Springfield, Ill.
Feb'y 12th, 1858.

Hon. S. A. Douglas.

Sir,

In the Daily "Register", (hereafter)
you will find my address at the request of Illinois,
upon the present phase of the Kansas question.
It was timed to counteract influences which are just
beginning to evidenced themselves in the hesitation of
some of our Democratic men and papers. I have
been bold because the occasion requires it.
Allow me to say: If you fight the battle boldly
even as defeat would be a victory, but if you
yield our cause you are undone. Your position
between the hostile factions is an exposed one, but
it is full of honor, and if heroically maintained will
give you your brightest page in history. And
here let me exhort you to look to the future as well
as to the present.

John A. [signature]

P.S. If convenient, after reading this, please
place the address in the hands of [signature].
Springfield, Ill.
Feb 12th 18__

Mrs. A. Mclemore

Enclosing his address
in the People of Ill.
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Honorable J. A. Douglas,

Dear Sir,

Please accept this, from a democratic friend and if it ain't taxing your patience and time to much hand it in to the patent Office and have directed to my address a good Variety of Garden Seeds, as I am to considerable of an experimenter. I take this method of procuring that which we don't see every day in 11s. For your trouble please accept many thanks from a friend, direct to Pittsfield Pike County I11s

Joseph H. Wanker.
Vienna, Feb'y 12, 1858

Hon. L. P. Seward
United States Senate

I have since a few days received two letters of resolution which have been acted on by a large number interested in the good standing of the Democratic party of this city and county. Conveyed to me from the County Committee of the city of Vienna, for the purpose of expressing the views of the Democrats on the administration of Kansas under the Termination of the phenomenon condition, and that L. P. Seward, another editor of the Democratic Union published in this city, was the leader and most prominent person in opposition to the adoption of the resolutions that were passed by an almost unanimous vote, after the adoption of the above resolution. So the matter is settled and the editors have been giving up, which was rejected by an almost unanimous vote, one object in sending these resolutions are two purposes. To show you how the Democrats stand in this section of Illinois as to its order and generally believe that L. P. Seward is making a great effort to bust out old time. Peter Lowson from the Post office of this city against the order of a large majority of the Democrats and citizens generally. I am sorry to be under the necessity of troubling you, but I do hope you will use your influence to prevent the adoption of that in such a thing would certainly not meet with the approval of the citizens of this city

With due regard,

Yours truly,

[Signature]

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Feb 12 18
Mr. J. W. McP.
Resolutions read at Parent meeting enclosed. 1st Oct

sir,

Chas. Williams

Owen A. Williams
The Democratic Meeting

Last night the Democratic Caucus was in session. The proceedings were quite orderly and decorous. Mr. Brown, Mr. Hunter, and Mr. Black were appointed to report as the order of business. The report was read and adopted by the majority of the members in attendance.

The following resolutions, recommended by Mr. Hunter, and supported by Mr. Brown, were adopted by the majority of the meeting:

1. That the Democratic party should support the Constitution of the United States.
2. That the party should oppose any measure that would interfere with the rights of the states.
3. That the party should work for the advancement of education and the improvement of the condition of the people.

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 PM.
The Union
OFFICIAL PAPER OF THE
GEORGE W. RANNEY, PROPRIETOR

PEORIA, WEDNESDAY, FEB. 10, 1869.

NOTICE—All political business must be of night time or
least be placed 7.00 per insertion, and not vary
more than 25 cents per additional line.
All communications intended for this paper shall have
the number of insertions marked therein. All without
will be imposed, at the rates above charged accordingly.

Peaches, Jan. 1, 1869.

The Democratic Meeting.
The long advertised democratic meeting was
held last night and was called to order by H.
B. Hopkins, chairman of the county commit-
tee, and organized by the choice of Capt. Wm.
S. Moss, as president; Dr. Giffin, Levi Booth
and E. O. Hyatt, as vice presidents; and James
S. Rankin and Joseph P. Sloan as secre-
taries.

Geo. W. Ranney.
Mr. Chairman and Fellow Democrats, I
came here last night as a democrat, and before
we proceeded to the floor, I wish to express my
sincere regret that this meeting has been cal-
ed. When it was first talked of, seven weeks
ago, I opposed it. I believed then, and still
believe that it could have no other tendency
than to distract and divide the democratic par-
ty here. Every man must perceive that if we go
on, speeches will be made on both sides—
There are those here who may oppose, there
are those here who will uphold the present ad-
ministration. If this be done, then friction
may be started against faction, and thus divi-
sed, our forces will be weakened, and the use
of our numbers be defeated.

