Dec 14

Dear Ladies,

Will you make it a point to say one word to Geo. upon receipt of this? I have seen him and he appears O.K. One word from you (and I will see you) and he will fix the flint before he leaves down.

Arnold Harris
and Reifs. I had a
long talk with yesterday. They are with you. The North is with you 100 to 1.
The South will hereafter show a large conservative majority in your favor. Let the thing come to the test. I faithfully

[Signature]
Rockford, Illinois, Dec 14th

How S. A. Douglas deal in

If your speech of the 9th inst. is published as full, then, I hope the kindness to lend me a copy and much obliged.

Yours very truly,

Richard H. Faggin
Richard H. Daggard
Rockford, Ill.
Nov. 14, 1857

Anti-Slave Speech
Alma, Page Co., Va.
Dec. 14, 1857

Sir, I have seen with admiration, a sketch of your speech in the Senate, on the Kansas policy of Pres. Buchanan’s message. I take the liberty of soliciting a copy of that speech. I believe that 50 out of every 50 voters, in this vicinity, fully endorse the course you have taken and I hope you will continue to defend the right and to defeat the wrong.

With the greatest respect,
I am your's

Jas. L. Gillespie
Pas S. Gillispie
Albion Pk R.
12th Dec 1831
Rel to Kansas Affairs
Sue Sue Quees

Dr. L. T. Hazen,

To Hon. S. T. Douglas:

Dear Sir: As Congress is now in session, with a fair prospect of a very exciting and interesting time; I should like very much to know how matters and things are progressing in our halls of national legislation from time to time. Therefore, sir, in distributing Pub. Docs., if you have anything very interesting, you will please remit me, as humble constituent and ardent supporter like me. I have been persecuted here for my Democratic principles, for the last 10 months, but things are now beginning to change—fusionism is on the wane. To my certain knowledge, several Democrats in this section, have proclaimed like “return to their former house” since the late election. True Jeffersonianism shall live and must triumph. Put it to rest on the Kansas Constitution; give it a “free drop” currency etc., etc., and the future will tell in your behalf—the people will rise up and call you blessed.

Respectfully,

Farewell.
Concord, New Hampshire
Dec. 14, 1867

Hon. Stephen A. Douglas
Sir:

Please send me some half dozen copies of your speech recently delivered in Congress, and you will much oblige,

Yours obediently,

Wm. H. Goodwin
From Gordon
Emerald 1896
Monto Passage Theatre
Dec 14th
Copy

[Handwritten text not fully legible]
Jonesboro, Dec. 14, 1857

Hon. S. A. Douglas

My dear Sir,

I beg leave to introduce to your favorable notice and consideration Cyrus Stock, Esq., of this place, who visits Washington for a few days. He is a gentleman every way worthy of your kindest attentions.

Your social recognition in the premises will be worthily bestowed and add a motive to the respect with which
thereunto you may be pleased to incline yourself.

Your friend,

[Signature]

Hon. A. Hackett
Decr. 14, 1837,
Introducing
Cyrus Slick
of that place.

Wm. Hackett.
Jonesboro', Ill.
Cincinnati Dec 14/57

My dear Douglass

Dr. Stearns &

Marcus C. Stearns &

Margaretta C. his wife Contemplated a visit to Cuba this Winter & have asked me if I

Could through you procure a pass for them &

he & she can forward to him & wife

I am most truly yours, to

D. H. Hadley

All and Douglass men here don't be

alarmed, all will come right
Chicago, Ills
Dec. 14th 1857
C. C. Hadduck,

Wants a receipt from M. C. Stearns
wife —

Perth, Feb 27
Mrs Dyer

W. J. Dyer
Office Bullard Rd
Dec 14th 1857

Mr. S. A. Douglas,

Sr.

Your enemies are using their best efforts, to make capital out of your present positions on Kansas affairs as a friend of yours. I would be much obliged, if you would, send me a few copies of your remarks, on that part of the President's message relating to Kansas affairs.

