P. O. Belvidere Ill
Dec. 22/57
Hon S. A. Douglas
Dear Sir,

Can you send me a copy of the report of the Post Master General for 1856-57 by so doing you will greatly oblige.

Respectfully,

Yours truly,

J. Saxton

Your note Junction on the 1st question was one universal aspont in this vicinity - no exception

Send some more huckle, J. S.
M'ligh Office, Manceton, Va.
December 23rd, 1857


Dear Sir,

Fearing that my subscribers shall have gone late
from, and being too long to meet in the
Column of the Whig, I should like to know
upon what terms I could purchase six
hundred and Ninety Copies. Almost everyone
in our town and vicinity have seen it in the
Alexandria & Richmond papers, and it
would not be necessary to send it more as
near but for my country tab. I cleanse it
and for it will pay a fair price. Please
let me hear at once.

Yrs. Ob. Sect.

Hon. S. A. Douglas.

Jno. E. Scruggs.

Washington D.C.
Portsmouth Dec 22, 1857

Sir,

I hope my being an old Democrat of over 50 year of age and having voted the regular Democratic both State and National for 30 years last part or in fact all my life will be a sufficient excuse for my writing to you at this time and also the prosperity of the democratic party which I ever have at heart I have always been a friend and admirer of your talents and democracy & your straight forward course in the party I would say that our party here & as I have no doubt in the
State

are with you on the matter that all the new Constitution of Kansas should be submitted to the people of Kansas for their approval or rejection or in otherwise popular survey. I want hope for the matter will soon be harmoniously settled as far as our party is concerned. So there is no doubt that the democracy can carry this state in all its branches and elect that true man & patriot John S. Wells to the U.S. Senate for six years. Be cautious for bearing & prudent and willing to harmonize the matter as I think all will be well. Your friends in this State consists of the rank & file, not the tricksters or office holders of the party I always have acted in the capacity of wheel horse or otherwise one of the drill sergeant of the party. I am a mechanic & a poor man and have no means to assist the party except by individual exertions in the party. That I have made felt in the party. That Gen. Price is fully aware of for he had the benefit of them. I have had the pleasure 3 years ago of defending you & also cutting an edge down an effigy representing you on the morning of our state election at the risk.
of getting my head broke
Matters of appointment here
are not right upon might
help them a little when
the time for confirmation
arrived in the Senate one
has acted with the abolitionists
until very recently and another
keeps abolitionists in office
when required to remove
them by various members
of the party. I have no
friend of our party at
Washington to refer you to
Mr. Hale of the Senate know
me and used to act with me
associate with me politically
when he belonged to our party
Mr. John L. Hay, a lawyer
in Washington used to time
in this City & know all
about my Democracy my
influence to. John &
Stephens Douglas &c
Washington 1860
Samuel Spring
Saml. Spencey
Brixmound Rds.
23 Dec. 57
Friendly regards
Cleveland, Ohio Dec. 22nd 1857

Hon. S. A. Douglas
W. T. Seward

for

Will you please send me a copy of
your speech delivered in the Senate Dec. 9th?

Obed. Yrs.
Very Respectfully

Wm. M. Stark
Wm M. Shanko
Xenia Ohio,
Dec 27/57.
Wants Speech.
Concord Nov. 22, 1857

Dear Sir,

I can assure you the course you have pursued is approved by the Democracy of this State. Will you have the kindness to send me a few copies of your sheets at your earliest convenience. By so doing you will oblige.

Your Friend,
Geo. W. Haven
Geo W Stevens
Concord, N.H.
Dec 27/37.
Wants Speeches.
Porter, Dec 22, '57

Honor[able] Judge [Imlay]

I have the honor to convey to your Honor,

Sincerely with care and I think that entering
the time, during which you are likely to be
in the district, in the County, to
meet the demand, I wish you to see by
the course of events, that I have been a
constant attendant of candidates, and have
been a frequent writer and speaker,
from the time I was left to hear the words that I hope
not for me to die, yet I shall not
read to be one of your, if you thought it
were possible to be appointed.
I tell you that you have been acting for
the causes of the African Free Constitution,
by the negligence of our citizens in 1845
and I fear you are one of them.
It was said that they were the strongest
natives that our race possess, from the
State, but I was defeated by false
representations, made by false democrats.

[Signature]

W. H. [Signature]
H. Stillwell
Rochester
Dec. 22, 1857
Want's your speed for
distribution. Hope opening
of what Chemu de has
for Port Master here

Sent 20

You will please send one
such public document as you
please. I came here from Ohio where
Hon. G.E. Pugh supplied me.

