New York, Jan 23/58

Hon. Stephen A. Douglas,

Sir,

In view of the

In view of the preservation of the unity of the Democratic party, it would not be well and consistent to admit Kansas under the Leecompston Constitution with a proviso that the people of Kansas, through their legislature, have at all times the perfect right to pass an act to call a convention to alter or amend said constitution or to form a new organic law, to be submitted to the benevolent citizens for their approval or rejection. This would do, and the opposition to the Leecompton Constitution and be fully consistent with the Kansas act on the principles of popular sovereignty as indicated in the Cincinnati platform. The free State men having a majority of the legislature elected by virtue of the Leecompton constitution a convention could be called to a new constitution could be submitted and adopted on the rights of the people.
Vindicately may all states be discontented to an extent in by these twelve months. It is hoped by your friends here that your course may be fully preserved in the Kansas matter by ending the Kansas issue being consistent with justice, promptness, and a due regard for the preservation of the Democratic party but North or South. The fact that the free states men have the Legislature and that the nation does lane the AAA Republican favorite would be electing United States judges might prove salutary to the free states men at the north. This process would in fact be of no real avail (as shall not doubt but the Legislature would have the right to call into existence a convention to form a constitution.) and would tend to satisfy that party that are so prone to make political capitals of every circumstance tending to nationality in the settlement of the Kansas land.

It is hoped that your aim will be to strengthen rather than entangle the ties of the Democratic party of the nation; Keep the party right on strong and your tood will surely come.

Very truly yours,

[Signature]
New York
January 25, 1858

—Anonymous—

—Political—
Office of the "Hamilton Freeman,"
WEBSTER CITY, IOWA.

Jan 25, 1858.

My Dear Sir:

Can you favor your frontier editor with a copy of Gen. Perry's Japan Expedition & some humpback copies of your speeches in the recent session?

Very obt.

[Signature]

[Signature] S.C. Douglas
Chap Arrick

Webster City

Jan 25/58

Japan Expedition
Hon. S. A. Douglas

D. & S.

Have you at hand or on the
full work of Perry Exploring Expedition to Japan that
you could spare, if so. Will you please to send me
the work, I have been trying to get them at the Book
stores in Columbus, as well as this place, but they
did not keep them, if you will send them you will
done a great favor on me, which I keep some diary
of having the pleasure of returning.

Yours Very Respectfully

Hon. S. A. Douglas
Washington city

Charles Baldwin
Mt. Vernon
Ohio
Bloomington, Indiana
Jan 25, 1858

Mr. Berry,

Bloomington, Indiana

Referring to the

Hannibal Speech.

W.D.

How S.A. Douglas.

Dear Sir,

I hope will please excuse for
troubling you. I am a member
of the Debating Society of the
Indiana University, and I want
a copy of your speeches on Kansas
Affairs. If you have a spare
copy will you please to send me
one. I think I speak the senti-
ments of the people of Indiana
when I say—'Douglas for
President in 1860, and the
Democratic Party for us all.'

Most Respectfully,

A.B. Berry

Indiana University
Bloomington,
Indiana
Fay, N.Y., Jan'y 25, 1835.

Hon. W. A. Douglas,

Sir-

Will you have the kindness to send me a copy of your speech made on the subject of the Seymourton Constitution and oblige

Yours truly,

David Brockway.
Andover, Allegany Co.

Jun. 25th, 1858.

Hon. Stephen A. Douglas
U.S. Washington, D.C.

Sir, It would afford me much pleasure to have you forward to me at Buffalo, N.Y., a quantity of your late speech on the Kansas question. Under your kindness, I will distribute them among your friends in Western N.Y. I have been engaged in business that has given me an estimate of your qualifications in the Counties of Erie, Chaut. Allegany & Steuben.

