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G. J. Kincaid
Wants copy of
Mr Speech

Pittsburgh Dec 21 1857

Hon. Stephen A. Douglas
Respected Sir

I have read with great satisfaction portions of your speech made in the Senate of the U.S. after the reading of the president to myself on the Kansas question. It would afford me great satisfaction to have the entire speech.

You will pardon the liberty I have taken in thus addressing you, if you can send the same to me. You much oblige.

Yours with great respect,
G. J. Kincaid
JAMES T. KINCAID,
MANUFACTURER OF
STEAM BOAT AND HOTEL
COOKING STOVES,
AND
COPPER, TIN & SHEET IRON WARE,
NO. 107 FIRST STREET,
PITTSBURGH, PA.
West Hamnningto
Dec 21st 1857

John Lee Thaves

Sent copy of
Speech.

West Hamnningto
Dec 21st 1857

Honor, Stephen A. Douglas,
My Sir, Sir,

Allow me to state,

In your last communication, you lately
transmitted to me, and which has
attracted much notice, which is
your portrait which was suspended
in our court room, was for some
cause, put in an obscure part of
the room, and there remained until
your late speech upon the President
message & Kansas question, has raised
here and there, immediately after
which, it was removed from its
obscure position, and placed in
a prominent place among the
portraits of the departed sages of
our County, here. I hope it will be
permitted to remain here respectfully

Your's truly,

John Lee Thaves

Respectfully

To the Cap't.
Ogdensburg, N.Y.
Nov 21st 1857

Hon. S. A. Douglas.

Sir,

When I had the pleasure of dining with you last fall in Chicago I did not at that time know when I should spend the winter, being out of business I concluded to remain here among my friends.

I take the liberty at this time to ask that my name should be placed on your list for such documents as you may deem proper to send me, just particularly for your speeches on the Kansas question.

Permit me to add, that I am happy you have taken in regard to Kansas, and the approbation of masses of the people, among the most prominent of your admirers
in this place is E. B. Allen Esq.,
President of the Ontario & St. Lawrence
Steam Boat Company, an influential
and wealthy citizen of the town, as
well as Mr. C. A. Hermans
requested me to ask of you, that they
might receive a copy of your
book and such other documents
as you might deem proper to send
them.

I will not at this time speak
of public opinion in regard to your
course in the debate, but trust to
do so when matters more fully
develop themselves. They are all
right now, and hope they may
continue so is the wish of
your friend

C. A. Hermans.
Augusta, Gallia Co., Ohio
21st Dec. 1837.

Respected Friend

If you have a few copies left of your extraordinary speech on the President's Message, please send me half a dozen copies or so to distribute. I will very much obliged, they are much needed here for we have been nearly overwhelmed with Black Republican-Know-Nothingism. If we only had a sufficient number of such men as you & Mr. Toombs of Georgia to manage our government, we would have better times of it, & less violence in the conducting of our national affairs. Your certainly merit I will one day no doubt fill the Presidential Chair.

Hon. S. A. Douglas

I am truly your friend & Wellwisher.
Alex. McLear
P. M.
Harrisburg Dec. 21. 1837

My dear Judge

On no doubt
read his speech to day from a friend who has just returned from Washington. I learned that he intended or expected to mail you on the point he made in the running discussion, that you had just put into the 'Wombb toll' which did not provide for the submission of the Constitution, by showing that on the next day after the meeting in your house you abandoned a bill which you had defeated, with a clause for submission, and adopted the one without it. No, real effort is to commit you to that doctrine. He has you on trial and I have no doubt about the result. My object in writing...
at this time is to suggest that, 

McPleas but put upon his 

trial for the same offense. 

