia Ayl
Dec 11 57
Prints Copy Pacific
R. R. Sanyv
M. L. Cothran
Apost  Court
Wes.
Dec. 11th 1857

R. L. Read
App. Reg. of Land Office

11th 1857

Hon. S. A. Douglas

Respectfully
R. L. Read

is an applicant for Register of the State Office at this place. We is a democrat, I see no objections to his appointment. He will give universal satisfaction to the post. If you can say a word in his behalf, you will oblige.

Yours truly,

M. L. Cothran
Washington Dec 11/57

My dear Sir,

Confinement to my home by temporary illness has prevented my paying you my respects in person.

I differ from you on "Americanism". I feel it to be my duty to say, that, you independent, consistent, truly democratic course, touching the Lecompton Contro-tution entitles you to the gratitude of every friend of freedom, I tender you mine and though the offering be but a poor one.

Yours Truly

P. Hudson Ellis

Hon. S. A. Douglas.
Washington City
Dec. 11th 1857
Abraham Ellis.

Approves your course on the Kansas question.
Suspension Bridge N.Y. Dec. 11th 1857

Mr. S. A. Douglas

Dear Sir,

I do not consider it out of order to allow me to ask you to give notice of a Bill to be presented in the Senate of the U.S. at an early day granting aid to the construction of the Niagara Ship Canal.

The friends of the measure will be at Washington in the person of those appointed to present Memorial prepare Bill &c. about the first of January. Resolutions of several States, the Chambers of Commerce of all the important cities about the Lakes and numerous signed Memorial, will be presented asking aid to the proposed work. I regret the President did not sign Proclamation to Command the Measure, yet I do not understand he would veto a Bill shown to pass both Houses.

Most Respectfully Yours,

John Trisk
John Fish
Suspension Bridge
Wt, Dec. 11, 53
Asks attention
to bill for
Construction of
the Niagara
Ship Canal.
My dear Sir,

I am not sure I can write clearly enough to be understood by you. I am going to Washington on purpose to see you. I shall ask of you four or five hours alone, for results three years hence. The fight must be in not out of the Ring of the Democracy. A split with them and the joining of the Yankee to make President the South always have done them when they were made. You have three on the indefensible issue. Hold to it as compact as statement of the difference between you as you can prepare after much study. The Treaty of the question is one between you and the South leaving the President this message neutral. Make the issue with the
Dear Mr. Buchanan,

Buchanan is elected, and I will plant doubts if you leave him out, or what is better, quote him for the subject of your position as you have. He is a candidate for reelection, but this is governed in all his actions, your construction of the Kansas Act, a spécie currency—first treasury for the States, repeal all laws for the collection of debts, repeal all corporate taxes, joint stock companies only, State prison for breach of treaties. This is not right for the people, good, will win the Moses because right.

At their next about thirteen at Amory land. Pickle man. I think you can pick them now. Share them all in the springtime in July or Jan. Make them sit there the young in such form that the may put them through all the legislatures of State & County conventions, involving your names. This case the same I should be. Indignity in all states.

Needed, let this kind of thunder come rolling back from the different States by the democracy involving all the issues I have enumerated, will keep out the free taillors. Don't be neutralized by the Washington atmosphere of its false Pindaric structure. Don't think the lightness of my suggestions. If in their state is pat reducible involving one new thought of cold well paid, I think it see you have your own ruin of a friend when you were in the House. Again I think you are right. Our Regency will think mighty unwavering courage courage.