I would also like, if you have any copies of the Kansas bill, to have a few copies of it, together with the bill you propose to offer to-day when printed.

Respectfully yours,

Hon. S. A. Douglas
Washington, D.C.
James M. Hoar
12 Baltimore Pl.
Dec 14 1857
Request Copy of Speech on Kansas
and Nebraska Rail Bill
Boston 14th December 1857

Hon. Stephen A. Douglas
Honored & Respected Sir,

Will you please send me an Enveloped Envelope your Autograph and confer a great favor on

Your most Obed. servant

E. B. Houghton

Edwin B. Houghton

If you will also confer a great favor by sending one a copy of your late great speech on the Presidents Message (if convenient) and any other speeches or documents you may see fit to favor me with during the session I will be thankfully pleased by

Your Admrr & Friend

E. B. Houghton

Care Honorable Harding No.

Boston

E. B. Houghton

Manuscript Autograph Speech

Speech Renk.
My dear Sir,

I have occasion to day, to give my Condon to Mr. Iglehart now of New York an introductory letter. He has been connected with the Army, that of a Captain in some Regiment, they now being formed, he will come well backed from various sources, I feel quite an interest in his success. I should not have thus notified of this, did it not afford me an opportunity to say a word on your present position. So far as its effects pertain here, who have been previously hostile to you, I will name such as Arnold, Searle, Dr. Evans & all of that ilk. This must be said loud in your praise, yet back you in the present position, declare most publicly they are for you, either as Senator or higher, while the old line senators, Ely, Mumford and hosts of others, who never work against President before—All say the whole Constitution must be submitted, they back you in it. Of course I know you have your political friends advising you in these matters, but as I never write political letters and as most of your friends who do, cannot reach—
Class, that I can, in my daily intercourse, I therefore say, without hesitation, that whether you are defeated in your present plans and the Illinois in this region, is with you. The Egyptian nation now always safe.

Don't consider this any intrusion — but all your resolutions will naturally fall onto the venom of some from it, not amiss to show how even your friends are supplying the best of those disposed to stand by the right — and the people — who are just in the main. will not forget you, with kind regards to Mrs. D. — I am,

Hon. S. A. Douglas
Washington

P.S. - Dr. Evans, whom I have named above (whom you have met in my office, of course you know him) goes to Washington. Shalt — you have not cultivated him in past times — but he is a leader among a host of Methodists in others — and suitable civilities, would not be thrown away on him.
Ralphville, Ky.

March 4, 1847

Hon. J. A. Douglas,

I will thank you to send me such document of a public character as you may think useful or interesting.

W. S. Underwood, having forgotten that there lives within the limits of Logan County a proper democrat, is the only I, as a stranger, have to offer for their troubling you.

Yr. Respy,

W. S. Underwood
Washington D.C.

Dec 14th 47

Says stand Char James

Hants 300 Copies of your

Date Speech sent to house

by Express

Mr. S. &. Douglas

Yours

C. Clayman

Washington Dec 14th 47

My dear Sir,

my friend Mr. T. Jones desires me to request you to send him

5 or 6 parts of your Speech by express This

Ely /rop.

His address is

Bowdoin P.O. N.Y.

He desires you to

publish only one or two

of them.

Yours & respectfully

You are cordially invited

C. Clayman

This is in D. C. Douglas
Horace Dec. 14, 1837

Sir:

I am sorry that I cannot agree to your proposition, but am sure you are right. Go ahead. You are right, and that's enough. Wisconsin shall stand by you to the last.

Yours as ever,

Chas. H.桑作
Crawfordsville Dec 14th 1857

Hon. James Wilson Dear Sir

Received your letter of the 29th of November for which you have my thanks for it is peculiar to receive from our colleagues of the great game of Politics from your high and powerful seat of the National Capital, I was not disappointed in Mr. Buchanan's course that was published in the papers and also in the Sunday editorials of the Union.

