Hon. S. A. Douglas,

I have just returned from a visit of the day, to the interior of this State, and feel it no less a duty, than a pleasure to assure you that your course in regard to Kansas, meets the warm approbation of all classes. I spent some day attending court in Sumner County, where leading gentlemen from other counties were present, and with one exception all joined in sustaining your course. I did not mention names, but if we will speak, the Hon. James H. Graham, President of the District, a stately Democrat; he can warn or upbraid the doctrines as cogently as you speak.

Time being politics, myself, but I trust right will most prevail, in spite of the overshadowing influence of those in power. I presume you do not remember all your casual acquaintances, and may not receive me with the cordiality of former years. I was at the Thirteen Hotel, in the City, some two years since, I was at that time surgeon.
Phila Dec 1877
RC Hale
Compliments
appiring
you hence
but care
of speed
Cambridge 1st Dec 1857

Hon. J. A. Douglas
Sir,

These being an necessity
to raise troops to go to Utah I would ask of you as a friend that you would if it be possible through your influence get an appointment either as a Captain Sergeant or in some other capacity for Anna D. Hamilton & C. Wilson.

I think there might be a large Company raised in Old Hancock and if the right material it do good service. Any thing you can do to advance the trip will be most gladly received and warmly appreciated.

Yours Truly

A. Hamilton
Cresskill, Schuylkill County, Pennsylvania
December 18th, 1857

Hon. Stephen A. Douglas

Dear Sir,

Will you have the kindness to send me a copy of your speech delivered yesterday, I believe on the 9th instant, a friend loaned me a paper containing it, and had the pleasure to read it. Your arguments are unanswerable. I am exceedingly anxious for a copy to hand to some Democratic friends for perusal. Please excuse my impatience in asking this favor.

Yours truly,

Jas. Hammond
Jae. Hamner.
Brumbyburg.
Schuykillco.
Pa.
Dec. 18th
07.
Romte. Spreeh.
Senator

I should be very glad to receive some copies of your speech on the Kansas Leamositton Convention. Popular Sovereignty question. We add to the Cincinnati Platform in New Jersey, New York, New Tecky.

A. A. Vandenhootv.

Now S. A. Douglas.
Jersey City
N Y.
Dec 18th 1857
A L. Hartinsey
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J Speech
Last Q F.
Chicago, Dec 18, 1857

Friend Douglas,

The Post Office at Sugar Grove in Kane County should be discontinued and used for the sole use of the Chicago Democrat.

Our lord how bright our skirts are, you are now the popular man of the month, you have captivated the Republican Party. What shall we do with them?

Truly Inscribed,

A. W. Heimington
Chicago
Dec 1866
A.M. Herrington

Says that the Post Office at Englewood Street Co. should be discontinued. Says that you are the popular man of the North.

Yours truly,

In Seven Dollars
A. E. Jones

[Signature]
Oklahoma Dec 1875

Mr. Stephen A. Douglas

Sir, although I am not acquainted with you and never saw you but once, nevertheless I desire the privilege of requesting you to send me a copy of your address in the Senate in regard to Kansas affairs.

Yours
O.T. Hill

389 10th St
Collins Court, Erie, Pa.,
December 13th, 1857.

Honor. Stephen A. Douglas,
Dear Sir:

I send you one or more copies of your speech, made on the 9th inst. Your position is Democratic—stand firm and you must triumph in the end.

Very truly yours,
Geo. H. Hodge

[Signature]
Pompeo'sburg Gazette Co, O.  
Dec. 18, 1857

Hon. S. A. Douglas—

Sir:—The first time that I ever enjoyed the privilege of "sovereignty" it was to vote for Stephen A. Douglas, for Congress in Lewistown, Fulton Co., Ill. Hence, from the fact of having once been your constituent, I feel the greater liberty in addressing you. We in Ohio, in the great political battle that resulted in the election of James Buchanan, contended for the principles of the Kansas Nebraska act against greater odds than existed in any other State. The Democracy have withstood the assault of all their old opponents united. Suffering never often occurs, we renewed the struggle, in the firm belief, that the wisdom and justice of the principles involved, would assuredly triumph. We have seen the dawning of that day, and we are not willing that the great principle thus sanctified and endorsed to us, shall be set aside. The flag of "popular sovereignty" was nailed to the mast head amid the din of the battle—if it fell, we fell with it. The high stand you have taken upon this principle, and the truthfulness and boldness with which you sustain it now, must meet with a hearty response from every lover of freedom in our Republic.

But enough. When I set down to write you, it was merely to make a request that you would place my name upon your list, as one of your constituents, so that I could be in the receipt of documents and speeches, the better to enable me to fight the enemy. The democracy of this neighborhood have not, generally, been the recipient of many of those favors;—hence, the enemy have occasionally been in advance of us. I shall, too, write our worthy and talented
Young Congressman, J. S. Boy, and furnish him with a list of names to supply with these favors.

