Wordland, Michigan, Jan 30th 1858

Hon. J. G. Dix:

My democratic friends told me they would much appreciate and be highly honored by your many kind and cordial professions. All the republicans here & else where around their district in defense of the democracy & equally yours as far as the genuine principles of the Kansas Nebraska bill were concerned to popular sovereignty. Now we can them to a duel & ask what they have to say. All democrats here feel glad we hope that you will adhere to your present purpose, & that this matter of difference will be speedily amicably & adjusted to the honor & glory of the democratic party. As a party we are ubiquitous, have but one national interest, & that is to preserve the Constitution & the Union in their pristine purity. As a party we are the only true established & virtually constitutional party. If the interests of this party are to be shielded & the enemy its most glorious & triumphant victory over the foe of the Union & the Constitution, nothing remains but the spread of anomaly & despotism commingled a disaster & fanaticalism. Mankind in may have placed their eyes & hopes in their worst hopes or the triumph continued triumph as a party. Were we dethroned & depersonalized & guaranty division, America would remain as America & the hope
The world would be lost. It is probable that "politics would in three or four centuries, if ever again it was would have to undergo another revolution of the most bloody kind. The people of Europe have in all the world conditions in the past. Men are not from division and strife to be the same condition as Europe was in the fall of the Empire from the 5th to the 10th century. What would the people of the United States do? They would have to contemplate the many dangers through which the nation passed with peace, democracy. We must ask ourselves, what would we do, what would we be? The balance of power in the hands of the opposition.

This is in mind, is a serious question. It can be answered only by the most serious contemplation. But we have to look into the future. If we are untrue to ourselves, true to our own, our promises, our pledge, our faith. If the states of the Union are to be permitted in Kansas, the direct violation of the most sacred promises made to the people in the last presidential campaign, what can we do? It is a future occasion. If we are to accept the Constitution, we accept the principle of slavery in its entirety. What conclusions are we in Heaven, what apology can we make to the country?

The people of Kansas, and by slavery, or by the name of the Constitution they must protect in their rights to hold slave. No part of a free state of Kansas. The vote that made Kansas free is now a slave state. The people of Kansas have entertained the idea that they cannot rest in they ever ought to this Union, much less could it be in the Union were the Democratic Party defeated. The only reason the south has the unlimited enjoyment of their constitutional right, is in the continual triumph of the Democratic Party. The should know we are doing a deed.
too intense on several a question ab slavery in Kansas,
for poor dupee should turn victor into victors
if the south should know, & we too, that the only
marcha for the democracy to triumph is they full,
ought a veritable justice be done to Kansas in all
things whatsoever. & we both this matter will be
as hard in the right way as to come. The whole Demo-
cratic party all over the union with glory in his head
I would feel much obliged to you to
send me document relating the
survey of the panic railroad & others
like matter also the report on other document
of the Smithsonian institute. I would
like to get a large chart that the institute
has published on the geothermal line.

With best respect, I remain yours,

[Signature]

Gotten, S.A. Dupla.
Harrell Jan 20th 28

Mr. Douglass

Sir,

Will you be so kind as to favor me with your autograph? I should feel very much honored to receive it as you are in much esteem by the people of Mass.

Your humble servant,

John B. Ames

S. Douglass
To Jno. B. Ames.
Hannockville.
Jan 30, 1858

Wants autograph.
Map.

Knoxville Jan. 30th, 1859

Vra. Stephen Douglas

Dr.

As I am collecting the autographs of distinguished men for my song, I should be much pleased to receive yours.

Respectfully,

Hon. J. B. Mendenhall

July 10th, 1858

[Signature]

K. B. 

[Signature]
Amherst College Jan. 20th 1876

How Stephen A. Douglas

Dear Sir,

I am a student of Amherst College, reside in DC and am anxious to keep posted on the doings of Congress. Therefore humbly beg of you to send me from time to time speeches made in Congress and also important books, which you may have for distribution. I also desire your autograph. I know my request is a bold one but I trust you will comply.

Permit me to say that your course with regard to the Compromise Constitution, meets with the hearty approval of the Students of Amherst College and I hope will be sustained by the people.

