Xenia, Ohio
December 21, 1857

Dear S. H. Douglas
Washington City

Will you be so kind as to send me a copy of your speech on Tennessee affairs and thereby Major Jones?

C. Stanton
Hoptinton, N.H., Dec 25, 35

Dear Sir,

Will you please send me a copy of your speech on the Proclamation Constitution?
I have not been published in the democratic paper at Concord and therefore I have not had the pleasure of reading it. I trust you will appreciate for having so interest.

Yours truly,

Geo. W. Michaels

Hon. A. A. Douglas
Washington, D.C.
Montezuma Dec 28th 1857
Hon. Stephen A. Douglas
Dear Sir:

...being a Democrat myself and anxious to know the movements in Congress I would be much obliged if you would put my name on the list of your correspondents...

Direct to Jeremiah Nodine
Montezuma Parke Co.

Respectfully yours,

J. Nodine

Hon. S. A. Douglas
I. Nodine
Montgomery
Dec 28/57
Wants 164 passenger upon Dock list
Dr. Sir,

I trust not acquainted with you I wish you to send to Dr. H. Frank Ed. Ed Gazette at that place some few valuable
Pate let him understand it is policy so to do his painful
his treatment been neutral but some conversation with him I
know he is an admirer of me and I thank you so much for your
I am very happy to have been able to

Yr. Truly

Robert Norton
Albert Norton
Rochester
Dec 23/57
166
Wants DOC about
L H Frink. Edinyr of the
Kazette - his partner is new for year.
Dear Sir,

Although the opinion of an obscure County Court Attorney, as to your course & position on the Kansas question in general, & the Secompot Constitution in particular, may be, & no doubt is a matter of but little moment to a person in your distinguished position before the whole country it may, nevertheless, be a source of some gratification to know, even from so humble a source that the heart & soul of this part of Penna. is with you, even against her "favorite son".

I have therefore acted with the opposition. But, if I had believed in an honest purpose to carry out in good faith the principles of the Kansas Nebraska Bill, as set forth in your noble argument of the 9th inst., (a copy of which my friend Col. Whitney of Del. a member of the Lower House, has been kind enough to send me) by him & this friends, I would, at the last election have supported James Buchanan - a democratic nominee, for the first time. The event of this campaign, it seems has justified the doubt as to Mr. Buchanan, for whom the battles of the last campaign were fought even in Pennsylvania.
on the positions affect & illustrated in your argument of the 9th inst. Nothing else was taken from the stump, or seen in the partisan papers of the day. Pennsylvania could not have been carried for Mr. Buchanan on any other terms.

I have no desire to trespass on your time—I do not flatter myself that the writer's name will be imprinted longer on your memory than a hasty glance of the eye. I am, have been induced to write these lines for the purpose of eliciting a reply. My only purpose is to give you whatever gratification may be found in the fact—as I believe it to be—that a large proportion of the people of this section of Penna., of all parties, are with you, in this all-absorbing, and I may say only question, on which their minds are exercised in our National politics. Let me then add one more—the echo of many—a very many to swell the notes of approbation you have already heard from The Rep. wishing you

"God Speed"—"Wherever the large consequences of the principle lead", the grass of the people of South Western Penna. will follow you.

Very Respectfully,

Yours Fr.

[Signature]

To Hon. S. A. Douglas
S. Duncan Olson
Uniontown
Lafayette Co.
Dec 28 '57.

Gentlemen,

Political.

S.

[Signature]
Shelby, Ohio Dec 28th 1847

Dear Sir,

In the multitude of your old acquaintance, it cannot be otherwise that the names of many of them will have escaped your memory, and that I am among that number is most likely for the reason that you have not had occasion to speak my name as oft as I have been pleased to speak yours. Still they do not lessen the high respect that my acquaintance with you personally as well as the evident approbation that I am happy to entertain for you, as a champion of those principles that has made us the great people the world ever knew, and while I am saying this I may as well add that in addition to the letter that your patronage has added to your name, we have been occasionally honored with the illumination of your burning effigy in various parts of our County, which we democrats claim has only tended to clean away the dark cloud that your dusky opponent dare inducing to create over the path that destiny had surveyed for you. Yonder to future goodness and greatness, we are all
Uncle, men now, and one of my neighbors more enthusiastic than the rest is forming a fine thirty
over which he desires a seat as soon as your
Kansas measure is permanently established.