According to his admissions, 
a plan was agreed upon at four 
houses. He was present and 
participated. He declare the 
country to believe that you 
concerning to the plan, that was to 
define the people of voting 
upon their Constitution. With these 
premises, what I have no doubt 
he will admit on the floor of 
the Senate, let the question be 
paid of him whether when 
he consented to abandon its 
file with the submission clause 
in it and adopt it one with 
the clause out of it and for 
which he voted, he did so 
under the belief that the 
Constitution would be sent 
to Congress without submitting 
it to people. If you, then 
whether he voted for it under 
the belief that the slavery 
question was also to be disposed 
of by the Convention without 
submision. If he will 
answer these questions affirm 
atively, he is a power in this 
state. If he answers 
repentingly in his present post 
and speaks so for nothing 
I hope you understand my 
view. He would more 
likely answer them if per 
semped by an arbitrary 
man say Steele. He is jealous 
of slavery and Landon thought 
and will not allow him if 
he give a chance. 

My Love 

[Signature]
Rien, Ill. Dec. 21st, 1857

Hon. A. Douglas,

My dear Sir: I have read your late speech on the Kansas question, I see as a party most heartily approve of your position. You have taken the same ground before the late election for President, and since that time in all our discussions with the opponents, Illinois and the whole Northwest must and will sustain you. I consider your late speech in the Senate, an able vindication of popular rights, and is one of the best, and decidedly the most popular speech you have made in Congress. There is many men in this community, as well as elsewhere, that are not willing to admit your merits, no matter how apparent they may.
principally, as laid down by National Conventions. If we deserve from them the position of our opponents, and be a party without any certain or fixed principles, desiring that you would like to hear from those of you Credit wants, who you know have stood by the party through evil and good report, and from various parts of the state, I have taken the liberty of addressing you on what I consider this very important occasion.

With Sentiments of Respect,
I remain your obedient servant.

[Signature]
Mayhewta Jackson Co. Town
Dec. 21, 1867

Hun J.A. Douglas U.S.S.

Dear Sir:

I am writing this letter to request your assistance in a collection I am undertaking. I am compiling a collection of autographs of individuals whose names are prominent in their country's history.

If you could send me your autograph, it would be greatly appreciated.

Yours humbly,

John J. Martin

To: Hon. J.A. Douglas
U.S.C.
John J. Martin
Maynooth
Dec. 21/58
Town

Annal
Autograph

Paid

and
Paris, 21st Decr, 1857

Hon. J. A. Douglas

To tomorrow the Democrats of this county held a meeting public for the purpose of expressing their approbation of your efforts in the Senate upon the subject of the Kansas Constitution, &c, and their disapprobation of the manner of the subscription of the Kansas Constitution &c, of which you will give information. I should be pleased to hear from you in the shape of a letter, &c. With all possible zeal, you may thank yourself, knowing you may be long prevailed to espouse the principles of our Constitution as did Jefferson, Madison, Jackson and all.

Respectfully yours,

Thomas Harky
Paris, Ills. Decr. 21/57
This mark political + wants Pub doc

Sent speeck
Amos Matteson  
South Hartwick  
Ocego Co. NY  
Dec 21st 1857  
Yours truly,  

To  
The Hon. Stephen A. Douglas  
Sir,  
Please find enclosed your late speech on the Kansas question, and 
oblige your humble servant,  

Amos Matteson  

Please direct to  
South Hartwick  
Ocego Co  
Dec 21st 1857
F. J. Mills
Shiooygan, Mo.
Decr 21st 1857.

Complimentary for your speech which has appeared in the Journal. And I wish to tell you how much I have appreciated the favor of your note.

Shiooygan, Wis., Decr 21st 1857.

Hon. S. A. Biddle—

Dear Sir,—I have received a copy of your speech on the Kansas question in pamphlet form under your name, for which please accept my thanks. I have also to thank you for making that speech. It has made you millions of friends. Here it is approved by all. Its sentiments are so sound and so entirely liberal and upright so deliberately, that all men who stop to reason a question are satisfied with it. I am now getting it up for my paper, and it will appear this week.

By the way, Judge Doug.
I have a favor to ask of you. It is for you to call on Gen. Cap and request him to select my paper "Iowa Journal" as one of the papers at which to publish the Laws, etc. of Congress in this state. It is not very lucrative business, publishing a newspaper here, and I really need some such assistance. If you will look to this matter a little, I think there is no doubt but what I can get the printing, and I will compensate you in some manner.

You will undoubtedly remember me, as we have met upon several occasions—once at Dykemen and Dubuque.

