Eaton Place
December 28th, 1857

Dear S.A. Douglas:

Dear Sir,

Not having the honor of a personal acquaintance with you, still permit me, in common with your fellow citizens, here to express my admiration of the manly stand you have recently taken in the Senate for the people of Kansas. If it be the true meaning of the Kansas, Nebraska Act, as you claim, to secure the people of the Territory, in a fair compulsion touching their new domestic institutions, and Subsides still enforce it, the policy of the act, concerning which you have been so much abroad, will be chiefly acquired in. By the free States, as being under all the circumstances, the best means that can be adopted for the amicable settlement of a broad question which so seriously threatens our friendly relations.

This seems to be a fitful in things, and I am glad that you have taken ground upon this question; for all other matters, it was
Omniately choose for you to stand forth boldly as the present occasion. This you have done, and I drop upon this line of encouragement as one of the people, to cheer you on in the advocacy of its just a measure, and to let you know that from this quarter nine tenths of it is Dimoncy, and the rest of mankind are with you, and heartily concur in what you have said.

Marian, parties may callify you for a reason, but me I in your place and could so far subsist the true interest of my Country, as to adjust this controvexy, by a fair abridgment of it to the people. I would rather have the honors of the advocacy of its just a measure, than to make the abuse of Rubett we the will of a majority, to an unjust abuse of the minority, as you yourself say your 1822.
A. Staines
Eaton, Ohio.
Dec 23, 1857

Sandlot as one of the people
Cheers him on
Chicago Dec 28, 57

Hon. A. Douglas
U. S. Senator
Dip.

Accept my thanks for the speech with which you have honored me. Its arguments cannot be overthrown.

Whatevem I am the result of Kansas is the result of it cannot but be desirable. Best wishes for complete success in existing
the attempted war, and that the pacification of Kansas
under a Constitution of its choice, may
soon be told and many efforts
remain
Most Respectfully,
E. W. Hammond
June 26, 1862
The present session of Congress, being, in the anticipation of many, consistent as one of more than ordinary interest, and as your public life so far has been brilliant with many happy illustrations of generous zeal for the welfare of your fellow citizens of Illinois, and believing the same impulse that has actuated you in their behalf in matters of general legislation, would, if solicited, respond to other considerations, I have ventured to request of you (pardon me should I presume to trouble) a copy of the 'Congressional Globe.'

I must hardly assume you of the increased gratification of your fellow citizens here, for your late most vindication of the Foreign Principle of all Government, in defence of the United States. Be this, that fiscal engine which moves the whole machinery of our political system, public opinion has reached you, and
I must go far in commending for the steadfast, true, position you have assumed in the elucidation of political errors from an extremist Section of the Nation. It has become a subject of wonder that so vital a declaration of character should have come from the Authors of Whose inspired by the acts of fearless Champions of a great Cause, these living monuments may yet be yours, standing forever as, as long as you could have claim a name, a history, as a Nation. There it is known to remain as indebted this Your new Republic will Your yours ever? Yr. 1857 Thos. R. Harmer
Dear Sir:
Randolph Co. Ills
Near 24 Oct 1857.
R. J. Hammond.

Affectionately yours,
Wm. C. Goble.
Nott Farmington, Oakland Co., Michigan
December 22dth, 1857

Hon. Judge Douglas:

Sir, I make no apology for this line, beyond that found in warm and generous sympathy for the distinguished individual to whom it is addressed. Many talk of Judge Douglas' new position; I look upon it as the one you have always occupied, though there are many who have not before so perfectly understood you. As an old Democrat who left us during the last campaign remarked to me, yesterday, that "The reading of your speech, was like the unfolding of a sealed package, he never before understood you, and that henceforth he was a Douglas man." There are hundreds of just such cases. At the recent meetings in Detroit, all who enjoy the luxury of a good name and good morals, were your enthusiastic admirers. Could a voice go up from Michigan today in this matter, it would be to Senator Douglas: to,

"Stand like an anvil, through the blows of stalwart men fell thick and fast,"

Sir, you can entirely and unreservedly rely on the North to carry you triumphantly through the present as well future struggles. Will you lend me 10 or 20 copies of your speech in pamphlet form if you have them, and I will ensure their reading in the right places.