That we may be kept advised of your progress
in advocating your country's early unseasone docu-
ment must be most manfully received, as Hon. A. B. Hemen-
io is our representative, he has somehow or other judged
at to keep my democracy advised.

With much respect I am your very humble
but devoted friend,

A. W. Patterson

Hon. Stephen A. Douglas,

U.S. Senat

This is the copy of the letter.

March 28, 1857

A. W. Patterson

Springfield, Ohio
My dear Sir,

I find as you suggest that my time can be better employed here than in Washington and as the subject last season was not of the manner of party the other day I have endeavored to define my views to Mr. Webster until the actual vote of the Legislature.

What opposition we shall meet with is yet uncertain. But I fully expect a pattern of the members will resist my views whatever. Back of the Brown's Jubilee, works and Mays have been with us and have promised me votes at Cleveland by Thursday. This week and unless we get the proper Railroad terms, I am in favor of a simple Railroad Bill without the変commendation of Kansas vote.
The Le campion Constitution makes the same rule in first submission both to the people and approved by a majority of the votes in the Territory. In this form it will remain and the support of the Black Republicans, and renew it and appropriate for Democrats to oppose it.

I write you would write an article that at Columbus, justice and freely on the latest events and openly such account as you think may be required. This may be important to enable us to make matters.

Send J. M. Deignan Columbus.

please add to the list of those to whom you sent public letters and letters of warm praise and has especially caused me to make this request of you. Here send it.

Gove your orders.

[Signature]

Hon. A. Deignan

[Signature]
Cincinnati, Dec 25, 1842

Hon. S.T. Douglas, Senate, DC

Sir,

I send you for trouble you in a matter, in which I presume you are already much annoyed, your speech on the Kansas or Leecegenon Constitution is much sought for and I have been frequently approached to know whether I could procure a few copies, in consequence of which I take the liberty of forwarding the names of a few persons who would esteem it a favor to them if you could forward a few copies.

Very respectfully,

[Signature]

24 Perry Street

P.S. I refer to Hon. S.C. Pugh,

Hon. Jeptha D. Bright, Hon. M. D. Nechebeek,

H. Geo. T. Pendleton,

Br. Crawford, J. H. D. Tice, C. D. Lakesley,

M. B. Dickson, B. Egleson, Thos. Mann,

A. Coates, D. S. Williamson, J. T. McFarland,

W. Coolidge, John W. Welch, B. Crawford,

J. A. Jones, Col. John Singleton, J. McFarland,
A few extra copies to myself would be properly distributed.

Cincinnati, Ohio, January 23, 1857

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Handwritten note at the bottom of the page.
Shall every ordinance be set aside? By what authority? I have the honor to inform you that the President has directed me to inform you that he wishes to receive my best wishes for the President.

The President of the United States, which I understand, has directed me to inform you that he wishes to receive my best wishes for the President.

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I have the honor to inform you that the President has directed me to inform you that he wishes to receive my best wishes for the President.
It is my intention that the matter remain in Haywood. I have not yet been able to formulate a resolution on the question of the county line. The matter is complicated and it is difficult to come to a decision. I believe it is in the best interest of the county to maintain the current line. I will make every effort to have a meeting with the county commissioners to discuss this matter further.

[Signature]

[Date]
Samuel Poole

July 1st
Dec. 25th
(Akarnaki)

(Apprentice of John Read)
Mr. S. A. Douglas

Brother -

I desire to see you a moment concerning some property in which you have an interest.

