New York December 21st, 1857

Chicago Times

The Commerce treaty just passed for publication, but I have thought you ought to know what is the feeling in our city with regard to the course of the Hon. Stephen Douglas. I speak as a strong opponent of the present administration and its principles. I consider a National Republican candidate only a few days langage since Mr. D. has taken position against the administration, many of our friends already on him as the next candidate for President in opposition to the party now in power. His antecedents and all in general are distinctly not the point driven from the position he took in 1852 to be sufficient for the anti-slavery part of the Country. But in all this, it is to be borne in mind that the whole commercial interests, the factories, the mechanical labor, interest of the Country are not more important than all others. The whole Commercial and manufacturing interest, the Country on the face of it the whole Republican Government in the West is in favor of it.
that nothing but a harlot practice for the open and avowed persecution of the Protestant religion in Ireland is more certain to destroy the grand and foreign art you can offer that shall make them see what cannot be concealed from them that action cannot accomplish the fate of the Holy Church by setting them in an exposing posture. Leaving, as it were, an arm in the air as an example. Nothing but the success of your efforts can prevent, for I do not believe the democratic party at the next election. By that time the French question will probably come into the political arena. Mr. B. is a man that I know and respect, and if I were to take a side, I would not go with him. The American people have an interest in the peace and prosperity of the country, and it is their duty to support the constitutional government. The Constitution is the only guide that can lead us to success. The American people are not afraid to fight for their rights, and they will stand by their principles. The American people will not be led by the false hopes of the democrats. They will stand by their principles and support the Constitution. The American people will not be led by the false hopes of the democrats. They will stand by their principles and support the Constitution.
New York December 22, 1857

Sir,

As you will see in the communication now in the hands of a Chicago paper, but in a different form, it can only be shown by reference to the direct testimony of the President that I may assume that no candidate for the Presidency can obtain the votes of the North and East, no matter who is not a protective Democrat. I write to you on the subject in the hope your paper or any of your friends may see fit to publish the article. They feel that the policy of the country has been tried and that your paper is in a better position to publish if the article.

They are, therefore, that the majority of the Southern States are inclined to the South, the desideratum will be between protection and free trade. The South is, therefore, the subject of the article. I am not that I have been always in favor of the American Commercial Code, and I do not believe that it is the policy of the Union. Under such a arrangement, I have not been always in favor of the American Commercial Code, and I always have been always in favor of the American Commercial Code. The President and his friends have been always in favor of the American Commercial Code.
Battle Creek Calhoun County
State of Michigan Dec 21st, 1857

How Stephen A. Douglas
Respected Sir

Permit me to ask of you a favor— I have recently volumes No. 3 and part of Explorations for a Railroad Route from the Mississippi River to the Pacific Ocean—and wish to have Vol. No. 1 and No. 2—and being an admirer of your political course and believing that you will be the next President of the United States—I wish to have the honor of receiving said documents from you which I received—will be looked on as a mark of especial favor from your hand.

I am one of the Route Agents on the Michigan Central Railroad—and do not know but I shall lose my head for being a Douglas man but I go it from principle your course is admired by a large share of the people of Michigan—and I do not know but you will become the God of the Unionists—If you do me the favor please direct to Battle Creek Mich. Vol. No 1 & 2—Wishing you a long life and a brilliant career

To
How S. A. Douglas

Respectfully your old servant

John S. Adams
John S. Adams
Battle Creek
Calhoun Co. Mich.
Nov. 21, 1857

Want Nov 1st
2. Pacific R. Roads
Survey
Dec. 21, 1857

W. H. Baker

Winchester Va

Dec. 17th, 1857


Will Mr. Douglas be so kind as to favour me with his speech on Kansas affairs.

And tell —

W. H. Baker

Winchester Va Dec. 21, 1857
Clinton Iowa
Dec 21, 1857

Dear Sir,

Will you do me the favor to lend a few Congregational books tome that I may be able to present them to a library association here? I will present them in your name, saying that 0 requested the favor.