I am most respectfully yours,

E. C. Hatton.
E. C. Hatton

Both Farmleigh

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Dec. 31/57.

Yours truly,

S. G. H. F. [Signature]
Confidential

Portsmouth, Ohio
Dec 28th 37

Hon. W. A. Douglas
Rich.:  

Please advise me (by mail) whether you are retained by the R.R. Bridge Co. in the case of Peterson, myself et al. as said to be in the case to which I refer is for the recovery of damages for the cost of the state road, affidavit for the cost of Rock Island Bridge.

If you are not retained, I wish to procure your service (if agreeable) I shall certainly beat the Co. and when your cooperation also that you may share in the result.

Politically, I have the people in this portion of southern Ohio and the adjoining portion of Kentucky all right on the Popular Sovereignty question.
Permit me to refer you to Judge A.M. Wood of Seneca Co., one of my allies in the case referred to, who will speak for my liberty.

It is melancholy for me to tell you the attention of (not only) the American People, but the civilized world is upon gaining the Champion and Naval leader of a Christian doctrine.

Respectfully,

Joseph W. Wm.

J. D. Reed
Hurd, J.S.
Portsmouth, Ohio,
Dec 28, 1858.

("Confidential")
Anderson, December 28, 1857.

Sirs, Stephen A. Douglas, C. Fris.

I see that you and the Administration differ a little as to the policy to be used in settlement of affairs in Kansas. The Democracy of Madison County are with you. But I hope that there will be no serious division of our party. I am going to the Convention on the 8th of January at Indianapolis; we shall see the Wright & Bright factions together. I expect to see a very warm time. I would not be surprised to hear to announce you and Uliger post of the Administration which our folks will oppose; we want to sustain the Administration of Mr. Buchanan and see an entire union of our party. S. Douglas for the next President. I am as ever your friend and fellow citizen.

Andrew Jackson

S. A. Douglas
Washington D.C.
Andrew Jackson
Anderson
Ind. A
Nov 28, 1837
Political

W
927 Morgan St.  
Phila., Pa.  
December 28, 1777.

Hon. A. Douglass,  

If it would not occasion you inconvenience, I should be obliged to you for a copy of your late speech on Kansas affairs in the U.S. Senate.

That by your noble stand for popular rights you are winning the affection of the moderate, disinterested men of all parties cannot be doubted. By persevering in it you will not only win the gratitude of the citizens of Kansas, but a nobler reward which proceeds from a consciousness of doing right. You now lead the vanguard of popular rights; it is, perhaps, its noblest champion. Carrying along with you an immense moral force, which renders you invulnerable to either the sophistries or the malevolences of your opponents.

Very respectfully,

[Signature]
Lt. Jefferson
Acting A.D.C.

Dec. 28, 1855

An apparatus used
Encourage you to
go on
Dec. 28th, Dec. 1857

My Dear Sir,

I have been thinking of your late speech, and many from some you once I have had my confidence in you have accordin to my usual judgment been the ablest man in this union. As evidence of your services and for the premising my decision Chris at the last Convention I do not fully accord with the President in his message yet I cannot fail to write him I hope you well not I cannot touch you with a long letter, my object is to ask you to send me your speech or ideas I am in a few miles of Alabaton where you have build your blocks. I hope now to have a visit from you direct to Harriet P. Butler

Truly your friend

E. P. Johnson
Historical Society of Pennsylvania
Philadelphia Dec. 28th 1857

Sir,

I have the honor of informing you, that you have been this day elected a Member of the Historical Society of Pennsylvania.

I am, Sir,
Your obedient Servant,

[Signature]
Corresponding Secretary,
Historical Society of

Pennsylvania,

Phila. Nov. 28, 1857


Inform Judge Douglas
of his election as
Honorary Member.

Honor, Stephen A. Douglas.

