New York January 25, 1858

Hon. S. A. Douglas
Dear Sir:

May I trouble you to send me a copy of your last speech on the Kansas question and I will consider myself under many obligations to you, and if it were to come in my way to serve you in whatever capacity, the remembrance of this "obligation" will be the incentive to do it.

I remain

Most Respectfully,

Your Old Set

Jos. A. Rhiney

P.S. Please address me care of "Mrs. Sturges' Shrew", W.H.

S.A
New York January 23/68

Dear Sir,

It would please me greatly to obtain a copy of your late Eloquent Speech in the U.S. Senate and having now no other facilities of getting it at present. I sincerely hope you will have the kindness to send me one a copy of it.

I am very respectfully yours,

Edward Lors
Bowtham Square N.Y.

To Hon. Stephen A. Douglas
Edwin Ever
Charantine Park
N.Y. Jan 28, 88
Mauli Speech
Jan. 25, 1859

Hon. Jas. A. Douglas

New Port R. City, Ill.

Dear Sir,

I am requested by several of your political friends to ask you a line requesting you to send "Now & Then" a packet. Doc. The following names I will give you: James Carroll, A. B. Bates, Win. Sommers, Joseph Stevens, Charles Carroll, Charles Smith, E. Brainard, John P. Heaps.

I pray hardly say that your noblest friends here look with pride upon your position on Kansas and in fact all Kansas and wherever this result you are safe in no logic in the range of human thought can save the hub of your garments.

Yours devotedly,

John H. Long
John H. String

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Henry Co., Ills

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Rubbloc"
Fancy Creek, Richland Co., Wisconsin

Jan. 25th, 1858

Hon. S. A. Douglass:

Will you be pleased to order me a copy of your printed speech on the Leavenworth Constitution, Kansas?

Any of your future speeches will be thankfully received by your obedient servant,

Josiah McCaskey
Mr. Le Caskey
Fanny Creek
Richland Co.
July 28th, 1868
To the Governor of South Carolina.
Want Secompent [sic] of Constitution.
Carlyle, Illinois Jan. 25, 1838

Hon. Stephen A. Douglas,

Dear Sir: After considering what you have said in your speeches in behalf of the Black Republican party, it is at best a debatable point whether it should make every true Democrat feel proud of and I am satisfied it is a man in North America could have accomplished almost ever since you went there is for Douglas and before it was in some localities rather dangerous to speak of your portion away in St. Louis, New Orleans, &c. Now, having seen thousands of votes, I have seen you three times. The first at Vincennesville, then you and Stewart ran for Congress and you made him give a public explanation of some reports that had circulated about you. You did it - it always I believe.
The next time I seen you always talked on by our people to warm you when you visited our place and took dinner with you at Bob E's. Decorus and I seen you at the store and station. They give went to my feeling and talking on others to assist in the struggle. The next time long at our state fair last fall. Now since you will find very men blaming agates, talk and asking to be rewarded. For their labors and for what they have done. I blame nothing but to be entitled. I made the first Democratic speech at the Turkey Grove School House in 1857. To an audience of about 75 or 100 men. And the persons always told of some persons who seeking favors from on there you that I should be born. Because the question in Congress by not. Sirius, I failed to get the letter.
As she became friendly and
sincerely she broke the ice out away
The moon leading what she had done
to take care of it. She this is business
from old fellows the town home and
denied the cold. Since this time
I have kept the wind blowing in
mutual as prudent intended all
the conventions and see that we
got the right kind of men and
where this is done the country is not
anything more only. Dear sir
I know Honer to remain your
friend in host.

Mr. A. Douglass

A B I shol always be pleased to
receive your letters from
you.

Mr. A.

Yours,

April 11, 1866
F. A. Marden
Andover
Mass.--Jan'y 25'th.
March democratic speeches.

Mr. Douglas,

Sir,

Democracy being belu in this republic & Black Republican document to day, I am Writing much thank you for a few good Democratic Speeches of the Session. Yours, my Repenting

F. A. Marden.
W. J. B. Mathews
Rockton Ill.
Jan'y 25th 58
Wauki Patent Office
Dep't. &c. &c.

Rockton Kimball Co. Ill.
Jan 23rd 1858

Hon. S. A. Douglas-

Sir,

If you have a spare copy of the Patent Office report on Mechanism for 1856 at your disposal I will forward it to my address you will confer a great favor.

If not too much trouble I would much like also the Pat. Office Report on Agriculture for 1856. I wish them an exact of their ability to the practical farmer.

Douglas still in good here.