The republicans are a man in favor of
this meeting, and that is a strong reason for
believing that it ought not to be held. Then
as we have nothing to gain and everything to
lose by proceeding, I move that we do now ad-
join our forces.

Charles S. Clark, Esq., seconded this mo-
tion.

Wellington Luce.—The gentleman says
he came here as a democrat.

John Macdonald.—Mr. Chairman, I believe
I have the floor. If Mr. Ranney will withdraw
his motion to adjourn I would like to offer a
few remarks.

Mr. Ranney.—I withdraw the motion.

Mr. Macdonald then said he came to the
meeting to express his opinion upon a question
which has divided the nation from one end
to the other. It is a question which interests us
all, and he desired to hear democrats express
themselves freely upon it. If Mr. Ranney’s
motion to adjourn did not prevail, he should of
course vote for the disapprobation of a commit-
tee of seven on resolutions.

Mr. Ranney wished to occupy the floor
for about five minutes till he could read a series
of resolutions which he had prepared for the
occasion.

Mr. Macdonald said if Mr. Ranney moved
his motion to adjourn, he should pass his mo-
tion for a committee on resolutions. His mo-
tion was then put and carried.

Charles S. Clark moved that the commit-
ttee be appointed by the meeting.

Mr. Eaves moved as an amendment, that
the names of the committee, which was
adopted, and the persons appointed said commit-
tee were John Macdonald, E. C. Renwick, Ben
Ritter, H. B. Hopkins, Levi Booth, John Dawson,
Geo. W. Ranney.
Seneca Carson Valley, Utah Territory
February 12th, 1858

Mr. Stephen A. Douglas

Sir,

Although I have not the honor of either a personal or an epistolary acquaintance with you, knowing you to be Chairman of the Senate Committee on Territories and being myself a resident of that portion of Utah, out of which with a portion of New Mexico, it is asked in a memorial already presented to Congress, that a new Territory be formed. I am induced to address you this letter to urge upon you the immediate necessity for the organization of a Territorial Government for this Country.

It is supposed that there are about six thousand inhabitants residing in the proposed new Territory, and many of them like myself, have their families, their homes and their all here, and have no protection for either life or property. We have commenced the settlement of a Country rich in its natural resources and the protection of Government only is needed to make it the happy home of thousands. We need a government of our own, for it is impossible for us to have the neces-
any means of communication with any other people for a greater portion of the year. At this season of the year, we have no communication with any but Californians, and have to cross the Sierra Nevadas on snow-shoes to get to California. On the east of us we have no neighbors. That are not only our declared enemies, but also the open enemies of the General Government, and their past acts indicate any thing, we are liable at any time to be driven from our homes and robbed of our property, and need protection. We are American citizens, and are not entitled to it.

Having full confidence in your knowledge of the wants of a people situated as we are, and believing you to be disposed to urge the just claims of such a people upon the General Government, we trust the matter may be favorably considered by you at an early period, and that we long and may have the protection of the laws of this Country.

I remain, your most obedient servant and fellow citizen

[Signature]
Mr. W. Ormsby
Zena, Carson Valley
Nevada, U.S.A.
July 12, 58

About the formation of a New Territory
New Haven Ct. Feb. 18th. 1855

Mr. Douglass,
Honored Sir,

Will you do me the favor of sending a copy of your two last speeches, and any future ones that may be upon particularly interesting topics.

If so, you will oblige by directing to Box 440.

Very Respectfully yours,

R. Emerson Paddock
R. E. Paddock
Nauvoo, Ill.
Feb 14, 1838

Antio Quack
Richmond 12th July 1838

My Dear Sir,

I have very much aided you on several occasions at special request and timely secured Mr. Ellms'. If I may be some days before I can be in Washington and have thought it best to write you this.