Sir:—I have the honor to inform you, that at a regular meeting of the Springfield Library Association, held Tuesday evening, Dec. 22nd inst., you were, as a token of the high consideration in which you are held by the members, unanimously elected an honorary member of said association. With the hope that it may not be unpardonable to you, especially when you reflect what it emanates from young men of the capital of our State, and with the expression of my own high respect, I subscribe myself

Yrs. Ob. Sct.

Jos. Kelly,

Cor. Sec. Springfield Lib. Assoc.
Glendale, Hamilton Co., Dec. 28th, 1857.

To J. A. Douglass;

Dear Sir,

I want a copy of your Kansas speech. I shall be greatly obliged to you if you will send one on. In Cincinnati they are scarcer than diamonds. I tried hard to obtain one, but could not for love or money.

Our administration Enquirer is as shy of it as of a aunt sheed, and will not give us even an extract. I have read all your speeches that I could get hold of for years, and with more elevation than those of any other mortal man.

So think that a little stone knocked from the Green Mountain rocks should become the rockers of American politics is enough to make me proud of even a Vermont birthplace. Your Magna Soeverainty doctrine has bent into my spirit like a hot iron. It is true gospel, and the best we delivered to us since the angels sang over the brow of Bethlehem. If human government be not a mockery and human nature a lie, it will stand.

You are gaining hosts of friends here, among whom I desire to be reckoned, even of the smallest.

Yours truly,

Olyma Knowlton.
Cyrus Knowlton.
Glendale,  
Hamilton Co., Ohio,  
Decr. 23, 1857.

I am authorized to issue a printed copy of your speech, which was delivered in Cincinnati.

Yours truly,

[Signature]
North Yarmouth
Dec 28 1857

Mr. Douglas
Dear Sir:

If you have any copies of your speech lately delivered in the Senate, you would confer a favor by sending in one to my address.

Respectfully yours,

Oliver Libby
North Yarmouth

Hon. Stephen A. Douglas
Illinois
Dear Libby,

Nye-mouth
Maine

Yer 28/57

for a sketch.
Sir:

Most respectfully I am,

The Old Key Stone is entirely beyond a doubt, in this great principle and the great heart of the people, it can be done to you any where. The days are but few of your speeches in the full of Penn. If you will send me your 100 copies, I will be glad to have them distributed amongst the people.

I am for you for the President 1860 and was for you in 1856. I would be proud to be enrolled on your list of correspondents and any communication that may be received from you relating to this

patriotism will be highly appreciated and that

you will be kind enough to forward. I have your to Col. Penn. J. E. Penn

D. & James Owen Jones and ask to

any communication from or sent to Penn. I am a brother of J. D. Lee, of Bub buy, and think you desire to send me any

from in the shape of your speeches of their documents, address, him to

Monocacy Bank, Canonsburg, Penn.

Monocacy Church

This is an endorsement

Dec. 28, 1857

Your srs. with respect,
W. Lilly
Munchen Charity
Dec. 28th. 1855
Everybody in the town
100 copies of your

[Signature]

Address: B. [unreadable]
Dear Sir,

Please send me a copy of your speech on the President’s message.

Respectfully yours,

Edwin McCracken

Perrysburg, Burt’s Co., Ohio

Dec. 28th, 1857

Hon. S. A. Duglop

U. S. Senate

Washington, D.C.
Bellefonte, Pa. Dec. 28th 1857

Mr. Stephen A. Douglas

Dear Sir,

Pardon me for troubling you. But the deep interest I feel in the welfare of the Democratic party, and especially in the welfare of our common country, prompts me to write you.

