Sacramento Jan 1839
Hon. Steven A. Douglas

Dear Sir,

Having been a resident of Illinois and felt a strong desire for your success, and the cause you advocate, it has afforded me, and not only me but I believe the majority of this rich and glorious State, great pleasure at the final result in the last canvass. Buchanan's course has lost to him many friends in this State.

I had a letter from Father
the last Month, in which he spoke of his earnest Devotion to you and your Cause but honesly I know my little Office will be taken from me, the Emoluments of the Office are but small, but he reining over Eighty Years of Age and the little duty he could perform them and keep his Mind occupied the Heart while he tells me out he is, and that is what he looked for such a course adopted by the Administration will and has brought the Amazement of the Ann and the People of Illinois in Particular, down on his Head.

Mr. Parson's is the one I mean in Griggsville Pike to fly. My Public Documents will be thankfully receive My Regards to Lack & Self I remain Your humble Servant

Samuel S. Parsons
Sacramento City
Cal
Danville, Ill.

Jan. 21st, 1858

Honor. J. F. Marshall,

Mr. Congressman:

I have just read and reread again to a friend your most excellent communication on the subject of the Kansas affair. I am heartily sick of this subject and begin to hope that it was drawing to a head, and think yet if the Congress will pass the Douglas, and all his act and let the whole population vote on the Constitution that they will have a miserable affair will be put to rest, I wish often that the wholeedomitted abolition race in the land and all the free negroes were in that or some other quarters by themselves where they could have enough of the black race. I'm that form and shape I have always had great confidence in the President for honesty and patriotism and great intelligence—but I think his recommendation on this and not hardly a recommendation myself, more the mode than anything else by which they stated to come into the Union—He did not intend to violate any of the principles of the Nebraska Bill yet with that view, how could Judge Douglas have taken a hand silent or have taken any other form than he has? The pretended friends I call
than the officious friends of the West have in their personal attacks upon Douglas made the thing of too much
indignation—indeed it is evident, at face value, that Mr. Lincoln, in his protest for the Presidency, but like all previous
attempts, they have made him much stronger. His stand now higher than ever in my mind:—
And in South Carolina I have been than in
year or ever in my experience.
As you know all of my letter on this subject and I will be too long.
And I think judging from expressions about
the Carnes Hotel and the village where I was
for a week. I am in company with the Sheriff,
the father of the Carpenter, and many lawyers
of Lafayette and many good Democrats of Rushville where Col. John
Robinson lives. I dined with the Chief Justice
with him and found him an excellent man
and a staunch democrat. He said not little on
the Georgetown Constitution but professed a

great friendship for Judge Douglas.
Many good Democrats cannot believe that
there should be any difference between the South and the North. I saw too of
that number. While I must certainly and
unquestionably occur in the construction
of the Kansas act. But certainly two
themselves democracy can differ on this or
many other things. Expect me for this
able as it does not ask to any things only
to congratulate you on having so good a
and democratic letter and at the right time
I felt after reading it if you ask a good
Democrat worthy of it to throw over instead
of poison among Democrats, and that is one
true test of democracy. With me for
the Democrats disrupted and then favorable
to the Union. You have always my best
Wills John Pearson
Hon. John Benton
Barnesville, Illinois

Mr. Marshall
Jan'y 1, 1858.

Political
Harmony Township, Jan 1st 1858

Mr. Stephen A. Douglas, Esq.

Sir, I write a few lines to let you know that a majority of the inhabitants residing in this vicinity are highly pleased at the stand you have taken in regard to the Kansas Constitution. When the President's message first came here, the most of the inhabitants thought that you would fully agree with every sentence. I told them I did not think so and that I thought that they would soon find it out. Several expressed an opinion that your honor would not dare to oppose any part of the message. Since I got your speech, and Mr. Bixley, nearly all have attended their minds and are now pleased with the stand point you have taken on the subject. Many thought that if the Hon. Senator disagreed in any matter with the President it would be the means of making a split in the Democratic ranks. Now it is thought no split will occur. I thought and yet think that if the motion to clear the galleries had prevailed while you were engaged in the discussion with Senator Bixley and others that a split would have occurred that would have been hard to heal. Happily the motion was withdrawn.

