
Hon. Stephen A. Douglas,

Dear Sir: You having given notice of your intention to introduce in the Senate a bill for an enabling act for the Territory of Kansas, and reference having been made to the Minnesota enabling act, I beg leave to make a simple suggestion to you in reference to two matters connected with the Minnesota act.

In the apportionment of delegates to be elected to the convention the term "Representative" was used in that act; and was popularly construed to include both Representative and Councillor. Also there was an omission in that act of any fixed time of day when the Convention should assemble. Out of these two things mainly arose the questions which produced the unhappy division of the Convention into two branches. Hoping these suggestions will not be deemed impertinent I am most respectfully,

Yours, A member of the Min. Con.
Member of
Minnesota Congress
Washington City
Dec 10, 1857

Suggest an
omission in
Minnesota Enabling
Act.
Franklin Indiana Dec. 16 1857


Sir,

Enclosed is a five dollar bill, for which you will please forward to my address, a few hundred copies of your speech on the Leompton Constitution, and oblige.

Yr. R.

I forward to-day a copy of my paper to your address. Gfr. Allison

Geo. H. Allison
Newark, Wayne County, New York
16th Oct 1807

Cotton S. Coupland

Dear Sir,

A few copies of your late Speech could be circulated here to a good advantage, and I should be pleased to have the pleasure to distribute some.

Yours respectfully,

Vincent S. Barry
Vincent G. Barney
Newark
Wayne Co.
Mr. Kee
Dec. 16/59
Wants preacher.
Post Office
Manchester N.Y.
Dec 16th 1857

My Dear Sir,

Having been favored with the 3d & 4th Val of the Pacific Rail Road Survey, I feel very anxious to obtain the 1st Val and you being a member of the great Democrat family I take the liberty to write you. If it lies in your power to forward me the first Val of that work, you would do me a very great kindness to forward me to me, and I shall always feel great and under great obligations to you for the same.

Very Respectfully Yours,

Ara A. Bowen

Hon. Stephen A. Douglas
Isa C. Brown
Manietta N J
Oct 16th
Plants Pacific RR Survey
Hon. Sth., I Douglas,

Dear Sir,

I now very much regret not having a full and free conversation with you upon Kansas affairs before you left Chicago. But both evenings when I met you at the Tremont, you had so many friends to see that I did not wish to monopolize your time. Nor was I prepared for the very singular position of the Administration in regard to the Constitution of the Kansas Convention. For there is some facts in this embroglio, that it is important you should know although they came to my knowledge in a semi-confidential way. During my residence the past year, in Nebraska my office has been in the same building with Col. John A. Parker, the Register of the Omaha Land District, whose home is near Richmond in Virginia. As early as June the past summer Col. Parker left for Richmond at the solicitation of Genl. Cope to make a public opinion in Virginia favorable to the course of Gov. Walker in Kansas, urging upon him that it was of vital importance that the tone of the folks in Virginia should take a different course to the conduct of Gov. Walker, as every thing that
He was doing 1861 by instructions from Washington. Col. Parker proceeded on to Washington and after consulting with the President and Secretary of State, he went to Richmond and wrote a series of articles for the Richmond Enquirer and also for the Richmond Examiner which appeared during the March of July, which by referring to the files you can see the theme of them, which was sustaining the cause of Gen. Walker in particular and the Administration in relation to submitting the Constitution when it should be passed to the citizens of the country. It was the same receiving for Col. Parker to be on the ground and write these articles for about that time. Gen. Walker's private character had been affected in relation to a Breach's transaction 10 years ago, and as Col. Parker was the Attorney in that case, I had all the papers connected with it. He brought the suit against Col. Walker. He also wrote the same time three column articles for the New York Herald in relation to the same matter. Now from him I speak of what I know of Col. Parker. When I arrived, he received letters from the President and Judge Coffin expressing their thanks to him in the strongest terms for what he had done, then letting me know and myself, here it is to me certainly a matter of surprise I see the change of part of these distinguished individuals in this question, I cannot account for it in no other way only it is to recall you off. For 1861, I am forced to the conclusion knowing that Col. Parker is not one of your friends, and he was constantly trying to induce me to think Virginia especially would accept your nomination and I think also this they were all of them impressed with the idea that Gen. Calhoun was your principal intimate friend and was carrying out your policies more in regard to this matter. Then my dear Sir, if it is my gratification to you to know that your course is one that is leading you more and more to the Head of any future Democrat of Mississippi, I can assure you that it is to me, and the great wealth and right of the Republicans are willing to do you justice. So on the train line and may your hands be strengthened in the great cause of right and justice and you will endeavor to take care of your interest at home. I have felt it to be an injustice duty upon me to give you the facts, and you can make such use of them as you see fit. It is probable that I may visit Washington in the course of the winter, and if so of course will see you.

