Harrison Cleveland

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

Dear Sir: I have come again, your position at the head of Navigation of the Great Chain of Northern Lakes, renders it proper and necessary that the sailors entrust to you and ask your aid in a matter so important as the competency of the physician and Sawyer in our marine reserve.

I send you a paper containing the proceedings of our Medical Board in this city on this subject and soon we'll send you the minutes of the sailors' home this from your position and influence I would do were I not personally acquainted, knowing your interest and feeling in our local matters as a public man.

I am your obedient servt.

W. A. Corley
H A Ashley,
Berea near Cleveland, Ohio,
Feb. 1858.

Sends proceeding of Medical Meeting
relating to the
Competency of
Officers to Marine
Hospitals, U.S.

Asks your
Attention to
Subject.
Belpre, Washington Co., Ohio

Mr. Stephen A. Douglas,

Dr. Sir,

...I... they originally,  

"Of the smallest seed"—Opposed to the Kansas, Nebraska bill.  

And yet, unconnected with either the Democratic or Republican party. I have nevertheless been an attentive observer of men and measures connected with the controversy growing out of the organization of that territory, especially since the inauguration of Gov. Walker, whose opposition of the organic law, and pledge to the people of the territory. I thought so clearly accordant with the spirit and original intent of that law, and of true Democratic usage, that they received my cordial approval. But about the end of his removal from office, and soon after, the President's message and soon after your remarks upon it, together with your fearless defense of "popular sovereignty" I could not but approve your views and admire your independence, and believing that some of the fiery in his county are, same ignominy and other maliciously or unjustly in the dark, opposing, and as far as they care misleading & deceiving men who desire to be right. I hope, the dissemination of your speeches in the past, message, Exposition Constitution &c., might at this time have a salutary influence.  

If therefore you will at your convenience send me a package of those documents, I will see that they get the right direction & circulation.  

Though personally unknown, not entirely unacquainted, I am dear sir—Your fellow American,

James Armstrong.
Darcyville, Sullivan Ct NY, Feb 1st 1857

My dear Sir,

Will you allow me to a stranger (but one who wishes you success in whatever you may undertake, which will not conflict with the Democratic doctrines as laid down by Jefferson and Jackson, or with the principles of the Constitution.

Doctrines and principles which you have thus far nobly upheld.

To ask you if you will do me the honor to send me your late speech on the Kansas question, which you delivered in the Senate at the opening of Congress.

And O! Obje. Very truly yours, Miffie Scottsdale.
M. Brodhead
Barnesville
Junction Co
Feb. 1858, N.Y.
Speech
Mr. Stephen A. Douglas,

U. S. Senate,

Sirs,

Being unable to obtain a copy of your speech on Kansas, delivered a month or two since, in the Senate, we made this application to you, trusting that at this late day, we may be so fortunate as to obtain them. Expressing now our thanks in case we receive them, and trusting that this intrusion will be pardoned, we are

Respectfully, Your Obedient Servants,

James Brown, (Okt.)

And Geo. W. Adams, (Ind.)

The speech will, both with respect to P. O. Addresses, Geo. W. Adams.

Washington.
Providence, February, 1858.

Dear Sir:

Permit us to call your attention to the establishment of a free public library by the Young Men's Christian Union of this city, and to invite your aid in enlarging the same by such contributions of books, or of money for the purchase of books, as you may be able to give.

As some proof that your favors will not be unappreciated, we would state that, since the 1st of June, 1857, (the Library being open but two evenings each week,) over four hundred persons have used the small collection now on our shelves, making the circulation over three hundred per cent. of the available volumes. This has been notwithstanding the almost entire absence of works of fiction, and has been chiefly among those who have no access to other collections.

Are we mistaken in hoping that these facts will induce you to assist us, either by sending books to the Room, No. 41 Westminster St., or by enclosing money to the address of the Librarian, or by a note informing him where your donation may be found. All contributions will be inscribed with the name of the donor, and will be heartily welcomed by those in whose behalf we make this appeal.

Yours Respectfully,

ELISHA DYER,
President.

Direct to CHAS. P. HARTSHORN, Librarian,
Young Men's Christian Union.
Providence R.I.
Feb 1858
Elisha Dyer.