Since I wrote to you I have seen several prominent democrats from different states, and I have yet to find the man, who disagrees with you on the position you have taken in the Kansas Constitution.

An active N H politician said, "We are all glad that Douglas has taken the stand he has. It is the only thing that can save us from annexation."

Another, approving of
Your course says "Douglas is right. He must stick to the right of the people of Kansas to decide on their constitution and that too, without any attempt to force upon them what is objectionable. Slavery may not be the only question, that the people of Kansas wish to vote upon."

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

M. B. Baker

Mr. A. Douglas
Washington

Judge Jefferson, well of your city, in this state, is strongly in favor of your views.
Private

New York, Dec. 21st, 1857

Hon. S. A. Douglas
Dear Sir:

I enclose a few sun-rays for your personal benefit.

I was told this afternoon that Mayor Wood is striving for the post of postmaster in this city. Should his name be sent to the Senate for confirmation, it ought to be opposed, and, if possible, prevented. I say this from no political feeling or personal animosity, for I have neither. He stands convicted in the eyes of the community here of perjury and fraud in private transactions, and his official career has been beset on all sides with such suspicions as very rarely attend the course of an honest man. If you desire
then I will furnish facts in particular enough to convince the senate that he is totally unfit for any office of public trust.

Yours Truly,

[Signature]

[Date]
Washington, Dec 21, 1857

Hon. S. C.Douglas

Pardon me for troubling
upon you. I merely wish to give you a
short extract from one of my books in Craw-
ford County, O.- a County which always stood
by the Kansas-Nebraska bill one of the
first to take positive upon that measure
and will be the last to desert it. But both
extract:

"Now for the most important of all questions.
How do you stand on Stephen A. Douglas? do
you take his side or do you go with the administra-
tion? I also want to know where Judge Hale stands.
This is a question in which the two democrats here
take a deep interest. They want to know where
you stand and where the Judge stands. Dr.
Ward, (that is the P.M.) thinks to Douglas like a
"tick" If the question could be put to the demo-
cracy of little Crawford, Douglas would have
at least twenty b one. Hope to find you
will stand by the principles for which you
fought in The Campaign of 1863-64.
May other mile can fail the master of
the Democracy of Crawford.
I'm can not assured the De-
mocracy of little Crawford are
with you.
Random me for this situation,
but below me join
devoted friend
Mr. P. Bell
Dear Mr. Russell,

I trust this letter finds you in good health and spirits. I write to offer my most heartfelt congratulations on your recent appointment as the new governor of the colony. It is a position of great responsibility and honor, and I have no doubt that you will excel in this role.

The news of your elevation to this position has been met with universal acclaim, and I believe it is a testament to your dedication and hard work. Your accomplishments thus far are a clear indication of your capacity to lead and inspire others.

I look forward to hearing more about your plans for the future and how you intend to contribute to the development of the colony. May your tenure as governor be a source of pride and accomplishment.

Yours sincerely,

[Signature]
Pittsburgh Dec 21/57

Dear S. A. Douglas,

I will you favor me with a chautlett copy of your late admirable speech in the Senate in the Kansas question. I should also like to have a copy of Governor Johnson's letter of resignation in the same form. I have never been identified with the Republican party, but I think I can say with safety that the people of the North are prepared to sustain you in your present course. It is perhaps better for me to add that I sustained Mr. Fillmore for the Presidency in 1856.
find your recent statement among the accounts in the city. I came to your store and examined Copy of James & Mr. Johnson's copy which would be pleased to have copies of your stock.

Sincerely yours,

J. L. Brady
New Lisbon Dec 21, 57

Mr. Stephen A. Douglas

Dear Sir:

Allow me to thank you at a favor, a few copies of your unanswerable speech on the Compromise Constitution.

The bold and many justifications given by you against that bad and corrupt instrument; and in vindication of the Congress rights of the people, secures the condemnation of all parties in that region of the County. I hope and think that view is yet verified enough left in the great body of the American People to sustain you, and carry you triumphantly through.

