Hampton N. H.
January 18, 1858

Hon. Stephen A. Douglas, U. S. S.

Dear Sir,

Being one of many Democrats in this state (not one in a hundred elected) who approve of the just, noble, highminded and honorable stand taken by you in relation to Kansas, and not being wholly represented by men of the opposition, allow me to say that it would be very gratifying to receive under your frank occasionally a Pub. Doc.

The Democratic party in this state is all one way except George H. Kittredge, ex. M. G. George W. Morrison, ex. M. B. Edmund Bruce, and a very few of their adherents. Mr. Kittredge says, a certain Senator should be

We shall not be able to redeem this state at our next election, but will be all right before 1862. With much respect,

I am your ob't

Uri Lamprey
Hamphyr, N.H.
January 8th 1858.
Mr. Lamboy.
Approves of course
occasionally
wants Pub. doc.
Springfield, Clark Co., Ill.

Nov. 1. A. Bragg
St. Li.

It is seldom

that I address a public personage
occupying the position you ccaply.
But I am desirous to address this
humble epistle to you hoping that it
may be favourably received and
hoping that you will forget the intrans
upon your affairs. My object in
writing to you is for this purpose. That
you will favor me and other Democrats
with the speakers which you deliver
in the U. S. Senate upon important
subjects. And any Public documents
that will tend to the welfare of the
Party, at the coming election. The
Great majority of the Democrats of
this County are in favour of your
nomination for the at the coming
election at Charleston. And we wish
to keep the Spirit up. If you can spare
the time to reply, it will be a humble
acknowledgement of my humble appeal
to you.

Your's truly,

J. E. Littif

Respectfully

R. R.
J. E. Libby
Springfield
Jan 18th O
Asking speech [illegible]
[illegible]
New York January 18/58

Hon. Stephen A. Douglas

Dear Sir,

Enclosed I had you a Rail Road map of Ill. The blue line from Fulton to Galena will indicate the R. Road one section of which the people of Fulton County are engaged in building, viz from Liverpool on the Ill. River to the Chicago, Burlington, and Quincy R.R., a distance of 55 miles.

I visit New York & Boston for the purpose of selling 100,000 of Fulton County Bonds issued to the Jacksonville and Saracena Rail Road Company, to aid in construction, and to open negotiations for from a letter of introduction from you, to some of your Moiney, or Rail Road friends in Boston or New England, would be of great service to me.

I shall be at the "American House" Boston during this week.

Allow me here to express to you my warmest and hearty concurrence (unimportant & humble as it may be) in your recent remark, in the Senate on the Kansas question, and also my sincere desire that you may yet see the principles of your bill fully & fairly carried out in Kansas and all our Territories.

The principles of the Kansas Nebraska are right.

Yours at best,

J. Maple
New York
January 8th,
F. Maple,

Enclosed R. Root's letters of introduction.
Washington D.C.
January 15th, 1858.

To The Honorable H. A. Douglas:

My proposition for drawing the illustrations for the U. St. Patent Office Report having been already favorably received by Mr. Holt, the Commissioner of Patents, I am confident that a few lines from you in my favor would ensure my success in the matter and would therefore respectfully ask such to be furnished me.

I am most respectfully
Your humble servant

John Mathys
To Mr. Mathews,
Dec'd 13th
Dr. Mr. O'Re.
- want your good
word.
St. Helen's
San Francisco
Jan. 18, 1858

Dear Mr. Sullivan:

I am at a loss to explain the present state of things in regard to Senator Douglas and your views. I am sure that he acted from a desire to have the measure of consulting with you in reference to certain points pertaining to the contemplated Pacific Railroad.
Alfred J. Newton
Grafton.
July 18, 1858.

(Agricultural)

Grafton Jan., 1858

Sir,

Will you be kind enough to send me a Patent Office Report for 1857? Please address to

Albert J. Newton
Grafton

P.S. I should like an Agricultural Report.
Nunda Liv. Co
N.Y. Jan 18 1855

Mr. Sen. Douglas

S. T.

Will you have the kindness (as your time will permit) to send me your speeches in Congress on Kansas Affairs, I wish to show them to some of my friends here.

Or any other documents that you will please to send me I shall receive them as a very great favor, and the first opportunity that presents itself I will reply.

Respectfully,

Jacob N. Ogden
Jacob H. Aspaly
Mundes Livingston
Co. H. N.Y, Jan'y 12th
Wants Speeches
Newtown, Jan 18th, 1858.

Hon. S. D. Douglas,

Dear Sir,

You will much oblige the undersigned by sending one or two copies of your Speech on the Kansas Question to him, and one to his Brother, Alexander Patterson,

Bloomingburg
Sullivan Co.
N. YorK.

Yours very truly,

John Patterson,
Newtown,
Queens Co.

L. J.
N. YorK.
Jan 13/58,

Mr. Pelletier
Newtown, N.Y.
Mark Sleeth

Perhaps a number of copies may be very useful to throw light on a good cause.
Marion Indiana
Jan 18/58

Hon. S.A. Douglas

Sir, Can you send me a copy of your speech, on the admission of Kansas under the Leompton Constitution?