With all due respect,

Your obedient servant,

A. Pennock
To<br>
Harmon Township<br>
Hamco & Co. Ill.<br>
Jan. 1 1858—<br>
Commends<br>
yr course
July 1, 1855

Honorable Sir,

Stand up, by God help, and show them that there are giants in these clays as tall as "those clays."

Yours Respectfully,

A. S. Pirant.

Staufort, C.
Bournville January 15, 1855.

Honor, S. C. Douglas,

Sir as your Kansas speech in the Senate a short time since, should be read by every elector of this Republican Government, and as the greatest or a great portion of them from some cause have omitted to publish it, I refer to you some names from our section, and of your condensation in the premises, by furnishing them 2/4.

Also if agreeable with your honor, I would like to receive the speeches pro and con, on important topics during Congress.

Your obedient servant,

Robert E. Helmick


Direct to Bournville, N.Y., this.
List of names:

Bournerville
Powers Co. Ohio
F. H. Asbury
Frank Lynch
J. H. Goward
Jeff Sherlock
Time: 8 O'Clock
Lalah B. Smith
J. H. Coleman
Mr. A. H. Crader
Patrick Mallow
R. K. Corrie
David Bailey
Gilmore & Brotherston
J. R. Moton
Speigh & Brown
D. L. Dickinson
Mitchell & Brother
E. D. Mansfield
Richard Smith
Plate Event
Wittfield Lorim Co. Ohio
January 3, 1856

Hon. Stephen A. Douglas
Dear Sir:

A Happy New Year to you. May your life and usefulness be long preserved. It offers me the greatest pleasure of any thing that has happened in Political circles for a long course of time to witness the course you have taken on the Hungary question since the opening of the present Congress. It was a great step in the right direction the passage of the Hungary Nebraska Bill in which it was declared to be the intention of the bill to leave the people perfectly free to form and regulate their domestic institutions in their own way when the party favoring the bill acted as a unit and no opposition but from the minority party. But by the present mode with the Administration and a large share of the party in both houses of Congress being in opposition it seems wise and honor to me to see that the principles of the bill are carried out. Developments of this sort of character at times of the greatest importance in all Government. Like this when we are dealing for the good of the people. For instance the re-enactment of the Depository. The remedy of our nation comes from an instance of a will like Andrew Jackson's.
when the place took some on the hands of the\nfor the People's welfare, I learn that a while has been\nor will soon be introduced into Brandywine and the\nto the soldiers of the War of 1778. It is such that the\nGovernment-like the deal likewise with those who fight\nfor it. Even there is one class of soldiers in that war that\nI think should be noticed. That is those who only\nmade the long journey 160 miles of land to such ag\nshorts only for five years or during the war. At\nthe time of their discharge, the country in which the\nland was not being occupied, they took their discharge or\nchoice for land for men nominal acting. There is in\nthis town two or this class in indigent circumstances\who own them. I know of the war, one of them nominal\nThree times at the Battle of Loyalton, being\ninsolently overpowered by the class of soldiers\nat the time of their discharge, sold their share for\nland at forty dollars (as I believe was about the\nmarket value at the time). It would be about the\nvalue of a servant for forty acres of land at this\ntime. This class of soldiers came person, at no\ntime when they were not much needed at any time since the formation of this Government, New\nEngland being at the time in opposition to the\nwar and many others not in these States.

I think that justice to this class of soldiers must\nthat land be granted them. Should you think it\nadvantage to have any thing done for these persons, and\nhave not time to attend to the same yourself,\nget Mr. Weymouth of your State or any other\person to attend to the same.

Your most obedient Servant,

Seth, Me Root.
S. B. Root
Pittsfield, Lorain Co.

