Mr. Sprague:

Jan 18, 1858

Judge,

I enclose a list of names to which if you should, occasionally, send a speech or something, no harm could be done to yourself personally, or to the cause.

Respectfully,

Charles D. Estes


Char. G. Astman
Montpelier, Vt.
Jan'y 18/58
Enclose
List of Names for visits
Sylva Ill Jan 13 1855

Stephen A. Douglas

My Sir

Depending on you as my friend I take my pen in hand to address you. Seeing that W. M. Snyder of Belleville has turned against me he informed me that I should not go in search of Sir John Franklin from the Northern County but if I would go from a Southern County I could go they themselves backing the county which should be democratic and instruct them to vote for Union for the former and Douglas the latter.
Now Belleville at interfering and want to get the money and I am opposed to it. I have failed to see Brumingham as yet. As per word written

Douglas J.W. Lord Ellisson
Senator Washington
D.C.

P.S. Please speak to General Cass and make the best arrangement you can here will be needed.

Ellisom
28/31 March 70
Kingsburg, Ills. Jan 18, 1858

Hon. S. A. Douglas,

Sir, if you have a copy of the Patent office reports (agricultural department) for this distribution, I should be glad to get one.

Your political friend.

P.S. Emmons P.M.
New Burlington Clinton Co.
January 18, 1855

Hon. S. H. Douglas, Sir: I take the liberty of addressing you a few lines, hoping that you will pardon my inability and boldness. Permit me to congratulate you on the happy position which you at present occupy, in reference to the Kansas Nebraska bill. It is but the fate or fortune which invariably befalls the expounder of a great principle or rule of action, that he should be misrepresented, his motives and designs destroyed (as far as possible) by his opponents. Yet truth is mighty and will prevail. There is no principle to which this Senate will more directly apply than to the great Democratic principle so boldly proclaimed and ably sustained, by yourself (almost single handed) in the Senate.
The people are now beginning to see and appreciate the great exertions which you have made on behalf, and in defense of their nearest and dearest rights. Some that were your most bitter opponents one year since, are now proud to own themselves your followers and admirers, and I am truly sorry to see leading democrats taking a position adverse to all the pledges and solemn declarations of the democratic party in various places made and specified circumstances. But I think all that you will need to do is to stand by the principles of self-government as laid down in the Nebraska bill and Con. platform, and you will be sustained by the People. I now proceed to ask a small piece of you feel disposed to show it to the Lord. The most you please oblige your most obedient servant,

G.A. Douglas
Washington, D.C.,

Your faithful servant,

New Burlington, Ohio.
address all communications to
Jonas T. Ferguson
New Burlington
Clinton Co.
Ohio

[Handwritten note in the lower left corner, not legible]
To the Delegation of Illinois on the Congress of the United States:

Gentlemen:

The following resolution was passed unanimously at a meeting of the State Agricultural Society, at Peoria, on the 24th September, 1857.

Here is the Record:

A meeting of the members of the Illinois State Agricultural Society was held in the Court House in Peoria, Thursday evening, September 4, 1857. C. W. Webster, President, in the Chair.

The following preamble and resolution passed:

Whereas, the Legislature of the State of Illinois and of several other States, and large and influential public associations have petitioned Congress for an uniform grant of 500,000 acres of land, or the value thereof, for the purpose of founding and endowing in each State institutions for practical sc-
entific education in agriculture and the Mechanic Arts—

And whereas the agricultural Society of the United States, after a thorough investigation of the subject through able committees and envoys from before their Board of Agriculture, have deemed it meniscarsuse to

press for the same end—therefore

Resolved, That the agricultural and horticultural societies of Illinois, assembled in mass meeting at Peoria, by previous notice, do

most heartily and cordially approve of such an appropriation of lands, and will co-operate with the U.S. agricultural society, and the legislature and other societies of the several States, by all

means, for the attainment of the desired end.

A true copy from the record:

Stranzy,
Cor. Sec. Ill. State Agr. Society.

Springfield, Jan. 18, '57

Hon. S.A. Dufay, Dear Sir—

I communicate the within proceeding to the Illinois State Horticultural and Agricultural Society, to you, for the purpose of making them efficient in the object for which they were designed. Please take measures for placing the rest proceeding in the hands of one of our members of the House, that they may be averted in baving for the Senate, before that body.

Your obedient servant,

[Signature]

[Signature]
Spring field, Ills.
January 18, 1857

To. Francis,

Chairman of the Illinois State Agricultural Society's resolutions in favor of grant of lands by Congress for endowment of Agricultural and Mechanical School.
Evanston Jan. 15, 1852
Cook County, Illinois
Hon. S. A. Douglas,

De Sir.

I have been very desirous to obtain some copies of Public Documents, and my Father—R. J. Hamilton—warned me that you would send me some if I requested you to. I should like very much to receive the "U.S. Coast Survey Reports" and any others you should deem fit to send me. Hoping that you can grant my request without inconvenience.