Wants a donation
of books for the
use of young male Christian
ministr.

D.C.

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Lake Creek, Hamilton Co. 

Hon. S. A. Douglas

Dear Sir,

I hope that the sincerity of the motive that prompt me to address you will be accepted by you as an apology for the liberty I take of addressing you. I will say as a preface to the request I shall make, that it has been your ardent admirer since you introduced the Nebraska and Kansas Bill in the Senate: so much so that you were my choice for President in the last race and had I been a member of the Cincinnati convention should have voted for you for that high position. Since that time the presses tinctured my mind and not feeling willing to be led by the versatile winds, I ventured to ask you to lend me your speech on the
Kansas question and any other Public documents that will throw any light on the subject in order that I may form an opinion on the merits of the question un influenced by party zeal and party strife.

If I have not asked to meet you will confer a great favor on a friend by complying and if I have think no more of it and in either case I am as I have been your devoted friend.

Respectfully yours.

Julia 1856

Addres: Jn. W. Grinnell
      Dale Creek
      Hamilton Co.
      Tennessee

Julia 1856

Ms. Grin

Addres: Jn. W. Grinnell
      Dale Creek
      Hamilton Co.
      Tennessee
Dear Sir,

Will you please send me your autograph & place of nativity for my private use & oblige,

Yours Respectfully,
F. W. Hastings

Box 2000

Rochester

My
Y. W. Hastings
Rochester, NY
Feb. 1858,
Autographed

(Rutt)
Mennonahela City, Pa.

Hon. Douglas & Lady -

God speed you - so on.

Send me some document - I'm out of your state - never mind.

to Hazzard Mennonahela City, Pa.
C. Hazzard
P.O. Monongahela City
Freight. 1858
Robert Street
Sent
Danvers. Port Massachusetts.
May 1855.
Lewis H. Gunn.

Wants your autograph.
Autograph Cent.

Danvers Port, Massachusetts.
February, 1855.

Dear Sir,

Will you favor me with your autograph, and oblige,
Yours very truly,
James H. Johnson.

Hon. S. A. Douglas.
Washington, D.C.
Reatories, Berk's Cor.:

Dear Mr. Stephen A. Douglas,

I am happy to acknowledge the receipt of your speech on the Kansas outrages. I have sent it round among our neighbors, and they, as well as myself, adhere and endorse your sentiments in regard to the Lecompton Constitution. As a farmer, I owed the honor of your visit much interest.

Very truly yours,

Jacob Kline
Reading, Pa.

[Signature]

[Date: May 1858]
Erie, Erie Co. La 22nd Feb '19

Hon. O. H. Douglas
Dear Sir,

Allow me to congratulate you in the course you are taking on the LeCompton Constitution. It is said by some journals that you will yet compromise, you cannot compromise with so great an outrage as the LeCompton Constitution.

Allow me also to say to you keep on in the course you are pursuing and you will save yourself if you don't save the Democratic party.

The course you are pursuing has gained you many friends, indeed the whole city is humbled for Stephen A. Douglas or as some call you the little giant. Much excitement is manifested in this section or in western Pennsylvania respecting the passage of the LeCompton Constitution, it has the whole patronage of the General government and I suppose will pass the Senate by three or four of a majority can it pass the House.

Is not President Buchanan pursuing a vacillating course is he, demented, he says pass the LeCompton...
Constitution and peace will be restored to Kansas. Strange idea. American citizens cannot submit to such an outrage. Neither shall they. Please give me your opinion respecting the passage of the Lecompton Constitution. An occasional document would be thankfully received.

Direct to Stephen C. Free, Sec. of S. A.

Yours Truly, J. C. C.
Greenville Bank Co. Ills.

Hon. S. A. Douglass

Dear Sir: I am with your gallant defense of the rights of men as a vast majority in Kansas, matters are with you in the region. Should you forward me any document direct to Peter Long Greenville Bank Co. Ills. I have for thirteen years past been Editor of the "Western Evangelist," and an accountant of terminus, and any document in my hands. I will be sure and then circulate it. The advantages you might be well able to have documents to my greatest love. S. N. Long

Old Salem Bank.

Wishing you success in an honorable enterprise, I subscribe myself your humble servant,

Hon. S. A. Douglass

Peter Long
Succasumna, Morris Co. Ill.