Select your officers with care of those enlist your men. One from each state, Members of Congress when your can. Share them often in Council, tell of a meeting with you this session. The Truth and a Presidency be born out get its monarchy the highest elevation. Direct to Mr. Polk, George, Contoller, and the spread at least back yours, Colman.
P. B. S. G.  
Contoocook  
Dec. 11, 1857  

Admires & approves  

[Signature]  

W. E.
Hon. S. A. Douglas,

New York, Dec. 11, 1857

Dear Sir:

My life has been devoted to my profession, so that I have lived almost aloof from politics, and have never before written to, or of, a public man for the purpose of approving, or of condemning his course; but I have been so much pleased with your remarks in the Senate, on "Kansas Affairs," which I have just finished reading, that I am going to take the liberty of telling you so. Your able defense of one of the fundamental principles of a free Gov.
Which has influence with every family in the State. I may hear something to do, hereafter, in an election in which you may be interested. She had better, therefore, be perpetuated.

With sincere wishes
for your health and welfare,
I remain,

Very Respectfully Yours,

Horace Green

Rev. J.A. Douglas,
Senator U.S.
LYNN Dec. 11th, 1850

Hon. Stephen A. Douglas,

SIR:—

Please to send me a copy of your speech on "Submitting the Constitution of Kansas to the People" and you will oblige your humble servant.

LYNN

James Houghton

Wm.
J. Moughtin
Lynn Water
Dec. 17, 1857
Wm. B. Lewis
Flushing, Dec. 11th, 1857.

Edward N. S. Lawrence

appreciates your courtesy towards a copy of his speech.

M.

Flushing, Dec. 11th, 1857.

Hon. Stephen A. Douglas,

Sir,

Much as I admire President Buchanan's message in a general sense, yet my convictions of right and justice lead me to differ with him on the Kansas question. If it would not inconvenience you, I would respectfully ask you to send me a copy of your speech on that subject.

Truly yours,

Edward N. Lawrence

Flushing
Office Clinton Co. Davenport, Camanche, Iowa, Dec. 11, '57

Hon. S. A. Douglas:

I am the Editor of the Clinton Co. Democrat. Will you please put my name down on the list of your friends, and send me public documents. I need a copy by mail to your address.

Very respectfully,

Your most obedient,

Robert J. Lawrence
Camanche
Clinton Co.
Iowa,

Hon. S. A. Douglas.
Ruth S. Lawrence
(Office Clinton Co. & Can.)

Commander Dora

Dec 7/81

Wants to be put on list for Dec 3/
My dear:  

Buffalo Dec 11 1857

Your position is bright
Stand firm - Yours Respectfully

J. P. Richardson
Mayor Elect
of the City of Buffalo

Johnston

Stephen A. Douglas
Buffalo, N.Y.
Nov 11th 1857.

J. T. Dockwood,
says "you are right about firm."
Boston, Mass. Dec. 11, 1854,

Mr. S. A. Douglas.
Washington, D.C.

Allow me to say as a Democrat that your Conside of the Kansas question is highly honorable. It will I think Command itself to the approval of all our Party here. I should be glad to receive your Speeches or other Public Doct.

Very respectfully,

From R. E. Merrill.
Suffield, Conn.
Dec. 11th, 1857.

Dear Sir:

Permit me, a stranger, but a friend and fellow partisan, to thank you for the service you have done the country by your speech of the 9th inst., to inspire a hope that you will maintain your position without flinching, and to say to you "a word of cheer."

I believe in the great principle enunciated in the Kansas and Nebraska bill, and in the heat of that fight when every denunciation was poured out on your head, I defended you and your course. You are right now, for truth does not change; and be assured, dear Sir, that the Democratic party of this state contains a majority of those who will stick by you.
as long as you stick by the right.
It is to me a matter of gratification
that your former malapness are now con-
vinced of the wisdom and justice of the
great measure which you desired, and which
they denounced, and are willing to applaud
you to the skies because you stand ready
to carry out its principles.