I have not yet heard one cough man here. Defend the President & few of the tremendously all are against him of every party. The Republicans are as much as I am in the matter of the Republicans' indeed I cannot see how sensible men having any regard for the honor of or interests of the Country or any knowledge of the first principles of the Government can sanction the Decatur outrage. It is the very essence of despotism. To force another form of Government on an unwilling people. If Congress shall consentiate this great wrong it is treating Kansas worse than
the Romans ever treated their subject
Provinces, for these things the
1/Ear 1/3 are done tending the name
of having the Constitution of the
Arbitrate will of imperial Rome
War the only law applicable to
Conquered Countries, the appoint
ment formed no part of their
Procurement, every one here and
there Doris in this position.
I whatever his motives may be, his
actions seem to be right, I did
not think a few weeks ago that
I should ever sympathize with the
Little party. But he has in
the finding matter forced me
to pray for his success in
the Democratic party he is Lord of
the ascendant. If he maintains
his position firmly, he will grind
the fire enough to popular succeed
his chief for he has built the pop
ular upper path of all honest
politicians with the President
the whole Democratic party are
committed fully to the very doc
trine while fast now around the
Nebraska Bill the Cincinnati
platform Buchananists insolvency

To Governor Walker Yess, Demo
cratie Speech during the last Burns
Gervais Their only liability from
the doctrine of Popular Brough
in the territories. It remaining in that
by it does not become Democratic
To say our Douglas in the organiza
tion of Congress has rather got the
better of our worthy Bogden
Brights I hope I soon will write to
me when, if this letter is not always
be received with great
pleasing. Present my kindest
hands to join to Colfax and all
Others who may enquire for my love
Your friends relatives in Town
and well, Cousin with best
Love and I great me and yours

H. S. Lane
Resident Physician's Office,
BLACKWELL'S ISLAND,
NEW-YORK CITY.

December 14, 1857

Mr. Hon. Stephen A. Douglas,
U. S. Senator, Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

I have read your speech delivered in the Senate Chamber on the 9th inst. on the Lecompton Convention matter. I have also read all that has been said, pro and con, by our local press, and have heard the sage remarks of many of our democrats concerning yourself and said speech.

So far as I can understand the question, and I think I can pretty well comprehend it, I am with you, heart, body, soul, and senses, and I am not afraid to say it boldly, even if Mr. Buchanan is the President of the United States. I need not say to you that there are many, very many, here that can see in you nothing new but the incipient disorganizer, the ambitious politician for leaping himself, the would-be breaker down of the present administration, &c. It is however a singular as well as a very significant fact that all these people in the same breath admit the soundness and impracticability of the position you have taken; they agree that is the soul of our form of government and the very essence of the Nebraska Kansas Bill, and the quintessence of the Democratic platform on which Buchanan was elected, but Mr. Douglas ought not to have said what he did say;— it was the wrong time to say it, he is putting himself in opposition to the administration;— why make so fuss about the
matter. Kansas can do as the pleases when she is a State; as if the people should not act for themselves until they are included within the bounds of a State? and the present Constitution will let them do so in this provided. The clause in it do not bind them hand and foot, and there is no law in it. Douglas acting as he does, giving aid and comfort to the enemies of the Democratic party. Either let the Douglasites merely try to be President, or that he is making Northern capital, setting the mass that to do. Pretty much asks for it, as you know in Washington, I suppose. I only mention it that you may duly understand it we. It is legitimate to say that much of this talk comes from those loyal to the present administration by holding an office or the want of holding one, and of course has its effect. All doors through the various ramifications of office holding. Then there is the OTHERS, that portion of the mass that will think or act, but as the seemingly popular portion of the whole act. Those few are now who have been seen Douglas men who are now engaging one of Webster's character, who always, "would like to have you know" before he could decide. Some don't understand your position exactly, they won't trust and see what you are going to do further, want to see what dejection constitution post to do.

I met West on Saturday at a dinner table surrounded by friends and acquaintances, and we enjoyed the luxury of expressing ourselves freely and boldly for Douglas and his speech. I don't know that the thermometer fell to day, but I feel better for saying what I did, as much as I believe it is powerful to do after hearing my old Democrat.

