To the Hon. Senator
Douglas

These "platforms" are hard things to stand upon; let public acknowledgments be made by jumping off 54:50 and leaving it to Congress; and, by jumping off, exposed an ancient young Senator (who was put into show that were properly sent as Miss.) to be smashed over the precipice and killed. And Mr. Buchanan, though standing on a more solid platform, makes the same acknowledge ment, by now turning over "squeamish servitude" the rights of the multitude to Congress.

Can I stand? How are the facts? — can I jump once not break my neck? These may be difficult and hard questions to answer. On the one side stand "the party" ready to cut the throats of all who wont jump; and on the other side stand "the people" ready to shoot all who do jump.

The facts are these, that in the view of the miferous compromise line the South committs a most capacious blunder. That popular sovereignty is the river which wont run backwards. And if the women of the free states dont stop breeding, that "Arizona" will be...
There is a necessity in a system
Why still the brave bold man is fortunate
He keeps his object even in full sight
And that assurance keeps him right.
Success is a necessary way that leads to light;
But right before there is no prescience.
Fear makes man step aside, and their lasting reign.

Nothing more than to throw the "old shoes" after
Senator Douglas

Anonymous

Washington, D.C.
Dec 23rd 1857
December 27th, 1857

Hon. Stephen A. Douglas

Dear Sir:

Will you please send to my address a copy of your recent speech on the Kansas affair as I have not yet been able to get it and thought you would be willing to forward it to me hoping to receive it as soon as it may be convenient for you to do so. I remain,

Yours Respectfully,

C. S. Hildreth

Oak Dale

Lebanon College
Lebanon, Tenn.

Notifies you of your election as an honorary member of the Philomathian Society

Cumberland University, Lebanon, Tenn., Dec. 23, 1867,
Hon. Stephen A. Douglas
Dear Sir,

I have the honor as well as the pleasure of announcing to you your unanimous election as an Honorary Member of the "Philomathian Society" of Cumberland University; as an humble token of sincere appreciation of your ability and worth. Knowing no one more worthy the position than yourself, gladly do we welcome you within the congenial circle of the "Philomathian Society."

Hoping to have the pleasure of hearing from you as soon as may be convenient, I remain sir,

Your most respectfully,
Alexander Allison, Esq.
My dear Sir,

Will you oblige me with a copy of your speech on that part of the President's message relating to Kansas affairs. I presume it has been published in pamphlet form. It is hardly necessary for me to say that I agree with you and particularly with Senator於field, reply to you.

Very respectfully,

GR W Alden

P.S. Dec 23/57

Hon. S B Conklin—
Geo. W. Alburt
Baltimore
Mr. Keen 23/5

Dear Mr. Douglas,

Please allow me to convey a few thoughts about your recent speech. It was well received by the Democratic Party here in this part of the country.

Sincerely,

John C. Anderson
John P. Anderson
Castletown
Dec. 24 1857
House after speeches
Washington City
December 28° 57


Sir:

The recent Pamela, in a small, time-serving journal of this city, of a malignant attack upon you, for the course you have recently pursued in the Senate, on the Kansas matter, has not only called for its mortification at its baseless and indignation at his assumptions, but has induced me to include a few moments in your time, in the expression of the opinion of an old Democrat, though we obscure individuals.

I am a New Yorker, and have been an active, zealous Democrat for 30 years; my father and Mr. Barnburn were two partners for many years, yet in Mr. V. B.'s political career, in Tri, I supported Gen. Cass, and have ever been found acting with the National Democracy, on the subject of slavery, believing it to be a mere municipal institution, with which Congress has no connection, beyond the necessary provisions for carrying out the powers conferred or authorized by the Federal Constitution. This much, merely to show you that assertions in the press, that even Northern Democrats do not support you, is untrue, for though mine is an individual case, there are hundreds who maintain the same sentiments and ten of thousands, who will support you.