I am told that in the Senate office on Washington by the Postmaster General of Mr. Wilson (the Postmaster General) he is very anxious to have Mr. Ellms' office and turn the Senate killing—send to Mr. McMichael and the other to the Register (Palmer) at Annapolis (requesting him to forward charges against Mr. E.) so that he may be answer and make thetry for him—Mr. Wilson—must the death's age a similar effect? he wrote letter to Mr. E. and entered on the duties of the office. A Commissioner may authorize to investigate the charges. He studied and prepared the case entirely myself—and had their Eidsie.
In hand and instantly deliver I do hope that this may go to hand care and desire you again to submit this to the Dean and Chapter of the Above Office as I have I wrote you. I desire you this be forwarded and attention give that the Dean and Chapter of the Above Office as I have been pleased - By the Governor and Officers of the Above Office to be a Colonel this of above the which I am the Officer and Officers of the above Office will be pleased - I was the other Colonel and in charge of the Officers of the above Office and Officers of the Above Office can inform me of

I have to tell you that it is not possible for me to write any further at this time and I am disposed to you a request of a copy by every Member of the Council to whom this may reach. I must say to you that I am in the saddled to your office and

We expect soon to hear the Original or Message of the letter from Mr. Wilson to Judge Surber. I finish - and What you think to etc. before the Governor to that the money
John A. Parker
Richmond, Va.
February 12, 1858

Enclose a petition for the nomination of E. Gilmore as Register of Land Office in Nebraska Territory.
To the President of the United States

The undersigned members of the Council and House of Representatives of the Territory of Nebraska, most respectfully, make the following representations to your Excellency. That they are personally acquainted with Mr. Addison J. Tilman, the Receiver of the Land office at Omaha in the Territory; that he has discharged the duties of his office with regular fidelity and to the entire satisfaction of the white people, and

finally restore their full confidence as a man and as an officer, and the undersigned further most cordially represent that his reappointment to his present position is in accordance with the wishes of our white people, and the public interest.

This 21st day of December A.D. 1857

Members of the Council

W. L. Miller
President of the Council

Sam. L. Rogers
John Salmon

J. M. Kirkpatrick
L. S. Smith
Barney & Rowan

Willard Lewis

William Alling
James A. Allin
Charles Donnel
Members of the House of Representatives

A. B. Edgerton

J. B. Ellis

T. S. King

C. S. Godfrey

J. H. C. Reed

W. H. Smith

J. H. S. Young

Chas. H. H. Stone

M. M. Morton

J. S. Williams

J. M. Bellard

J. H. T. Bland

J. H. B. Cooper

J. H. Rice

J. H. H. Stone

J. W. Cooper

J. H. B. Cooper

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J. W. Cooper

J. H. H. Stone

S. M. Rogers

Alonzo W. Brown
African, Ohio Feb 12th 1858
Hon Stephen A Douglas

Dear Sir enclosed

I send a slip to let you know how we stand in this vicinity on the Kansas issue. To my astonishment the Editor of the Ossianic Messenger refused to publish this scratch. My Foreman on my farm learning the facts went and demanded the article and took it to The Other Press.

Here I am reminded that my friend best one informed me that an article appeared in that paper some two years since with my name attached, that was any thing but what I ought to have been in reply to some remarks that you made in the Senate.

The facts are as follows I wrote a few lines in the hotell the express coming up to take me went I said to him who took charge of the manuscript to erase and insert a few words and stated what words to insert and jump on to the train.
That paper containing this article never reached me (though the other paper ever was published for many years, long or since.)
I am now determined to hunt out this written by referring to his files when I go down (saving his prejudice in not inserting the short article enclosed.)

It was or two after this I received a letter from Mr. Fink in which he said he was directed to inform me that Mr. Bryan could not entertain me and my wife 24 hours being inconvenient.

In closing I will state that the article never considered was when kept it a question of action but in the principle we have acted upon for many years. We write many others that have written on the dictionary question.
We have not even received your speech in pamphlet form, as we have been informed that it is to be published and want it for future reference as well as for the present for we enclose it.

Should we be in Washington & C. right early come it not for what the Frail wrote me, but notwithstanding all that I shall support and advocate the principle you are now seizing for the meanest hotel that the honest poor inhabit, may Heaven bless you in your effort.
Akron, O.
Feb 12, 58
A. S. Sawyer
Polish [illegible]
Public Sentiment at the West.

The following letter, from a Western correspondent of the Ontario Messenger, whose epistolary favors have hitherto always been acceptable to the Editor of that paper, we are informed, was sent there for publication last week, and being rejected, was subsequently handed to us:

Akkon, O., Jan. 11, 1858.

Mr. Editor:—Dear Sir,—The people of this region are greatly excited on the Kansas question. It is the topic of conversation at the corners of our streets.

The course that the Hon. S. A. Douglas is taking in this crisis meets the approbation of all. But few, if any that would not even jeopardize their lives (if need be) to sustain him in this noble effort. He is fully equal to the task no one here doubts.