Yours Respectfully,

John H. Brown.
John H. Brown
Jan'y 25, 1858
Wants a m'l of
speeches sent
to him at
Buffalo - N. Y.
Boston Jan 28, 1858

Dear Sir,

Believing that the position you have taken on Kansas is the proper one -- I wished for a copy of your speech for perusal -- And as I am no Dutchman I cannot make head nor tail of the speech sent me -- And as I have no use for the enclosed please find the copy sent me,

Yours most respectful,
Siemon Butterfield

Hon J.C. Douglass, U.C.
Washington, D.C.
Simmons
Butterfield
Bosnia
Majr. Speech

Sent
Warren, Ill.

Jan 23rd, 1853.

Hon. Abraham Lincoln,

Dear Sir,

I am with pleasure that I read the resolution which you referred to in regard to Kansas affairs.

I do not believe I qualified in the former friends of the Nebraska Bill, but I assented to a man as a misunderstanding in regard to the import of that Bill, when it was first laid before the Senate. The proposition, as in the first reading, what it does really mean, is in a quandary being different from what I desired.

I think that the President must take the position which I now state, from my interpretation, as a part of that document. I shall maintain the views presented of the Bill, and the intelligent Democrats of Southern Illinois will remain with us and support you and your views.

I must however, not beg one favor of you, and that is documents and papers and other important matters. The many issues we demand must be clarified of Congress.

And an argument of the two principles of the Democratic party, I will more light.

There has been placed by several friends in Congress with interesting papers and Kansas matters for which I am very thankful,
Geo S F Eaton
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Hon. S. A. Douglas

Sir

As there has been some dispute about your speech in this place, I wish you would send me some speeches.

Yours,

War H. Clough
Meriden Sullivan Co.
N. H.
M. H. Clough.
Meridian.
Sullivan Co.
W. H. Jan '25 08
Waud's Creek.
Columbus, Miss.
Jan 25th 1858

V. D. Cornwall.

Is a "Douglas man"
and wants speeches
for distribution

Columbus, January 25th, 1858

Hon. S. A. Douglass.

Mr. Lincoln,

I have just seen the Demoratic
paper of this State, generally referred to your speech on the Kansas question, and to my
mind you are so evidently correct in your
position. I would like to have that speech dis-
seminated in our borders of this State. Green's
Eagles & Buffaloes are being shouted around
here, and if you will be kind enough to send me a copy of yours, with others on the
same side of the question, I will put them
in the right place. I have the honor of being
a member of our last Legislature, and former
acquaintance with Mr. Green; he has con-

siderable influence with the Democracy of
this State. I am now with a portion of its men.

They that have tried to force things in Kansas,
but your position, when right, understood
in terms to increase—
I expect you will think strange, or
surprising, to have a letter from me, and, being
as you are aware, a Whig, never having
been anything else, but in this matter
I am a Douglas man.

Anything I can do, in this respect
to advance your interests, I will do
most cheerfully.

Yours ever andLot. J. Cornwall.
Haverhill, Jan 25th 1858,
Hon. S. A. Douglas

Dear Sir,

Please be kind enough to send me a copy of your speech on the pro-slavery constitution, delivered at an early part of this month. Also, the oratory address on the death of Gen. Braxton. If you will favor me this request, you will shew a kindness to your old friend.

Yours ever, Loyd

S. A. Douglas

Hon. S. A. Douglas.
F. W. Oglethorpe
Haverhill, Mass
January 23, 58

Wash. speech
or obituary address
or Taylor Rush.
Providence, R. I. Jan. 25, 1858.

Hon. S. A. Douglas:—Dear Sir:—Will you please have the kindness to send me the first volume of the Pacific Rail Road Surveys—The other 3 volumes Ex-Senator James of our State has furnished me with.

It would give me great pleasure, at any time, to receive “Public Documents” from you, which would be of interest to me. I am a Young Democrat, and have ever been faithful to the Democratic Party and a member of the “Democratic General Committee of this city, and I refer you to Ex-Senator James, for reference, as to my efforts to sustain the Democratic Candidate in the New England States.