The deduction I draw from all these flattering sayings, actions, arguments, and dodges is that the shaft has lost its head in the Senate in the 4th instant, has friends many of their friends to the motive, that the seat then was turned over by many people. The present incumbent, if he violates the great principle of popular sovereignty, or sometimes its violation, will be a dark spot in the pot. You know, in my opinion, how you love him, and you can select his dinner without considering his shoe-full shake. I did not write for him at Burlington, more letter him, don't like him now. I consider that he is indifferent to the very principle he and his friends now attempting to violate or evade for his present position, and the fact that he pursues an attitude on the question that has the past few years agitated the people of this country. I honestly believe that in the next six months you will have a regiment of friends who are not here but a corporal's guard, and from the fact of having made that speech, they now so firmly, dream and hope has bitten you. Whether it matters or not makes you at the present time, or you are right, and sooner or later the American people will give their verdict in your favor. We have no occasion, in my opinion, to pour - on Hamilton - on able. I truly believe that men the way, matter and things in this city, there is not a deep, growing feeling for you. I think that I have not mention in this point, I believe that I understand the character and feelings of New York city people. Interest, policy, and other considerations may for a time keep them still, but they admire boldness, plain speaking, and direct, and as long as you maintain the position of the Democratic constitutional opposition. The condition of corner-packing with life rather than principles and honor, you will not, cannot.last ground in New York. As I think. When I use the terms, people I of course wish to be understood as meaning the Democratic party, more particularly. As far as the other parties are concerned.
as well as with the no party men, you have I think gained
immensely. So long as you maintain your fair position in our party
this favorable speech and feeling will be of advantage to you. Some of
the opposition and their presses are probably only glad and praise you
because they wish to see distraction in our camp; but there are many
others who have been greatly prejudiced against you who are now and
will continue to be your friends. I also think this is true. Per contra
you may have lost ground with some of our party that will continue
lost. You of course understand all about this much better than I do
and very likely all this talk of mine amounts only to a long drawn out
specimen of brazen impertinence. One thing however is a first fact. I
am your friend as you now stand. I believe that you are right. I
believe that so far as the future is concerned you have made instead of
killed yourself. In common parlance I believe that you have made a
"ten strike", that you have thrown broad upon the water, and that
many months will not elapse ere it will return with confirming
interest. I believe that by your boldly standing by the principle of
popular sovereignty without fear, favor or affection, or the slightest
bending to expediency you have touched a spot under every man's
jacket in the land that will not quit smarting until the same principle
is carried out as hardly as it was boldly asserted. Fear not, therefore.
There are stout hearts even now with you, many of them. Be not driven
from the Democratic party by a set of wigged drivellers aided by Northern
party heads. The people will, I hope, see that in this last contest you
was the true exponent of democracy, and not your opponents. Be cool,
be many. Do not let your enemies accomplish their hearts' desire. Stay
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BLACKWELL'S ISLAND,
NEW-YORK CITY.

ther right and left in the Senate, but don't let them throw you off your guard and cause you to utter things that will destroy you before the people, and thus accomplish their hellish wishes. In my opinion, you are the biggest Roman of them all. Many anxious hearts are beating in favor of a successful termination to yourself of the fight you are now in. Before God, I believe that the people will be with you if you be but true to yourself. Amen. So mote it be.

Now I wish to say a few words on local matters to you. I think that you heard, read, or saw a letter or two I wrote last winter to Major Harris concerning Fernando Wood, and his and other figuring on the political chess board. If so you have probably come to the conclusion that my prophecies then made have been pretty well fulfilled. Major Harris, when now this summer, or pale, confessed that there was more truth than poetry in what I then wrote.