John Pratt

St. Nicholas
Dec. 28, 57
Prophetown Ills.
Dec. 28, 1857

Now S A Douglas
Washington Dec 20, 1857

Dear Sir,

Again, speeches of the 75th has been read with much interest by your political friends in this part of the country and I know of no Democrat in the county who dissent from the doctrines inculcated therein. And thus is a rare a Black Republican who is not standing in Arrangement and waiting an invitation or rather an excuse to join us while those poor deluded Democrats who left us in the time of need are standing with their hats off and humbly asking us to receive them back. They say you told them so, but they supposed you and those who advocated Democratic principles were bought over by the South and were trying to turn us out now they are thoroughly convinced that we were honest.

Any document you may favor us with shall be properly circulated when they will be likely to be effective. Anything with which you may be proper to favor me with shall be properly appreciated.

Ollie's truly,
Ald. Potter
A. J. Porter
Prophetstown
Ill.
Dec. 27th 1858,
Encouraging,
people coming over.
J. S. Dough
Ld. R. R. Office
Cincinnati Ohio
Dec 23 57
Wants 12 Speeds.

Kint o Dec 23 57
Hon S. A. Doughlub
Omaha
Please send
subscription now copier of your
speech and allege your fund
subscribers

J. S. Dough
L. M. R. R. Office
Cinc. Ohio
Ashland, March 11th, 1863

H. C. Douglas, M.D.
Washington City

Hon. Dear Friend,

I have carefully read your Kansas speech on your entrance of the Senate, and I think you would be on the Kansas Pro-slavery Bill you are now carrying out that all slaves bought were enslaved in that Bill. That is the old Whig Committee of the Cincinnati platform, which I never had any thing against. Old Prentice had me in all things but in Kansas, I am called to the center. I did not stand in the center as a Conservative Man should. Neither should be sustained. I was in Kansas while he was exerting all his power as a true patriot pursuing a conservative course. I most cordially endorse all of Northerners saying I doing in Kansas. I am what is called a pro-slavery man but justice to all should be the Statesman who dof the states of the country. Of this notion we all will you please abide me everything pertains to Kansas.

Yours Respectfully,

Hon. H. C. Douglas, M.D.

A. A. Rankin

P.S. I understand that Maj. T. S. Harris is with you of which I am very glad. Please answer this if you have time.

Yours,

A. A. Rankin
Salem, Dec. 25th, 1857.
Hon. S. D. Douglas
Dear Sir:

You will pardon this
interruption of your time and
patience, I am not seeking office.
But after reading your able
defence in the Speech you
sent me, I could not fail
To express to you my sincere thanks,
That this is still at least
One champion in the Senate
of the United States, able and
willing to defend the great
Democracy. The Principal of
Popular Sovtanry on Saturday
This 25th, is mailed to your home
County House from which you
will be on an all night trip,
I would be pleased to receive
further expressions of your
Confidence in the way of Government" speeches &c. &c., hath promised to cooperate in the advancement of those great principles upon which depends our future nationality. Hoping to hear from you during the Session of Congress and wishing you and the laws you so nobly defend success I remain, with your kind regard,

J. B. Peckham

President

Indiana
Mon. S. A. Douglas.

Dear Sir,

From the first introduction of the Kansas & Nebraska Act in the U.S. Senate in the Spring of 1854, I have been and am now an ardent and unwavering advocate of that Measure, not only on account of its Paternity, but because the great principle it established is Eternally Democratic and Predominantly Just. And I will add, worthy of its author and the great State he so ably represents.

I have been somewhat identified heretofore, and am now pretty well acquainted with the Politics of this County, and therefore feel authorized to say that the position you have taken and so ably maintained on the Lecompton Constitution of Kansas, meets the unqualified approbation of the entire Democratic Part of Joliet and Will County. All the leading Democrats in this County are with you heart and soul, and stand by you to the bitter end.

The equivocal course of the Joliet Signal does not reflect the real and true sentiments of the Democracy and the People. It is sufficient to say however that the Editor is Post Master.

Supposing your only and true source of information as regards the sentiments of the People on the great question of Popular Sovereignty to be from the People themselves, rather than from the Newspaper.
in this city I have ventured to intrude myself upon your notice, hoping thereby to add a mute fervency to the popular expression of public approval and that you God speed in your Patriotic efforts in a noble cause.