Respectfully yours
W. J. B. Mathew.
Rockton, Ill.
Our Representation is submitted to the public on this subject. I have made it so much to your honor and I hope that I have said some things that may be united with you.

When the hour comes I expect to hear from you on the same subject and with the same wishes in relation to the expedition. If you do speak again on that subject, it would be much pleased to have the same to file with all your principal speech lines. I have them, and just care preserve them. Yours,

[Signature]
Wisconsin Portage County

Pine Hill Point Jan 25 1855

To Mr. Mon Stephen Douglas.

Dear Sir,

I cannot refrain from telling you in your late cause in the Kansas question. I have watched you with a critical eye since the repeal of the Missourie Compromise [sic] Act. As there was so much said by our Northern men upon the Kansas Act (as they term it) of yours in the passage of the bill. That I did know that what they ought to be doing at the bottom was only wrong. But now, I am convinced I am satisfied that the repeal of that act was one of the best things that could have been done. Some especial

for the benefit of Slavery. I am no Abolitionist. Still I think that Slavery is wrong. I think it is as easy a remnant to the fair homes of America and a cure to the Slave States and wrong even acknowledge it and would at least be glad to get rid of it. But still they don't like to be done to it. It is my honest opinion that it must have been for the best. And Abolitionist of the North that Virginia, Kentucky, Maryland and Missourie would today be free States. It is with the Slave Holding slave as it was with the Dutchman about his
The man whose life I have lived in Court is called what his name was called. He said the dog was not worth it. Since he was so mean as to kill the dog he should pay the full value of it.

In regard to Kansas, I think it hardly possible to get a free Slavery Constitution upon them.

It is true no way by which it can be and

There obtained in the Society for Slavery for any one to know that there are hundreds of illegal slave returns at the late election. But if they would not the men as Geo. Wallace did they would push their hands into it. These present meddling with Kansas are the main points to protest at election.

But it is amusing and somewhat surprising to see the change in the North. Union papers gave that it is so universal too. That was as any other against the men of that. Everything but good prevails that Douglas shall have White Boys in the year I am in a remote corner of the Union at present that I have traveled considerably, the last face and witness which I have given to an opportunity to do and learn the feeling of the country I was once personally acquainted with had from western upon and your Plate while you was standing at the American house in Springfield. All was present at the time you were elected Secretary of State and Fields also judge since what times.

Some people had the prevalence of being few at that time according Mrs. Acheson in the last.

I particularly come now this week forgotten Eggers in the multitude of your business. The last time that I saw Eggers was in Centralia this some days after. Other, I understand he left this for the Lake Superior trip, and it do not know the one thing I do hear that he was a good man I was very much attached to him two years after saw was better, judge I graduated in the profession of Medicine in which profession have practiced until about four some what time show been in the Merchants' Amicability. Therefore the former acquaintance all must be a disquieting apology for the intrusion.

I am sorry to have acquainted with one of and

Another man Mr. Bledsoe. To do may not impossible if I have been in and have not learned the precision got upon the Kansas troubles. I am that he does not make himself so conspicuous as good names the

Bigg's case in the matter. We presume you have no place of the Biggs if in the last out of peace you have some name as a weapon that this kind as being. There seems to be much very important business before Congress this division.
And I trust all will be amicably adjusted. The coming year will find us all among the toils of the mental labors. Please pardon me for this liberty, but I now take this opportunity of wishing you success. While I remain your most obedient servant,

Ralph P. Russell
Lebanon N.H. Jan. 28th, 1858
Ward Abee.

Lebanon N.H. Jan. 25th
Hon. S. A. Douglas,
Sir's,
Will you have the kindness to forward me a copy of your recent Speech on the Kansas question. By so doing you will greatly oblige your humble servant,

B. T. Santorn
Lebanon N.H.
Jan. 25, 1858

Hon. O. A. Sumsa
U.S. Senate
Washington

Dear Sir,

My profession being that of Civil Engineer and wishing to procure a copy of the Cost Survey Reports, and not knowing how to obtain them but by applying to some Member of Congress, I have taken the liberty of addressing this note to you, asking you to assist me in procuring a copy.

Respectfully,

Geo. P. Sherwood

Wapello, Iowa
Jan'y 25th '58
SIOUX CITY, IOWA, Jan. 25, 1858.

Hon. S. A. Douglas,

Dear Sir,

Bearing a native of the State of Illinois, and by right of descent an old-line Democrat, it is but natural that I should feel highly gratified and no little state pride while perusing your late speeches in the U. S. Senate in vindication of the rights of the People, and the honest and literal construction of the Kansas-Nebraska Bill. And, notwithstanding that I have not the honor of a personal acquaintance with you, I trust that you will not consider me obtrusive if I express my unqualified approbation of your position upon the Lecompton Constitution.