Rest assured, Sir, that the Democratic party will recognize in your late speech, the great fundamental truths, the immutable, abiding truths.
of Democratic principles. You may be attacked, defeated and abused, but the disregard of the great wave of popular sentiment will have severely to

load your bar against the reach of the folly, crime and injustice, which seek to strike you down. In spite of the great sneering, talk of easier, with their "afterward thought," will do you ample justice, and will

standing the invariable upholding of some democratic journals, and the
degradation of the Whig Republicans, we know that the modern Whigs, will not be willing to show the lack of strength from the head of our

3 degrees, for I am writing without previous consideration, a fact in relation to the admission of Michigan, I do not remember to have seen

mentioned, yet as a president it has been the Kansas question. The

Constitution of Michigan, was the Editor of the Detroit Free Press and Secretary of the Convention, was passed in the summer of 33 and

submitted to Congress by one delegate, the late Isaac Lyon, at the first session. The southern boundary extended to and included

Michigan Bay to Lake Erie, morning on a parallels of latitude to

Lake Michigan, Ohio and Indiana claimed that the boundary

should run about two miles further north; Congress decided in favor

Michigan what has since become the actual equivalent of Lake Superior, on line of the southern territory. With this change of

boundary, whatever a boundary, the people of Michigan was not to be, but was admitted a state. How to accept, become an imper-

tant question: I declared in the columns of my paper, a convi-

sion of delegates to be elected by the people in due form, so that

the delegates forever should act definitely on the question. In De-

lible, as well as elsewhere, we called meetings of the citizens,

without political distinctions, to elect judges of election, who were elected, but the meeting were very smug, look many Democratic declaring the power

of the people to act, without the intervention of the legislature (temporal) branch. Maj. Randol, the then editor of the Journal, the

deposition journal, attacked the editor, bitterly decrying me myself in the most violent manner. I was "an unsung hero of the Liberty

Union," and we were both "apologists" & "agitators," etc. The election

was held, the convention met at Chelsea, was elected president

Wayne County, and the proposition of Congress was accepted and as

considered having, so be it, as was done. The writing is running

after 50 years, data may be wrong, but the facts are correct. On this proj-

e you actually change a constitution and adherence to the people, in their

normal political state, to act upon the change.

Well, hope you are agreeable for this biographical on your

time, but I hope the notice, our only warm political friendship, still

at least partially remain one.

Very Respectfully,

[Signature]

[Signature]
Marshal J. Bacon
Washington City
Dec. 23/57
How Michigan
was admitted into
Union.
46 Court St. Boston:
Dec. 23. 1857

Dear Sir,

May I ask the favor of a copy of your printed speeches on the Kansas question recently delivered in the Senate, & of such others as you may deliver or publish on this subject hereafter during the session. I have a file of your previous speeches on the Kansas bill & am desirous of continuing the file in complete order.

Yours with high respect,

C.H. Barfeld.

Hon. Stephen A. Douglas
U.S. Senate.
Vermillion December 23rd 1857,
Hon Stephen A. Douglas,

Dear sir,

Will you please send me a copy of your speech you made before the Senate on Kansas. Please do so and you will confer a great favor on—

Your Old Servt-

W. M. Bartlett,
Vermillion,
Osceo co.,
Oct 31,
Mr. Balliett

Vermillion
23 Oct 57 NY

Yours Sincerely
New York, Oct. 28, 1857

Mr. Stephen A. Douglas

Allow me to express

I write to congratulate you on your noble efforts to sustain the cause of popular sovereignty. It does my heart good to be at least one more in our Senate who dares to speak his mind openly. Upon so important a question, and one in which all of the colonizers are so deeply interested, may your noble example be followed by none of our public men.

And that you may ultimately triumph over all party feeling. You take the popular side you willuming of right and go ahead. You may think of me as advocating you, but I cannot refrain from urging you to be humane offspring of your noble conduct and your brilliant efforts to put the South and a personal acquaintance, but for some years back I have admired your views. I was for several years a tenant of Wisconsin, and am well acquainted with N.B. Grinnell, Esq. of M., and Mr. Douglas, of Springfield, Ill., and I believe you to be a great and good man. I wish you to achieve great things.

I remain respectfully,

Frank W. Blacklove

P.S. Meadow Lane
N. York.
W. Bastian
No. 25 Maiden Lane
New York,
Dec 22/37.
Approbatory
Wm. Speech.
Sitwilliam
County of Lincoln
N. H.
Dec. 23, 1857

Hon. S. A. Douglas

Dear Sir:

Will you please favor me with your autograph?

Very truly,
R. S. Batcheller
R. J. Batcheller
Fitzwilliam
Dec 23. 57
Wts autograph

And
Patterson, N. Y.
Nov. 23, 54.
Apportionment.