Your Friendship,

W. S. Hoskins, M.D.

Please address

Dr. W. S. Hoskins
Pancostburg
Yazette Co., Ohio
New York, Dec 17th, 1867.

Hon. S. A. Douglas,

Dear Sir:

Will you have the kindness to send me at the Williamsburgh P. O. (New York) a copy of your late speech on the Kansas question.

During the present session of Congress, should you find yourself at a loss as to whom to send any Congressional documents at your disposal, I hope you will also have the kindness to remember me among your list of recipients for the same.

Your obd. Servat.

William J. Huff
Jenncy No. 10
Oct. 64
Wn. Smith Bingham
Trustee Speeches
Sent to Missouri
Augman Co.
Fy.
Sent Cofy

Lluney M. B. 1857
My dear Judge
Returning some
Missouri when I was on speaking
Sometime when I design making
My future residence. I have just
Concluded reading your great
Speech on Father's affairs and
Cannot deny myself the pleasure of
Congratulations upon the great
Vanityhouse hung the great Senatorial
Canon. I hear you clause in
This matter between us in Mo.
as well as here- with any little
difference of Opinion. Hoping
you may be equally successful
in the cause and care. I am
Only Acconing to them that
1st the 1st at Charleston in 1860
I have the honor
to E. W. Atkin
Mrs. H. S. Jordan C. M. Smith the Appraiser
I am
P.S. I shall be greatly obliged of you will let me know if you should Michiel Vadder find as a packet at the Post Office a Miss. Meridew Lay Co. My friend Aysham.
Salmony, Lorain Co. Ohio
Dec 18, 1867

Hon. Stephen A. Douglas
Sir,

Please send me a copy of your speech upon that part of the President's Message relating to the Reconstruction Constitution.

From what I can gather from the public prints, I am of the opinion that your course will meet with the hearty support of Ohio. Be assured that you have many ardent admirers and co-workers in this part of the Union and among the least enthusiastic is your humble Servt.

E.C. Johnson
C. G. Johnson
C. Y. Johnson,
Co. C. 5th Ind. Inf.,
Decr. 18th, 1863.
Approbation.
no
Sciotoville, Ohio
Dec. 1857

Hon. Sir,

I am very anxious to read your speech in the Senate on the Kansas Constitution. I have not seen it yet, in any of the papers which I take—and I am a subscriber to papers of the three parties.

I had the honor of an introduction to you on the 1st Monday of Dec. 1851 in the “Hall of Representatives” by Hon. Joseph Cable then a Member of the House from the State—I have watched your progress in the political world since then, quite narrowly, and if you have taken the ground which I am led to believe you have—on the “Kansas question,” you will immortalize yourself.

You will be the idol of the majority of the North, and even the South will admire you, and hold you in respect, though your actions may call forth the most bitter opposition. Will it be asking too much of you, to solicit you to mail to my address a copy of that speech, which will be read with interest & assure, by one who anticipates witnessing the day when you will occupy the highest office in the Nation.

Allow me to add in conclusion that for nearly four years past I have been a resident of Mo. and only left that State a short time ago. But even then the grounds which you occupy are popular. Any speech of Pub. Doc. that you may see proper to mail to my address will be thankfully received and duly appreciated.

Respectfully yours,
(Maj) T. R. Kidd

Washington, D.C.
Pueblo River, Pueblo, Colo.
Oct 18th 1887.
J. W. Steed
Ph. D. O. R. S.
Rut Co. and
Speech.
Monroe Green Co, Wisconsin
Dec 18th, 1857

Hon S. A. Douglas, Dear Sir,

The documents you may request to send me will be thankfully received.

I am chairman of the Democratic County Committee and would say that the democracy of this County go for submitting the entire Constitution to the people of Kansas.

Yours Truly,
Geo. H. King
Scott King
Monroe,
Green Co., Wis.
Dec. 1857,
Want, please.
Port Byron, Cayuga Co., N.Y., Dec. 1857

Dear Sir,

You may perhaps remember a couple of gentlemen who were introduced to you at your rooms at the Briggs House, Chicago, one evening in October a year since, by Mr. Diller of your State, both for one of whom was a Mr. Marshall from Concord, N.H., and the other was myself. I mention the circumstances to indicate the person who now thanks you, as I do most heartily, for a copy of your speeches in the Senate (printed) addressed to the "Masonic Union," at Auburn, N.Y., of which I was formerly the editor.