Very truly yours,

F. J. Mills

Honor. S. J. Douglas,
Dear Sir,

Although I am not an active politician, yet I consider myself identified with the great Democratic Party of our Country, and have been for several years past. I am not an Abolitionist—as the term is applied to certain ultra men and measures—but I would be glad to know when the Negro slavery might be done away with, in a peaceable and satisfactory manner to all concerned. When the Kansas-Nebraska act was passed I did not see that the principle it contained in relation to slavery was correct. I have had too much cause to believe that the Administration at Washington did not allow the principle to be carried out, but favored and assisted a minority to do things repugnant to a large majority of the Senate. And if Congress should admit Kansas into the Union as a state, with its Constitution, without allowing the qualified voters an opportunity of approving or rejecting it, I would not much care to belong to the party any longer. I am glad to learn that you are in favor of having the Constitution submitted to the people for their approval or rejection, as they may think best. I do not allow it to be fastened upon them against the wishes of a large majority, I think you are right. And if they rule you out of the Democratic ranks for this, I guess a good many will go out with you.

Though I am small, yet I wish to send up a word of encouragement to you, to stand firm and maintain the position you have taken in the matter. And if you have to encounter powerful opposition, I hope you may have courage and wisdom equal to the emergency, and that you may come out triumphantly victorious for the right.

Your friend and Obliged,

Enoch Morris
C.noch Moore
Springfield, Ill.
Dec 21, 1857
App to be a
[Handwritten text not legible]
Post Office, Clinton, Mass. Dec. 21st, 1859

Hon. S. A. Douglas

Sir,

If, without too great trouble or inconvenience, you could mail me a copy of your recent speech on the Recom pense doctrine, you would greatly oblige a warm political friend and admirer.

Yours very truly,

G. H. Moore

Ann.
S. A. Douglas
Member Congress
Washington, D.C.
Menasha, Wis. Dec. 21, 1867

Rev. S. A. Douglass

Dear Sir,

If it is not asking too much, will you allow me to be among those who will be favored with copies of printed speeches during the present session of Congress.

Perhaps it will be gratifying to you to be informed of the state of feeling of the Democrats in this place concerning the Kansas topic. This town Menasha gave Buchanan 71 majority this the County.
went 1200 maj. the other

may. I have got to come
across the first man here
that approves of the Secession
consp. while those that denounce
it can be counted by
hundreds. I env. one
an office holder being
P.M. of the place & spent
full five hundred dollars
during the campaign in
running a newspaper &
supporting the Democratic
nominee. Democratic principle.
It was all I possessed in
the world, & when that
was used up the paper
had to suspend. I was
not sorry then, but now
when I see principles that
I spent so much money.

ink & impudence to sustain,
taunted by the Southern wing
of the party. I confess I am
somewhat disappointed. I
am no black Republican &
I think no one who knows
my ultra Southern sentiments
will venture to accuse me
of the slightest tendency
in the direction of abolition.

One word about the removal
of Gov. Walker (that is, if he
should be removed). It has always
been understood that Walker
accepted the office only
on condition that the
President did not interfere
of the man he is dynamite for having his own way.

But I will not tire you
by saying more here. You
must excuse the way I
write.Yours truly

[Signature]
I adhere to true democratic principles.
I remain your ever devoted friend.

E. P. Morsehouse

I sign myself a friend because I had an introduction to you on the occasion of your visit to the N.Y. Deaf Dumb Institution some years ago. It is because you are the man above all others that I wish to see in the Executive Chair of the Nation. These are rather rebellious words for an office holder even this the office held is no higher than that of Postmaster.
New Hampton, N. H. Dec 21st

Hon. J. A. Douglas.

Dear Sir,

Please send a copy of your late speech concerning the President's Message and oblige.

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

Augustus Newell

Hon. J. A. Douglas M.D.
To Mrs. Douglas Fin.

