Atchison, K. 6.
Jan. 26, 1858.
Hon. S. A. Douglas.

Dear Sir:

The people of Kansas Territory, by a rally at the poll, on the 4th instant, to protect themselves from the indignities contemplated by the LeCompton Constitution, in the event of the failure of your noble efforts, by casting a strong vote against the same, & by electing the State officers under it. Although divided among themselves as to the propriety of voting for State officers, yet by a fair vote, excluding feuds, the elected every officer by an average majority. But the 13 council offices to which has been entrusted the condemnation of this injury, were not to be baffled by such a display of popular strength — by admitting a return merely a forgery by the officers or judges of the precinct from which it came, they have declared...
declared, the minority candidates elected by small majorities. Of the facts in relation to this villainous question, you will doubtless be more fully informed from other sources.

Our object in writing you is to appeal to you to stand fast to the noble position you have assumed. Before the rejection of the Lecompton fraud, the defense of peace of the territory, the lives and fortunes of hundreds of citizens. If that instrument is now ratified, the people can predict their liberties only by an appeal to arms, and we are driven to the necessity that appeal will meet certainly. The acts of God have shown, the peaceably disposed portion of us desire to accept no such alternative. It is a terrible thing even to contemplate, but a loss of freedom of character as American citizens is still more terrible. We will never submit to be governed by fraud and lying. We have not gone to the houses of Congress, we must look to protect us from this conspiracy of Buchanan & Mr. Brown. Our oldest prayer is that we may not look in vain to the Congress of our county. I repeat, the adoption of the Lecompton Constitution will result in civil war. We will resist the inducements of such a government upon us at all hazards & to the very last extremity. I say this in a most pitiful spirit but with deep regret all my concord since I have been in this Territory have been foiled, but I would come to advise any peace to submit to such an outrage as the one contemplated. Give your lives again, then for the cause contest in your behalf. I believe none that eyes the people of our whole territory are with you & their prayers return to you in my expectation.

Yours at least, 

W.C. McPheron.

P.S. I refer you to Mr. Lusk & lum by the Ohio delegation or to Mr. Wade, of the Senate, should you wish to confer in regard to me.
Atchison, K. T.
January 26/58

R. M. Braley

Political

yours
Hudson Jan 26 1838

H. A. Douglas

My dear sir, I was at Washington

some days since, and the President informed me, that he had determined to appoint A. Birdsell Esq. Naval Officer at N. York the best and most responsible office in his gift.

I am aware that the President is not advised of the objections to him. It is well known that at an early day Mr. Dickerson made it a personal point with the President that he did not ask anything for himself, only when the time came he wanted to be President and claimed this appointment in his own law. Now the objections to his confirmation are developed in the Report of the Directors of
the Blue Ridge Railroad co of South Carolina, which appears in pamphlet form and will be before the Senate.

It appears that A. Birdsall and others (the imprudent Canal commissioners) and their associates, contracted to build the Railroad and furnish the materials. The contract was very particular in its provisions as to compensation and commission etc.

The pamphlet report signed by one of the first names of South Carolina. Here, that a most Imperial fraud was attempted on the South Carolina Co. to the large amount of $500,000.

I ask your attention to this Report which will show to the Senate the necessity, purposes and dangers of A. Birdsall and his associates, and if upon examination his financial biography shall appear right then as matter of course confining him. I think however, that it is time that these affairs should be terminated and a rejection now and then would have a moral effect in good and induce a little more circumspection in affairs.

I know how these affairs are got up. A man claiming to be prominent gets behind the throne, obtains the Ear of the President, and then acts on the scenes of Paradise,

I most respectfully ask you attention to the Report.

Senators Hunter, Gwin, & Roane of the Senate I am well known to,

I am with great respect yours,

RTH. McCLELLAN
275 Washington St
Boston, January 24th 1868

To Mr. Stephen A. Douglas

Sir,

You will confer a favor by contributing your Autograph. To add to a collection which I am at present forming.

Respectfully,

Yours truly,

James McMahon
Albert Matthews
111 Broadway
N. Y. City
Jan. 26, '58
Mark Speech

New York, Jan. 26, '58
Hon. J. Douglas
Dear Sir:

Your Speech delivered in the former part of the present session upon the Kansas issue, I have not yet had the pleasure of seeing entire. By forwarding me a copy, you will greatly oblige me.

Yours with most distinguishing respect,
Albert Matthews
111 Broadway, N. Y.