Believe me always Yours Sincerely

[Signature]
John A. W. Buck

Aurora
Dec. 16, 1857
Private on Walker's
President & Cass
Chicago Dec 16/57

Hon S A Douglas

Dr. Sir: Pardon me for the trouble I may impose on your time at the present moment, but the favourable interest you have manifested in my behalf when we have met, is my only excuse.

I see by the Post Master General report that he is establishing Mail Messengers on all the thorough routes from the East to the West by the most speedy and safety of the Mails to date, from Philadelphia to Cincinnati & Columbus. The presumption is that Mail Messenger will be put on the Routes from New York to Chicago. What I desire is if that be the case, that I should be pleased to receive an appointment on the route from Chicago to Suspension Bridge or from Chicago to Cleveland or Buffalo via Michigan South West, Cleveland, Erie, to Buffalo. At your earliest opportunity be pleased to make such enquiring as you think proper if advisable; secure one an appointment, should such an arrangement be made, I am inclined to think that Illinois should secure her apportionment of such Messengers your favourable position which now deems so much of public attention to the unanimous voice of the North West. We have called a Meeting for Saturday, we meet at which it is destined to enclose your course & policy on the Kansas Constitution. Yesterday the 15th.
I was at Rockport [Minneapolis?]. The subject of general discourse was on the position you have taken and maintained much with their unanimous approval. When I see a great many of those who formerly were Democrats but have for the last year or two set up the B'nk Republicans come out in the position of [illegible]. You so emphatically it gives encouragement that our democratic institutions are to be preserved.

Very truly and sincerely,

Henry Butler

Yours, Stephen A. Douglas.

Sir: Allow me to congratulate and thank you for your great and triumphant vindication of the Kansas Kansas act. The young men in the west, who on the stump and elsewhere joined our fortunes to yours in that great fight before the people, feel a personal interest in your success; we shall rejoice if you triumph, and in any event you will enjoy our gratitude and thanks for the manly stand you have taken.

The Administration could not today, or for some time hereafter, with all their drill, and allowing for official subordination, poll 1000 votes against you on this issue - the people are all with you.

May I ask you for a copy of your speech and such as may be made in reply to it; and also a copy of your report on the Topeka Constitution last year.

Yours Sir,

Very Respectfully,

Mat. H. Carpenter.
M H Carpenter
Belvoir
Dec 19th 77
Mrs.
Kansas City
me swt.

Mr. F. H. Bannister
Belvoir
[Signature]
Washington, Dec. 16, 1857

My Dear Sir,

I hope that in the enclosed Article I have said no more than you intended me to say last Sunday morning. I had thought of sending it to you before sending it to the press, but Mr. Chapman assured me it was right.

Let me say that my paper is not a Republican paper—It is the oldest paper in the State, it was the leading Alliance paper in Pennsylvania during the late campaign. It is right now. I had hoped, failing the Clerkship, to have secured a clerkship to one of the Committees, which would have placed me in an easy position, but I imagine my present style of writing militates against me.

Yours respectfully,

Hon. S. A. Douglas

Washington, Dec. 16, 1857

Geo. L. Chester
Orwell, Bradford Co., Pa., Dec. 16th, 1857

Hon. Stephen A. Douglas

Deer Sir, Will you be so kind as to favor me with the documents accompanying the President's message of 1856, particularly those pertaining to the Department of State? Also please send me your speech upon the message of 1857. Yours, stand upon the popular sovereignty in Kansas should be sustained by every true Democrat.

Very respectfully yours,

O. F. Chubbuck
Wells Bridge Co. Pa.
Dec. 17, 1867.
J.B. Chubbuck.

[Handwritten notes]

Extra copy.
J.B. Chubbuck.
Albany, 16th Dec. 57

My dear Sir,  

Wishing to be able to meet the objections, which may be urged against the rejection of the Lecompton Kansas Constitution, in a manner equally unanswerable and irreputable, I take the liberty to request a copy of your recent speech on that subject.