Although I am a stranger to you personally, yet I am well acquainted with your public career for the last 20 years. The first vote I gave in Ill. for Member of Congress I gave for you. I think it was in 1838 when you ran on the Democratic ticket against Stewart the Whig candidate and were defeated by a fraudulent trick of a certain Canal Contractor by the name of A.B. Dooling.

I have been in Illinois about 20 years and have resided in this city 20 years and have the satisfaction of enjoying a clean democratic record. Should there be anything transpiring in this community of any importance to you or your interest I will write you again.

Please accept my sense wishes for your future good health, prosperity and success.

Respectfully yours,

Benj' Richardson
Dec. 28th, 1857

Respected Sir,

Will you be pleased to favor me with a few copies of your speech on the Kansas question, for distribution?

I would also request of you a few Congregational Documents for the Town Library of this place, but it may be an intrusion. If it is not, Parker’s Japan Expedition would be a great favor. We have Patent Office Reports for 1856.

Very Respectfully Yours,

Henry Root

Res. S. A. Douglas
To: Root

Anchors
Dec 28th 1537

Wrote again [illegible]
To: Rhone

[illegible]
Lempster Dec. 28, 1857

Hon. J. H. Douglas

Dear Sir:

Will you please send me a copy of your speech in the Senate on the President's Message on Kansas.

Please direct

East Lempster N.H.

Yours B.C.

Reuben Roundy
Reuben Roundy
East Simpster
N. St.
Decr. 28/57

Wants Speech
Cincinnati Dec 28

Senator Douglas

You would confer a favor by sending me a copy of your Kansas Nebraska speech. Speeches are to be garbled in passing through the process of republishing in partisan papers, that one cannot tell whether one is reading a speech he has the whole speech as originally delivered, or an abridgment of it.

I have always voted with the Whig party, since I have been with the American party. The Kansas question has come in vexed shapes and conflicting forms, I have looked for some one, come to the earnest and rational rescue of the difficulties but till I read your speech I did not know how big you are right. I have never but one time 1840, voted for the Democratic ticket but once, I am with you when it comes in 1860 to vote for a President I can do nothing till then, being nothing but a humble printer. It gives me pleasure to say to you go ahead, the country is with you. If you have a speech I shall be glad you will oblige me by sending it to me at the Times office Cincinnati 0

Respectfully, James Sanders
Pat Sandel
Cincinnati
Fire Office
Dec 28, 1857
want a check
W. Matzyn
Lawrenceburgh Pa
Decr. 28th 1857

How Stephen A. Douglas

Dear Sir,

Admiring the decided stand you have taken in regard to affairs in Kansas, and wishing to keep posted therein, I wish you would do me the favor of sending your speeches, and other documents that would give me any light on the subject. Wishing to hear from you in the shape that I have mentioned I remain

Respectfully Yours

Will J. Schroer
Lawrenceburgh

Hon I. A. Douglas
Washington City

Enduring
Wm. Schroyen
Laurensburg, Ind.
Decr 28/57.
Want, Speech
PS I compliment you on the greatness of speech of Genl. [sic] We all hail it as the guiding star of Democracy. May God grant you strength to the end.

PS
Winlow, Decr 28, 1857

Honor Mr. Douglas,

Washington City

Dear Sir:

I had an interview with you on the 4th at the Tremont In Chicago in which I feel at liberty to ask you to attend to a matter of business for me.

My name is upon Richard Pattison's bond for the faithful performance of post Master in 'Winlow' Steuben Co. Ill. and for obvious reasons I wish to know the fact from the proper department at Washington whether Pattison does perform (strictly) the duties of P. M.

You will please present the matter and cause me to be informed as soon as may be. I am very respectfully yours,

Sally Sears
Edgar Sears
Milton, Ills.
Dec 18, 1857

Wants to know if Nathan
Foshay has received any
faithfully disputed by his
dear to the post office.
Washington City,  
Dec. 28, 1867.