Your humble servant,

[Signature]

Amherst College
Geo. H. Buckner
Amherst, Va.
Jan 20/58
Mary's Speeches
Books or
also Autograph
Nebraska

Hon. S. J. A. Douglass

June 20th, 1876

Dear Sir, please accept my acknowledgments for your timely attention in sending me import documents. I permit me to dedicate a corner of the same to our Black Republican representation in the other house, knowing nothing of me, but in a certain portion to his interests, as far as will tend to points with me, I need your aid. Mr. Stevens, through the goodship of my old friend Mr. Brown, I would just say it will be important to keep the Democratic Party in possession of all the information possible on the side of the question, as our little patrot man refuses to publish your speeches. I suppose the thing may be expedient, as his bread and butter may depend on the course he may adopt, as he wishes. I would just say I much regret that any difference of opinion should exist in the Democratic Party, but am happy to see you stick to your former course of consistent political honesty, a poor drunk to put the people in possession of one side of the issue in slavery at the expense of all the rest. Either side you may trust assured I am with you on the Kansas question as also the Walker case, hoping the proper sense of the party may adopt a wholesome course.
I shall say no more on that subject. But will call your attention to another that has occupied my mind for several years, which, your situation & influence may greatly promote, if you should be of the same opinion with me, that is, the distribution of the public Land, in limited grants, to such settlers I have spent the summer in the west, & am fully convinced from observation of the correctness of the previous opinion, by the interest of the government, would be promoted by such an act. Least you should think me impatient I will conclude by inscribing myself your sincere friend.

Thos. Cameron

[Signature]

Nebraska

St. Louis

Political

[Signature]
Sterling Ill, January 30th, 1858

Dear Sir,

Having sent to your care a number of petitions & communications from myself & others concerning the post office at this place also I inclosed to you a few days since a petition from this city asking the present post office here to place the office in the central portion of this city or near it or appoint one that would do so, and further would say that the present location of the newly appointed post office is an outrage upon three-fourths of the people getting their mail matter at this office and the people in this city is highly indignant at the same and as I have conducted the only democratick paper ever published in Whiteside county and never was known to flinch in the ranks of democracy, the people here are asking me every day if I have heard anything from Douglas yet and can he not do anything for us. I therefore would be very much pleased to hear from you a frank statement of the case at your earliest convenience, and would say further as a sincere friend of yours and without any intention of flattering.
That I have lived in this County for the last twenty three years and that since your last speech on the Kansas question you have never stood higher in the estimation of the people in this section of Country than you do now, and the large majority of the People here is now with you. I now wish to say that in case that I should go to any house in Congress or with the Department I wish it always understood that a fair and true Statement will be made of the facts in each case as I know them to exist and will always show the same to your perfect satisfaction when appointed of any thing to the reverse or half by the same and never ask you to act under any representations or suggestions from one again I intend within a short time to forward to you a Statement of the County Survey Committee of which you now have been for years the chairman besides other Documents. I wish now to give to you some names to forward public documents to and will send more names shortly to wit.

Geo. We Will W. H. Stanton A. M. Fordmutter
Ira Crooker Ot. H. Ealyman Henry Shelton
Chat. Crooke Ot. H. Mays John Math
Rodney Crooke Ot. H. Alexander John Lime
W. D. Cole John Wolfsberger L. G. Judz
J. F. Anderson E. H. Grove A. D. Beck
J. M. Whittmutter Co. Ed. Whitty
Stirling - Ill's
Jan 30th 05.
E. H. Crandall.

Relative to the
P.O. at Stirling
giving a list of
names of...
Justin J. Crepy
Lansing, Jan. 30, 58, Mich
Japan Expedition
I convenient

Lansing, Mich.
Jan. 30th, 1858

Dear Sir:

Will you have the kindness to favor us with a copy of the Japan Expedition.bout edition and whatever the price is I will accept.