I remain

Yours most respectfully,

W. S. H. Davis.
Mr. S. R. Davis
Providence
R.I. Jan'y 20th
Wm. I. W. T.
R. R. Dunn
This ace
I am, Sir,
Your obedient servant,

James 0. Eads
Town of Maryland.

Near Saline, Ogle County, Ill. January 22, 1858.

Sir, Stephen A. Douglas: Now course in the Senate on the D COVERING QUESTION is apparel, by the Republican party of Ogle County.

This is the only house in the county that was Buchanan a majority, and now you cannot find a man in the town that endorsed Buchanan "Kansas policy" nor now our Pat. Masters. If yours respectfully,

John S. Lettinger.
Maryland, 1863
Adeline, Ogle Co. Ills
Janny 25/18
Mrs. A. Stinger

Say your course is approved by the Democracy of Ogle Co.
Salem, Mass., 26th. Jan. 1838

Dear Sir,

If it is not asking too great a favor, will you have the kindness to send me a copy of your recent speech on the United States Tariff?

Yours respectfully,

Edwin N. Forrest
Albany

Jan 25, 1858,
Maud Sceles

Albany, June 25,

Honor'd Sir,

If you can arrange detail me by transmittal your illustrious speech at the Kansas convention, you will oblige your respective friend Y. D. Yancey.

Edward D. C. Forrest

To

Hon. J. A. Wayman
Washington

Lincoln A. K.
Milwaukee, Jan 25, 1868

Hon. S. A. Douglas
Senate
Washington

My dear Sir,

I only received your 2 pamphlets, and am obliged by your remittance. I have a particular favor to ask, one that I am constrained to ask of you under the premises relative to which the administration stand towards you.

Immediately after the gubernatorial election in the State (4th Nov.) I set out the "Daily American," which I eliected to the Sharpstein of the "New." Two papers on the Democratic side contested the support of others if merged into the "New." I have within the 14 months of my association with the "American" cost of 4000. through the villanous of Erich A. Steuern. I there have to look out for occupation in some other direction.

The Democracy of Wisconsin as a tribute for the services rendered by
my son have prepared a strong Memorial to Mr. Buchanan asking a recognition by the Emperor of a foreign appointment on me. I am helpless in getting the Memorial presented, having no friends at Court. The Representation from Wisconsin at Washington is Black Republican. Under the circumstances, I wrote to Mr. [Name] of Louisiana to keep the obligation that he made and my suit represent the Memorials Wisconsin has never received and forget appearing from the Administration to remove the Democracy because they are not represented at Washington is a poor policy. I have been elected on the Chase recommendation of the National Democracy of the State and I should feel deeply grateful if Mr. Buchanan has induced to grant the prayer of the Memorials.

Enclosed my first def of the only child.

The Consulate at Glasgow
The Mission to Ecuador
or the Legation Secretary at Vienna
Berlin, or Paris, or Switzerland.
The 30 first are not filled.

From my dear Mr. Douglas, will you

Through him to your Wisconsin, my

Presenting the Memorials a step forward:

They are sent to properly influence person in the State. I do not as an innomincially educated by whom who have always inserted the Democratic Party.

I shall visit Washington if you thought my presence advisable but I desire it having no reasons to leave the matter with my friend. My future is not large and I do not wish to them away $300 for no honor or advantage.

If Mr. Buchanan returns
Recognizes the Wisconsin Democracy on this occasion, it will aid the cause at a future election with respectful compliments to Mr. Douglas. Believe me,

Your faithfully,
A Wellington.
Copy of Memorial.

To His Excellency James Buchanan
President U.S.

The undersigned National Democrat, a citizen of Wisconsin concur in recommending A. Wellington Hart, late Editor and Proprietor of the Milwaukee Daily American to the confidence of the President.

