Bristol, North County, Iowa, Feb. 10, 1863.

Dear Sir,

I regret that circumstances have placed me in a situation where the business involves more of pressing upon your time, well knowing that your attention is much as to command your indulgence and attention without lessening them upon what may seem to you so trivial an affair and one which, however, may not be altogether to the interest of this State. But I cannot detain you with apologies. I find myself unexpectedly located in one of the poor townships ordered into market at public sale at Osage next June, and any ventures to consult with the interests of the citizens as settlers of their township. By reason of these lands being ordered into market for public sale at so early a day a large majority of the settlers who have settled upon and improved their claims must from want of means for payment leave their claims. Therefore in favor of this and in behalf that by petitioning Congress...
Bristol,
Worsh. Co.'s Iowa
Feb: 16th 1858

Hiram Asbell

Mark's lands in Iowa
withheld from
market. -

Does?  & want.
Mr. Bagley, Mr. 
Marengo, Feb. 15th, 1835. 
Hon. Stephen A. Douglas, D. C. 

Sir,

Please send me a copy of the last Patent Office report and much obliged, yours truly,

J.H. Bagley.
New York. Thursday.

My dear Sir,

I am glad indeed to hear from you promising accounts of the health of Mr. Douglass. To keep public attention employed I printed my speech on Monday. If you have had time to read it, I hope you like it.

Our meeting last night was the fullest, most quiet, orderly & enthusiastic I ever attended. The building was a large one & would have been so esteemed anywhere else. Our officers were all Buchanan men of last year: among them the editors of three leading papers, the Catholic, the French, & the German. The
German population are with us heart and soul. I made a few remarks, but in them introduced your name; it would have done your wife as much good as the Doctor’s visit, if she could have heard the way it was received.

The Smith is not against us, any the Southern politicians. They are in fact taken with the idea, that a convention which nominates the President, ensures his election. They will find their mistake.

We mean to turn out every man of our representatives who may vote for secession.

Unless the administration is read, it will cause in the course of wilfulness.

Very truly your friend,

Geo. Bancroft

P.S. To solve the problem of the support given to secession by the Smith, it seems to me that some of the Southern politicians wish it.
Herbert this public counsel to have the way for a change in national policy; others have men in view getting up an issue which you cannot accept — which leaves the field clear for a Southern candidate.

I saw Mr. Lincoln very well last night, & kept the attention of the audience riveted for three hours.

Mr. Lincoln, for instance.
Franklin, Maine
Feb. 18th, 1858.

Sir:

I am desirous of reading your speeches of this session on the Kansas Question. If you can send me copies of them you will greatly oblige one who sympathizes with your efforts to carry out in good faith the principles of the Kansas-Nebraska Act, of which I have always been zealous defender.

Yours very respectfully,

J. Butler

Hon. A. Douglas
U. S. Senate, Washington
University of Michigan
Ann Arbor Mich. Feb 18, 1857

Hon. A. D. Douglas

Dear Sir:

Desiring to keep back of the political history of the country and its men on all important matters I take the liberty to ask you to send me your speech on the Kansas question (reflecting the President's Message) which I should be very glad to receive as much any other speech or documents that you may be pleased to send.

Very Res. Ply.

A. H. Chapman
Ann Arbor Mich
Chicago, Feb 18th 1858

Dear Sir, I write you

without ever having had the pleasure of personal acquaintance
but I wish to address you upon a political subject. A large
body of People in Northern Part of Illinois are old
Whigs and recently having been actuated with the
Republicans that are dissatisfied with the Eternal Claim
of Freedom Shouting and firing canteens and
long to see Slavery agitation &oligned from Congress
and the Country again restored to peace. This body of People
felt in their hearts that your Position was has been one
is right that it is the only way to dispose of the question.
You are firmer set in the heart of the People than ever before
but you are opposed by your friends. Because the People
that would be glad to support you are silenced by Republican
Newspapers and a feeling of disloyalty about your coming
out Democratic a party they perhaps many of them have
always opposed. Now I firmly believe that every county in
Illinois can be carried for you. Consider the single question
of the Kansas-Nority be presented and in a manner not
refuline to the People. I have started our independent
Newspaper and am more aligned by Republicans than
any Democratic paper can be. If they see the weapon I
use is dangerous to them. The question now is an Sanctuary
Election. Doug Johnson is using every effort to get your friends.
And Administration Democrats at legitimand and hope to succeed it that my next fall