B. G. Benedict

Patterson, N. Y.
Dec. 23, 1854
Hon. Stephen A. Douglas,
Dear Sir,

Your recent political action in reference to the Locomotive
Consolidation has met the
heart approval of every true
lover of freedom in our
land. We look forward
with pleasure to the time
when you shall be the
standard bearer of constitu-
tional liberty and popular
sovereignty in our country.
A personal acknowledge
ment of this would
be it highly acceptable to one who is

Your friend

and humble servant

B. O. Rutherford

Hon. Stephen A. Douglas
Senator of the U.S. Senate
Great Macomber to Mr. Wallace

Dear Sir,

I received a copy of your speech on the Kansas Lecompton Constitution for which I am due to you if it is convenient I would be glad to have you send me a dozen copies of the same to distribute as there is a great anxiety amongst the friends to read it in fact if receives a tribute the approval of all parties in this vicinity and I believe throughout the state you never were more popular in this state than you are at the present time having the same may always be to you may receive much reward as a grateful people are able and willing to bestow.

I remain Very Truly

A. J. Bridges
A. T. Bridge

Grand
Dec 23/57

Thank for your speech

want more for Dublin

Every body wish you as the do I look

Sent
Re: enquirer December 23 1857

Mr. Douglas

Dear Sir,

I am writing to you in answer to the question regarding the public papers for the last few years. I have a knowledge of several public papers and would be happy to send you a paper or a pamphlet that contains the facts in the matter. It will soon be sent.

Yours truly,

[Handwritten signature]

Please send to Mississippi, Mississippi County, Miss.

[Handwritten name]
Mr. Brothers
Readville
Dec. 21, 187

In a stronger letter shows you as a public man
Gents, "process containing
debates."
City Hall Office
City Hall Dec. 23rd
Hon. Stephen A. Douglas,
Sir: On Monday night last the administration
men headed by Post Master O’Flynn had a meeting.
To put ourselves right with the community we agreed to
some concessions the city to have
his meeting. He broke his
word, was going to read it out to the party. We took two
days time, filled the hall to
overflowing, beat them at all
points. Such a meeting was
never seen here before. We ap-
pointed the officers. They were
unfair. Said it was a private
meeting to sustain the ad-
ministration. We declared
hostility to the President; but stood up firmly to the doctrine of submission. Our speaker was called first (Mr. Lothrop) as soon as he took the stand. Smith Baggs (opposition) sprang up beside him. The crowd burst out "Shout! Down with Baggs." "No more Baggs." "No more taxes for the Baggs." "We want Sothern." "No law for Douglass." "No gag constitution." "Give the people their rights. We want Sothern, "No Baggs." Wherever Sothern tried to speak, silence reigned. When Baggs, who showed pluck, spoke, they burst into silence. At length, after

...turns to a half-baked Baggs conceded, Sothern spoke, submitted the resolutions, which were received with wild delight. Baggs was an audience for Baggs, who then commenced reading a list of resolutions, which only elicited laughter, until a clause endorsing the Kansas policy of the administration was read, when hostiles hurled groans, curse, and perfect storms of indignation around his ears. Some of the boys pulled him from the platform, but he would not yield. If we had not interfered, Douglass and Smith Baggs were dead, absolute, indeed, doomed to any...
They intended to leave our and the meeting but it is so cold, so more a pretense as to erect laughter yes. Just when our resolutions were put the clock was 0:00 a.m., or 0:00. We were twenty minutes.

The meeting was composed of some the best men in the city. Of course we took the precaution to get the "boy" (scared), but the right licence, wealth, respectability of this community are writing you. As for ourselves, we will not yield an inch, but will back you to long as you stay in your present position. I know your occupation and do not think our answer fulfill to tell you that.

Respectfully,

S. Chapman
Logan Chapman
DePORT
Dec 23/58
Mea na
state of feeling there

V
Dayton Ohio Dec. 23, 1854

Dear Sir,

By order of Congress all or nearly all of the reports of Exploring Expeditions and Surveys under the patronage of the government are printed and given to the Members of Congress and by them given to their friends. For a few years I have wrote to the most prominent Members for a volume of some report with the request that they would write their name in the frontispiece as a remembrance of their name when they are long since gone, and also to have the pleasure of looking at their signatures.

Now if you will do me the honor of sending me a volume of some kind for I am not
Marietta, Ohio, 23rd Dec. 1857.