I sincerely regret that any difference of opinion, or that any issue should arise between you and the Administration. I have read your speech lately delivered in the Senate upon that portion of the President's Message, relating to the liquor tax constitutional. With entire satisfaction and approval, upon the abstract principle that...
The whole constitution of a proposed state should be submitted to the people, is certainly just, fair and equitable. Upon this principle the Administra- tion stands. Then there is no difference between you and the President upon this general principle as so clearly set forth in your speech in the Senate. The President, however, shows a willingness to waive this principle in this particular case, not as I understand, because he deemed it right, but rather as a matter of necessity. You do not think it expedient to violate a great principle for the sake of a compromise. I cannot agree as to the necessity of a departure from it in this particular case. I must say, that in my opinion, you have the side of consistency, reason and justice. You may denounce him and inveigh against him from the editorials of one section of the other. I am much surprised at noticing a lengthy article in the Washington Union, of the 16th inst., against your course in refusing the whole constitution to be submitted to the people of Kansas for their adoption or rejection.
In this that paper has shown itself the peculiar example of inconsistency. After spending more ink and paper than all other journals in the Union in defense of the policy of Gov. Walker & Sec. Stanton and the instructions of Pres. Buchanan, it now turns its batteries against you for adopting the very same policy. For the former position of the "Union" upon this question, see an article on the 2nd page of the Weekly Union of July 2nd 1857. I am not alone in thinking you are right. I intend to defend your course in a series of articles in the "North Va. Register," signed "Conservative," which I will send you. I wish you to send me a copy of your late speech in the
Senate, also your report to
the Senate of the 12th. March
1856, and the bill first in
promoted by your able
Kansan to frame a constitu-
tution.

I see a squib in The
Chattanooga Advertiser con-
signing you and Walker
over to Commissary C.C. such
Things w ill have an effect
for the time being, but the
soler, second Thought of the
people will, in my opinion,
justifying you.

Your Ob't Servit.

Joshua Madden

Hon. U. S. Douglas
Washington
D.C.
Joshua Madden
Bellefonte, Ala.
Dec 28, 1857.

Political
will defend your
course in
"North Ala. Register"
under signature of
"Conservative"
Cutting Slip
abrine from the
"Chattanooga Advertiser"

Wants copy of
cate Speech
Report in Senate
of 12 March 1856.
It be true
introduced to admite
Kansas.
Cincinnati, Dec. 28th, 1857

Hon. Stephen A. Douglas

Sir: Will you be kind enough to send me, at your earliest convenience, a copy of the speech you made in the Senate? It would add an appropriate word of encouragement.

Your obedient servant,

John J. Marvin

[Handwritten address: Hor. L. A. Douglas]
Confidential

Chicago, Ill. Dec 26, 1857

Hon. C. S. Douglass
Washington City

Dear Sir,

I have just returned

from a trip to Indiana. I was in some days at

Cincinnati. I have seen a good many of the leading

democrats of Indiana. A small portion of them

doubtless I have none but the latter must be

defeated the cause. I have been taken on the

Kansas question. I was some time ago at Indianapolis

and had a very long interview with the Governor. He

is with Mr. G. B. Bryant and J. L. Robinson, I am with the

administration but the democrats lead me in the

various counties that I consider will be with

peace and I think if there will be need to come

before the people of Indiana today and entreat

the people. He has expressed in the Senate

he must be elected. Without doubt

Gov. Fillmore expressed great admiration for me

and the people of Indiana feel for me but at the

same time cannot agree with me in the

Kansas question. I feel for this information think

I may write like to keep what I say.
The family in Indiana. Miss W. came to United Conference to help a Miss Douglas member. Miss Kelly & Miss L. from France. Mrs. Wing.
James, sir
Chicago, Ill.
Dec. 28/57,

Public men's opinion in Indiana.

Meets with Judge T[...].
South Fairworth December 28th 1857

Dear Sir,

Although I am of humble parentage and still more humble fortune—living in a rural district of the granite state—yet I have been favored with a personal intimate acquaintance with each of our delegation in Congress. Nor has my acquaintance been limited wholly to the men of our own state; I have tried to keep posted in regard to the position of other public men.

Were we to bring forward antecedents I should find much to object to in your past course, but we seldom form our associations from past, but present positions. England and France sought the destruction of each other for a century, yet were in harmony before the walls of Sebastopol.

Taking your position then from the opening of the present Congress, and yours is an elevated position, which can be occupied by no man but once in a hundred years.