I remain your humble and dutiful servant,

R. J. Hamilton.
H. E. Hamilton
Evans Co.
Died Jan 1858
Ward W. S.
Coast Survey

Coast Survey
Report Sent
Rim. April 21 1858
Dear Sir,

I am writing to address an issue. Nothing but the very strong personal and political regard, I had for you when we were democrats, induced me to venture a word in reply of resentment or council.

I am always free to accord to every man his just meed of praise, when he deserves it, and equally free to fault his errors when I think it merits disappointment.

There is no man in the Nation, at one time I would have done more for forward electing him President than yourself. And at another time against which I would have labored harder to defeat. Up to the repeal of the repeal of the Missouri Restriction law, I worked for you. After that I work against you.
Warming bitterly and incendiary to you, that the democratic party, ever since man was created, has been the most powerful and destructive force in the nation. The very name of democracy incites me to the highest honour. I feel that the party is on the decline, and that the time is coming when it will be extinct.

I do not deny that you are right, but I believe that your views are not correct. I have always been a Democrat, and I am convinced that the democratic system is the best that can be devised for the government of a free people.

I am now about to return to the Pacific. I am leaving my home, my friends, and my country, to go to a strange and far-off land. I am deeply moved to think of the sacrifices that I must make, but I am resolved to do my duty.

I hope you will understand me, and that you will not consider me as a traitor to my country. I am a true Democrat, and I will ever remain so, but I must go to the Pacific, and I must do my duty, no matter what the consequences may be.
The other fact is, that whilst I am rejoiced to see divisiveness and dissent in what you and others are pleased to call the Democratic party, which to some extent is encouraged by some of the Republican party, I nevertheless ventured to suggest, that to a reasonable extent ought not to be part in and profess of

The Republican, except to fight their battles in this own way and with this own name of Whigs. I am one,

Things however may take such a turn as that you may be third candidate in 1860. If they should,

They new star a you and literally

Over the North West I do not admire. Only suggest,

I should like for you the keen to carry

For our election. Also to have from you,

Very truly,

A. J. Harlan

Hon. A. S. Douglas

Baltimore City
Quincy Ills: July 18th, 1858

M. C. A. Douglas,

Dear Sir,

I see from the newspaper that you are literally swarmed with letters of encouragement, from your friends, endorsing your in the noble stand you have taken against the "Gecompton Smirk"—your friends here, which embrace every member of the Democratic Party, with one poor solitary exception, and he, poor fool, opposes you, thinking thereby that Brooke will be removed from the Post Office, and he receive the appointment. Are true as steel, and I need not say, will remain so, whether the Gecompton Constitution should be adopted or not—and judging from the election returns, just received from Kansas, we think there is not much danger of the Constitution being adopted by Congress. Let the Washington Union, & Banner of Liberty.
“Squint their die stuff,” and do their utmost. It will all amount to just nothing, so far as you are concerned, but a good deal so far as themselves are concerned. Their subscription list will become most beautifully lessened thereby. Harrison & Beebe are a couple of Contented public "pigs," and are not worth disputing once breach upon. The same a couple of the same kind of dogs here, you know — Browning & Jones — They travel the streets daily with their mouths stretched from ear to ear, saying — "Douglas has killed himself this time certainly." Poor fellows, they know they are uttering falsehoods whenever they say it. For they know that that you are as certain to be re-elected to the United States Senate, as that the sun will rise and set; and you live to see the assembling of our next State Legislature. And I have no fear but that Providence intends letting you live —

I wish I had your own private opinion respecting the passage in rejection of the Secompson Constitution. Will not the House of Representatives reject the thing? Yet I do not ask you to write, for I am well aware, that your time is too much occupied with business of a public nature, for you to reply to very many of the letters you receive.

I am glad to see Morris take the stand he has, and hope he will be of service to you. He writes that Jacob Davis kind of haunted all of the Pub documents falling to the Rep from this district, before he went to Washington. Therefore, he would be pleased to receive a document from you occasionally.

Emily Jones
M. C. Harrington
Quirey Ellis
January 1858.
Mr. & Mrs. Harrington
Baltimore January 18, 1858

Sir,

I wrote you some days ago giving you a list of a few names who were desirous of possessing a pamphlet copy of your speech on the "Declaration of the Constitution." Since I wrote you I have received several letters from different friends desiring copies and besides there are other parties to whom I would like to send a copy each.

I would therefore like you to send me, about 20 copies, put up separately in such envelopes and franked by you, so as upon receipt thereof I can direct them to the respective parties.

Yours with great respect,

Geo. A. Dickerman
Geoff. Hickman
Baltimore Md
Jan'y 16, 1858
Wants 20 Cheeses
promised.

This is a bad
Man, and not
to be trusted.
Haverhill Jun 1818

Honorble Sir,

will you oblige a humble friend by sending a copy of your speech on Kansas affairs (in the Senate)

Respectfully,

J.R. Hoag

Haverhill N.H.
Mr. Hovey
Haverhill
W. N.
Jan'y 18, 1858
Mam's Sheet.
Portsmouth, Ohio
January 18, 1838

Hon. S. A. Oglebath
Washington City, D.C.

