Hartford January 16th 1838

Hon. Stephen A. Douglas,

Sir,

As we have not had the pleasure of a personal acquaintance with you, we beg to apologize for this intrusion, and we expect you will excuse us should your patronage be extended to us. We are the proprietors and publishers of a Democratic News paper in the German Language, printed in Hartford, for special circulation throughout the New England States. We engaged in the enterprise from an honest conviction of the soundness of Democratic principles, and as a proof of the correctness...
of our views we mention that we have the countenance of General James F. Pratt and of the Editor of the Hartford Times. We were moreover impelled to the undertaking from a conviction of the absolute necessity of affording the German population a political medium through which they might be guided aright and their vote secured for the Democratic candidates. This could only be done by giving them a paper, with which they could read and understand— one in the German language— just as to them as a body a paper in the English language is a sealed book. We felt it to be more necessary that the news be furnished with such a paper, that they might not become the dupes of our intriguing political adversaries, who go about, like Satan, seeking whom they may devour.

Our plans are to establish a second press in the city of Boston, leaving this and New Haven as branch business. And we have engaged one of the best editors we knew to bring satisfaction to our friends.

To effect our object, we have invested what little capital we had in the materials necessary for the business, and had not the present Bank stagnation and paralyzing its treasury occurred, we could have got along, with the ordinary accommodation and rigid economy, but nothing that we could do is adequate to the exigencies of the present crisis, for we have exhausted our resources, and no supply can be obtained in what used to be the legitimate way. If trade was flourishing, and operations were in full employ, their patronage would be prompt and regular. But at present they want all the grain get for bread and can afford nothing for New
Still we are very inteligent, and would gladly read if placed in their power and we assume for it. — The german vote in point of number is not to be despised, but the want of political guide, in order to being misled into rastling their votes in the wrong direction.

Sir, It has been apprised to us that from Fund Answer liberality and real desire to further any object of wish you approve you might be disposed to afford us such a kindly necessary assistance as with what we have reason to expect from others of your friends, would enable us to sustain the conflict to its issue, — and we much candidly confess that without such friendly aid we fear we must abandon the field to our enemies.

In the hope that you will honor us with a gratifying reply.

We are Sir,

Yours very respectfully,

L. Lanman & Co.
Hartford E.
January 16, 1878,
J. Sankar.

The Editors of a German Paper,

propose to attend their publishing business. Request

your aid.
Crescent Village
Refuge Co., Iotas,

June 16, 1838.

Hon. Stephen A. Douglas,

Dear Sir:

I received, by our last mail, from my brother, Gen. John Liddell, your recent able, able, and unanswerable speech in the Senate, upon the President’s Message; I have read it with the keenest interest and satisfaction; have handed it over to one of my neighbors, and shall keep it moving until every man in this part of the country has read it.

The object of this note is, very respectfully, to request you to do me the honor to place my name upon your list of recipients of documental favors, and send me, if you please, all your published speeches. Be assured, sir, I will make good use of them.

True, I am not one of your constituents; yet I hope the day is not far distant when I shall be.

Your position upon the doctrine of popular sovereignty cannot be shaken; and should be sedulously maintained and cherished by all democrats in every state of the Union.
Without this great, fundamental principle in the Democratic creed, purposely maintained and carried out in all those legislations, the party would, in a short time, be crushed out of existence by the mighty political and practical influences that are brought constantly to bear upon it. I therefore consider it indispensably connected with the continuing existence and triumph of our party. And I rejoiced that there is one gentleman in the Senate of the United States, who has thrown himself upon this great doctrine with the determination with which it is to be sustained.

Yardine, for the liberty I have thus taken, as I believe me to be, very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

S. Lindsay
Crescent Village
Refugio Co., Texas
January 16, 15-2

S. S. Lindsley

Comments in course - would all WW printed speeches - to be placed on doc list
June 16, 1858

Dear Sir,

I wish to know you announce a speech at this session upon the "Human Question" and if they wait to hear the report of the Committee of accommodations appointed by the House of Rep., and the report made by you as chairman of the House for you will confer a favor by sending to me one of the above mentioned papers as can be conveniently secured.

Respectfully,

[Signature]

Orr & L.Podlaph.
Mr. B. Payne

Washington, D.C.
July 11/58

Man's speech Report to Kansas affairs
Narondale, Jackson County, Illinois
January 16, 1858

Mr. Douglas,

Dear Sir: You will please send me the latest office report of 1857. I am something in need of the number which contains the pictures of birds & agricultural almanac also, and I urge a Douglasian Dem. No (demy) heavily endorse your course in Kansas policy and intend to sustain you against attacks, let them come from what quarter they may. I am yours humbly yours,

Mr. Lewis A. Douglas
Washington City

U.S.S.
Carbondale
Jas.Rev Coitlos
Jan 3, 1857
Mr. D. Perrins.