Very respectfully your friend,

C. L. Brewer

New Lisbon Dec 21, 57

Respects to Miss Brewer.

P.S. I have written to Daniel Weaver for a few Axes.
Portand DeKalb Co.,
Illinois Dec. 21, 1857

Hon. S. A. Douglas

Dear Sirs,

May I trouble you for a copy of your speech on the President's Message; and if convenient with two or three extra copies for dis-tribution. If not too much trouble I would like also a copy of the Patent Office Report Agricultural and Mechanical for 1855.

Very Respectfully,

S. A. Briggs.
New York City
21st Dec. 1857.
W. S. Brown.

[Handwritten notes:]
- Thanks for autograph.
- Best.


Hon. Stephen A. Douglas
Sir,

For some months back I have been collecting autographs of our great men for an album which I intend as a New Year's gift to a lady friend.

If it is possible, you would have the kindness and send me your own. You would confer a great favor on your obedient servant,

Wm. S. Brown
Acting Librarian
34 Lafayette Place, N.Y.
Argus Office
Middletow Com.
1st Dec 1857.
W. Carter.
Thank you,

August Office
Middletown Conn.
31st Dec 1857

My dear Sir:

I have the honor to thank you for a copy of some truly great speech delivered to the Senate on the 9th inst. in opposition to the action of the recent Constitutional Convention of Kansas. I enclosed to you, on Saturday, a copy of the Argus from which you will see that the Democracy of this section of Conn agree with you in the same. This, it is to be recollected, also, is the only city and county in New England that gave the Delaware a majority. And there I let me say that although a tongue-laid speech is
silent, and on the subject, yet that the matters are, at a man, in favor of that broad construction of the Kansas-Nebraska act, which will give to the people of the territory, the right to regulate and form all their domestic institutions in any Consitutional way, best suited to themselves.

Charles Chapman, of N.P., who was in Congress a few years ago, told me yesterday that there were at least three Democrats in N.P. who supported the administration in this matter. You have taken the right position and in its best armed you will be supported by the Democracy of Conn.

With the highest respect,

Hon S.A. Douglass
N. S. Carter
New Orleans, Dec. 21, 1857

To Senator Douglas,

I took up your speech on the

Mississippi under the impression that the President

wants right in promising acquiescence if Congress

chose to act the Spanish bent of the Kansas ques-

tion. It seems I felt sad to think you were

about following the downward footstep of Mas-

ter Van Buren. I had not half finished the speech

however, before it became plain that you ap-

proved the cutting, because the light, which

guided Washington, Jefferson, and Jackson, when

environed with difficulties in the most critical

periods of our country's history, had appeared

unto you, it was leading you on to write that

that must preserve the integrity of our party,

the pillars of our

honor, of our dearer bonds

of his country, walking on precept, where

to doubt the way or to flinch from being responsible

with the foul features of the

Black

Republicans, or to blind the eyes of the uplifted

bricklayer laborers, we are to fall into a paternalized

gave way to a warm plow of pleasure at
seeing in the distance, that light expanded into a pillar of fire, leading the Koreans to party to follow with just similar plan, it was the only need to withdraw itself, whilst entering from the eastern church, surrounding the Kansas controversy, a combination of peculiar circumstances had got the southern wing of the party into such Egyptian dashed, as to cause many good men there to take refuge of their time honored principles. The Massachusetts law to eject the British's rifles had led to the adoption of counter-revolutionary measures. The one use of the rifles of the fag arising from the foul materials of treason, invasion, in Georgia, the necessity of indiscrimination, which both parties had brought upon the political arena had got the whole question involved in broad explanation about the tone of the important elections, and began to play in the truth, where the known things were trying to wear their last forever. Then they made capricious out of every little indication, or supine because that they could profit, as in for Walker's inaugural. His various speeches, with a view to securing up all the old heads of the democratic party, south to appear hint the adorning the nation's truce, the holiday letter, Richmond South of Charleston Mercury.
Dear Squire Martin,

New orleans 21 Nov 1857

This evening you came again in your full armor in another form.