Jan. 1848

Pottery
A happy New Year to you and mrs. 
approves of you course
New Galilee Pa, January 4, 1858

To Jas. Scott.

I send you a copy of the 'Christian Leader' a paper of some influence in the West with an article marked to which your attention is called, as it is a sample of public opinion in reference to yourself that might be considered as somewhat flattering if it had come from another source. The article however is a mark of very considerable influence and his sentiments are worthy of your regard.

Hoping you will receive and read it with as much kindness of feeling as actuals your esteemed friend I am

Yours Respectfully

James Scott
To Mr. James Grant

January 17, 1838

Dear Sir,

Allow a stranger to congratulate you for the honor you have attained in relation to the Tariff Question. Your success is that of George Washington Stanton and appears to be the first victory by the entire party. Speaker Clay, the Post Master and Collector of the Port, the former Greek, and a native in law of Greece, writes a letter to the Times of New-York.

Truly yours,

[Signature]
New Bloomfield 160
January 1, 1854

M. S. A. Douglas

Permit me to request
you to lend me your hand in
the Cause Constitutionals.

And Oblige yours,
W. M. Shadrack.
M. S. Shackle
Hewitt, Bloomfield, Mo.
January 1/38

Yours very late speech.
Rochester N. Y. Jan 1st, 1838

Hon. S. A. Douglas,

Dear Sir: Will you send me a copy of your late speech in the Senate and infinitely oblige.

Yours to,

P.R. Sibley
Rochester N. Y.
January 2d 1858.
P. B. Sibley,

Manuscript copy speech.
Jan 12th 1858
Waynesville De Witt County Ill
Maj. Douglas & Harris
you will please send all
the important documents to following
names and oblige your friend
A. Brock & C Armstrong Kirby
Armstrong & H Dragostrain John Booth
Andrew Simmers & C. M. Linke
your recent position has gained
you many friends and some of
the black Republicans are claiming
you as coming over but will
not read your former speeches on
the subject least they will be convinced
of their error yours truly,
O. W. Linke
C. H. Steinber
Waynesville, Ill.
Jan. 1, 1858.
A few lines.
Pennsylvania, Rock Island Co Ill.
Jan 1st 1838

Con J. A. Douglas
you can confer a favor on
me by sending me a copy of the Patent
Office report.

your's &c

James M. Smith
per W. H. Cramer

James McSmith

W. W. Rames

Pennsylvania D.W.

Jan'y 1 1858

Nants Pnt Off Rpt
Baptist Town Jan 4, 1869

To
Stephen A. Douglass
M.D.,

Dear Sir,

A member of your fellow citizens in New Jersey, are anxious to procure copies of such speeches or remarks as you see proper to make in the present Congress on the Kansas programme or any other subject. By obliging us you will confer a favor.

Yours truly,

W. T. Slope

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Named

Post Office Count (State

Wm. T. Slope / Baptist Town, Hunterdon Co.

B. Roundval

David P. Slope

John W. Horn

David Striker

Wells Belles

Samuel J. Slope

William Britton

Wm. Lane

George Arnow

Thomas C. Roberson, Kingwood

George T. Slope

Oliver Clark

If you have a spare copy of the report of the Committee on the Troubles in Kansas, I would thank you for one, your truly,

William T. Slope
Mr. F. Slope
Baptist town
New Berlin
Jan. 21, 1859

Saying a list of
persons who joined
Kansas with speed,
this section of Blip.

D.
White Haven Jan'y 17th

Hon. S. A. Douglas

Dr. Sir

Will you be kind enough to send me a copy of your speech delivered in the Senate on the "popular sovereignty" question and oblige

Your Friend

C. L. Staples

White Haven

Eugene Co. Pa.
Chicago, Jan 8

R. A. Show

Dear Sir,

Will you be so kind as to send me one of each kind of the Volumes, gratuitously issued at Washington for distribution to the Patent Office Reports, in particular; and oblige Your young humble servant,

Sincerely,

R. A. Show

13 S. Clark St.

Chicago Ili

I hope you remember me, and my humble request will grant

R. A. Show

P.O. Box 4161.
Juliet 1. Jan. 7, 1858

Hon. Stephen A. Douglas,

Dear Sir,

It may be, you will think it strange, for me to trouble you with a few lines, but I hope it will not offend you, when I tell you that I have watched your stay ascending with great interest, almost constantly, ever since I had the pleasure of taking part of the way from Solict to Lockport with you in your buggy when you were a candidate first for, I thinkICS?