Your sentiments have been greeted by a universal Amen from the Democracy of the North West. In the Campaign of 1856 those arguments were our only effective weapons.
in our hand to stand combat with the Black Republicans. My misrepresentation.
Your views, intrapreneur your virtues, and
braved you as a traitor, but, while hurting
these erroneous falsehoods back, into the
Lucifer. The months from where they
issued, are predicted that which you now
are so able, and I trust successful fulfillment.
While the self-styled Administration party
are attempting to betray you, be assured
that the Democracy of the North and West, and
the Conservative Men of the South will stand
by you, and the Nebraska Bill to a Man.

In conclusion. I would tell it as a friend
that from time to time you will have used
in my address such public documents as ma
be necessary to keep a man prudent on the
polities of our Country. Being an ant and ant
Young America. I intend to make my little
political abilities till the any last purpose
for the Little Friend" in the Campaign of 1860.
Emu, Core, and shall be redeemed it with
"Douglas" on our banner, the contest will be but
a fair one... My Respectfully,
O. Heitman.
Sioux City, Iowa
Feb 8, Jan 25, '58
E. Stickeman
Philada Jan 25-1858

Judge Douglas

I sent some letters of credit—(Political) to your address a few months since—As matters stand I have no desire to have you notice them until 1860 for your interest or mine. If they should not prove available then let them slide. My Eye and aspirations are on the Coal agency—There is not any news here worth reporting. Should anything occur that I think may be of interest to you I will advise you.

Respectfully yours,
Bailey Thomas

P.S. I received 2 copies of your Kansas Speech per mail for which you have my thanks. I gave one copy to a native American. He said it was the night talk and he would go for Douglas. The other copy I keep, he don’t want. Everybody on our side the Church would be too free.
Philadelphia
January 28th 1843
Bailey Thomas
Hewittsville R.O., Greenup County, Kentucky, January 25, 1858

Hon. S.A. Douglas

Prospective Sir: Be so kind as to send me a copy of your address in the present Congress on the affairs of Kansas Territory. The Democracy heretofore, hailed with delight your noble defence of the Kansas Nebraska Act.

We would rather Kansas would come into the Union a Slave State. But we are opposed to slavery, and all such abominations as the Lecompton Constitution. The framers of a Democratic Constitution would grant no exclusive privileges, but would leave the organic law to bear equally upon all.

I feel much obligation to you on that noble champion of the young Democracy and Temperism who will yet lay prostrate at my feet. No mistake nothing you write happens to every blessing.

Your friend,
W.H. Thompson

My compliments to Hon. J.B. Mason. Well the Mayor to let "Old Breek" look out for Monday. Since he has stock.

Stock. Store on Kansas affairs by sacrificing himself to be led by me. instead of boldly walking in his own walk in inclemency by the torchlight of Democracy.

W.H.T.
Smithville, Ky.
Feb 2nd, 1858

Hon. Stephen A. Douglas, M.D.
Washington, D.C.

...
Washington, Jan. 25, 1858

Dear Sir,

Should you not have done so, I will feel obliged if you will speak to Mr. Mallory relative to the petition of Treasury Reynolds now before the Naval Committee.

Mr. Reynolds has again written me upon the subject, and I do not know what reply I can make him.

Very respectfully, Yours,

W. H. Topping

Hon. S. A. Douglas,
U.S. Senate

W. H. Topping
(Year) Alton Ills. Jan. 25th 1858

Hon. L. A. Douglas

Esteemed Sir:

Thank you most heartily for your kindness in lending me the Agricultural portion of the Patent Office Report.

I have conversed with many of our citizens in this region of Illinois, and I find that to a many they are with you in the Kansas question. I am a Red Kentucky but old Kentucky is an American State and every beat of her great heart is for American Rights (not African) and she and her sons will stand by that man who stands by the people—go on, and we will let you up a house keeping soon in the "White House." Your friend W. Tucker
Alvin, Ills
January 25, 1864,
Mr. Tucker,
approvingly
thanks you for
his part off Rep.'

W
Minooka, Ill. Jan 25th, 1858

Wishing to get one of the last Patent office Reports, I would solicit of you if you please to send me one. There was done sent to our country, but I did not know of it, while they were all gone. Therefore, I had no other way of obtaining one then entrusting it to your generosity for it. Please send it to Minooka, Illinois. That is where we get our mail. Respectfully yours.

Mrs. R. M. Van Dalsen