And am

very dutifully yours,

S. Clark

Hon. S. A. Douglas
Washington, D.C.
Chicago Dec 16, 1857

To
Stephen A Douglas
U. S. Senate
Washington City DC

Dear Sir,
This will be handed you by Rev. James J. Haldeman of Washington whom I commend to your consideration. Rev. Haldeman is the brother of my wife and was an active and efficient member of the Illinois Convention at Washington during the last campaign. He desires your good offices in obtaining some post at Washington for myself and thinks please do so.

Permit me to add that Mr. Coxe on the Kansas matter meets the control approval of all. Both Democrats & Republicans Price, Herrington, Davidson, Cool all are with you and Hayne alone is now committed. Wishing you all success in your efforts remain dear sir

Your truly,

John J. Clements
J. T. McCleny
Hon. H. A. Douglas
U. S. Senate
U.S. Ship Conestoga
At Sea Dec 16. 1857

My Dear Friend,

cannot something be done this winter to place the navy pay upon an equality with others offices under the government? While all other salaries have been increased, the navy has been neglected, and when I see lieutenant who have served 15 to 20 years and only get $1050 a year, and no prospect of ever reaching over $1500 a year. I do not think it quite fair. To deny one's self of the comforts of family, home and friends for a life-time, and go where distant and dangerous service surely ought to command better compensation. I do not complain for myself, for my pay is better than the average, but I do think the service requires that the pay should be raised.

We have had a very rough passage until within a few days. Since we have struck the trade winds and come under the soft air of the tropics, we have had comfortable times, but before that it was very disagreeable. The ship was sent out from the New York yard in a very
Disasters continue, and we have suffered much from water coming in at our air pots and leaking through the decks. The fault is said to be that Commodore Kearney neglects his duty at the yard, never going there more than once or twice a week. The result is that Cpt. Wolcott is allowed to do duty of the Commodore and of course neglect his own. This leaves the construction and those under him to do as they please, and the consequence is that we have got a miserably fitted out ship and it is quite probable that the government has enough to have given us a bare and uncomfortable ship.

I have been very well and shall look with anxiety to the day when I can return and aid in the great battle of '63.

Please make my most respectful regards to Mrs. Douglas, and believe me, as ever, your very true friend.

H. B. Davidson
River Pilot

Then Mrs. Douglas
Washinton, D.C.

Note: Majors. The arrival here on the 17th and shall probably sail for Missouri Valley the 24th and the Cumberland is expected to have arrived for Madison and the St. Louis for Rome. I yet along very well with my duties and feel confident that I shall make the cruise and come out without loss. This is to be and plenty of chances to lose more than my little salary by a little carelessness or neglect.

Very Respectfully

[Signature]
U.S. Ship

'Finceres'
arrived Dec. 16

1837

J. B. Danforth.

Concerning money
of pay for Navy.

&

friendly personal
compliments.
305 Henry Street,

My dear Sir,

You are doubtless in the receipt of many letters of congratulations from your brother Democrats. Permit me to add mine to the number. I regard your present position as one of the noblest ever taken by man; and, being myself a Democrat, I feel great pride in extending to you my heartfelt sympathy and confidence. As my testimony is unsought, it is, also, unselfish. I write from an honest conviction of duty; and shall the multiplicity of your cares prevent you from replying to me, I shall always feel thankful that I have had the opportunity of addressing you, on such a subject as your lofty and manly attitude in the Senate, and before the American people.

I desire to be of service to you, and therefore write, in frankness and confidence, to make you a proposal. I am the minister of the Cannon
street Baptist church in this city, and have always sympathized with Democratic principles. I voted for Jackson, Van Buren, Bell and Pierce. On American and Union grounds I supported Taylor as against the dominant schisms of South Carolina; but still as a Democrat. In the more recent campaigns I voted for Fillmore and Banks—but always and everywhere on the only Democratic platform—your Kansas—Nebraska Bill. Then in Washington, as Chaplain to the U.S. Penitentiary, I wrote regularly for the Union, and was appointed Vapor to the British Embassy by President Pierce. On my return to the country I have resumed the pastoral office; but the present aspect of things at Washington induces me to believe that I have more work to do at the capital, and I therefore offer you my services in connection with the press.