Mr. Stephen A. Douglas

Dear Sir:

You will please send me a number of copies of your speech on the Kansas question, as now presented to the Country. I wish them to be distributed among the leading Democrats of the County, to counteract the effects of our local press which is smuggled by a little Executive patronage in shape of the Post Office. The Editor says privately that you are correct, but refuses to vindicate your conduct or publish your speech in his columns.

There is but one sentiment among the Democratic massed of the Muskingum Valley—They stand by you, and the doctrine of your original Kansas Abolition Bill, and will hold all deserters to a strict account. The entire Democracy of South Eastern Ohio are with you; being a member of the legislature of Ohio, and having conferred with others I think I may assure you that you have the numerical strength, at least, of that body.

I shall be in Columbus after Jan 1st, but you will please forward documents to this place.

I am, sir, your obedient servant,

O. Lewis Clarke.
Oleis Clarke
Marcella

Dec 13 57,  Ohio

Wants some deeds or certificates
The Elder & people are for you
But don't speak
Champaign, Illinois
Dec 23rd 1857

Friend Douglas,

You are right!! Every Democrat in this County endorse you in everything you have said or so far, Keep up the fire and all will be right in future - poor Rigdon!

Yours truly,

Dr. Nicol
W. T. Coler

Urbana, Ill.
Dec. 25/57

you are right there
so, Don Regards!!!

V
Cressbrook  PA  
Dec. 23 1857
Hon. S. A. Douglas
My dear Sir —
I take very great pleasure in acknowledging the receipt of your great speech on the Kansas question. I can assure you that I will read it with very great care.

Any other documents from your hands will be thankfully received. Your position on the Kansas question is heartily endorsed by our people here. We hope, however, for the good of our glorious party, that your position will not seriously affect the good feeling...
expecting on the part of the administration. Hoping that all may result favorably I subscribe myself your very obt. Servt.

Chas. Davis

P. M.
F. W. Denney
Ligonier
Dec. 25th, 1852

W. H. Harris, Special Clerk, Reg.

[Signature]

[Handwritten text]

Ligonier. Noble Co. Dec. 25th, 1852

Hon. Steven A. Douglas

in As political matter is in rather a billiard condition. We would like your word if it is convenient send us your speech in pamphlet form. Also Mr. Webster's resignation. All documents you can forward to sustain the petition taken by you in the Indiana question will be received and used to the best advantage with pleasure.

F. W. Denney
S. 12th  
Canterbury  
Dec. 27, 57  
Miss Thistlethwaite

Canterbury, Dec. 27, 57
Mr. Douglass

Mr. Denver

Will you please send
me your speech on
the Kansas constitution
if you will you will
greatly oblige

Yours truly

P. H. Dunn

To

Ed's A. Douglass
Des Moines, Iowa  
Dec. 28th 1859  
Hon. S. A. Douglas  
Sir:—

I herewith send you a list of all our Democratic members of the legislature who will be in Session in this city in a few days—If you have any documents or speeches please send them to our members for distribution.

I am glad to see your friends meeting in your behalf in the different states— I shall try and start the people in this state in your behalf—The voice of the people will bring some of our grand and friends to their senses.

I like the spirit of your speech better than any of the sessions. We are going to circulate it in every county in the State.
The people are all on your side of the Kansas question. I think when they heard your speech they will be much stronger. Nebraska, Kansas, Missouri, etc., etc., I hope you may continue to enjoy good health as you may be able to combat the enemies of Popular Sovereignty.

I am very respectfully,

Your ob. tr.

[Signature]

James D. G. Eads
Jaird Cads
Ile, Moines
Iowa,
Dec 23. 1857.

Political
Sanctuary

Close, Sir
of Iowa, in Member
of Iowa Legislature.
Appleton Dec 23 /57
Outagamie Co. Wisconsin
Hon. Stephen A. Douglas
Sir,
Will you transmitt to me A true copy of your Speech on the Kansas Question made in the Senate on the 9th inst.

Respectfully your Obe. S.
John Elliott
To Elbert
Appleton
Mrs
Dec 23/59

Sincerely
Williamsport, Pa.
Dec. 23, 1857

Hon. Stephen A. Douglas
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

Although personally unacquainted with you yet I cannot but feel a strong desire to write to one who has, as far the Kansas question, proved so true to strict Democratic principles. "All Lincoln," the County which has so recently furnished Pennsylvania with a Governor is with your heart and soul, and then are you of our leading Democrats who do not openly express their sentiments in favor of the true principles of popular sovereignty.