Dear Sir:

I have not received any answer to the letter of the 27th instant. If you were committed in any way to the Rock Island Bridge in the case of myself and Co., I would be glad to have your opinion as to the case. If not, I would like to employ you (If agreeable) in the case of myself and Co. This case you will perhaps recognize as the office after care.

Respectfully yours,

J. S. Merd
Porthsmouth, 0.
January 18 & 1858
J. S. Reed.
Privale
Carlinville January 18 - 1858

to the Hon. S. A. Douglas

gent sir

in 1854 my brother in law moved to
Kansas Territory. He was the second settler on
Pottawattamee Creek. He wrote to me describing
the beauty of the country and pertinacious of the soil.

In April 1856 I went to see him and was

pleased with the country. I bought his claim
as he being a poor man had no other way of raising
money to pay for his land when it came to
market he was to buy the adjoining claim
with no improvement but a log cabin which he
could get for a small sum. His improvement
that I bought of him about 40 acres stock and
under good fence a log cabin smoke house and
a good hewed log house nearly finished a good
old Indian orchard of about 40 bearing trees
some of them grafted he was to have part of the
crop that year and remain on the place till came
he planted a piece of corn for my use which
was the last work he ever done which was on
the 3 of May a month previous to this in April
I was there bought his claim paid part down
he gave me a quit claim deed and my intention
for a preemption write which respects to Mr. Calhoun's
office and the money to hang him as conditio.
They left the territory for home in Illinois now Mr. Douglas I must let you know who I am 20 years ago I lived in Carrollton Green county I worked with Mr. Scott at trading I had the honor of an introduction to you by Mr. Scott Last November settled in Greenfield. Shot along with you there a time or two when you was I know were there you use to send us congressional documents for which I return you my thanks my brother in law then live in Grenada and taught school now to return to my brother in law was married on the 24 of May at midnight by the Old Freeman company he is old Mr. Douglas and his two sons and Mr. Sherman known as the Potomac Man murderer you know all about it for you have read Mr. Chives miner report to congress this man Allen McKeen was a proslavery man he was a member of the last legislative Judge Cata was at his house at his black Mr. Hugh Beale and the deputy marshall holding court for Franklin county they came to my bed and in consequence of what went on the territory my wife would not go where my brother was murdered so we moved to Mississippi and did not like there we moved back to IL when they murdered my brother in law he took his life since are other things happened in the valley and he a little boy's name William took him to charges elsewhere for her and helped her and her a little boy's to her father in Tennessee the claim was a valuable one it is now in possession of strangers Mr. Douglas would it not be wise to ask congress to grant her and her a little boy the claim the one I paid for is not under an act for if is not justed whether the law office is sheer to enter any thing not her husband was her supporter and he is taken from her his two little sons are promising little boys their names Harney and Archer now congress could grant them a piece of land to each one and not miss it it would help and console them much but never forget for the loss of a husband and not only give them a piece of land but to the girls and all other widows that lost their husbands in that war and as to myself I have had nothing but hard luck since I started to the territory now an old man my trade has gone down and I am really worse for the loss sustained would it be presentations in me to ask congress to grant me a piece of land the government would never miss it but it would help me and mine much in my declining years to the graves and brother in law tied a piece of years he was a fine gentleman as to my self I have always been a gentleman if you wish to buy me out I will take one to Mr. Bush of my place in the proslavery days
I did think of writing to the Hon. Mr. Harris but if you have time and I am worthy of your attention will you please inform me what to do or how to proceed.

I have voted for you out Mr. Harris and if I live I expect to vote for you for the next President. we have had publick meetings sanctioning your Course in Congress.

There is a great reaction creating in your favor all over the state and likewise all over the Union. You sir are accuses of all of this.

Respectfully and Sincerely your humble servant,

Henry James

P.S. I can send you copies of all the letters that the widows sent to me relating to the murder and likewise my letter to the Atton Courter which the Editor published the black republicans published that those 5 men were engaged in hangning a free state man and likewise for Gary's book about Kansas where a affidavit and this goyle in the other report tells nearly the same tale. I refer you to the widow he was taken from the side of his sick wife at the midnight horror and murdering her old blood the letters will witness to the truth.

A.F.
M' Union, Jan. 18th, 36.

"Hon. S. A. Douglas,"
Sir,

You will confer a great favor on me by mailing a copy of your late speech to my address, (C. M. Union, Ohio)

Yours truly,

J. S. Keadle.
Mr. Lincoln

Wauk-Speech

July 18, 1858

L. S. Breese
Jan. 18, 1858

Amherst College, Jan 18th.

Dear Sir,

Will you be so kind as to send me your late speech. I can not get it here.

Pay Recpt

R. R. Kellogg

Hon. S. A. Douglas
Washington
R. B. Kellogg
of Amherst College
Map. Jan'y 1858.
Mauri Speech
Jan. 18, 1858

Sir:

Will you have the kindness to send to the undersigned a copy of your speech delivered in the Senate in defense of popular rights, respectively.

Philadelphia, Jan. 18th, 1858.

Please accept ever, etc.,

James F. W. S. H.,
No. 2394, 23rd Street, P. O. M.