Very truly,

Yours,

Justin J. Crepy

Hon. J.A. Douglas
Washington, D.C.
Chepachet R.I., Jan. 30, 1858,

Mr. Stephen A. Douglas,

Sir: You may think it premature in me to open the subject of the succession, but I deem it to be proper at this time to say to you that I am of the opinion you can best serve your political interest in this quarter by calling for the papers in behalf of Mr. Sayles and Mr. Gallup, the rival candidates for the office of Post Master in the City of Providence, also the paper signed by Black—republicans and democrats, in behalf of Mr. Wiles, another candidate for the same office; likewise, the paper in behalf of Mr. Brown and Mr. Bradley, rival candidates for the office of Mr. S. District Attorney; and those too in favor of Mr. Gardiner and Mr. Bradley, candidates for the office of Mr. S. Marshal. In the case of the Post Master, I have to inform you that Mr. Gallup has but very little show of support from the democracy, while Mr. Sayles has nearly the entire strength of the leading democrats of his state. Mr. Gallup relies principally upon Senator Allen, who, from some unaccountable cause, has fitted himself against nine tenths; certainly, if the party to which he pretends to be allied, Senator Allen has already succeeded in rotting the principal office holders in the Customs department in his State, the successful Candidate, not having any recommendations from the Democratic party, while those who have been ousted had the very best the Democracy could give.
but they were entirely disregarded. The effect of all this will be, that the democratic party of this State will be a Minority party. Many years with but little hope of a restoration, I cannot show you why it must be so, but Space will not admit of it. It is currently reported here that Senator Allen must change front on the Confirmation of Belding, and promised to do the same thing on the admission of Hancock under the Le Compton nomination, before the President would accept his list of appointments for this State. Whether the report is true or not the Statement Change after he left home, another report is, that he had to promise the vote of this State in the Charleston Convention to Secretary Bobb before he would consent that Senator Allen might dictate the subordinate appointments in the Customs department in this State, if he has, I am at a loss to say he cannot fulfill the promise, He never can control another Democrat of any influence at home. The Candidate who does get the vote of this State at Charleston will get it without the aid of Senator Allen. Mark this, To say the democracy of this State are nearly unanimous in favor of George Douglas of Illinois, Mr. Vailies, the present Postmaster in the City of Providence and a Candidate for reappointment is the Editor of the "Providence Post," the principal democratic paper in Rhode Island. In a recent conversation with him I suggested the policy of raising the Douglas flag at the head of his paper subje...
Chesapeake R.G.
Family 20/58
Alexander Eddy
Mr. MILLER, offered the following preamble and resolutions:

Whereas it is the imperative and indispensable duty of the government of the United States to secure every inhabitant of Kansas the free and independent expression of his opinion by his vote; and leave the people of the Territory free from all foreign interference, to decide their own destiny for themselves; and protect them in the exercise of their right of voting and against their constitution, the fair expression of the popular will being interrupted by fraud or violence—and whereas the ordinance of the Constitution of Kansas as now governed, expressly declares its true intent and meaning to be to have the people thereof perfectly free to form and regulate their domestic institutions in their own way, subject only to the Constitution of the United States. Therefore, Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly met, that our Senators in Congress be and they are hereby instructed, and our Representatives requested to resist the admission of Kansas into the Union as a State until a constitution is presented that has been fully and fairly submitted to the people and received the unqualified sanction of a majority of the bona fide citizens of that territory.

The preamble offered by Mr. Miller is in the precise language of Mr. Buchanan's instructions to Gov. Walker, which he now brings to the executive.

February 1856.

Sent from Texas, January 30th, 1858.


Dear Sir, I am.

Yours as a friend that if you do not cease your hostility toward the Provisional Constitution of A.P. and the people of the same you will not receive a Corporal guard in Texas in 1860 for President.

Very respectfully,

Your Friend,

Jas. A. Climrod

Duartess
NewHampton  Jan  30  1838

Mr. McDouglass  Dear sir  Please
send me the Reports of the explorations
and surveys to ascertain the most
practical and economical for
a railroad from the mississippi
to the atlantic and i will be
much obliged to you

yours respectfully

William D  Fifield
Wm. J. Tipted
New Hampton
Jan. 30, 58, N.H.
want
Pacific Railroad
Apr. 21.
Since Jan. 16, 1858

Mrs. Douglas,

Dear Sir: I take the liberty to address you upon a subject which perhaps more properly belongs to our own delegation in Congress, but as an. political friend do not receive any favor from them. I have ventured to ask your concurrence to forward the next document to you, think proper without intestory with your other duties. They will be thankfully, read and duly acknowledged by your obedient servant,

[Signature]

Please direct to
Kingham, Shelbogyn Co. N.Y.
H. C. Gleason
Tina
WI
Jan 20, 58
Document desired.
Augusta, Ga. January 30, 1857

Hon. Stephen A. Douglas,
Dear Sir:

Will you be so kind as to send me a copy of your speech on the Kansas question.