I hardly think a speech has been delivered in that House or in the U.S. within ten years past which has produced half the sensation of this, and do justly, too, for the country was shocked at the audacity and perfidy of those in Heaven who claim to be our Democratic brethren, and who had pledged themselves to carry out the organic laws in its purity. Pardon me for mentioning that on its receipt (it first came to me that the N.Y. Daily Times) I sat up to a late hour and read it to an esteemed and venerable friend of mine (Judge Diller) whose eyesight failed him, and he often stopped me to express his thanks and gratitude for its truthfulness, power and eloquence, and for its entire adaptation to the exigencies of the occasion. Judge Diller (a Democrat of 70 years) would not excuse me until I had also read the discussion which followed its delivery, in which we were joined by some Senators, Bigler and Mason diminishing in
start of the appeal to us delegates,
I must be permitted to say your arguments
are unanswerable, your position is impregnable, and the ad-
ministration must yield to it, and the country must pur-
sue the policy indicated therein, or the former will be
shattered into fragments and the latter will be agitated from
end to end with imminent dangers terny side
for an indefinite period to come.

Again thanking you for your political view,
ing me to the prospect, and indulging the hope that it may
be honored with your remembrance hereafter, I remain
With corolations of high respect,

Fortunall [illegible]
[illegible]

Yours,
[illegible]
[illegible]

[illegible]
Friday the 8th, 1797,
Port Royal,
Mr. and Mrs. J. C.
Years after.

Hon. T. A. Douglas,

Will you please send me a few copies of the De comprata Constitution.

Yours truly,

D. Lyman

P.S. Also, P. P. P. P. Parishes, from yourself or other sources in the city.

(Handwritten note: 1420)
Pleasant Valley
Whitney & Co
Lyman
2 or 3 copies
They
总而言之
sent me a copy
speech.
Milwaukee, Wis. Dec 18th 1857.

Mr. Burnet: Christie

Agrees Coins

Sent Copy of Speech.

I have just read your great Speech in the Senate of the 9th inst. and as an individual Democrat I wish to acknowledge to you the immense satisfaction which I have derived from its perusal. As an intellectual effort I think that the Senate has produced no thing like it since the memorable 7th March 1850. But its great importance consist in the fact that it is a vindication of the principle...
and doctrines upon which we fought the presidential campaign and elected James Buchanan. We are all committed to these doctrines, and every democrat in Wisconsin will rally to your support cordially and with enthusiasm.

Let me assure you again of my hearty acknowledgment and believe me devotedly

Arthur H. Arthurs
Bunker, Dec. 16th, 1854

Hon. Stephen A. Douglas
Dear Sir,

Your whole political history is proof conclusive that popular sentiment is of little moment to you when that sentiment conflicts with your own sense of justice and right. Yet you cannot be indifferent to the opinions of men when their applause accompanies you upon the path of principle and honor.

Your position upon the Kansas question meets the hearty approval of the Democracy of this State. Our press, however, is controlled by timid and selfish men—by men whose appointment to office is deferred in order to secure the aid of those who oppose the extension of slavery or propose to fight the Democratic party and its candidates...
Should you not be sustained in the Senate, remember that you are not defeated.
Your friends brought this question to the point where popular sovereignty means something—it now has vitality. If necessary a new party will come to the rescue of the sovereignty of the people and of its champion.
That party may have its origin here, at your own home, or possibly in Washington. It will have a Northern limit, but it will not be sectional; its boundaries will be the boundaries of our common country, for its platform will be the sovereignty of the people and self-government will be supported for all as well as for the few. Excuse me for addressing you thus and now. You will probably recognize me as one who has written to you before and to whom you have sent many of your Kansas Reports for distribution. May you have the kindness to send me a few copies of your late speech on the Thirteenth Amendment for the same purposes and greatly admire
Yours truly
Benj. F. Harter
Bengal Encl. Dec 10th 1897.
Beng. Rszr.
Appurtenance
Comar
I wish to send Speed
2nd Copy
Rochester, Monroe Co.,
Dec. 18, 1867

Hon. S. A. Douglas

My dear Sir,

Your speech, in the U. S. Senate, of the 7th instant, is attracting a good deal of attention. I am anxious to obtain it. Can you send me a copy?

Yours truly,

John A. McGregor
Ino A. Mclerray
Rochester.
N.Y.
Dec. 18th 37
Banks Speech.
Oelovar Wisconsin Dec. 18, 1857

Mr. Stephen A. Douglas
Dear Sir:

In behalf of the Democracy of the State, I am requested to address you concerning your position, and late speech delivered in the U. S. Senate upon the President's Message. So far as related to Kansas, your course meets with the entire approbation of the Democracy of Wis. Had you pursued any other course, you would have been indemnified by the party, and you would have left a stain upon yourself that would be difficult to wipe out. As one of your firm defenders upon the passage of the Kansas & Nebraska Act, so am I determined to sustain you upon your late speech.