With the patriotism becoming a mark of integrity, I propose to aid you in any way that is in my power. I was the first editor...
of the Washington Evening Star, and should like very much to devote that paper to your cause. I presume it could be obtained and I know it could be published for much less than it now costs. Mr. Denison would assist me in the literary department, and I am confident we could secure a large circulation. As to our qualifications, I refer you to Mr. Eaton, of the Intelligencer, and Senator Nicholson. I occupy, substantially, the position of Col. Forney, and could work with him most heartily.

I am sure you will pardon my great freedom in thus addressing you, in consideration of the motives by which I am influenced. My sphere of usefulness and influence here is a desirable one—but I must promptly give it up to aid you, as a brother Democrat, in the glorious struggle on which you have entered with more than Roman courage.

Respectfully Yours,

C.P. H. Denison.
Chas W. Remsen
New York
Decr 16th 37
Confidential
...
J. C. Clay, Camp Springs, December 16th

To his excellency, Stephen A. Douglas,

Dear Sir,

I have just read your speech and must say I think it to be the most masterly production that I have ever read. The plan of reasoning and the sentiments therein contained is just the sentiments of your unworthy servant, exactly. I am prepared to say without hesitation that I can fully endorse it as good and wholesome Democracy.

I suppose perhaps that you are aware of the fact that there is a country paper published at this place which advocates those excellent principles enunciated by the great democratic party. I know the times of being the cotton and sugar interest, and I feel in my humble capacity endeavor to make it a valuable acquisition to the Democracy of Clay and adjoining counties. I am resolved to do all I can in my powers to aid in putting down the dangerous doctrines taught by the opposition to the bare.
anything that I can do that will
reconcile to the interest of the
democratic party I will do it
Cordially. And for years.

I have been connected
with some of my friends of
This place, almost the pleasing
of Horatio T. Van Buren
for President of the United
States of America in 1836
Stephen A. Douglas

Some of them urge the
matter, which others seem
to think premature,
and you will say that it would
accord with my feelings very
much and after the feeling of
whether it would be con-
venient or would be cal-
culated to have any tendency
in that direction. As I am
quite a young man, not ex-
perienced in public life, I will
ask you the advice
me in this case,
and would say further
more than you are the
choice of our party to run
throughout this and
adjoining counties.

now I would bring in
conclusion that as you are
considerably interested in this
formation of this matter and
as different hands of docu-
ments would prove very beneficial
to us, and as I suppose that
you have almost any kind
of them on hand, for distin-
guish and I would have
sent one or some of them before
now had you known that
I needed them. You will
please send any thing
that you may think
that you would think
proper and in disposing
you will very much
oblige your humble servant,

W. Davenport

P.S. Shall I think the
banner too you or not?
answer this at your
leisure.
Decr 16 /59

# Denman
Linsville
Clay Co.  
Illinois

Your Order
Sent

[Signature]
Fort Madison, Iowa.
Dec. 16. 1857

Hon. S. R. Douglas
My Dear Sir:

I see by the Illinois paper, you have been making a speech on the Secession Constitution, and Kansas affairs generally, in which you take the broad ground in favor of sectional sovereignty. This speech of yours is just what we want for to circulate in Iowa, and I hope you will send me a large number of copies of your late speech directed to this point and Des Moines, as I shall be at both places frequently for a few weeks to come, and I shall make arrangements to have it circulated among the people, and I will try and have our democratic papers in this state to publish it in full. You had better send a bundle of your speech to Hon. Ed. Johnston of this place also Hon. J. M. Lowne of the city of Keokuk. I have a list of all the working democrats of
this State and will take great plea-
ders in circulating any spokes-
or documents, you may wish to
have circulated in Iowa.
Would it net be good policy for
your friends in Illinois, Indiana,
Ohio, Pennsylvania, Michigan,
Wisconsin & Iowa to hold meet-
ings and express themselves in favor
of submitting the Constitution
of Kansas to a vote of the people
before she is admitted as a State?
The people of the State are all ready
to make a demonstration at any
time when it may be thought
best to do so— I should be glad
to see the people move in this
matter, and reaffirm the doctrine
of the Cincinnati Convention.
On this platform we can win, and
if we deal on principles, and
truly, our pledges to the people
they will certainly endorse us, and
it would nothing but just they
should—

I am Very Respectfully,
Mayor of London,

James Isaiah
James D. Early,
Fort Madison
Dec. 16, 1855
Sec. Wm.