To Hon. S. A. Douglas

Sir,

Permit me to introduce myself to you as a Douglas Democrat—and to be brief, my object in taking the liberty of addressing you is to request you, if not too much troubled, to put my name on your list and occasionally send me your own speeches, or any others from which I may gain such information as will enable me to sustain myself against the attacks of Leompton Democrats. I would not trouble you thus but I am going to say that representation is on the losing side of questions.

I am with great respect,

[Signature]

M. M. McNeeley
Succasumma,
Morris Co. N. J.
Feb'y 1858.
Mr. W. M. McNeely.
Wants to be
placed on wharf
due list, & wants
public speeches.
Cordova, Ills
John Marshall
Feb. 1858
Relative to the claims of C.D. H.
Murphy for a pension + bounty
land.

Orms. 9th own.
Hrs. J. Adryan
M.D.

Robb

Papers to be returned
Attended to of papers
 forwarded Feb 14 58
Cordova tells his master Stephen Roach about his situation.

I in the first place want you to know that I am a slave at this time of the old and never have I wanted from those principals in the least respect and on the same asking favors from you. Primarily I have not for any other but for an other man or of the same genuine political principal as myself and who I think it is very necessary for all we will ask for and will have a representative and have been several times in battle and want a representative of Mr. Murphy's.
Becoming a Regular enlisted soldier under Capt. Greene Col. Zachary Taylor for the 2nd Kansas stationed at Fort Atkinson, at Fort Snelling at 18 years of age 3 years on service was taken to the place where he was wounded in actual service in that campaign in 31 and 32 age was wounded in the battle fought at the mouth of the Osage River above Fort Crawford, Prairie, there was a wound in the abdomen as well as in the arm and leg thrown on the steamer Warrior commanded by Capt. Shafter near the mouth of the river, landed in the hospital at Fort Snelling where he was mortally wounded and from which he has made remarkably recoveries and would now respectfully request to you that Mr. Murphy has become a clerk and has served much in the poor and I do think that this case is rightly kept that the thought that only there has been a pangs or life as well as back other lagged from the time of his being wounded up to the present Day. There is nothing you can do for him but to the wonder of it with the highest appreciated by him as well as myself.
par the party set forth many things have passed off—known to me—Murphy's case but think that if any damage can be proved toStubborn's life please search the Records of the War Department and if any thing is necessary I will endeavor to satisfy the Demand. I have another matter of Antitrust with you after this shall be disposed of—Excuse me for the present. While I am ever truly your friend—JFM

I am told that as you may ask why I do not act as an armed men in case of war and that trouble you I have permanent trouble.
Masonic Festival.

Youself and Lady are invited to attend a Masonic Festival.

At The Olean House, Olean,

On Friday evening, February 19th, 1850.

For the Benefit of Olean Lodge, No. 252.

Olean Lodge lost all its Furniture, Regalia, &c., by fire, in November last.

Honorary Managers:

Hon. F. S. Martin, Olean.
David Hoxie.
David Becker, Little Valley.
John Manley.
Col. T. J. Parker, Gowanda.
Hon. Wm. Pettigrew.
Wm. H. Camp, Randolph.
P. G. Strong.
W. W. Hender.
E. N. Cowper, Sen.
Henry Knowles.
Hiram York, Wellsville.
C. C. Parrott.
Frank Russell.
Henry Hagen, Hornellsville.
Hiram Parrott.
E. R. Gray.
M. R. Brown.
W. H. French, Buffalo.
H. F. Sweetser.
Col. David Hooper, Fredonia.
Geo. Barker, Olean.
S. H. Caldwell, Dunkirk.
A. R. Cross.
R. G. Smith.
S. S. Franklin.
Col. Albert T. Camp, Forestville.
Wm. Gwinn.
Geo. A. Holcomb, Canastota.
E. R. Bowles, Cuba.
A. C. Bower.
J. L. Perry, Philippi.
Geo. J. Adams, Canio.
G. B. Gillett.
Horace S. Smart, Southport.
Marcellus Hove.
S. H. Bower, Hornell.
C. H. Meigs.