Dear Judge,

I have just returned from Ohio, and have the pleasure of being able to say to you that there is no decided feeling in the State. The white people are with you, enthusiastically and firmly with you. If you fail to secure your throne in the State, it will be a hurricane all over the North. You might as well come

and have a party there and get the people that have

in Northed, or any former excitement to the present one. It is unchangeable. You

Pugh, and all other delegates in the House, must and shall go with you. The people of Ohio would not them, if they vote for the "Compton

devils all".

Indiana will give three

from Indiana—Bates and Letcher. The reward which their treason merits. Every County mee

ing yet held in that State—except the one
and you will hear Old North as loud
as thePOL white
house. The
Romans are speaking about the
White

house. I think you will be able to
meet him before the
Senate
meets.

The famous figures of
the Administration, who were
pressed on to manufacture public opinion
against you, have become very
gentle. But little is said and morn
in those men. McMahon enters
and leaves the public eye.

Last night, he stated that "after all, it's just a
new night." No one seems quite
with this position, but the only question which
is the best way to get rid of the difficulty.

He will make up the
his part along the bay,
God bless you.

Yours sincerely,

James B. Steedman

[Signature]
Nov. S. A. Douglas
St. Nicholas Hotel
N. York
Demone City, Dec. 25th, 1857

To S. A. Douglas

Dear Sir,

I write you as a stranger, but having been an admirer of your career as a consistent advocate of Democratic doctrines, I hope it will not be regarded by you as ill to say that you have the sympathies of the majority of the Democratic in every part of the State. I have never occupied any other position than as a private in a private capacity, I say "lay one on me both" as the great principles of Popular sovereignty are appealed to. As one of the sovereigns I have ever felt a lively interest in your position in relation to the Lecompte Constitution is but a transcript of the position of every Democrat in and region. As Democrats we have looked with some interest as to the position.
of his representative in the Senate. If
however, he does not agree with the same principles
in regard to the Kansas question as that
of the Cincinnati platform, he will not
reflect the will of the Democrats of
Iowa nor will he receive their endorse-
ment. Thence, I only speak as a private
but as the map is composed of its district
parts so I as one of the map is am free
to speak being well assured that I have
the Democrats in this region. I am well
pleased peruse one in no unnecessary
self-reprehending my self being a stranger
but as one of the renounced I desired to
say, "well done good and faithful servant."
I have been a resident of this city 72 years
ago or last personly I am a stranger to
you. I would refer you to the Hon.
Wm. Montgomery whom I trust from
my former acquaintance sympathizes
with upon the great doctrine of
Popular sovereignty. Yours truly,
A. B. Shaw.
Ilay Shaw
De Moines City
Iowa
Dec. 28/87

Apprisingly
Newark, N.J. Dec. 21st 1857

Hon. Stephen A. Douglas

Honorable Sir,

Being about to engage in a work of collecting the autographs of the several distinguished men of the United States, I feel assured that without the signature of so celebrated a gentleman as you it will not be finished to compete with other works. Under these circumstances, I am sure you will confide a great honor by conferring this upon me.

Yours Cvt. Surt

Address

Geo. H. Smith
Bpt 754

Hon. Stephen A. Douglas
House of Representatives
Newark, N.J.
Geo H. Smith
Newark
Mar 28/58
WA
Box 754,
for Autographs

And
Hadley, Mass
Dec 28, 1857

Dear Sir,

I am désirous of procuring a copy of your lecture on the Kansas question to preserve with many others which I have.

If you could oblige me in this respect I should esteem it an especial favor.

Very respectfully,

Your ob't ser't.

Henry Smith

To S. A. Douglas
M. S. S.
My Smith
Hackett
Mass.
Decr 28, 1857.
Wants Speede.
March 23, 1857

I thank you for your noble speech a copy of which has just been received by me. Your early and consistent position of making you friends of thousands have won you the admiration of the people as you are a day. You are in an impregnable position.

Your most truly,

J.G. Speer

Pastor 1st Presbyterian Church, Milledgeville

Field, Dec. 28, 1857

Senator Douglas

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Your most truly,

J.G. Speer

Pastor 1st Presbyterian Church, Milledgeville
Stratov, Licking Co., Ohio
Dec 28, 1867

Hon. Stephen A. Douglas
U. S. Senator

Dear Sir,

You will confer an especial favor if you will send me a copy of your speech on the "President's Message" (The Kansas question). If you can send me about 50 copies of it for distribution I will hand them out with pleasure—Any other document will be thankfully receiv'd.