He is deserving of an appointment under the present Administration we are sure that he will fulfill the duties of any office for which he may apply with fidelity and promptness.

He is a gentleman whose fine abilities qualify him for the discharge of important trusts.

He conducted the "Daily American" during our late campaign with marked ability to success and thereby contributed materially in producing the gratifying results of our election.

We recommend him unreservedly to the confidence of the Administration to trust that his application may be successful.

Milwaukee 31 Dec. 1857

Signed: W. W. Barkley late Governor of Wisconsin
Rutherford B. Hayes late Gov. of Wisconsin

W. S. Eraser
Secretary of State of Wisconsin
To F. H. Pelletier, late Judge of Circuit Court of Polk County.

From J. McAllister, late President of the Commercial Bank.

To J. M. Gray, late Secretary of State.

To S. W. Wadsworth, late Register of Deeds.

To A. Armstrong, late Clerk of Chancery.

To E. H. Gardner, late Collector.

To A. B. Lynch, late City Clerk.

To R. A. Neely, late Tax Collector.

To A. A. Garlick, late City Attorney.

To J. M. Neal, late Tax Collector.

To E. C. Stiles, late City Attorney.

To Andrew Hardesty, late Mayor.

To S. A. Reid, late Collector of Taxes.

To Samuel Hale, late Collector of Taxes.

To Johna Stiles, late Collector of Taxes.

To H. Hale, late Collector of Milwaukee.

To A. A. Stiles, late Sheriff of Milwaukee County.

To F. H. Pelletier, late Judge of Circuit Court.
Copy of remittance
of
October
and
January
1793
Chicago Ill. Jan 25/58

Dear Douglas,

Of course you have nothing to do in these "flying times," and it emboldens us to ask a special favor of you, in sending us a copy of "Japan, U.S. by Perry recently published by the government.

Yrs

Marsh, Harwood & Co.
Marsh, Harrold Co. of Chicago
Dec 25 1858
Wrote note to be found in a foil.
Volume 2 etc.
in place of "Capt. McClernand's Report on Armed Forces of Europe" on 21 April 1858.
Columbus Ind. Jan 23, 1858

My Dear Sir,

I do not presume to so interest you by this communication as to divert much of your attention to myself, but as a part of the representation of Congress from this state, so freely misrepresent the views of the bulk of the Democracy of Indiana, I feel that it is alike due to ourselves and to you that we express our commendation of the stand you have taken with reference to Kansas, and of your construction of the resolution relative to the admission of Territories as States into the Union, adopted by our late Democratic State Convention. That resolution was intended, by the House and by the Convention, as a declaration of a general principle to be applied to all future admissions of Territories as States into the Union. It was evident that in no other sense could it have been adopted by that Convention in which I was only accidentally upon its bench, a delegate from this state. By a fair and just construction of the language contained, the sense of the resolution was not changed by dropping the word, "inadmissible" and "now and" contained in the original proposition. This was so understood at the time and then the language is too plain to admit even of the sophism of Dr. Tipton and certain other gentlemen who greatly misrepresent the views of the mass of the Democracy of Indiana in this matter. I deeply regret having a representation of the Democracy of Indiana in Congress, who may at a most critical time, try to evade a just application
of the most principle scenes which the democracy of the Nation started the forenoon with the glorious, the disastrous struggle of 1854, and again the glorious and more successful struggle of 1856. A desultory on the part of the more active portion of the Democratic party, in this Kansas matter, would destroy what in 1854 was determined as the false medicine of the Abolitionists as to our intentions and show our party in the strongest light in the Union.

Now are backed up by the leading portion of the Democratic politicians as a desultory as an ambitious idea of a bolting faction of the party, but you may not guess that the honest (makes and all true honest Democrat), do not believe it. The sentiment of the democracy of Indiana will sustain you. Our Congressmen in Congress and Senator in this matter, will be very apt to have a little struggle from Indiana as the present recess of Congress closes, which may awaken them to a proper sense of their duty to the wishes of their constituents.