You of course knew all about our last Mayorality election, and the course that rumours here says that Buchanan will pursue towards all who did not lovingly embrace and support Fernando Wood for Mayor. If so Buchanan really intends to do as they say he will - commence cutting off heads and greatly interfere with our private local affairs in the support of all speculative a rascal as ever walked; it seems to me that he is in a fair and positive way to make a greater use of himself than Pierce did when he undertook the same game here four years ago. And, you say, that this Mayor election was a purely local, personal matter. No vital principle to the party was involved. It was simply a fight for or against a dangerous bull, bully man, a man that has rep
our party live in a state of distraction and since he had any thing to do with it, it made me wish that he had succeeded and would have appeared to every thing asked of him by the restrictions of the Baltimore convention, and would have been a "dead issue," to your friends here and there. So far as the Liberty legislation in our City matters are of consequence, there is no difference of opinion among Democrats here, but all of this was not and would be, as far as we could do, at our State election, when one party elected their Representatives, and came very near carrying the Legislature. At the same time, every liberty once was filled by Democracy, so that the election on the 4th instant was purely a body corporative matter. In question, the question of having an honest, just and fair government was before the people of this city. It was purely and entirely, and understood it, that our public business, in which the whole country was deeply interested. It was a question of morals and good government. Every man here, whether a federal officer, laborer, or voter, had an interest in city affairs, and any who was also in the affairs of his own household. We Franklin men, notwithstanding it, and did, interfere in our State matters, but never did his confinement or philosophy push him to the extreme of meddling in our purely local and private affairs. It seems that this cut through, decided policy is to be carried for the especial benefit of James Buchanan, of able memory. If "honesty is the policy of the party" and "the party is the honest man," then should our present President dare ever take back his predecessors course in 1843, when he was the favorite candidate and his interference in the private affairs of our citizens. His removal is determined to divide us from him. Let him "profess" in his present place, and he will find that "Patriot" will have assurance in his efforts, or it looks imprudent to urge you to "break him on his administration,"

The President and Federal have at Washington fighting for such a man as Andrew Jackson. Why, sir, the time will come when, with the removal of the President, with the decay of this "head, half man," etc. the very best thing that could have happened to the Democratic party. But I need not speak of popularity? My. Sir, when will we ever any time feel a disagreement? When was he last in a know nothing lodge? When did he ever vote a popular ticket unless it suited his own selfish ambition? If the Democratic party of our City wishes to perpetuate itself, it must happen that great body of disloyal and uncertain, youth and waste, shoulder to shoulder for regular nominations. The leaders must clean out then head quarters, and give at least semi-dissent, honest men to vote for. This course of high beginning and end has been one of the greatest kind of vanity, uncertainty and deception, both within and without his party. The termination this job particularly was conceived in inequity and brought forth in the most dangerous dishonesty. Of it Buchanan in his doleful and inhuman manner every member of the State to his Exempted policy under the false of "party unity," "loyalty," "party discipline," "standing by the party" so. That he can force more voters and states, or intimidate us in the last by cutting off the hands of his office holder until he is a "legal" bit motion. It can take "Fandandy Work" to his friends, and the City, age, and the State with goods and free and stand in opposition to him. If he wishes to make capital against himself, let him carry a lot of our citizens for voting against Jackson. We are ready to see such a foolish operation in this past, some of us at least, and no more than ready to face it. [L]

Now Senator Bryan, and Senator Osburn. I have heard you long enough. I have personally acquainted with you, and this letter may be perhaps fairly considered a piece of compensation, or at least a specimen of my conciliations in my past. But do not put the whole blame on my part. Senator Osburn & West_co make me promise to write you. I wanted to
do the deed but had not the courage until he bolted me up. I am proud to say that he is a good friend of mine, and I am proud to say that, unlike other Douglas men, he is not now at all "shaky in his legs," at least he does not so appear.

I am not self-conscious enough to expect an answer to this letter so that even in this deprivation there is comfort. I shall remain in blissful ignorance of the disquiet it gave you to wade through its contents, and any and all adjectives which may escapes you while reading.

You can, if you please, do me a favor, namely send me a corrected copy of your speech if it should appear in pamphlet form for general circulation over the country, a course that my still unexhausted interest in your affairs would decidedly advise.