Dear Judge,

I enclose you a note from Gen. Persi which I carried off that matter dragged longer than I supposed it would. The new judge mustful exceedingly flattend beg his narrow escape.

John M. Hill, chair of our State committee requests me to ask you to see Judge Douglas & enquire of he can visit New Hampshire the last of February or first of March. He count him to come. We believe we can carry the State live want him to
make us four speeches to clinch the matter. Should the Judge come, he will have the credit of redeeming New Hampshire. I think he really could do much toward accomplishing that result.

If you will make inquiry of the Judge, I let me know that he says if it, you will confer a favor. Our prospects are brightening & we feel great confidence of success next March. Butterfield sends regards.

Respectfully & Truly yrs, J.W. Emerson
Dr. G. W. Harris
Conf. March
and
Feb. 1858

Dear Sir,

Having read your speech, delivered in the U.S. Senate, on the Kansas question in the papers, I wish to obtain it in pamphlet form; and, therefore have thought proper to request of you a copy of the same, with any Congressional documents that may be for gratuitous distribution.

Your kind attentions to the above will be thankfully received and highly appreciated.

Yours truly,
Hon. S. A. Douglas, Asst. Sec'y of War
Address to: G. W. Parvis,
Post Office as above.
Huntingdon, Tennessee
January 25, 1858

Hon. Stephen A. Douglas,

You will please send me your late speeches in regard to admitting Kansas into the Union with her present Leavenworth Constitution. And by doing so you will oblige.

Thos. J. Ring
Huntingdon, Tennessee.
The Prince
Huntington
July 26, 1858
Willie
Speech
H. J. Shaw
Lebanon
July 26th 1858

Want speeches in relation to the
Kansas question

Sen. Douglas
Washington D.C.

Sir,

You will please
confer upon me the favor of
a copy of your speeches
relating to the Kansas question.
I am anxious to learn
your position on that all
important question which
is now so violently agitated.

Taking our country & desire
to secure a firm position
upon this question. I shall
value your able productions.

Yours Respectfully,
H. J. Shaw
Middlebury, Vt.,
May 26, 1858

Hon. S. N. Douglass,

Dr. Sir

I am anxious
to get a copy of your speech of Dec. 9. If the edition is not exhausted,
you will do me a favor by sending one.

Yours truly,

W. S. Sheldon
A. J. Sheldon
Middlebury Col.
January 26, 58
Mary S. Smith
George Staffordshire
Lake Village,
N. H., Jan. 26/58

Wants Ambrotype
of Photograph of
Mr. Mrs. Douglas.

Lake Village, N. H. Jan 26th 1858

To Hon. P. H. Douglas.

Mr. George Staffordshire presents
his compliments to Hon. P. H. Douglas.

I, Lady, most humbly pray that you will
confer the great honor upon me by
sending me an Ambrotype as a photograph
of yourself, Lady, and you greatly obliged
your most humble servant, who will
ever feel heartily thankful for such
favor. I will endeavor to repay your
kindness at no distant day.
Your humble servant.

George Staffordshire

Hon. P. H. Douglas
Washington, &c.

Lake Village, N. H.
Charleston, 10th Jan 24th
Hon. S. A. Douglas
My dear Sir,

Will you oblige by sending to his address one of the copies of your treatise delivered to the Senate in December last?

Yours sincerely,

Charles C. L бес
Mount Vernon, Ohio, January 26th, 1838.

Dear Sir:

On the occasion of Mr. Pierce's administration, I made application for the appointment of United States Marshal for Ohio, being strongly recommended by Hon. Geo. W. Morgan, Chief Justice Thomas McCreary and many others, of the leading and influential Democrats, but failed to receive the appointment. The President, appointing, I think, a connection of old Pierce's, one which I have not made applications for any thing of the kind. I am now exceedingly anxious to get an appointment in the service of the United States, and I take the liberty to write to you, through the solicitation of our mutual friend, to ask if you cannot help me to an appointment that will pay partly well. This must come by some appointing made of Tremont, or Register of some of the Land Office, or some appointent at Washington that would pay as well. I am not so particular where it is, or what it is, so that I can make it pay.