Committee of Management:

B. B. Bennie.
S. P. Wilcox.
C. H. Titus.
W. M. Howe.

Room Managers:

J. T. Henry.
R. H. Renshaw.

Dancing will commence at eight o'clock: Supper will be served at twelve.

Music—Ford and Gooy's Fall Otisville Hotel, at Hornellsville.
Mr. Stephen A. Douglas

Sir, I am writing to you about 20 years ago, I had the honor of addressing a note to you on the subject of the question of the time as it then seemed to me, to have been seriously thought upon, and having been an honor to me, and your effort to the general good, and having always been a demand, I consider it a democratic principle, and that all demands to support your measures, your measures, and I felt very convinced that on a sober reflection your opponents, all over the country would see, the propriety of the measure and would voluntarily and kindly do us favor of it, but I mean to say that demanding that principle would prove more time to you, not the less.

Think at that time that it was only trying to serve you by presenting arguments, the people of the state, which I have adduced and you. Think is still good. Keep cool and give me some of the people are as steady with you, as if for peacefully setting the question, refer it back to the people, and when a majority of the people are before and a respectable vote fixing them go for and set them some of them same thing long ago, the states could not be second, and they sooner he shall
Now is spoken in the Constitution that all men are created equal and that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness. — That to secure these rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed. — That whenever any Form of Government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the Right of the People to alter or to abolish it, and to institute new Government, laying its foundation on such principles and organizing its powers in such form, as to them shall seem most likely to effect their Safety and Happiness. — Pray for me. —

Your Most Truly,

[Signature]

Washington, D.C.

Washington, Feb'y 5th 1863
Hon. H. A. Douglas

Dear Sir,

As an humble citizen, who feels a deep interest in our happy Republic, especially in the consistent & fearless course you have recently taken in the Senate in your bold & able advocacy of the principle which lies at the foundation of all free governments. I send you this communication. Reading the other day a Washington letter printed in the Cincinnati Enquirer about "Senator Douglas franking copies of his Speech all over the Union" & also of Mrs. Douglas directing said Speech," so that all who obtain the Speech will also have a "Specimen of the Chirography of Mr. & Mrs. Douglas," I felt my desire to obtain one, and therefore respectfully request that you will remember me. I should not only be gratified for the reasons already mentioned, but also from the fact that I was acquainted
with you in years gone by. Well do I remember you when a lad, living with your uncle. Mother & Sister in Brandon, N.B. Perhaps you have forgotten those days, but I have not & always read your speeches with interest on that account. Please direct to Moira Franklin Co. N.Y.

Respectfully Your Friend

A.G. Percy

Hon. Stephen A. Douglas
Office of
BEACH, WALLINGFORD & CO. GENERAL COMMISSION MERCHANTS,
124 BROADWAY, NEW-YORK.

J. H. Pratt
New York
Dec. 4, 1858.

Prints, Copy of Kansas & Nebraska Bill

[Handwritten note:]
Sir,

If you will convey a particular favor of sending me a copy of your Kansas Nebraska Bill,

I shall have the honor to remain as ever yours truly,

J. H. Pratt
Sir,

Shall you like to admit it, tell you please sends here for one of our public institutions a copy of 'The Alps' Japan expedition. Please ask the printed in the host...

Yours,
G.H. Richards
Captain at Faa ((((more))))
Geo. W. Richards
Ally to Law
Pine Street
Philadelphia
Feb. 1888
Wants Japan
Exhibition.
Sir,

Shone my letter about it. May I beg that you will send me, a copy of the Italian ed. ditto under Lynn. Please throw the enclosed in the next mail.
Geo. W. Richards
Phil-Pa
Mar 6th. Feb 1838
Jahan Effendi

[Signature]

Res. H. Olden

[Signature]
Washington City, [July 18--]

Hon. S. A. Douglas;

Presuming that you would like to see my sketches of yourself and others, you can now get the book of French Fayies, P. Sto.

[Signature]
Snow Hill, Maryland,

Sir, if you may not consider it unwise for you to attend to your Constituents in this matter, I will be obliged to you to communicate occasionally with regard to more important matters.

Very respectfully yours,

Mrs. Sturgis
W. E. Thurgood

March 1858

The Hon. J. A. Beflan

Washington, D.C.
PETITION TO CONGRESS

BY

J. W. SULLIVAN, OF SAN FRANCISCO,

For Losses sustained by the repeated Failure of the Great Southern Mail,

BETWEEN NEW ORLEANS AND SAN FRANCISCO.