Yours truly,

[Signature]

Sent

Fall into the trap set by the ferocious enemy on the secret battlefront. Fight those meddling good democrats in the know nothing battle arena. Not to be frustrated, the democracy triumphed in Kentucky. Drums heard everywhere. And the impression became strongly stamped upon the mind.

That Walker was plotting to make Kansas a free state contrary to the wishes of its people. That the convention was patriotically endeavoring to counteract Walker’s plots. Hence hostility to the convention at Leavenworth came to be regarded as hostility to the south. The fact that the convention itself had ignored the fundamental principles of the Kansas-Nebraska Act was in my mind.

Walker, being a short lived triumph, by the disappear of the democrats party, was over looked in the election. I over looked it myself until I testified in the midst of your speeches. To try it by that unerring rule, the death of our government applied to their political principles as tests of their soundness. To do as they would be done by. To apply this test to your speeches, it was necessary to reverse the circumstances to pass the
[Handwritten text not legible]
Ask Grove Iggals, Co Illinois Dec 21, 1857

Hon S. A. Douglas

Dear Sir: Your Speech (last week) on the President's Message and your stand have been met with much pleasure and I highly approve of the high and honorable stand you have taken in reference to the Kansas Lecompton Convention and the Constitution adopted by them. If I am not being much mistaken the stand you have taken in your Speech will be one of the most popular acts of your life. I shall always be pleased to receive any documents that you may see proper to send me, if the Patent Office should furnish you any seed or reports for distribution I should be glad to be remembered in your distribution of the same. I am acting in the humble capacity of your place and if I can render you any service at any time you will do so with pleasure.

Yours Truly
John B. Clark
John B. Clarke

Post W.

Ask Move Tramway

Hrs. Dec. 21, '57.

Approbatory

want of D. O. Dept.

S. Fisher, Leeds.
Weeks Mills
Dec 21 1857

Hon S. A. Douglas

Sir,

Will you have the kindness to remit me a copy of your speech in the US Senate on the Secompens Constitution and oblige your

Respectfully,

L. D. Chadwick

W. S. A. Douglas

Weeks Mills
Mann
To Chadwick
Weeked Mills
Dec. 21/57
Want Speed.
P.O. Rushville
Ontario Co.
Dec 26/57

Hon. S.A. Douglas,

Dear Sir,

Pardon me as a stranger to you personally, but not to your political principles for thus addressing you, for I am well aware that your time is important, but I would nevertheless ask you to do me the favor of forwarding to me some of your Speeches on the Kansas Leavenworth convention (which I see you have ordered published) as much to satisfy the demand for them in this locality as for my own satisfaction.

The Speeches contain political doctrines much approved of in this section indeed, I might say your position is almost uniformly endorsed in comparison with the views entertained...
and the number opposed to the principle one year ago.

Our village contains about 800 inhabitants and there was but 12 in the whole town who stood firm National Democrats on the platform laid down by the Cincinnati Convention.

I will mention one with whom you are personally acquainted in Chistir Comins of Ontario, so who went over to the enemy together with a mind of influential Democrats who followed his example but who are now repentant and would like to get back to the fellowship of the Democracy whose brotherhood they always acknowledged and were proud of but is laughable to see the bozos Democracy shew the black Republican Wing who a short time ago fought and succeeded in every name of Popular Sovereignty and was spending hardeady at the ball mention of the Kansas Nebraska Bill.

Now applauding your efforts and supporting the section of that bill with an热情 which shows how uncomfortable they have felt during the year they have been numbering in the Brookfield sheet of Politick History.