Kansas Speech.
Dayton, Ohio, December 16th.

Friend Douglas,

Your speech has sent a thrill of joy to the hearts of freemen everywhere. Stand firm! The people are with you. We will make you our next President! For freedom's sake, and for the sake of the Union and its prosperity, let us face the storm like a man! and your name will live forever.

We expected better things from old Buck! We told 'em on the stump, Kansas would be a free State, and its citizens should make their own constitution, and now Buchanan takes sides with Border Ruffians. By all means have your speech printed, and scattered over the country.

Again, stand firm!

Your friend, Wm. Egory.
Dear Mr. S. A. Douglas,

Washington, D.C.

I would be a happy thing if you could call on Hon. Charles Brown who is stopping at Senator Fitzpatrick's at Washington and give him your views on the great question. He is a man of power here and while he cooperates with me he has strong Southern partialities and may be overruled by his associations.

Our new governor, Packer, will also be in Washington in a day or two and you should see him at once.

Please let me hear from you at your leisure.

Very truly yours,

[Signature]

Press Office
Phila., Dec. 16, 1857
Mr. Forney
Philadelphia
Oct. 16, 57
Political
Cookstown, Dec 16, 1857

Hon. Stephen A. Douglas
Dear Sir,

It was my privilege during a recent session of the Pa Legislature to receive an introduction to you in the Senate. Notwithstanding the difference existing in our political confessions of faith, I have firmly believed that you would be a prominent candidate for the Presidency at no remote day. Permit me, Sir, to say that your course on the all-absorbing question of your present session has made you many friends indeed, and softened down many objections that hitherto ejected a bright future awaits you.
In hopes you may consider me out of place but I have no doubt the sincerity of my motives will be a sufficient apology for this communication. With feelings of kindness and a sincere desire for your present and future welfare.

I remain your obedient son

W. C. Peason
Saratoga, NY, Oct. 16, 1857

Mr. S. A. Douglas

Dear Sir,

I thank you in the name of the Democracy of this State for your noble efforts in your self-government and I trust that every Democrat of the common cause belong to this great principle. Unite you and the North in signal triumph in our next contest for the Presidencies of the United States.

Carry out this principle and the Democratic party will be invincible; help this people be shifted, killed, by those who advocate he land as a party will be final, as individuals, being held by all means held.
fact, and the year 1850
will prove that slavery is
vindicated.
I thank you for
your noble efforts to
prevent the doctrine of the
Democratic party, than I have
the lesson to learn.

Your sister,

Geo. M. Breckenridge
J. M. Freeman

Cauf Faddick
Yuko Co. Me.
Dec. 16th

"Know you will hang"
"to the green tree"
"etc.

W0
To Hon. Stephen A. Douglas.

Dear Sir,

Without a personal acquaintance, I have taken the liberty to address you a line. I have just finished reading your speech on the new aspect of Kansas affairs, and cannot forget the expression of the pleasure it has given me. It is unanswerable, and any attempt at an answer will prove abject. Truth, justice, and honor are with you, and the result cannot be doubtful. Congress will refer the whole matter back to the people for their decision, in accordance with the spirit of the organic act, and, where that is obtained, then Kansas shall and will be admitted without regard to her position on the slavery question. But I must not forget myself. I surely need to say how much I was gratified with your speeches; I may also add, that the Democrats here are of one heart and one mind, and that they cordially endorse your course. The resolutions, adopted by the County Convention, in favor of themselves and were adopted without one dissenting voice. Neither this President's message nor your speech had reached us when our Convention was in session; or additional ones might have been passed. The message, on another matter, is generally opposed, and there is no disposition to find fault; indeed, when we are constrained to differ with the President, we do it with reluctance, and only because justice and truth require us to do so.

Most Gratefully,

Your friend,

J. Alexander Fulton

Kittanning, Pa. D.

16 December, 1857.
New Haven, Dec. 16th 1837.

A. Alexander Hall.

Entirely yours,

Conf. Baptist Church.