I am aware that your correspondees are numerous & that I do not live in your own state, though I should like to have your speech if you have to spare.

Yours Respectfully,

John Pratt

Marion
Ind.

Your petetion on the Leompton Conc is certainly correct I g.
Mo. Ratliff
Marion
Chickas

Jan'y 18, 1858,
W. B. Rees.
C. A. Robinson

C. M. Robinson

Phila, Pa.

Wants Autograph

Autograph sent.

Philadelphia, Jan, 1858

To S. A. Douglas.

Washington D.C.

Sir,

Feeling very disposed of adding your name to a collection of autographs which I am forming, I take the liberty of asking you to forward me yours. Please send it to me care of C. M. Robinson.

My Resp. Yours Obd.

C. A. Robinson
Chicago Jan 18th 1858

Hon. S. C. Douglas
Sir: Will you do me the kindness to send me a copy of the rules & regulations of the Patent Office, also a copy of the last report.

Yours very obediently
E. C. Ryan
6th Ward
Chicago

P.S. I suppose short letters are preferred by you at the present time.
E. E. Ryan
Chicago, Ills
Jan 8, 1858
Maurl's Rules
Regulations of the Pat Off also Pat Off Refers.
Thames January 20, 1835

Dear Mr. Douglas,

I am at present informed, I believe, that the consideration of the packet is now forthcoming as at present it is before the court. I have forwarded some numerous Kinsman bills, and during these I have been so informed that I have been almost in the midst of difficulties. Made up of Long Island line Abolitionists. With all I felt very much encouraged because I most admire that the Kansas situation was correct. May only doubt that our country but once more stand in the

2795
General. A great change has come over this land and all those I have come in contact with think absolute and have a path. I have opportunities of showing public sentiment that it all seems to be in favor of the course you are taking. It is not about the end but about the means. It is only because what we have always said is that the leaders of the Free State were and now these are standing. This becomes it is not as it would be justified to hear from Mr. Seabrook who are not interested in affecting to illustrate the change in public sentiment. I will state one circumstance in my neighborhood. The Minister is an extreme abolitionist he has never been able to communicate with any thing that was good. After the reading one that would come with anything that was good. After the reading one that would come with anything that was good.
You will excuse all
inperfection and
write the amount
And the Federal Tax

Respectfully

Sam. W. Gamsen

Wash. D.C. today

S.M. Gamsen
89/81

[Additional handwriting in a different script]
Portageville, Jan. 8/58

Hon. A.B. Douglas

Sir: I write you a few lines to grant me a few favors if you will, I want you to send me a copy of the Survey for a route for the Pacific Railroad and the 3 and 4 Part of the 5th that you committed to the President message for $6,850. I have the 1st and 2nd Port, and send me your speeches on Kansas.

You have my best wishes for what I got from you in the last depm

Yours with respects

Diligently,

Hon. A.B. Douglas

Wyoming Co.
Zilas Sarle,
Portageville
N.Y.
Jan'y 1858.

Wants "Pac' R.R.
annex" other doc.
Senator Douglas

Sir,

Will you please kindly send me the Congressional Globe and also Yorke's speech in Forest's trial.

Thomas Stone
Manchester, Mich.
Montgomery Ala
18 Jan 1858
Hon. S. H. Draper, Sr.

I am kind enough to send you your speeches and
oblige respectfully,

John C. Stokes
A. S. Lowe
Son of General
Morse of
Wants the
Autograph of
Judge of Miss Douglas

S. T. Gardner
March 17, 1872

Mr. Douglas,

If you will do
me a great favor by sending me
your autograph and would be
very much pleased to have Mrs.
Douglas autograph also.

Your most obedient servant,

W. S. Lowe

P.S. enclosed your autographed letter,

Rome Indiana  January 18th 1858

Sir,

Rome is a village in the southern part of Indiana in Perry County bordering on the Ohio River. In this about which there are many true and factious Democrats of the John C. Frémont school. We have not gradually approved your efforts in the cause in behalf of the rights of the people of the Kansas Territory in having the whole Constitution submitted to them in a way to the sovereignty of the people. To be reasonable we look to you to point out a lead the way we will follow you as an evidence of the sentiment there in regard to the important principles you so ably advocate. I ask you to read the enclosed Resolution, which gives our true feeling & I may act in getting them up to tell Mr. Fitch know how we estimate him in Indiana in eleven years serving in our Legislature.

I will act serving until Mr. Fitch. I thought them too long.
attract notice by giving at more important passage
of late I am going persuade that history contains
him about right
After reading the former resolution why let the
fate for how we estimate time every true in
distance to look just upon it as an aberration but as
coming coming from an obverse man who has. In the
and was likely thought to point to you by the letter
I want to keep our ships afloat
As a matter I will never see you get happy
of service in any other time
Thebackend of any important paper would be study
appreciate

your

very


Respectfully

G. Burton Thompson M.D.
Pompey Inda's
January 1858
U. Burchin Mundus

Political

[Signature]

[Signature]

[Signature]

Homer Inda
January 19 [illegible]
How Stephens & Douglas

[Signature]

Washington City
White Hall
Greene Co.'s Ills
Jan'y 18 1858
Isaac W. Webber

[Handwritten text]

Mr. S. A. Douglas,
Washington D.C.