I remain yours respectfully,
Jacob A. Gordon
Augusta
Georgia
Jacob J. Gordon
Augusta, Ga
July 30, 1858
Speech
Loyay, Clark Co. Mo.
Jan. 30, 1856.

Hon. Stephen A. Douglas, Sir,

will you please send me the Agricultural Part of the Patent Office Report for the year 1856, and such seeds as you may think suitable for an amateur farmer, and much obliged your friend

B. F. Howard.
House Rep.
Harrisburg.
Par. Jan 5 1858
W. E. F. Lawrence
Waals' & K. Bell
also given speeches
here in preparing
a report without
your—

Said

Mr. Stephen A. Douglas
dear sir,

Having been placed
on a select committee of the House of
Representatives of Pennsylvania, to whom
were referred the several resolutions
on the subject of Kansas, I take this
 liberty of writing to you in a copy of
the Kansas-Nebraska bill and of
your late speeches on the subject.

I make the request with less ulterior
views as the documents
which are to be used in the prepara-
tion of a report to sustain you— the
skeptics and those in which are very
highly

My Respectfully J.

Sam'l

Feb 30, 1859
OFFICE OF THE
GALENA & CHICAGO UNION RAILROAD CO.
Chicago, Jan 30th, 1858

Hon. S. J. Douglas,

Dear Sir,

I have heretofore received copies of the Pacific Railroad reports from our Albany representative in Congress but having moved from that district can no longer claim them from him.

I have not yet made the acquaintance of our Chicago Representative and am therefore compelled to ask from you the favor of continuing these reports.

Vol. 5 is now out, and I would be glad to receive it from you, if you can conveniently send it. I mean a copy of the No. 2 of the Doc.

I avail myself of this occasion to express my gratification at the manly and independent stand which you have taken upon the Territorial questions, which enables Northern Democrats to maintain their consistency on questions so often declared opinions in favor of the sovereignty of the people.

Mr. Turner and myself intended to have addressed you a joint letter of thanks for your position and arguments on this subject, but
For Mr. Douglas:
Please forward to C.W. McRae
Galena & Chi. W.R. Office
Chicago.

Vol. 5: Reports of the Explorations and Surveys between the Mississippi River and the Pacific
Chicago, Feb. 30th, 1858.

Mr. Alpsis,

Prints 5 1/2 stones

100 Pacific Rail Road
Reports Clerk
please lend
When Thomas
Corner.

Sent April 10th

[Signature]
Treasury office Harrisburg Pa.

January 30, 1858

Hun. Stephen A. Douglas

His Excellency Sir.

The enclosed letter addressed to His Excellency Mr. J. Parker, Governor of Penn., was received by me from Mr. Quincy McNeil of Rock Island Illinois on yesterday - to day I presented it to the Governor, and he requested me to send the letter to you, saying that if you understand the application of Mr. Quincy McNeil, he would at once appoint him to the office desired.

Should you indorse the application please return it to my address here, or directly to his Excellency Governor Parker, as early as suits your convenience.

Very respectfully your humble servant,

Randal A. Laughton

P.S. I am at present acting as Clerk in the State Treasury office here. I hail from Westmoreland County Penn., where we united Democracy lately in mass meeting, to fully endorse your views on the Kansas question.

Randal A. Laughton
Harrisburgh, Pa;
January 30, 1858
Randal McLaughlin

Encloses application
of James McNeil
*Want an endorse
ment from you*

Letter written
28 April 1858

Answered
May 1, 5
Commissioned
10 May 1858

Sent by letter
1st Maj. McNeil
at Rock Island.
Dear Sir:

I am a stranger to you, and take this method of addressing you as a favor, for your address delivered on the Kansas question.

I have read the speeches of Breckinridge, Corwin, and Dred Scott, but I am yet unable to see your views in any paper, but still being desirous of hearing both sides of the question, have been informed to consider it impossible on the account that such documents, is considered dangerous in this respect.