Approvingly,
Wants Pat' Off. Gen
for 1857.
Manhattan, Kansas, Jan. 16, 1858

My dear A. Douglas,

Dear Sir — Will you be kind enough to place my name among the recipients of your Congressional favors? I should like Becarame from the Senate and as I have no acquaintance among Whiles members except my friend Pierce in the House. I have taken the liberty of addressing you. Anything so much less far back will be interesting to us, as we wish very much the privileges of our American libraries and the reading for the many and Concerted Comes you have taken this Session. We believe you have the entire sympathy and highest thanks of the People of Kansas.

With great Respect,

John W. Robinson

Hon. A. Douglas

U. S. Senate
John W. Robinson
Manhattan
Aug 16, 1858, 9 o’clock
Hans dens.
High Point, Mo., Jan 1, 1859

Hon. S. A. Douglass
Washington D.C.

Dear Sir,

Although I am not one of your immediate constituents, I am none the less a profound admirer of your course in public and political affairs. And if it will not be presumptuous in both your time and duty, I trust Democracy of Illinois would be highly honored and most pleased to receive such public documents as you can conveniently send to me from time to time. Hoping that your future career may be as illustrious and successful as the past has been,

Surni's in Democracy

J.D. Sherman
High Point
Moniteau Co., Mo.
J. S. Sherman
High Point
Jan. 16, Mo.
Aship Aris
Buffalo, May 16, 1858

To the Honorable

Stephen A. Douglas Esq.

Sir: I take the liberty of addressing you at this time on the subject of an appointment to be made that of Collector for the post of Buffalo believing as I do that in all the appointments the public interest should first be subserved and that if the Honorable Party should be consulted and from what I have been able to learn, I feel that I am representing the general views of the Democracy of this Section that there should be a change made at this time as at the present in command has held the office four years I will have no words for his consideration.

A worthy and deserveable democrat who has the confidence of the party and is well qualified for that office and would solicit your influence to have him appointed to that office if you should put at liberty to do so you will confer a favor on one of our worthy Democratic friends and the public I will now say that I have
my personal interest to gratify in this appointment what I have well, has been most of duty that I feel for the general welfare of the party and the public interest and am not wedded to the great principles of the party as Cayden done by Jefferson, Madison, Monroe, and Jackson that it is hard for me to subscribe to any new principles at this time. Scott an advocated by the free states of the South or moderate radicals of the North. I feel that James Monroe is a man who unites the same principles with the great democratic party of the union. I will not say to avoid that this measure and position of a copy in the events of the Constitution are fully sustained by the democracy of this state. Should you wish further to decline a to my favors for forty years I will return to the honorable Ames, P. Orange, M. C. please cordially a b State of Kentucky with due regard and esteem.

Noah H. Smith.

Your unwearied, love, Green, two miles, an old Democrat of forty years.
Buffalo, N.Y.
Jan 21st, 1858.
Josiah H. Smith

W
Port Chester, N.Y.

Post Office

New York

January 16, 1858

To Stephen A. Douglas

Senator in Congress. Dear Sir.

Please also a Diagram of the Senate Chamber.

Sir, Very Respectfully,

Your obedient Servant,
G. M. Smith
Rochester, N.Y.
July 16, 58,
Wants 4 new speeches
of a diagram to the
Senate
W. P. Stowell of Amherst, Mass.

Wants some autographs.

Amherst Jan. 16, 1833

Dear Sir,

I am endeavoring to collect the autographs of some of the distinguished men of our country, and if it would not be mortifying you too much I would like yours, together with whatever advice you may see fit to give a young man in college, and one who tries to feel a deep interest in the affairs of this country. If you should see fit to answer this, please direct to W. P. Stowell, Amherst College.