At what other period of the world, could Luther have taken advantage of the corruption of the church and have entailed upon himself such immortality? When else could Washington have so conducted himself as to become the idol of a nation—cause cities bear his name and monuments to ascend to heaven in commemoration of the same.
What other inch of ground was there on earth where Jackson could have so arranged his battle as to destroy the strongest army of Europe with the loss of only eight men? Or where else could be have manifested such wise statesmanship as in the creation of the old United States Bank?

It was the taking advantage of the times God put in their hands that made these great men.

When or at what other period could the hearts of A. Claypoole have turned his brow against the wave of error and sustained by the prayers of more than twenty millions of people, have combated the greatest fraud that was ever attempted upon our nation?

Before you see opens a field of future glory, if you will only be true to the God who gave you talents and to the people who have given you position. There is none more important your prize, the time I speak of Bartlett was once trying to substantiate a position before a jury when the judge interfered, his ruling and told him his point was clear without further argument. Bartlett having been properly managed by the vacillancy of this old gray judge, laid down hisPuerto and taking the old man in the face sternly, pointing his finger toward him asking, "Will your own flesh?" I would not call you to your countenance, but in view of the extraordinary efforts that will be applied to you, and in view of the immortal consequences which may attack to your position; if does seeming meet we should enquire, Will you

Are there is one fact you may not be prepared fully to believe in, but I think the future will reveal the you the truth of it. You know we have always had two great national parties (N.P.) The Democrat and Federal parties. You know their designs are stamped on all earthly things and that in obedience to this universal law, the why or federal party has faded away. The verdict was yet to be expressed upon the Democrat party, where or how we knew not, but it's hour has come! Deserve it as you will, the great National Democrat party is no more. You may carefully place the soldier at the end of the line. But yet the is no separation between the brains and hearts. The nostrils may dictate a few times more, but the lungs will never again be inflated.

Your position is quite as delicate as that of some. Your shielding is now destroyed, you can no more return there could the Hemlocks drive back to their former homes. Now take your choice, boldly to the conquest of the Mountianous or scatter in pieces by the savage destiny. If you show your former just put me down in a soldier of the latter the quicker your destruction the better for the country.

Oh! what a position you now occupy! You may nicely the famous Washington, for you may next Lucifer out of his
I trust your bold stand is to be followed by bold exploits.

You can so manage as to be supported by Hall and Taft from New Hampshire and yet hold us to the very best of the Democracy. You can take Henniker and Thurlow of Maine and yet have a majority of the "Wild cats and lamnods,"—you can take Banks and Durfee of Massachusetts and that is enough for that state. Finally you can unite the best men of every state and form a party—all it the Byglof party or what else you please; let it embrace all your true positions; leaving out if you please the few errors your enemies dare not attack you, first as they have done others in open combat, but will try to play with you, "spider and fly."

But sir the moment they get you into their web you are a marked victim.

All the above will cost you at most is the reading and it has cost me about the same for the writing, so if you please we will call it even.

With much respect,

Yours Larkin D. Mason
Larkin D. Mason
South Farmworth
Mt.
Dec 28 '57

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W
Washington County, Iowa
December 29th, 1836

Mr. Stephen A. Douglas

Dear Sir: I am in receipt of the copy of your speech printed in the Advocate. I am deeply interested in the political question of the day. I feel that the principles of the great Democratic party are for the welfare of the country at large. I hope to act in accordance with these principles. If your speech is to be printed, I would be pleased to have it reprinted. I have not yet had an opportunity to read your speech. It is said to be excellent and is highly esteemed by all who have read it.

I am, dear Sir, your obedient servant,

John Myers

John Myers captured three out of four of the Senate seats and I will be a thousand times happier if we can raise a thousand and a half. But remain yours truly,

John Myers

Hastily,

Stephen Douglas

Mr. A. S. Summers
Washington Co.,
Dove, Dec. 28th,
John Myers,
Mark Steele.

[Signature]
[Signature]
[Signature]