Respectfully,

W. W. Stone
Will be Stone
Abingdon Ills.
Nov. 12/37
Want document,

Free Dec. 1
Abingdon Ills.

Hon. S. S. Douglas Esq.
U.S. Senate
Washington City
D.C.

Dear Sir,

If you should print the re-annunciation of your great speech as the President's message—which relates to Kansas—

Have the goodness to lend me a few copies.

Very respectfully,

A. T. Hungarian.

I am, S. A. Douglas,
H. S. Stanton
Washington, D.C.
Mr. J. Strong
 annoyed
 May 22, 1574

sent
Dec 22 1857

James H. Sutherland
Postmaster

Mr. Douglas, Geneseo Co., N.Y.

Will you please send me some of your speeches on the Kansas question. We are all Douglas men in these parts. We like the stand you take on having the Constitution go back to the people. We think if any man can do it you are the man.

Your Most Ob'd Servant

James H. Sutherland
Grafton, Mass., Dec. 26, 1847

Hon. . S. Douglass

Sir,

I am a young man—a member of the junior class of Dartmouth College, Hanover, N.H., and am much interested in political matters.

If you would send me your Speech in print, and a short account of your views and principles during this Session of Congress, you will greatly oblige.

Your ob't serv't,

A. W. Fenney

Hon. S. Douglass N. C.

P.S. Please direct A. W. Fenney

Grafton, Mass.
Katab Bnton Co. Mo. S. Dec. 22/37

Hon. S. A. Douglass,

Dear Sir, Will you please send me the President's message and accompanying documents, also the debates upon the Kansas Question today.

Your obt. serv.

W. C. Tolman

Please direct to

Katab Bnton Co. Minnesota
Dec. 22d 1857
Mr. Le. Tolman
Frank Prentice Mepi.
Documents and debates on the Kansas question.
Jamaicas, Pa.
Dec 22nd, 1857
Hon. Mr. Douglas,


Respectfully,

Will you please send to the proper department your speech if published in Connexion with the Kansas or anything on that subject you may be sending to your friends.

Yours Respectfully,

James T. Neill
Damascus Pa
Dec 18th 1857
James Taylor
M. Scull Chief Clerk

Dear Mr. Woodford,

December 22, 1857

Hon. Stephen A. Douglas

Dear Sir,

Permit me to address you a few lines, which although we are not personally acquainted may lead to some future intercourse between us and which in such acquaintance, I was much pleased and satisfied in pursuing your recent effort in behalf of "popular sovereignty." It was mild, yet conclusive. It was manly yet by twine pointedly serene and ironical. The doctrine is beyond all question the true federal or national doctrine, for its future best interest as well as that of the respective independent sovereignties and territories. In canvassing this county during our last presidential campaign with my Republican brethren, I took precisely the same ground and stand and in my full capacity instilled the principles into the minds of my respective audiences with good success. My Republican brethren to the contrary notwithstanding! They were confident of success and yet through the incessant labors of good democrats we carried the county manfully, by a largely increased majority over any previous election, and we can do it again tomorrow if necessary. I am Woodford is being fast popular and therefore her suffrages increase.
but it is presumable at least that the votes of our party may increase as fast as another, nor Mr. Denny's of effect and perhaps will get the nomination (Democratic) as Representative from this District and I want your opinion as to my best policy. I had thought of bringing the question of our present defective system of Banking and incorporating it with "popular sovereignty" and the best interests of the District to be represented. I deem the present system of Banking a "fly-by-night" system. True our unorganized monetary condition is not entirely attributable to the Banks but much is attributable to them as its origin and means. Promissory money or in other words the confidence of the people has been broken for some several years past in about the proportion of three to one. The consequences too all know, it creates expansions our action and our zeal to obtain sudden wealth, it begins our calculations anticipates by years the future, born the thing is taken & then we go Toppy Turvy, hard over head, every thing is mixed in the head down we find little or far as the blow of the hammer. Now though there are some things in our Chief Magistrate's message that are somewhat exceptional but I fear our money coincide with him in his sentiments relative to Banking. As he says if we cannot have a better & safer system do away with both of them entirely and substitute them only as Banks of "discount & deposit" I have gone through two conventions, or expirations & contractions and have thus far approved both, but I desire not another. They are severe but welcome visitors.

Please give me your views,

Respectfully,

E. D. Van Order

[Signature]
E. H. Wainwright
Dec., 1861
Dec. 22/61
Concurs with you
fully. Keep up your
right.