If we mistake not Mr. Douglas has always held that the People of Kansas had the right to regulate their own affairs, frame their own State Constitution, being subject to the Constitution of the United States. Aside from this Mr. D. is no doubt aware that, if the People of Kansas are not allowed to do their own work in this matter, dangers are thickening on all sides, and the dark cloud that now hangs over Kansas, although it may appear to some, “no bigger than a man’s hand,” may spread over this entire nation e’er long. “He that sees the sword coming and refuses to give warning,” is held responsible for the consequences of such neglect.

We have differed heretofore with Mr. Douglas on questions dear to us. But what of all this? When we honestly think him right, we feel it our duty to proclaim it, feeble as we may be—we will use the “one talent,” as conscience demands, dictated by reason, to the best of our ability. A. Sawyer.
"But you will pay me?" "When you ask for it." The old man returned, and having pulled out his pocket book, he drew out ten dollars and handed it to Martha. A moment the child gazed into the false good use of it. The poor girl took the money with trembling hands—she was startled.

"No," said he, "take this, and see your mistake, sir." she started.

"But mind you—my name must not be mentioned. Give it to her as your own.
My dear sir,

Having become a citizen of your State and two of the branches of my family, I take the liberty to address you, asking for your favors. I shall feel highly honored to receive from you some of the Congressional documents. If I am not encroaching too much on your precious time, such favors will be thankfully received. I am proud to say I was born a Democrat and have voted that ticket fifty years. I am with you in your present efforts to carry out the same principles. Wishing you a God speed & a final triumph over all opposing forces, I subscribe myself your truly in political faith and friendship.

Your humble servant,

[Signature]

Dr. Swell M.D.
Pambula Station
Feb 12th 1848
Jona Swell M.D.
Approvingly yours
W. H. [Signature]
Gouverneur, N.Y., Feb. 12, 1858.

Dear Sir—

Feeling much interested in the great questions now at issue, I take the liberty of addressing you a few lines. It is customary with members of Congress to distribute speeches, &c., &c., and I would be much indebted for such favors.

Yours truly,

Geo. M. Thompson,

Formerly of Alton, Ills.,

Hon. J. A. Douglas,

U. S. Senator from Illinois.
Millsboro Ind. Feb 12, 1858

Hon. Sir:

Will you do me the favor to send me a few copies of your speech upon the Kansas Question? Because I do not think as those in power are taught to think. I am continually brought into arguments. I wish then for to inform myself in regard to this vital question— for if the matter was fairly understood among the masses of our confederate States so earnestly protested, would my book receive its quietus.

Any favor will be thankfully received by your obt. serv.

H. Fisher Milles M. S.

Millsboro, Sussex, Delaware

U. S. S. Douglas
Wm. Fisher, Mill, Millbrook, N.Y.
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Wants Speech

To the Hon. Stephen A. Douglas

You would lay me under obligation by sending me a copy of your speech on the Re-Union Constitution, & how one to subscribe myself.

Your very humble servt.

John Willoughby

Hon. S. A. Douglas

Newell, Mass.
Mr. S. A. Douglas

Having recently left

from my residence from the State of

New York to this great inland city, I
greatly feel the want of my habitual
living from Washington. Being an admirer of your present mode and persistent
course on the Kansas question, I take
the liberty to request that you will be
do so obliging as to consider me as among
those on whom you occasionally pass
as a journalist of your experience. I would be more
pleased to receive your views on that
at present, most exciting of all political
questions. If President Buchanan's
current attitude on the Kansas question
shall be sustained by Congress, I venture
to predict that every Northern man
shall be sustained by Congress. It is true
from that measure, note the withdrawal
political life with the banner of destruc-
tion. As I belong to the Republican
party, I would make my last bow to
Mr. Buchanan and thank him for his
present suicidal course.

The institution of slavery must not
The suffering upon an unwilling people, the sense of oppression should deter any member of Congress from carrying out the ten principles of the Kansas Manifesto. The President and the act itself are in the President's inaugural. The people are to be the ones to force those who have had the first opportunity. The oft-repeated cry of disunion and not faction that they have become quite stale come to passages. The South can ask a little more support.

Yours most respectfully,

David W. Wright

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Feb 12 1858
Jas H. Knight
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Wants Done

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Mr. G. N. Bougade, M's.
U. S. Senate
Washington, D.C.