Yours,

[Signature]
Newton, Mass Dec. 16th

Hon. Stephen A. Douglas

Dear Sir,

I cannot do justice to my own feelings without expressing to you the great gratification which I have derived from the reading of your late speech in the Senate of the United States. It is so consistent with the principles assumed in the Nebraska act, so reasonable a part so masterly in conception, and unanswerable in argument, that I marvel that any man who has any pretensions of free government, hesitate for a moment to give in his adhesion to your position on the subject in debate. I am no politician, technically speaking, nor have I

...
Patty Douglas carried me safely through my J.B. also. As the last time your father spoke with me, he rode up to the side of the fence where it was at wash on a part of the farm, near your Grandpa Fisk, then owned by Mr. Pametan, and said to me, "Have you the little girl at home?" I asked, "Would you like to come to live with me?" She said, "Yes, I would like to do some of my family work and study with you, and the age of twenty, if I might."

"Why don't you come out as a doctor? The idea means pleasant to me, as I always liked to have your father come to my house, as I thought I should like well to live with him. But my father was then in a distant part of the state, and not long after removed with his family, and so the plan was defeated, else I might have been domiciled with you in early life."

"You will pardon me, I trust, for addressing you, stranger, that I am, when I inform you that I am a native of Brandon N.H., that I met James, boy that I was, your grandfather Fisk, and my father was an intimate friend in my father's family. His sister,
I was a graduate of Middlebury College, and have been settled in the ministry in this town for twenty-seven years. Having left my choice, I now propose for the present to receive a few pupils for English and Classic Education as by my Guardian in which I take the liberty to enquire.

If it should be in your way to recommend any gentleman inquiring for such a name as I propose this, vicinity for a son or nephew please accept my thanks in advance for any favour you may do me in this matter.

Respectfully & Truly,

Lyman Gilbert

Hon. Solomon Foot, Sec'y of the Tel. Co.
Carandaigua, N.Y.
December 16th, 51.

Hon. S. A. Douglas, Senator W.S.

Washington, D.C.

My dear Sir:

I have been for a long time, (until within a few weeks) editor of the Adrian (Michigan) Watchtower, and in that position, was a strong advocate of the principles of the Kansas-Nebraska Bill. I labored assiduously during last year for the triumph of those principles, in the election of Mr. Buchanan.

In view of the remarkable course adopted by the President, as evidenced by his message on the Kansas question, your position and remarks in defense thereof in the Senate has placed you before the people in a much more favorable light for future operation than anything else could possibly have done. Despite the efforts of the administration, your position will be heightly sus-
tained by the people—by the party at large.

As a Western man and a Democrat I thank you for the most able man-
ner in which you placed the true issues before the country. It will not be forgotten
by the party.

As both Senators from this State, as well as the Representative from
this District, are Black Republicans of course I can ask nothing of them,
and am therefore constrained to request of you the favor of a place upon
your list that I may receive doc-
ments, speeches, &c., during this session for myself and distribution. Will you
be so kind as to arrange this matter
for me?

I am, Sir,
Yours Truly,

Ch. H. Hackett.
General Land Office,
Dec. 16th 1857.

Hon. S. A. Douglas,
U. S. Senate,

Sir,

Referring you to my letter of 2d May 1856, I have now to inform you that a hearing having been had at the district office of the pre-emption cases of Asaiah D. Southworth, C. O. Barstow, A. J. Morse, H. H. Thurston and H. W. Hooper, I have carefully examined the evidence elicited, and have decided that said parties had not so complied with the law of 1841 as to entitle them to the pre-emption right to the tracts of land entered by them respectively. Their entries have therefore been cancelled.

I have the honor to be,

Very respectfully,

The Aldrich
Commissioner.
Thomas A. Lincoln
Clerk Land Office
Nov. 16/37

A. B. Munro
C. O. Barstow
A. S. Housh
J. H. Thurston

A. N. Hooper

on Rehearing of
The district office
described they had not
complied with law
of 1841. L. Emerson
their entries,
cancelled.
Dec. 16th 52

S. E. Herod
Gala. Temple Co.

To my freinds
Sent yesturday.

Galen Henry Co. P.O.
Dec 16 52

Hon J. M. Douglas

Dear Sir,

Excuse my presumption in writing. But the interest we all feel in relation to the pending of Congress at this time is such that we desire to get the truth as relate to the measures of the different branches of the Kansas question in any expense for truth being you and request that you will favor us with such" as you may deem proper to so that you are right as the Kansas question and are entitled to the
to the support of any true Democrat of all. It is a subject that does not admit of argument.