Please send to me a copy of such document that would be calculated to give me information in relation to the Kansas question and other important acts.

And oblige,

Your obedient servant,

Y. Noel.
To Mr. Noel
Seguin
Gudalupe Co.
Seyar.
Jan 30/58.
Want Speech.
Mt. Vernon, Champaign Co. Jan 30th 1856

Hon. Stephen O. Douglass

Sir:

I am a

Stranger to a strong Lord, though I would

wilt you request a favour of you. I am

coming from Pa. I know Kansas & Illinois

Am not acquainted with any. Men in Kansas

from my adopted State. Now I have formed

saw My Father's & Neighbours & through

their Friends at Washington Public Offices

which I would like very much to have you

you do me the favour of sending the same of Pan

I will not mention any name it asking of (I

you to send Messis you choose & such as you

may choose. My company with the other you

will do much please me

Yours truly

J. B. Porterfield
Portervilla
West-Urbana
Ill
July 20 / 58.
Wang document
Private

Huron L. D. Minor
Franklin Co., Mo.

Aug 30, 1858

Hon. S. J. Douglas

U. S. Senate - Sir,

You will remember me as formerly Attorney General of Illinois and Missouri, and I thought it due more, in the present exciting crisis in reference to Kansas, to congratulate you upon the bold and righteous stand you have taken against the unfortunate and anti-republican course of an Administration which my vote aided to put in power.

I regretted the repeal of the Mo. Compromise but regret more, the unfairness shown the Majority in Kansas, since her organization. You have shown courage equal to the crisis in the delicacy of your position, and I am glad to see the hearty support you meet with from the people.

I remain,

Very Respectfully,

Silas Reed
Stamford Capt. Rice
Franklin Co. Miss.
January 30 1868
Saidas Reed
In commendation
of his course.
Chillicothe, Ohio
March 30, 1855

Hon. Stephen A. Douglas

Sir,

Will you be kind enough to send me a copy of your speeches which may be published. And Rlige one who admires the course you have taken with reference to Kansas, and in whose estimation you may depend, I ever more require the sufferages of the American people. Remaining with great respect,

Yours Truly,

R. Baldwin

One of the people.
Chillicothe, Ohio
Jan. 31st /88
R. Ronaldson.

To the Kansas Speaker.
Lancaster, 1 July 1858

Hon. S. A. Douglas

Sir, A few nights since my office was destroyed by fire including all my political documents, and not withstanding the democratic papers here have come out in favor of the Leominster Constitution you can very easily make it appear that a large portion at least of the Fairfield County have opinions that Kansas should have submitted the whole Constitution to the people and that Kansas ought not to be admitted by Congress until a majority of her people shall by free and fair trial decide after free and fair trial.

I wish you especially upon this subject as I intend to be posted on the question when our Democracy meet.

Yours truly,

[Signature]
J.W. Torches
Lancaster, Ohio
July 31, 1858

Yours,

[Signature]
Charleston, South Carolina.
July 26, 1858.

My Dear Sir,

I feel impelled to connect myself with the demonstration here, and at my instance coincide with yours. I have thought that it would address you pleasantly the subject to whose may have read my novel of "Clifton Bolden." Mr. Clifton is an old acquaintance of mine, and come let me see something about me, if you feel are reluctant undertaking such as you propose (and know very available hope to whom I could attach myself) to make the inquiry. I have just been lately aware that Mr. Clifton is with some of your political friends, and they have agreed me to address you on the matter.

I feel myself to be acquainted with the "rackets" of an editor, and the "hump" when a political contest comes up which needed material.
Mental as not today I think I could do so. I believe I am a means to induce the practice of the laws and seek to attach myself to the party but I cannot do so as to suit myself politically. I might be connected myself with the press or either the west or south also resume partially the practice of the laws. May I beg you at your leisure to give me a line upon this subject.

Mr. T. F. Green
Head St.
G. W. Thomas
Mills House
Charleston, S.C.

The Honorable
Stephen A. Douglas
Senator
Ill.
Charleston, S.C.
January 30, 58.

F. W. Thomas,

Wants to attach himself with the Dent Prep. Prep coincides with rep & asks information. Q aid. H-
Male College
New Haven, Conn. Jan. 30th

Sir:

Having been for some time past enabled by an innocent inclination to collect autographs of eminent men, and not having been able to obtain yours, I have taken the liberty to address you this to request you for it.