You do not know the thrill of joy that ran through the bosom of the Democracy when we received your speech. Even the black Republicans admit that they have done you great injustice. You have gained thousands of friends by your speech. I called upon the Chairman of the Democratic Central committee of our State, He wished me to let you know that he was head and foot with you. Be firm and gear not in the "West."
To the Democracy. Knowing that the cause you have and do advocate, has done more to sustain and strengthen the Democratic party than any other cause extant.

I remain Sir, your obedient servant,

L. H. Mansfield P. M.

Delavan, Wis.
J. H. Mansfield
P. W. Nobleman, Ohio
Decr 13 1857
Sedutoery
1837

South New Vermont Fe.

To the Hon. J. A. Douglas, Esq.

I would like if it is not too much trouble to you, to send me the write on the N State Expedition to Japan, entitled I believe, from Perry's Expedition to Japan.

It would be a great favor to me as I do not know of any other method that I can procure it, and you would much oblige your humble servant,

Albert Martin

P.S. Please send to Albert Martin South New Grand Isle E. C.
Dec 18th 47

Mr. Douglas

Please send me a copy of your speech of the 2d, and oblige yours

S. F. Maynard
Sterling, Ill.

Stephen A. Douglas, M.E.
Washington, D.C.
Ottawa LaSalle Co Oct 18 57

S A Douglas

You will probably recogize
in me an old acquaintance and friend and like
pardon my humble intimation to your precious ears when
I inform you that I have watched your rising greatness
and influence with a keen interest for 20 years past.

My object now in addressing you is merely to add
an humble word of encouragement to you in this trying
time you may not always that almost every genuine
Democrat in this State is on your side. And I
rejoice that you have taken the high ground of
the Kansas & Nebraska Bills that the people shall
govern themselves. I hope you will not flinch
from your position but manfully redeem our pledges
and the principles of the organic act. And in so
done you will earn to your self an immortal
fame that will greatly increase your
own influence and restore peace and harmony to the
party. I hope you will remember me by the way
of public documents, and command me in
any thing that I can do for you personally or politically.

And should you feel a moment of strain there is no one
from whom a hint would be more acceptable.

believe me Dear Sir

Yours most friendly
C Y Miller
C.S. Mather Esq.
Nampa
La Vale Co.
Dec 18th.

Send copy
Yours,

[Signature]
F. D. Miner
Catania
Dec. 1857
Pawlet Patents Office
Rents
and card seeds

R. C. Douglas

I wish you would send
the reports of patents
of 1856 & 57 &
Eadum of seeds in the
Bureau Agricultural for distribution.
We want them for our
Libra we want the
mechanical reports &
the Agricultural reports
of 1856 & 57 you will
probably get a great number of farmers

J. D. Miner
Dec.

J. A. Douglas
Member Senate
Augst 16th
Dec 18th 57

Sir, J. A. Douglas

Dear Sir

No congratulations which I might offer you, on account I some most fortunate in behalf of

Mr. Howlett could be more amount to you — the appearance of you own

Dear answer is with more than all empty praise — set me dog knowing that you finds all own this begin

an more proud of you than ever — I need not say, go on

Forthly, for I know you. For all
to expect you of any kindness — you must not be too fully assuaged, to you will triumph on all Competetion. — The Dominions of the great states will all Cast down your feet. If the able &c. Ministers. (which I hope it will not) it will be left without a Notional Support, & will fall as the shell, without the Cynthia of my part. — In one thing I will be Obedient to the point, that the pledge of a great party, means something more than ‘Tell Society’ & all is insist upon a full & final Settlement upon a permanent basis of the wrongs of the South. I am for the Nebraska Bill, as the Montana. Then, as one settle in the South, as they have been in the South, I
Then be still be immovable
A true fan of you I present
Your fame would be most
Shattering
You with the more
Then always another

Dear Whitman

Best regards

[Signature]

[Date]
Ashtabula Dec 18 1854

Hon. Stephen A. Douglas

Dear Sir,

Will you be so kind as to send me some public documents. I would like the Messages of Mr. Franklin Pierce and Mr. James Buchanan, also some of your own Speeches, together with the report of the Smithsonian Institute for 1854. Also other documents as it would please you to send. The young men in this village are about starting a Debating School, and I would like the above named documents to aid me in repelling all attacks made by my opponents on the democratic party or administration.

Yours respectfully,

Hon. S. A. Douglas

Oscar C. Bliss
Oscar O. Pratt
Ashland, Ohio
Dec 4th 1857
Wants documents
Sincerely
Alexandria, Va De 18, 1857

Sir

Will you please send me a few copies of your speech of the 9th inst. on the Kansas question.

Respectfully yours,

W. S. Pudge

Hon. S. A. Douglas
Washington, D.C.
W. J. Gadgeb
Alexandria Va.
Dec. 18 [illegible]

Thank copy of your letter