Dec 21st 1859

Not knowing of any one in Washington that was any nearer a personal friend than you I ventured to address you (for I don't ask a second favor). I have bought the heirs of Lambert L. Van Valkenburgh he having held a patent for the U.S. from Jan 12, 1858 till the time of his death (about 10 or 12 years ago) since I bought out the heirs and received the papers. I find the said patent is made to Lambert L. Van Valkenburgh being a 1/4 in the place where it should have been a 1/4. Now I wish to know what effect that will have on the title and whether it can be corrected at the proper department. His right name was Van Valkenburgh and he received the patent at Lexington Green County N.Y. The Patent says he was a private in Whiting Company of the second regiment of infantry. The Patent was given on the 26 day of February 1815 and recorded vol 17 page 360. This warrant was No 12259.

Now if you could examine this case a little and give me an answer I should like you just as well. I do now and me better if you cannot please drop me a line to that effect and I will try some one else.

Yours truly,

George W. Renton

P.S. There was a man in Washington by the name of Lucius Richardson a friend of Isaac Young whom I should have sent to, but I understand he had left the city if you knew him and he has not left you may put this in his hand or send it back if you cannot address it.
Geo. M. Newton
Tonica, Ills.
Decr. 21/57

Pleadt, attention to a land patent with name erroneous.

Washington D.C.
Decr. 26/57

Mr. D. A. Rutter
Crown & Land Office

The enclosed to give Judge Douglas the information asked for within with the return of this letter.

Sellei of Conn. forwarded to Mr. M. Newton.

Dec 26 1857
Brook, Dec 21, 1837

Hon. M. Douglas,
Hon. Mr. Sec.

I now rejoice at the stand you have taken on the Kansas question. It meets the views of many of our National Democrats, and all of our National Americans. Office holders are afraid to move upon the subject. Will you be kind enough to forward to me from time to time documents giving both sides of the question. By so doing you will confer a favor upon your friend respectfully,

Dinwiddie & Niven
230 W. 29th Street
A. Onderdonk
Rosalyn, L.I.
Decr 21st 1837
Sincerely yours
Grants an autograph

Hon. S. N. Douglas
Dear Sir,

Can I take the liberty of asking your autograph by confiding the same you will do a favor?

Very Res.
Your obedient servant
A. Onderdonk

Brooklyn N.Y.
Dec 21st 1837
Lyman, Mass., Dec. 21, 1857.

Dear Sir,

Will you have the kindness to favor me with a few copies of your late speech upon the Lexington Constitution? I expected to find it in my Saturday's 'Weekly Union,' which has just reached me, and am surprised to see that it refuses to print the speech, especially as it contains an Editorial of four four columns in length — opposing it.

The stand you have recently taken is heartily approved by the entire mass of Democratic Voters in this quarter, as well as the papers which are not directly in the interest of the Administration, which of course are not expected to differ from the general views of the Administration.

Yours truly,

Eben Parsonage

Handwritten note: "And if I have Douglas"
St. Louis 21 Dec 1837
Hon. S. A. Douglas
Washington City
To Sir

I am no Democrat, either (so called National) or of the Hard Shell, Benton Wing. But I am a whole American, of 57 years to boast of, and do say your course in the Senate on the Kansas Constitution right. I am no Polytechnic, but think I am able to discern between right & wrong. The people of my state (save and except) the Republican & Leaders think about the same.

W. Peake
Leavenworth City, K. S., Dec. 21, 1857

Senator Douglas

Dec. 21

The people of Kansas feel very much pleased with the course you are taking in the Senate of the United State in their favor — and as one of the citizens of Kansas I sincerely thank you for the speech you made on Kansas affairs in the Senate, which we have just received, although I am one who have been politically opposed to you — (Being a thorough-going Clay Whig and at the last Presidential election voting for Mr. Fillmore with Mr. Fillmore for President of New York). — The people state that you are about presenting a bill to Congress, to enable the citizens of Kansas to call a convention to frame a Constitution to be submitted to a vote of the people of Kansas for ratification or rejection — I hope the report is true and that you will get such a bill passed through Congress immediately, so that a Convention can be called, a Constitution made, and
adopted by the People, ratified by Congress, and Kansas became a State before next May. This can all be done to the satisfaction of a great majority of the People of Kansas, and make the People of Kansas as satisfied of course the whole country will be satisfied.