Yours truly,

Jeffersoun

Salma Henry, Ill.

A. J. Brougham, Md.
Mobile, Dec. 16, 1862.

My dear Sir,

I am convinced that the public statement referred to by a considerable portion of the people of my section of our country, is a matter of such gravity, that I have taken the liberty of entering the onward proceedings of a public meeting held here last night. You can easily judge of the character of the meeting from the names which appear in its proceedings.

The subject of Central America is receiving so much attention from people who are to be determined to act with energy and decision in their endeavor to attain those commercial advantages, which the Americanization of Central America, must manifestly produce. The meeting was very large, respectable and enthusiastic. Would that statements referring to the above affair could be written happily.

Your friend,

[Signature]

Washington, D.C.
Nicaragua Meeting in Mobile.

Portray to very brief notice, the largest public meeting ever held in Mobile, assembled on Tuesday night, 1st inst., at the Amphitheater, to consider Nicaraguan affairs and express the deep and universal sympathy felt by this community in the success of Gen. Wm. Walker. The Hon. Pury Walker moved to organize the meeting by the appointment of the following officers, viz.; Chairman, Ex-Gov. Winston; for Vice Presidents, Hon. Arthur W. Hopkins, Hon. John Hargrave and Gen. C. J. McMillin; for Secretaries, S. J. Zewan and W. H. Kennedy, which motion was adopted.

Gov. Winston, in assuming the chair, stated briefly the objects of the meeting, and expressed his own deep interest in the affairs of Nicaragua. Americanization—thought it was of vital importance to the South, and deserved the support of all his citizens.

The Hon. Pury Walker then addressed the meeting in full, concisely and triumphantly assured that Gen. Walker’s entrance into Nicaragua was lawful—that his residence and presence there were lawful—that his abandonment of the country of his adoption was consensual and under the sanction of an officer whose government had given him such authority—that he owed solemn duties to the United States as a guest, and he returned a matter of right, with which it was unnecessary, he said, to discuss the Government had no authority to interfere. Col. Walker stated and proved that there was no violation of our neutrality laws in the fact or the intent of Gen. Walker’s return to Nicaragua, and expressed the opinion that any exception by our Government against him was unjust and unreasonable. He stated the remarks by submitting the following resolution, which was unanimously adopted:

R E S O L U T I O N.

That the Committee of U.S. citizens, composed of Dr. (Rey) of the Embassy in the Galapagos Islands, authorized by the State Department to represent the interest of U.S. citizens in these territories, is hereby requested to confer with the authorities of the Government of Nicaragua with a view to the establishment of a commercial relationship between the United States and the said territories, and the existing relations between them.

R E S O L U T I O N.

That this General Assembly does commend the generalコレクション to the Mexican Government to express the general American people’s opinion to the Mexican Government of the necessity of a declared and open neutrality on their part in the events which have taken place, and to refer this matter to the United States Government, with a reference to the principles and on the understanding that the same is to be given effect either by negotiation or by force of arms.

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Pittsburgh Dec. 16/57

Dear Sir,

I will be under obligations for a copy of your Speech on the new Phase of the Kansas question, for any other documents of interest during the session.

It may be gratifying to you to know that nine tenths of the Democrats in this part of the County are with you fully & emphatically in the bold, unflinching position you have taken in defense of the great principle of our party that which was its battle cry during the last campaign.

Very respectfully,

James R. Hopkins
Manchester N. H. Dec. 16

Hon. S. A. Douglas
Dear Sir,

I take the liberty of writing a few lines to you to ask a favor of you. I want to get the Second Valley of the Pacific Railroad Survey, as I have got the rest of the valley, and I want this one to make the set complete by sending it you will confer a favor and much obliged a friend.

Yours with Respect

George S. Howard

Will you send me a few copies of your speech and oblige.

G. S. Howard
George S. Howe
Manchester 176
Dec. 1847

North Pacific
R. S. Illey
Root Post Office
Montgomery County
State of New York
December 16, 1857

Sir, if published in pamphlet form will you please forward me a copy of your speech delivered a few days ago in the United States Senate on the Kansas Question. If entirely convenient to do so a compliance will confer a favor.

I remain in haste but truly yours,

Ch. Hubbs

Hon. D. A. Douglas
U.S.S. Washington
Dec.