The day before this was but I Min in the town who supported you I fully endorse your principles with the Nathaniel beam of the Democrat party for the next President it would fully maintain their position a which you always evidenced such good feeling those our old Richard Gaun (Who Knows you) and myself, now at this time there are not one out of ten but what are Cousin Min,

as our representative from this District John O. B. Potter is a Republican and as they have about 4 times as many skilled printers as we I presume he will send a few to his friends.
If you find the work too much for you and I will distribute as judiciously and as advantageously as I am capable of doing. If you think it worth the trouble I will forward you a list of names from this district to whom it might be advantageous to send documents to, or you can find a list of names at Washington with the Democratic Convention of the last campaign who I corresponded and contributed with.

At all events for no efforts shall be spared or advantage overlooked to Sip the public much before the present of popular Sovereignty vested for money a prodigal son from the path of his father is now having an opportunity to return to the home of the good old Democracy.

I have a good opportunity to know the feeling in this community upon public business from my position as postmaster of this place having been in the office since 1852.

To,

Hon. S. H. Douglass
U. S. Senator
Washington, D.C.
I. O. Chamberlain

Rushville
Ontario Co
Wls.

- Gratulatory -

Ten days ago about two men now vote one vote ten votes your supporter.

Wants Rev. Comm. here of Cass-Campaign to furnish list for his section.
Middletown, Rockwards County, Illinois, December 21, 1817

Hon. J. A. Douglass
Sir,

Allow me to trouble you to send to the office of the Land Commissioner (Mr. Hendricks) and get for me a book or pamphlet containing the decisions or opinions of the commissioners in reference to Preemptions or Preemptions of Government Lands.

I am informed they have something of the kind in the Commissioners' Office. The title of the book or whatever it may be I do not know.

Please send in your own name to the office—I shall be sure to get the book. The kindness I will reciprocate with great pleasure.

Yours, John Chambeaux.
Washington D C
Dec 28 1857
My dear sir,

I met Mr. George Douglas by complying with the motion requested in your letter.

Best regards,

[Signature]
Fairport Monroe County, N.Y.
December 3rd, 1857

Hon. S. A. Douglas

Sir: I have met with short extracts of your remarks in debate on the subject of the submission of the Constitution of Kansas to the People of that State, and having long been an operator in and an earnest supporter of the democratic party, and feeling an interest in its true principles and during the formulation of the same throughout the country, I have thought proper on this occasion to call for a few copies of your remarks, to be sent to me at Fairport Monroe County N.Y., if it will not be too much to trouble you by sending them to me.

Knowing that a great portion of the democrats of this region concern with you in continued on this subject, I am anxious to obtain a few copies for distribution.

If you will do me the favor to forward them to me, I will reciprocate, if opportunity shall offer. I would like 25 or 40 copies. Believe me yours.

July

W. P. Chase

Address Fairport Monroe County N.Y.
William P. Chase

M.R.D.
Dear Douglas Sir,

I can scarcely remember the time when I was so much pleased as the other day on receiving my mail to learn the position you occupied on the opening of Congress on Kansas question, for I have been afraid for a long time the worst features of the New-Hampshire bill were doomed to be dishonored with Popular Sovereignty. But since I learned the position you took on the question at the opening of Congress I feel in secret my wishes knowing that you would complete whatever you undertake a principle. I think you must have taken from Jackson, I would say for your encouragement that our friends in Lake County so far as I have been or heard, all voted and rejoice greatly in the prospects before us, hoping to keep pure this vital point.

I am engaged now in an investigation in which I want the three last numbers of the Agricultural Reports which I wish you would send me, directed to

Diamond Lake P.O.
Lake County, Ill.

and oblige me

Very truly,

J. R. Colburn

to S. E. Douglas, M.C.

I hope to hear from you often, aground.
McLain
Frasern
Demont-
Lake

Decr 21/57

To Mr. Bar M. Astut
Hart Right

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The Valenl. Office
Rags you an O.K.
Hemettten, Dec 21, 1769

Horn Stephen A Douglas

My Dear Sen.

I would beander many a bellegreous if you would see petit ceuse to be sent to a decrements or aeste during the 35 Congress.

I remain yours,

[Signature]
S. Crane
Hampton,
Dec. 21/54,

MostExcellentDearMr.

Conrad