During the summer of 1856, while acting as an officer of the Democratic Club, I sealed not a battle of "Old Lincoln" and labeled it "not to be remonstrated until Stephen A. Douglas gets the Democratic nomination for Senator." I feared that it may be opened in 1860. Should your then need delegates look to this Congressional District for one.

Yours truly,

Charles D. Cray
Charlestown
Dec. 23/57
Approbatory.
Camp Point Ills 20th 23

Mr. Stephen O. Douglas

Sir,

My object in writing to you is to let you know my circumstances and to ask a favor of you. I have been working at my trade for some time in this country, but was taken sick early in the fall and have paid out all the money I had for board. I am a good way from home and out of money and need a strong friend and I now ask you to please and lend me some money to help me to get home. I live in Pennsylvania when I am at home. There is no one there to write to for money that is able to send me any. If you will be kind enough to let me have some I will go home the cheapest way I can without you asking the same. I will see hard times of it this winter, you may think strange of asking amit to one he never seen for money but I
Don't know of any one but I you to write to for a favor to be my case in consideration if you please and I know you will assist me. Should I live till 1860, you will find a friend in me then and always.

I wrote to you a few days ago and directed my letter but hearing you were not there I thought I would write this you will do me a great favor if you will lend me a little money and I will pay it back to you when I get home and come it.

Now consider this strictly confidential.

Yours truly, James E. Fee

Camp, Pint Illinois
Flat A Sec
Camp Point
Dec 23/59

McRyns to send him some money to take him home to Mrs. Marshall at whom Earnis hubber
friend to you in 1860

MD
Akwes, N. 28, 1857

Hon. J. A. Douglas,

My dear Sir. In the spring of 1824 I landed in Pike County, Ill., at the town of Atlas on "Snicker" with Amos & Pirtly Jackson & Duns W. Howard, with their families. We came in a small sail boat. I partook of the hospitality of Judge Douglas and also at a farm kept by a Gent by the name of Douglas. If I remember right there was a young man there, living with his uncle that was called "Arnold." He was teaching the school at that place. The question is this. Were there any Douglas relatives of yours and was you there, if any, here my hand—If any, please excuse my insanations. Permit me to say that your course on the Kansas question is approved by every Democrat in Ohio. (Always expecting "Ray" of Cleveland Plain Dealer) at the time you was in this place to see A. Sawyer day I happen't to be absent or I should have had the honor of an introduction to you. If convenient, please enter my name on your list and I would be much obliged for your late speech and any other documents you would consider as addressed to me. I will say that I am now and have been for the last eleven years a Justice of the Peace in this place. Please excuse this rude intrusion. and believe me very respectfully your obt. serv.

Noah M. Green
Noah M. Green
Akron O
Dec 23rd 1837
Frequently your's truly

[Signature]

Yr.
To the Hon. J. A. Buelus
Washington City

Dear Sir,

I must urge you to congratulate you upon the happy effect of your late movements in Washington to carry out the great principles of self-government as included in the Kansas and Nebraska Act. I have never opposed the principles of self-government as set forth in the Nebraska Act but used my vote and influence at the late presidential election to place the party in power who I supposed would act fairly and impartially carry out its provisions. The position you now occupy with reference to Kansas affairs is based on right and justice to all parties both North and South and in the end must prevail, and furtbhere more allow me to say that I shall use the limited capacity & opportunity I possess to sustain you in the bold and fearless stand you have taken to uphold the right. I had occasion to attend a meeting of your men at our large number of young men more amount took occasion to ask me what the state of feeling was with reference to your position
on Kansas affairs in your late speech at Washington and further more from the parties stand more as compared with the late Presidential Election. The answer was one over Vermont 1140 Majority but if a vote was taken none states would be sustained by a majority of 9 to 10 of this be an index of the popular feeling throughout the country your cause must triumph to the disappointment and overthrow of Northern Abolitionist and such fanatics.

Very truly yours

James Curley
Jason Gunby
Chicago, Ill.
Dec. 20, '59.

Ask some choice chub which gave President 1000 maw
es now go 10 for you.

Supt.

[Signature]