Yrs. Sd.,

C. A. Stevens P.M.

P.S. Permit me to congratulate you for your position on the Kansas question, which I consider as the only true Democratic ground, all other positions I think are untenable, and will, if tenaciously adhered to, destroy any party.
L A Stephens.

ftw.

Plato's Shoehinge.

Ohio.

Decr 23/57.

Graduation.

Wants 50 speeches

or more for distribution.
R H Stevens, 
Buffalo, N.Y., 
Dec. 28, 1857, 
Sanitary

Buffalo, Dec. 28, 1857, 

I. N. Douglas

If you like mine I'll be pleased. Mr. Buchanan will have a good time with his troops if he attempts to force the Leavenworth dispute upon the people. Where the South intends to destroy the free market. The Southern fire eaters seem inclined to burn a place if it come. They have the Army, Navy, & all the Federal Power, they will not fail to find the people hungry & then they can form their own institutions in their own way. Subject only to the God of Israel.

If Mr. Buchanan persists in his measures and they come, he will be proven to be a true prophet, that Civil War is the consequence. If it come we can't have a better time than now. The South will find the end strong in death, especially to them, and their precious institutions. If my rule, I will prophesy that what may be the result of the question before Congress, at the election. The slave Power will not soon the country last 2 years. Northern men will not be duped by much longer. And when their enemies are about to be found beside like a worn out shoeborn & oblin.
Thom more is enough, and will now say You need have no fear for want of backing in your present position. When the federal officers are determined upon, there will be a stamped and for the Democrats, all the old Free Democrats who voted for Freemen, who of all the republicans thought. Whips & Know nothing will be on hand. If you think such back, more of a load than you want to carry. You had better proceed now. Fear and you are not to be annoyed by having Mr. Van Buren on the same side. He is a quiet Bell, and can hunt no one.

Daniel Boardman who says if they had cut off their ears & sent them out of the Territory he would have applauded the act. Speak my sentiments, and this would have been done had not Mr. Walker kept the army there for the safety of the Constitution.

I suppose you have a bunch of a day of letters of no more importance than this, can therefore will only ask you to remember this friend W. Norville.

Sincerely yours,

R.H. Stevend
Cincinnati,

Dec 27, 1857

My dear sir,

Would you send me your Kansas book on
President Mccorn — from
the telegraph report of it — it is the greatest book
you ever read —

The democratic party has
exercized a few office holders
all with your — we are
talking of holding a
mendler meeting to enucle your towns

Yours,

P. A. Thompson

[Postmark: July 26, 1857]
C. A. Thompson
Cincinnati, Ohio
Decr 28/57

Gratulatory... wants speech
Kinmeonick, Ky Dec 28th 1857

Dear Sir,

Having seen a part of your speech in the Senate on the De-County Constitution of Kansas, I am anxious to have all of it. Therefore, you will oblige me by sending me a copy of it, excuse me for troubling you for I being a Republican I have no direct Representative in Congress. I will give you the names of some Democrats if it is your pleasure I would like that you would then your speech also.

John Bassett, N. R. Garland, Wm. Brown, E. D. James, Wm. R. Smith, Wm. P. Savage, C. H. C. Bruce, Nicolas Moore, John Haldester, Abraham Logan, W. W. Jameson, Alfred Davis. The above named Democrats are all true and have not been contaminated with Know Nothingism.

Yours truly,

Hon. S. A. Douglas

Address Kinmeonick Lewis Co. Ky.

Jabez Britt
Hon. S. A. Douglas (senator)
Washington City
St. District
Columbia

March 20
Placo's Ville
Plano, Ind.

free

Kirwin's Hill
Feb 29 15
Dear Turner,

London, 12th July, 1857.

Concerning your speeches—want a second one for advertisement etc.