Perhaps you may have forgotten the laboring man whom you asked to step in to your carriage (he and I, setting the things down on the battey). I am that person, I beg you to bear me here to say that my confidence almost shrank when you bought on the Kansas Nebraska Bill, but I need not say that the difficulty both in part of Kansas arose from departing from the principle of that bill, & I am allowed me to say that I rejoice in the Monty Principle catched in your great noble & good speech on the President's message delivered in the Senate (Dec. 9, 1857). I trust you will be enabled to stand by that principle of good, safe, & Republican government, the will of the people, the Majority, untrammeled cause. But my dear sir, the particular cause
My troubling you with these few lines is to ac-
knowledge with gratitude, I mean to you, the
receipt of the many accounts, in the shape
of cheques, made in the Senate Hall
Book, sent to me, and to my eldest Son,
Thomas, the last time referred to of Sept.
14th, enclosed by your well written
hand. I have four sons, all home, the
Youngest now over 25 years, I at this
time do not pretend to be politicians, am al-
ways endeavour to support the Man of
the Measure which, in our judgement
desire to be supported.
Any news or the shape of
a public announcement from your hand
will be thankfully received as it has
always been a wish, for your welfare,
both in health. Through eternity I remain

Your Ob't Servt
Michael Hare

To the Hon, S. A. Douglas
Senator
Washington
Hon. S. A. Douglas
Senate Hall
Washington, D.C.

Wm. D. [illegible]
Galliard [illegible]
Whiteside [illegible]
April 1815
J. L. [illegible]
Grand Detour Ogle Co Ill
Jan 1, 1858

Hon J. R. Douglass Ely
Washington D.C.

Sir, Will you

show the kindness to put me on your
list of recipients of “Red Book” and send
me a complete set of the Pacific Rail
Road Survey, and all papers attached
the same I will promptly return to
you, and reciprocate the favor in
day as this presents itself.

Yours Most Truly
A. A. Irrell

A strong Doughboy man!!
H. S. Gurnell
Grand Stair
Ogle Co.
Jan 11th Ill.
Hoping imp. Ans.
Jan 1st, 1858

Mr. Douglas

Hon. Sir:

I wish a favor of you. Please send me congressional speeches and other documents. I am young, and I have heretofore acted with the Democratic Party. Accept my thanks for past favors.

Dr. E. G. Tracy

Kingston Morgan et al.
Dr. E. G. Hacy
Riggeda
July 1, 1858, Ohio
Speech

[Handwritten text]

[2 lines of handwritten text]
Saint Louis Mo. Jan. 38

W. H. Douglas

Dear Sir: There is some considerable dissatisfaction existing in this city about the present architect of the custom house and I think a change would be advisable. I would recommend Mr. R. Elmstead, as a man that would be competent and would probably give satisfaction (He knows nothing of this letter). Do something for him, hence it now.

The people are anxiously watching your course in Congress and you have their sympathy, at least in this city, although Mr. Buchanan has friends here you have more and the number is increasing daily, and I believe that if you continue on the present course, your chances will be good at the close of the present administration.

Believe me Sir, you have my warmest wishes of success.

Respectfully Yours

C. C. White M.D.

P.S. Don’t forget Col. W. R. Elmstead, Architect, he will be good for at least 500 votes in St. Louis.

A. Douglas Club will soon be organized here.
St. Louis, Mo. 
January 16, 1858

E. H. White, M.D.

Wants Mr. B.

Olmsted

Made Architect for the Custodian

House at St. Louis