SAN FRANCISCO, JUNE 20th, 1856.

To the Honorable, the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States:

The undersigned, who has sustained a serious loss by the repeated failure of the Mail between New Orleans and San Francisco to arrive at this end of the line, at the time provided for by law according to contract, begs leave to petition the Congress of the United States, that he may be indemnified for the loss by the Government of the United States.

The undersigned begs leave to say, that by the statement made and herewith submitted, it will be seen that he has sustained a loss by these Mail failures of Twelve Thousand, Three Hundred and Fifty-one Dollars and Seventy-five Cents ($12,351.75). This loss is cash actually paid out for papers which did not arrive here for weeks, and sometimes months, after they were due. For this reason, nearly all of the subscribers to these papers discontinued their subscriptions to them, because they could not get them until all the news they contained had been received here (owing to these repeated failures,) by the New York and other Eastern papers.

The undersigned considers that as he has sustained the loss referred to by the non-compliance of the mail contractor to fulfill his contract with the Post Office Department, and not by any act of his own, he believes he has both a legal and equitable claim upon Congress to be indemnified for this loss. Trusting that his petition will meet with a favorable response, he begs leave to present it to the consideration of the Honorable, the Congress of the United States.

J. W. SULLIVAN.
STATE OF CALIFORNIA,  
COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO,  

J. W. Sullivan, of the City of San Francisco, being duly sworn, doth depose and say: that he has carefully compiled the numbers, dates and names of the papers ordered by him and set forth specifically in the following statement, and that such account is in all respects just and true. That the amount of loss sustained by this deponent in consequence of the failure of the mails, and the loss consequent by the delay of the said newspapers, amounts to the sum of twelve thousand, three hundred and fifty-one dollars.

J. W. SULLIVAN.  [SEAL]

Sworn to before me, this 12th June, 1856.

E. V. JOICE, Notary Public.
Copy

Petition of

J.W. Sullivan

San Francisco

First Faml. of

Maid Hunter

Nov. 10th 1858.
Lord, Stephen A. Douglass

Please send your speech

and the Kansas Secompflow Constitution

and oblige

Joseph R. Deshler

and of T

E.N. Day Co.

Mitchell Station

OTHER

Virginia
J. M. Allen  Grenville Bank 1 & Co
B. W. Kingbury
Rev. P. Manston

Friend Chandler

Be pleased to send the Agricultural Patent Office Report to the persons above named and oblige. They have written for them.

Yours,

W. Tiddler
To: Vedder
Greensfield
Greenvill
Feb'158
Pat 187
Plantersville La. Feb. 1858

Hon. Stephen A. Douglas

Sir,

The attitude which you have reached in political affairs hasbewildered me, the raging mobs, and offenders of the future, has made you man, of the South could be destruction of a power, a

fulcrum, that was equal to the task of sustaining her, in her struggle for equal rights in the union, that man was Stephen A. Douglas, but that hope

that strong arm, has passed from before me, the light that was set upon the hill, to give warning to all the Nation, from the east, to the west, from the north, to the south, has permitted the oil in the south side to run loose, its beauties, its offenders, its self-preservation, and now is now cast into theable lot of black republicanism, Sir, let me say to you, if you do not return to your first love, to the democracy, if you do not cease to ridicule its present organization, that a dissolution of the

Union is inevitable. You love the farm, fly your barn, I respect your. With much respect,

Mr. H. W. Calhoun
H N Washington
Plantersville Sa
Feb. 1858

[Signature]
LAND AGENCY

The Subscribers take this to inform the public that we have formed a partnership under the firm name of

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At Lawrence, Kansas, and intend to carry on the business. We will buy and sell real estate in any town or city in Kansas Territory, give collections and investments, locate Land Warrants, buy and sell Land Warrants, take evidence and prosecute contested pre-emption claims before the Register of the Land Office, pay Taxes, and will furnish information in respect to the best locations. From Mr. Wood's long residence in, and general knowledge of Kansas, we feel confident that we can make as good investments as any firm in the Territory. We can confidently warrant from 50 to 100 percent on investments for five years.

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