The Hon. P. J. Bagley,

Sir,

I received a few copies of your speech on the Kansas question and circulated them. A few men could have been of advantage here so it effectively assured the Republican line against you. And I hope we shall be able to put them entirely against our party line.

If so they cannot make a show against you. However, wheal if of them will fight I suppose a few sticks, but with the true "right-wing" triumph and by that I continue to return you to the Senate.

Respectfully yours,

Benjamin Disraeli
Cleveland, O., Dec., 28, 1859

Mr. S. A. Douglas

Dear Sir,

I received on yesterday evening a communication from one of my Spirit. Friends. Stating that he had been to Washington on a visit to our National Legislature and that he saw old Hickory. He was standing beside my friend Mr. Douglas, appearing of his course. Steering him on. [Query] If the good Spirit be with us, who shall overthrow us? Right shall conquer might. (By the Eternal) yes friend Douglas—although the good old man has left the earthly form, he is with you in spirit. Go ahead.

Your Friend,

Samuel C. Turner
Cleveland, O.
Dec 28 (C 1857)
Samuel M. Turner

Something "spiritual communion"

Sheecho sewa?
St. Paul
Dec 28, 1857
Ind

[Handwritten text]

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[Handwritten text]

Now let Douglas

Dear Sir,

 Permit me to trespass upon your valuable time as to request a few copies of your speech on the Kansasecompton Constitutional Convention. The 6th Delegation being opposed to your position (and of course stillifying themselves) will not send them to their constituents. Let us assume you that two of the people in the 6th District are with you and against Fitch’s position. I send you the Democracy’s respect for yourself & lady the best wishes of my old friend

Missouri.

A. Leila Underwood
family of Jacksonville, Illinois.
Columbus, Ohio, Dec. 38, 1847.

Hon. S. A. Douglas,

Sir,

You will pardon what ever may appear improper in the "a youth to fortune and to fame unknown" attempting to address you a word of approbation in regard to your course in the Senate, on the Kansas question as it now stands; but as I, though young, have been an editor and seen some service in the Democratic party, I concluded it would certainly do no harm to express to you my extreme pleasure and gratification at the bold and noble position you have taken on that vexed question."
Within a month I have been over almost the entire State, and claim to know something of the public sentiment of our citizens, and I can assure you that among the people Senator Douglas is the most popular man now living. I state this fact because I believe it would be a gratification to you to know that the people are with you. Among the Democracy your course meets universal approval; and were they a vote to be taken tomorrow, as to whether your position was right or wrong, you would be sustained by a very large majority. Some Democrats who have been frightened from their allegiance are re-assured, and the "original Buchanan men" are disappearing. I need my best endeavors to

remember as they were to assure the nomination of James Buchanan, because I, like thousands of Democrats, had an idea that you was most too "ultra" but now, though I do not regret Mr. Buchanan's election, I do his nomination.

I hope you may succeed in your effort to recall the Democracy from this fatal path, and glaring mistake. It will be your caliber, showing that the abuse of rapacious officials and hungry office-seekers for the eyes of the people are fixed upon you—the sharper, grand in their strength—terrible in their retribution—did you sound speak.

You will pardon an humble printer for addressing you so blantly; but it means no disrespect, but my enthusiasm must move out.

My object in writing was to request
you to put my name on your list and send me a copy of your speech on the Message.

Believe me respectfully
your obedient servant
Willoughby W. Leavitt

Hon. S. A. Douglas

Would you be so kind to send me the Speech, please address

Willoughby W. Leavitt
Columbus Ohio

Lord's Church
faithfully,

J. Leavitt Bland
Middlebury, Vermont.
Dec. 28, 1857.

Hon. H. A. Douglas,

Allow me to congratulate you on the justice and propriety of your course on Kansas. I have read a synopsis of your able speech in the Senate, and am heartily glad that you have so fairly and ably discussed that matter.

If you have a few “hand” copies of that speech, that you would send to me, I can use them for the benefit of the friends here.

With your entire respect,
I remain your

C. R. Knight.
E. H. Wright
Middletown
Decr 23d '57
Attn your own
Wants for Shoes.