In conclusion, Sir, permit me to say that I am up to this date, a thorough dressed Douglas man, and

Your most truly

[Signature]

[Bartholomew's signature]

[Notes on the back]
Dec. 14 '57

W. H. Leidy
Philadelphia

Will you do me the favor to send me a copy of your speech upon the naval question. You will much oblige.

W. H. Leidy

W. H. Leidy.
Baltimore
Dec 14th

My Sir: I shall be quite obliged to you for a copy of your late address to the President pursuant to resolution of the admission of Kansas into the federal Union.

Yours truly,

[Signature]

Washington, D.C.
James M. McClure
Balt. Md.
dec. 14th

Miter approved

Leib
Washington Dec 14 [18]57

Dear Judge,

Enclosed please find a letter from my nephew in Pittsburg Pa. He spent all last summer in Kansas.

I see "Jay" of the Baltimore Sun had said he thinks the Exciting act, will preserve the Democratic party —

Men now see clearly that your views and Mr. Buchanan are precisely the same — a change will come over the spirit of some many among —

Return the letter —

Very Respectfully,

Daniel W. Cole

Hon. S. N. Douglas.

W. S. Irwin
Paul Me Coon
Washington, N.C.
Dec. 24, 1864

Political
Mr. S. Manley
Mendian, N.C.
Dec. 14th 37

Mr. S. Manley,

Mendian, N.C., Dec. 14th 37

Mr. S. Manley

Hon. Stephen A. Douglas, Dear Sir,

Will you be so good as to send me a copy of your speech on the President's message, and also the agricultural report for the 1858. If so you will oblige a great Democrat and your sincere friend,

Mr. S. Manley

Hon. S. A. Douglas,

Washington, D.C.
Canton, May 14th, 1857.

[Signature]

What you favor me with a copy of your admirable speech, in printed form, delivered in the U.S. Senate, upon the Kansas Issue, from Mr. President’s Message.

And greatly oblige,

[Signature]

Respectfully,

[Signature]

Dear Sir:

Will you send me a copy of your speech on Kansas affairs?

Respectfully,

Sidney B. Morse.

Hon. S. B. Douglas.
Washington, D.C.
Knighton, December 14th, 1857

Honoré Stephen A. Douglas

Dear Sir,

Refuse as you are with correspondence, the labor of reading which must be exceedingly
menial, if not impossible. Still it may not be unpleasant
for you to learn the present position of one, who voted for
the Kansas Schenck bill, and who represents the
one rural district in Illinois, from which a vote was
given for the act afresh, which gave Mr. Buchanan
a majority.

In behalf of the Democracy of the United States, as
well as my own, I thank you for the noble stand you have
taken in behalf of the great doctrine of popular sovereignty. I
have read your speech recently, made in the United States
Senate, and to say it met my approbation, does not half
express my feelings. I regard it as a most triumphant,
and unanswerable vindication of the great policy
inaugurated by the Kansas Schenck Act, and which
is now the core theme of the Democratic party.

With you I think that the before
mentioned act was passed simply to put the Kansas
question, when true, other question was already put to
give the people of the locality full power on this, as
well as every other question. Not to learn the
single question of Kansas to them. And to deprive them
of securing Republican Rights to defend our them. They act of the Democratic party since. In Kansas, and in the central North. Has been in accordance with this. New law to set the people in Kansas. For two months before the election of 1856, upon long day, I asserm the people of this country, that the Constitution would be held by the people of Kansas. Without the approval, and that if it was attempted I should most strenuously resist. They believe me. What will become of myself. Above the power. In 1858, this law coming for the election of a man who will stand with them. This would mean to my future. If I were to be for Mr. Buchanan to be the flag of the Democratic state of Illinois. The question which each voter to decide to choose or this: Will you save the Constitution with Kansas, or will you save the Constitution without Kansas? They mean voting in their, require 35%. We will take the Constitution. Will the failure in Kansas, in opposition to the Constitution, the

P.S. I am getting our papers here to publish your speech.
I do hereby

Kingsley

Dec 14th 1857

Endorse his Coop on Kansas