Your hearty friend
Calvin W. Phillips
Member for Hartford County
Dem. State Cent. Committee

Mr. Stephen A. Douglas
U. S. C.
Massachusetts
Suffolk County
Dec 11th 1857
Cabinet W Phillips
/
Franklin Rogers
Brooklyn, N. Y.
Dec. 11, 1857

Endorse Comanico

Franklin Np, Dec. 11, 1857

Sir,

An increasing portion of
the United States Democracy, Republican, Whigs, and other
orthodox parties, in Congress, lately assembled on the
subject of the Kansas-Nebraska bill, and also upon
their being led by the special pleading
of the President, have
since, to the anomalous
more than sixty years ago,
I cannot help feeling the
importance to the whole people
of the U. S., as well as the whole
Benedictine people of N. Y. We
sincerely:

Franklin Rogers
Washington
Versailles, N. J. Dec 11

Dear S. A.,

Dear Sir. Will you please have the kindness, if convenient, to send me a copy of your recent speech on the 7th matter on the rights of the people of Kansas and in refutation of the Comstock Constitution.

Very Respectfully,

Your fellow citizen,

J. B. Scott, M.D.
Dec 11th 1871
73 East
I want a copy of your speech
To Hon. S. A. Douglas,
U.S. Senate,
Washington, D.C.

Sir,

If not too much of a trespass upon your time, I would ask you to send me two or three copies of your Kansas speech, and I shall be much obliged.

Very humble servant,
B. H. Sharrells,
Clerk of the House,
New York.

Dec. 11, 1856.
B. B. Sharratt
Dry St House
N.Y.
Dec 11 1857
Wants 314 Shucks
Malden, Ulster co. N.Y.
Dec. 11th. 1857.

Senator Douglas:

Dear Sir:

Will you please send me, at your convenience, a copy of your truly able eloquent speech delivered in the Senate on the 11th inst. and other.

Yours most truly,

Rev. D. N. Shanks.
South Deerfield Dec 11 1857

Hon S. A. Douglas N. C.

Dear Sir,

As a member of the Democratic Party, which you so aptly represent, I have the liberty of writing you for the purpose of obtaining copies of the Patent Office Reports more particularly for your speech on the President's Message. The position you have taken in regard to Kansas is well received here by your Democratic friends. I trust that you will be sustained by the whole Democratic Party, North and South.

We have no representative in Congress from the old Bay State, and I have an ardent desire to know what is going on in Congress. I cannot get the speeches in the papers, pray I hope to be remembered by you in mailing Public documents during the present Session Congress.

Respectfully,

To Hon S. A. Douglas N. C.

Washington DC

Yours

David J. Smith

South Deerfield

Franklin County

Massachusetts
David J. Smith
South Deerfield, Mass.
Decr 1727
Nant Dec 8th 1837
Dear Sir,

I regret that indisposition which confines me to bed, also prevents me from calling to see you, and pay my respects, especially at this time.

The day has not yet come when an American Senator may not boldly speak what he truly believes. With great regard I am,

Yours truly,

Edwin M. Stanton

Dec 11, 57

Hon. S. Douglas
Edwin D. Stanton
Washington
Dec. 11, 1861.
Dec. 11, 1857.

Dear Judge,

I regret not seeing you this morning, for I desired to see you very much. I have been hardly worn out by the business through which I have just passed, barely able to do the business which I have been obliged to do, or I would have called to see you before this time. Do not be angry with me, but you have not seen me till I see you.

Yours truly,

[Signature]