The fact I would most earnestly urge you to get such a bill through Congress at the earliest period practicable.

The vote in this City to day on the Leavenworth Constitution was 227 for the Constitution, 2 against.

In the Constitution to Leavenworth.

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about 1,000 of the above vote, nine hundred by Missourians who came in, in that City and left them where on the other side of the river. They can be no question but the Leavenworth Constitution, designed to get the vote of Missourians by advocating every body to vote that was in the Territory but they are.

Many of the leading proslavery men here report to me that they could pitch one vote between from Missouri, to make it a Slave State — they have stated that they could get over enough from Missouri, to

make it a Slave State. — We have stated that they would get not enough from Missouri to vote 250 in Johnson County when the bill passed and was committed.

You have been represented to me recently

as sustaining the views of the Leavenworth Constitution. I am sure this is wrong, represented a coming from you, in which you advised the Convention to adopt the plan of submission, which they did adopt. Mr. Faine (a member of the Convention) and his Candidate for Secretary of State of Kansas said the Leavenworth Constitution told me he saw such a letter — I sent it to the leading proslavery men from Harper's Ferry, with this, and advised the men they had to the view of the Convention, and we never it is known that you or anybody tell the leading proslavery men, they call me a fanatic, an abolitionist.

It is more evident to me that the letter referred to coming from you recommending the Convention to adopt the submission of proslavery men to the Kansas question over me on the part of the Constitution, on forges
Gov. Walker, and Senator Stanton, have, as known to themselves, when coming to Kansas in stating that the white people of Kansas, through Governor Page, to say, that they would allow the people in opposition to it. The sincerity of their pronouncements are doubted by many, considering the people of Kansas have been unjustly treated by the Administration of President Pierce, and the Governor, Official, and Cabinet. President Buchanan approved the most abhorrent division in the Territory to high officers. But the People here were not without doubts of the sincerity of Gov. Walker. I am about to send you this, as no letter, but to God. Walker have now the children, and if a man known that you can face God in Kansas, I fear you will not receive letters, addressee to you further Territory. Hoping that you will be able to defeat the Lecompton Constitution, and support all who removing the people of Kansas to the free state on board. I am, your friend, Jos. Jordan.
 vocabularies
Leavenworth City
Nov 21, 1868
Political Kansas

Mr. Hon. Stephen A. Douglas:

Dear Sir,

I, though not having the privilege of a personal acquaintance with you, cannot permit this opportunity to pass without expressing to you my feelings of gratitude. Indeed, 'thank you' I am truly grateful as well as being most admirably pleased, with your kind as well as noble stand in favor of the most sacred rights, as the American people claim, as exhibited in this much agitated Kansas question.

I am glad indeed. That a people of our size nations have still been left at the scene, who are bold and fearless, clinging tenaciously to the our steam-roller steel, depicting the broadness of our individual rights, for as long a term those, who would for a moment dare to touch a people, as the American people, the rights of self-government, I am conscious now that the Kansas question will be settled, and that I may 1.

Yours, principled of Papian will.

F. W. Shoen.
I cannot or this people in this part of Indiana, in your behalf. This is the plan, who don't like it, to you, to attend the Congress in % before they fall in the States. Though a political difference has developed itself between us. (you be a Democrat, I a Whig,) I feel that there is no possible alliance between our friends. I am in every way prepared, that I have copy you what you wish. Consider how, that you will think in me what you might consider a favor done my part. (Send the years 88.)

[Signature]

P.S. If you wish to ascertain anything about the public. I would refer you to Mr. ______. Nigh, Their your, English, Foley, Calif., 8. [Signature]
Aram Brother

Infantry

Dec 21/53

I hope your cause succeeds himself is a dig.
Dowell Dec. 21st 1857

To the Hon. Senator Douglas

Dear Sir,

I have seen some extracts of your late speech before the Senate on the subject of the Lecompton Constitution, and I heartily concur in the views that express, will you do me the kindness to send me a copy of that speech. Any other similar favours during the session will be gratefully received.

With the highest respect,
I am your Obt. Servt.

Samuel D. Prescott