Amherst, Mass., Dec. 20, 1833

With great obligation and friendship,

W. P. Stowell

January 16th 1858

Hon. Stephen A. Douglas

Dear Sir,

Being pleased with your political course, I desire now that your views in the Kansas affair should be fully sustained and carried out. The Democratic editor in this county has not given any of your speeches on the Kansas question only part of your explanations and short answers to Mr. Bixler. Your speeches therefore come to this community through Republican papers which I rather call calumny to prejudice the case. Indeed but few of the Democratic party here will read a Democratic speech published in a cheap mean paper, and as our editor appears to take sides with the President and Mr. Bixler, and not having your speeches can hardly be fully capable of forming a correct opinion. Therefore desire you to send your speeches to a few individuals in this county under your own hand.
could your speeches be laid at once before the whole Democratic Party. Public opinion would soon burst on Congress with such force that could not be resisted. It is therefore an important matter that you speeches should be universally read. I have not yet under stood which side our member Mr. Mr. Montgomery has taken. If he takes your side of the question it will be well for him, and in so doing he ought to pour in your speeches in torrents into this County. Thousands of your speeches ought to be printed in extras and sent out. I am no political fool, but stand a head and shoulders above the political world, on a good Pennsylvania farm, from which I would not descend for any office, but derive as an American citizen to be justice done. I here give you names I am sure to tend to: Isaac Crow, Michael Keeler, Hugh Gilmore, Philip & Sterling Esq., McAllandtown, Fayette Co., Pa., John & Jonathan, Hersey Josiah Allabaugh, Rev. Jacob Mack. McAllandtown, Fayette Co., Pa. These are influential men of the Democratic party, most respectable. Your humble servant,
McAllandtown, Pa.
J. H. Gaar.
Andrew, Me.
Jan'y 16, 1858.

Hand's speech.

Andrew, Me. Jan 16, 1858

Sir,

You will greatly oblige me by sending me your speech on the Lecompton Constitution.

Yours very truly,

J. N. Treat.

Andrew, Me.

Yours, Stephen A. Douglas.
I wish all well.

Every thing will
work on. Can't

get nothing

on it. Be well and

write soon.

As usual, I

With love,

[Signature]
Sunbury, Livingston Co.

Hon. S. A. Douglas

Dear Sir,

I am in want of the Mechanical Patent Office Report & if you will send me the same & one of your speeches on the Kansas Question I will consider them a great favor and be under lasting obligations to you for the same. And will say in my opinion your future political course will depend on a firm stand on that question that the people may decide their own interests at the Ballot Box and hope you will not flinch in your efforts in carrying out that great & vital principal.

Hoping your effort in preserving the purity of the Ballot Box will prevail, I subscribe myself yours,

Otho Weeks

Hon. S. A. Douglas.
Ernest Weeks
Mark Mechanical Pat off Re-also Speech.
Warsaw Illinois Jan 16th 1838

Dear Sir

I wish you to send me Prof. Espy's last Rap. on Meteorology. And first Vol. Pacific Rail Road explorations over Rocky Mountains.

Our Winter has been one of the mildest ever experienced. Logar, Kiripooch Boots Remaining - ground has been let 6 inches from 3-4 feet, two light falls of snow. Mercury ranging from 30 to 50°.

Your Picture on the Kansas Question meets with the favor of the Democracy as well as the Repubicans, Brownell, Rigby, Otis, and all Geo. Thomas's endorse the Stand Taken. The Missouri Republicans has disappointed its Nodos. Profesly in the Stand Taken on the Dumpter bonds. From this on it will lose its influence. The "People" are displeased with the President on Banks, and a Kansas affair.

If you are at a hop for a Winter
from Illinois to New York, you can
just supply the State by the use of my
name, and no harm will be done
otherwise in this case nor the other
although I design being in
Washington soon. If it will come
on you and answer an old
question you as far back as
fifteen Iowa

Please remind me
when you can, I am curious to learn
this and tell me, not the
name for
Benjamin Whetstone

P.S. The feeling is strong, I'm to send
a present for the latter Elphrton
and our friend, but Mapes are
on the 'good shoe'.
Waratah ells
Janiz 16 15-8
Berjus Kikutaka
Monticello, J. Q.
Jan 11th 1838

Hon. S. A. Douglas
Drs.

Will you have the kindness to send the Patent office report 1836, Agricultural to
Your humble
Lent
R. H. Ruggins
W. H. Meiggs
Monticello
N. Y. Jan 16/58
Wants Pay Off
Report for 1856 (Agricultural)
Boston Jan 16th 1857

Hon. Stephen A. Douglas

Sir,

You would confer a favour on me by sending me a copy of your Speech Delivered in the Ab. S. Senate Decr 9th 1857.

Very respectfully,
Your ob. Serv.
Owen T. Winn

Direct: O. T. Winn
Boston Post-office
Owen J. Winn.
Boston, Mass
Jan'y 16/68.
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