W. S.
Washington City, D.C.,
Dec 22, 1857.

My Dear Sir,

I leave for home to-day without having the pleasure of again seeing you. I wish you to send to my brother Moses Walker Oakalla, P.O. "Fregina" Co., Illinois—one of each kind of the documents in the Room of the Committee and such other important documents as you can select; you may also send him documents for general circulation. He will take great pains to distribute in a region where there are but few documents sent. I hope you will send him many good documents soon as he is anxious to receive them and cares more for them than I do. Your attention will confer a great favor which I shall be happy to reciprocate at
any time, I hope to have the pleasure of seeing you in the west, after Congress shall have adjourned.

Very truly,

Your friend

J.C. Walker

Mrs. Chandler

Chief Senator Committee Territories

If you please, have the Judge send me, as I do not know your distant address.
J. C. Walker
Washington, D.C.
1857

[Signature]

From Chandler
Indianapolis, 22 Dec. 1857

Dear Sir,

I ought to have said in my last note that I certainly have no hopes to result from the rejection of our Post Master's nomination, but also that if communications from me should produce such rejection, I would not in honor apply for re-election at all.

On the way for the Court, I have do now in haste to you, my Southern friends in the Senate, who ought to have where my constant care was in their hands, and the Opposition ought to continue to defeat the nomination. For Winterlake, best not for me. I got no favor from this administration.

With respect,

W. H. S. Hick
W. M. Wick
Indianapolis, Ind.
Dec. 22, 1857,

Relative to
Nomination
before Senate
of Postmaster
Shelbyville Indiana
December 22nd 1857

Sir,

Stephen A. Douglas
will you do me the favor to send me a few copies of your last speeches on the Kansas question.

The more the better as I want them for distribution.

Your obd. Sect.,

O. M. Wilson
E. M. Wilson

Phillyville
Dec. 22/57, Ind.
Wants a few yr Sheede.
Balt. Dec. 22, 1857

Hon. Stephen A. Douglas,

Dear Sir,

I have not yet had the pleasure of perusing Your Speech on the Kansas Lecompton Constitutional Question as the paper which I take, the Baltimore Sun, with all its pretensions to impartiality in politics has arrayed itself in rigid opposition to the people of Kansas having anything but the Lecompton Constitution placed before them than has not given us even an abstract of Your remarks in the Senate on the Kansas Question. Will You do me the favour to send me a copy of Your Speech on the subject.

I trust that you will persevere in your opposition to the tyranny now attempted, of forcing that leprous mass of corruption, the Lecompton Constitution upon the people, the blood of an unresisting and unjustly unwilling people. A Carolinian by birth and the most of my life by residence, and the son of a Carolinian the most of whose property is now in slave, I do utterly abhor the attempt now making to commit the South to the manifest wrong of forcing upon Kansas a Constitution which her people neither made nor can in reality vote upon. I look upon it that
Those who are engaged in persuading the people of the South to make it a point of honour to compel the people of Kansas to receive a Constitution which they loathe are doing the South and indeed the whole Union an unspeakable injury, by committing them to the support of an act palpably at variance with the fundamental principles of justice. I have read Governor Walker’s letter of resignation & must say that never in all my life have I perused an able vindication of any man’s political course. Its statements and arguments are to my mind conclusive and unanswerable.

Yrs. very respectfully,

John R. Winslow
143 Biddle St.
Baltimore

Hon. S. J. Douglas

Respected Sir,

As democratic representatives in Congress, from the north part of our State are very scarce, and the democracy of the north part do chiefly all the hard work (for in the South part there is little necessity for exertion and no great sacrifice requisite) to ensure victory. But it does as naturally result as day succeeds to night; therefore as the districts of the South part are well cared for and attended to, the whole State and particularly the northern part should claim consideration and attention from our Senator. In view of this fact if you deem proper, occasionally, to transmit me a document I shall be much obliged. Of our democratic representatives, Hon. J. L. Harris, I believe, is the only one with whom I have a partial acquaintance, made while attending Circuit Court in Putnam Co. which is long since, and I presume he has forgotten me, or this.

The chords of the Kansas Instrument are yet being touched in the halls of the Capitol and vibrate in the ear of the Nation. The good people of the Southern States are the last to be benefited by the establishment of precedent, based on unfairness or bad faith, as it must eventually react to their detriment. Our President is certainly a sagacious man and profoundly versed in human nature. And I never have taken any other view of his position (if such it can be termed) to refuse the people of Kansas a direct vote to accept or reject the Constitution framed by the convention, than a desire on his part to doom to perpetual retirement the party of disunionists in the South. Your position is certainly founded on equity and good sense, and little importance you individually, as regards mere personal interest, what stand you occupy.
W. M. Fearing
Princeton
Decr 22/57
Wm. Doolittle
Attorney Court