If you should have anything to do with my affairs for any thing of the kind, if you could have the file's hand up of my application for other shall, they would satisfy you; if not convenient to get at them, I could at any time do for you the strongest recommendations from leading Democrats of this county. I know you must be tired of applications of this kind, but I hope you will do me the kindness to keep an eye on this one, and the favor into the receipts of the

Yours truly,

Elliott, Esq. Vexx.
Mr. Vernon
O. Janiz 26/58
Ellis & C. Vose
Wants some appointment
Arthur Wesley  
Mash.  -  D.C.  
Wants Autograph

Washington D.C.  
January 26/58

Sir,

Being very desirous of adding to the value of any collection of Autographs by having yours, I respectfully request that you will furnish me with the same, for which I will be under many obligations. Hoping that you will excuse any trouble which my request may occasion,

I am sir, with the highest respect,

Arthur Wesley

Hon. S. A. Douglas

U. S. Senate.
Dear Sir,

I am about gathering a collection of autographs, and I should be much pleased to obtain yours, to aid in forming it.

I am Sir,

Very Respectfully,
Your Att'ee,

[Signature]

[Address]

Stephen A. Douglas
U.S.S. from Illinois.
Gost. Louis Janruy 2d 1838

Hon. Sen. Douglas

Will please pardon the liberty of this address & I will briefly state the object I have a circle of friends in Mis & some of them are disposed to get up a petition numerously signed & purporting to be in favor of memorializing the Government relative to taking effective measures for suppressing the Indian Traffic among the Chippewa Indians & also in favor of protecting the Missionaries from the machinations of Evil minded white men who have instigated the Indians to drive the Missionaries from their homes for no other reasons than their opposing to intemperance etc the Rev. Dr. Beck long & surely known as a most faithful &
Successful missionary has been forced through the plotting of the whiskey traders to leave the country. I will not here enumerate the evils that are ripe through the laxity of the present agency. Rice, Minnesota, controls all the trading posts & monetary interests in that region and no one has been found occupying an important official position that is bold enough to face or gain public attention by the Rice. Now my advice was that if we interested anyone on the subject, it ought to be a man of political power sufficient to bring the matter to notice. If we are fully aware by this time, that no voice in our national councils is so much respected as that of the little giant. His popularity of generosity by us an unlooked for state of things 1 year ago, you firm & defiant attitude, your able & successful defense of your position has, under your firm leadership among the champions of justice to right & your old regiments & popularity is again the theme & all are becoming convinced that Stephen A. Douglas, politically, is a priceless man to his friends & a just cause of terror to his foes. My admiration of your course has led me to communicate more than I designed. If you will oblige us in this matter we will act as your counsel or advice shall dictate.
We will forward you some letters from educated Indians in that country showing up the true state of affairs.

Please as soon as practicable send us with an answer on this subject.

Yours Respectfully

H. H. Wheeler

Care of Lyon Sherb & Co.

St. Louis 1820
Belvidere, Jan 26 1858

Mr. P. A: Douglas,

Your position in Congress in relation to the Lecompton constitution being submitted to the people for their approval or rejection, with a hearty response by the Democracy of Boone Co., I know that you are charged by some uncontrolled party to point it out + you will find them un
able to do so.

You have adopted the only course that could save the Northern Democracy from annihilation at the next election. You have revived the drooping spirits of many who could not endure the counsel of the President in facing upon the people of Kansas laws which they object a large majority of the electors opposed.

and dictated...
Though the Republicans outvote by a large majority, it is deeply regrettable that your course will in any degree be injurious to the interests of Kansas and to the Union as a free State by the sanction of the Democratic party. The thunder of the Democracy will be heard by all, and, if Kansas comes into the Union as a free State by the sanction of the Democracy, the thunder will be heard by all. It is not my intention to say that the President will not act, but I am sure that the President will not sanction this. What are the chances of this? It is not my purpose to advise. I am not a California mining man or a politician. I am a Cincinnatian in one respect only, and I follow the plough and a practical farmer. Knowing that the defeat of your bill in the branch of industry in your adoptive State, I have to request you to send me the latest Report of the Patent Office. I do not know when the signal to apply for may come, but it is not known when the signal to apply for will be given.
Baltimore
20 January 1858
Waltz Williams

Want the address of some lawyer in Bloomington.

Baltimore 26 Jan 1858

Dear Sir,

Have the good luck to give me the name and address of some lawyer residing in or near Bloomington, Illinois, or whom I may rely for helping to settle a claim a judgment. The individual referred to is living, as a clerk in a bank at that place. Next year over.

Waltz Williams
Conway's door.