Dear Sir: Allow me to ask of you a favor. I wish to make an investment in some wild lands in the State of Iowa. The favor I ask for is to obtain some information in regard to the vacant lands in the District of Champaign, near Vermilion, Council Bluffs, Fort Dodge, on the line of some of the Rail Road Grants. If it does not conflict with regulations of the Land office, I should like to procure some plots or maps on the line of the Rail Road Grants.
I know of no one to whom I could apply with more confidence than yourself as an old and long trusted friend.

I would have applied to Bro. Nicholas if not have trouble you write the request but I know the limits to the privileges of the Clerk of that Department.

A Company of some 4 or 5 wish to make a trip in that State & perhaps as far as Nebraska Territory some time this coming Spring. Hoping that it may be in your power to grant this I remain yours at least

Isaac D. Weddell
Decosta, Atlantic Co. N. S. 1868

Hon. S. A. Douglass

Sir, At convenient please forward me one box copies of your late speeches on the Kansas policy of the Pres. Me paging over members from the 1st dist. (opposition) give us any better attention, nor do we get much from my other quarter where we have right to expect it. I have just read from the book was written at the organization of the Leg. and am qualified to be able to inform you that at least 90 of the Demo of this state are with you and the cause. About two years ago I saw the Demo and was about to start in with a desperate effort has been made by a certain osob (would be all of N. S. from holding a high position in N. C.) this friends, to struggle the Demo in this state. I can break it as they did a short time ago on the question of selecting for N. S. But they could not make it work. Then the Camden Democrat which was thought secured beyond all doubts broke out of the party in a great Bust.

My Best Rss.

G. H. Walker
Dearest

Albany, Co.

Mr. January 1819

R. A. Walker

Political Events

Your copies, with speed.

S.

Lt. C.

Ward, 

To

Ulysses A. Bowery

H. C. Parker.

O. J. 18.

O. C. C. 1819.
Reinersville, Ohio
Jan 18th 1858

Mr. S. C. Douglas,

In the

My object in writing to you at this time is to request a copy of your speech at the 4th of July of the

Yours of

G. J. Walters, Esq.
at Reinersville
Morgan Co.
Ohio

By request of Dr. J. Lafferty, I am willing to remember him with a copy of the same

P.S.

Any thing you may wish distributed at this office will be promptly attended to

G. J. Walters.
G. J. Wallis

Dr. T. Zaferty

Reedsville

July 18, 58, Ohio

Walter F. Beede
Merritt Jan 18 47 151

Dear Sir,

I will be greatly obliged to you if you will send me the two last volumes of the Report of the United States Survey for the Pacific Rail Road; and your autograph.

Yours Truly,

H T Washburne

Merritt 1877

Please forward as soon as possible.
F.W. Washburn
Meredith, N. T.
Jan'y 18, 1858.
Want Pacific Rail
Road report
Detroit, January 16th, 1848

Dear Sir,

Although personally unacquainted with you, yet, I take this opportunity to write a few lines desiring some information in relation to a subject which may have come within your knowledge—some two or three years since the Senate passed a Bill for the relief of the heirs of James Witherell, for services performed by him while acting as one of the Judges of the Territory of Michigan on the Land Board, and in that capacity was entitled to pay which he never received—the Bill went into the House and was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, who reported favorably upon it, since which time I have not heard a word about it. The Hon. R. B. Tolmies (one of our United States Judges) has a similar claim. The precedent has been established, and there exists no valid reason why it should not receive the sanction of both Houses, and I write to you, Sir, knowing that you are possessed of experience in such things, and occupy a commanding influence before the people of our Country—Judge Witherell was
was a Volunteer in Massachusetts Line and served until the close of the Revolutionary War, afterwards emigrated to Michigan, and when the War of 1812 broke out again took up the sword in defence of his country as colonel of a regiment, and at "Hull's surrender was taken prisoner of war with his son and sent to Quebec, and afterwards exchanged, he came back to Michigan and resumed his duties as Territorial Judge. He lived in our midst many years honored and respected, and carried to his grave the reward he received in fighting the battles of his country.

On behalf of the heirs I have taken the liberty to address you; I am confident that a large amount of back pay is due for his services in the Revolution and also in the last war with Great Britain, but for want of some suitable person to attend to the matter the heirs have not as yet received anything from that Government. He helped with his blood to establish, and it is principally in relation to the state of the Bill which passed the Senate that I have presumed to engage your favorable notice and attention. Will you at least answer this letter? I have written to several members of Congress but they are so much engaged with other duties to answer me yet.

I am very respectfully yours,
William L. Grocebridge.

P.S. Will you send me a copy of your late speech?
Dehliū Mičiu
January 1858
Mr. E. B. Woodbridge
Wishes information relative to the
"Bill for the relief of James
McNeil" of
a want of sheets.