I think it altogether likely that they will hear the greatest combination about this 22nd Feb., and unless the matter is settled soon and in the right way, there will be nothing more to complain of, which may the better part of wisdom.

Would it be asking too much to suggest a copy of each of your letters as you send them on hand from time to time for circulation? My immediate representatives in Congress for the full term for years past, do not know me at all this session.

Nothing can prevent you gaining success while you continue to advocate sound principles. I surely take my recommendation to my friendship.

P.S. If it might be of service in any talk with Dr. Field on my part, you correspond with my own party is one part that I am not. I take the liberty giving this in my own right.

Hon. S. A. Douglas, &c.
U.S.S. Washington City
Columbus, Ind.
Jan'y 25/68
N. J. Hansen
Political ag
Want Speeches.
Geo town D C Monday Jan 25, 1838

How Sir

Do you Recollect two weeks ago to day The Boy that I spoke to as near your house in the Rain, inquiring for a situation at the Capitol. I forgot to say to you if there should be a vacant place at any time, please to remember me. I am a Nephew of Col A. R. Woolley and can bring the best recommendations from my late Employer Chas A. Uppersman Grocery Mr. Donhers and many others who know me well.

Your Obedient
Chas. F. Hawkins
Chas. J. Hawkins
Geo. Lorrin, D.C.
Jan'y 28, 1858,
want a citation
at the capitol
Post Office
Galena, Illinois
January 25th, 1868

Sir:

Enclosed please find list of leading Democrats within the district of this office who would be pleased to receive any document or peculiars you may have and can communicate to me, which You will be thankfully received.

Yours obediently,

B. R. Howard

To: Stephen A. Douglas
M. D. Seneca
Washington, D.C.
B. B. Howard

Galena, Ill.

Jan 25, 1888

Enclosing list of names.

Speeches sent to all.
Anderson January 25, 1854.

Dear Mr. Douglas,

I wrote to you in December last that Madison County was with you and your principal on the Kansas question and that I should be at Indianapolis at the new Convention on the 9th January. You have doubtless seen I understand the action of that Convention. I shall therefore not attempt to give you any description of the action of that Convention, but shall merely state that there is a growing confidence in you and as it is easy to see that there is a determination on the part of the officers, Holden and others, to take blow and capital at your hands; as much as possible the people are determined to stand by you and there is a general feeling gaining all over the State that also be your foils. They have called a Convention on the 20th of February next, which I would a little matter not have been done as I feared the big May not be done that may divide us in our elections for State and County officers, but I hope that we shall be able to promote the Douglas interest. I think that we ought to have called a town meeting, we then more express ourselves as to Banks and Independents, Treasury and any thing else that we wished to but shall not object to any thing the people may do as they are all my hands if that seriously right as I am but little acquainted with you personally. I will refer you to Mr. Wicker. John C. Davies is your friend. I remain your friend and fellow citizen, Andrew Jackson.

Yours,

Stephen A. Douglas
Anderson, Ind.
January 25, 1868
Andrew Jackson
Political

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Chicago January 25th 1858,

Hon. S. A. Douglas
Washington

Dear Sir,

I wrote you Dec 31st last and enclosed you sixty-five duplicates from the Land Office here to which I neglected as a favor you might have charged for the patents.

As I have not heard from you since I thought in the press of business you might have overlooked the matter.

I would like to have the patents very much as I have particular use for some of them. If you could obtain and send them I would feel greatly obliged, and if you have not time to attend to it will you have the goodness to hand the duplicates to Hon. John A. Searing of Song Island New York whom I am acquainted with. I wish you would have the goodness to write and let me know whether you receive them.

Yours very Respectfully

Obadiah Jackson
Chicago Jan'y 25/5
Obadiah Jackson.
Relatives to lands Pat'n.
- Patent deeds.