James B. candidates
Rome December 11

My dear Sir,

I cannot refrain from expressing to you my gratitude for the prompt and explicit defense you have made of the principles of the Kansas Bill without regard to the point of view and while I held out trust that the principles in that Bill are not to be struck at by the Administration, if they are the whole sentiment of the country cannot fail in being fully understood to maintain that to give any face to that Bill a full free and fair settlement of the locality must be held. While it is prudent and advisable that no such steps should be taken and every opportunity afforded for reconciliation of the views of all the members of the same cretin party—principle must be maintained.
The map is the contract. While the parties will that Mr. Buchanan be made no recommendation and it is advisable to meet the issue
get ready by your position.
I know that I owe it to the sound
of Statesmen, whether to their place
in your which case I do not see
it seems to me that there could
be no more noble that would
give him fame and influence
than to make a martyr of
him and I hope that I will
rather make him the first man
of Kansas in the Senate.
If you can help pass the Bill
both you live great return, I
will oblige the difficulty.
and under Mr. Buchanan is
likely done, he would sign
it as a compromise. If
he is surrounded by men who
was a mistake. They let it
come - let it with to what
happened of the north. Just
such as is controlled by plunder,
continual wisdom on novelty
in this crisis, let I feel dic.
John Strick
Rome, N.Y.
congratulating.
Dec. 11th
1867

Sincerely,

N0
Independence Iowa Dec 11, 1857

Hon. Stephen A. Douglas
Washington City

Sir,

In the name and on behalf of the Democracy of Northern Iowa, I thank you for the manly and honorable position you have taken in regard to the Kansas Constitution question. The Democracy in this region, as far as my knowledge extends, have one opinion on this subject, they stand firmly by the Kansas Nebraska Act and the platform of the National Convention of 1856, they believe in the Sovereignty of the People, and that the whole Constitution of Kansas should go to the people; they, and they only, have the right to decide upon its whole merits, and any infringement upon their rights, is an infringement upon the whole people. We regret, deeply regret, that Mr. Buchanan has taken a different view of this matter, and be assured my dear Sir, that we the Democracy will sustain you in your course of opposition to this infringement of the rights of the people. It is I fear a false
step, and unless permitted to, will forfeit all the Democracy have for years contended for.

At our State Convention last August (over which I had the honor of presiding) we adopted the Kansas Nebraska bill, the National Democratic Platform of 1856, and James Buchanan’s Administration up to that time, and we still adhere to and to his administration accepting as far as relates to the Kansas Constitution. In this, we would be recant to our long cherished principles to all of our former declarations to ourselves and to the Democratic party; there we now to satisfy our previous propitium, I have colored long and faithfully in the result, never in my life opposed a Kansas nomination, and never voted any other than the true Democratic ticket and I can assure you this was as well as the entire Democratic party here, like an anchor, we still hope for the best.

With my kindest regards to you.

Yours truly.

J. Bayard Thomas.
Independence, Iowa
Nov 11th 1857
J. Bayard Thomas
Endorses your position on the Kansas question.

Speech sent.

W.
New York Dec. 11, 1857

Hon. S.R. Douglas

Dear Sir,

I have just finished the speech of your speech in this morning's daily paper. Hamilton would hold you at once--speaking to you. My warmest Thanks.

Most heartily congratulations. It is indeed a noble vindication, not out of your consistency, but also of the great doctrine of Popular Sovereignty for the few of which you have ever suffered so much. No wonder Bosley in his attempts to get into his breach of life.
Shall have remembered the lines in the child's
swimmer, "Little vessel, shad keep near thine
And modest waters, feeling," now utterly
erased. The fact is, these men, armed with their
and D. Your speech is
humbled, let me
say in my judgment
is the noblest article
as the boldest effort
Your life. It seems
almost as if some
supernatural agency had whispered
in your ear. Apollo's Chace to
Saul.
"Saul, rise! the Hebrews are rising! with aiding patriots swear the raging flood"
For this is certainly an Other
man in the notion
that the great principle
of the Hebrews' bite just
a complete one three,
The great moral foundation
of the notion must be
with you and your esteemed
triumph! I cannot but
accept absolutely certain
eloquence. Memoirs
with great respect
Your obedient servant
Amon Mekonnen
Abraham Walker
New York
Dec 11th 157
Congratulations
Providence, R. I.,
Dec. 11, 1857.

Dear Sir,

May God strengthen you for the contest, and crown your head in the day of battle!

The United North and West will triumphantly sustain you.

Yours respectfully,

Samuel Wolcott

Hon. S. A. Douglas.