If you will send it to me you will confer on me a great favour, and will make a very valuable addition to my already quite extensive collection.

Very Respectfully &c.
Yours truly &c &c

Geo. W. Town

Yours truly, stephen A. Douglas.
Washington, D.C.
Geo. W. Towle
New Haven
Conn.
Frank Autograph
City of Omaha, Nebraska Territory
January 30th, 1855.


Dear Sir,

Though I have no personal acquaintance with you, I wish to address you a line, and ask that you will forward me from the Patent Office some of the Sozho or Chinese sugar candy, which is to be obtained there alone, in its perfection and purity. I should also be pleased to receive from you an occasional document, whenever it may suit your convenience.

Allow me, Sir, as one of the old and fast friends of the Kansas, Nebraska, Bill, to congratulate you (for I am favourable to the incorporation of Kansas into Kansas) upon the just and wise position which you have assumed, touching the locomotive Constitutions. I trust, as I believe, you will be sustained by an overwhelming majority of the citizens of the Union.

Yours respectfully,

[Signature]

[Signature]
Morning, N.Y.
January 3, 1869

Mr. C. Freedman

War - Chinese
Sugar Canes

Appr. in Came
Red letter from
Conc of Pension
debt Mar 14, 1853
with printer directions
which forwards
to Mrs. Ward in
letter of May 24/58

Nancy Ward
Newton
Jan 30, 1858

 Widow of a
soldier of War
of 1812 wants
pension

Her husband died
after the war of
Last Pension

Mr. Whiting will
please return this
letter with infor-
mation as to whether
your office can
afford relief to the
annexed petition.
By Judge Monroe. Stokely
state of Illinois J. Shoemaker

To the Senate of the United States and house of representatives of the US I have a case to lay before you by way of petition and that is of a late widow John Ward deceased an old soldier and penearer of the war of one thousand eight hundred and twelve to my husband a soldier in Kentucky and started for the seat of war in August 1812 and in a battle at the river rose he was shot through the body and was left on the ground for dead life still remained in his body he was carried in to camp or to a little village at a late hour of night and the next day was taken prisoner by the Indians and sold to the British at middletown I do not think it prudent to relate circumstances that I live to the I will say that my companion was rewarded with a small pension at the rate of five dollars per month for a few years before he died he was paid with vouchers two dollars per month more she was paid with 160 acres land awart while he received an eighty acre warrant before he died and I received an eighty acre warrant not since about fifteen months ago and I don't feel my self awarded for the hard shifts that we had to under go I have none the old woolen for yarn on my nose among day hickory task assistant in clearing

the fields of Indiana and that on the account of his wound I have not been awarded for grubbing and weaving in the snow of the winter of 1814 and 15 I was left again to drag out another long winter with but a kettlemate to assist me in my destitute condition on the account of my husband wishing to go back to my home again to ask his brother when he left at the river rose with his thing broke when he was shot by the Indians he was in hopes that he was not murdered by the Indians so he went to sell a mother mans place under this consideration I petition your honor to grant me small pension for the few remaining years that I may be permitted to hear or reward me for the hardships that my husband had ought to have receive during his life the publick opinion where ever he was known was that his pay was not and for he was from the time that he was wounded dis abled from hard labor I do petition believe that all the Iides that have such claims should be a reward by the government I will say to you that while my husband was in the service part of the time I would extinguish an old man to a sled and
drive in to the woods and there
grablin in the snow for wood to
keep my two small children from
 freezing. Now I shall not beg you
for a beating you may rest over
this and think what your ideas about
the subject I believe that you
are gaining the blessing of the old
saltas and reaping the benifits of
these results by giving your eight
dollars a day and I dont guess
at your enjoyment I can advatify
my self to what you
have represented in these few lines
I wish to petition the numbers
of both houses to consider my
case and to just what your
thought is right I am notion but
not having yest
you will be privileged
to pass this just as your feels
as more at present but it will
be foreward to answer any comme
that I may recieve from this issue
Nancy Ward a wife
of John Ward to Nathan A Douglas
Allan Shaw and others.
This January 16 1858