And to be plain, I am publishing an in defense paper a copy of which I have sent you, I am discussing your proposition are its own merits without difference to party and advocate your no laws common not an legal or constitutional ground but as the true policy of the government (See Stellung Theater)

And this I think is this place to bring out the brown as you will have the Republican side and has already brought up a sort of spirits in the city. At the point is gained that it is the policy of the country as well the public for President Samuelson will on all those questions of local interest. You will not only be sustained by the strong majority of people in the South but by all conservative men of the party, and you will have more than 60 per cent in your Kansas and Northwestern states. You can write to John Brown and many of your Democratic friends expressing me and write them if you please what you think would be of most service not to much to you as to the principle and execution of the position you have a easy. While you remain to advocate I mean I am for you because I believe you are right and not because you are a friend whom it might be possible to serve from other and want one friend that

Drum a hand when I get started but I wish to start right. If you can advise me I am ready for anything it with all due admiration.

Yours Respectfully

The above, as I do not

Word the questions of slavery or Kansas affairs are to be solved before any other question can claim any degree of attention. I am a Whig and as one who would be all sorts of the country again united. And for your policy and I will your advice go the cause I am pleased. If I can be useful in much support sufficient to keep the 60 houses of my floor and can

and obtain postage enough for that

Yours Respectfully

Berthold Lange, Editor Cem. Advocate

Chicago Ill.
Chicago, Ill.
February 18, 1858
J. W. G. Cone,
(Edi Conv. Adm.)

Political
McLeansville, Ten. Feb. 1838

Dear Sir,

I am well paid in
reparation of the liberty of writing you
earlier lines, having had the pleasure
of your acquaintance some few years since, when I was a citizen
of Worthworth, N.C. I was then and am
still a Whig, and I believe now,
car I did then. That you were identical to
those who might differ with you in your
political sentiments,

it is your fortune now, as it has been that
of others, to take a position high above
party buttons or party points, in the bold
advocacy of the writer of American Freeman.

I consider that the writer of the free citizen
as of Senators have never surpassed,

The procedure that you occupy is the only one
to be adopted without doing great
violence to our compact, and perhaps,
the establishing a precedent the
effect of which will prove destructive
and ruinous. To this station, union

...
W. Lemonsville
Tennis, Feb 18 1858
H. Falls, D.D.
Political &
Word Speeches
Regard sent
Hampstead
Salisbury, To.
Friday, 1855.
To J. A. Kenny.
Pronto for office.
Kansas Speech.

Hampstead, February 1855.

Mr. J. A.,

Owing to our Senators having in favor of the Kansas policy of the President & our Representative (who, being a Republican, but very few of the People of this portion of Indiana have been favored with an opportunity of being in full voice; you of course am that part of the President's Message relating to Kansas, tender old there are a great many holding between two opinions in the bounds of my knowledge, I think that a statement of your speech would be sufficient to set them right on the Democratic Principle. Clergy if you are proper to comply with the above request and write the same to my address I desire others no praise in distributing them among the people by aiding you with copies and together with quite a number of other politicians you will very
Perry, Feb. 18, 58.

Dear Sir,

Looking over some old papers, I came across some admissions of Judge Dugger, which show that last year he entertained the same views in regard to the submission of the Kansas Constitution to a popular vote that you and many other now entertain. I do not believe they were of any service to you, but I thought I would copy them, and forward to you.

Your respectfully,

J. M. Donald.

Hon. S. A. Douglas.

P.S. Raney is making a desperate effort to get the post office here. We cannot believe that there is any serious intention at Washington of interfering with Col. Sweat. You perhaps have reason to know that Col. L. is a warm personal friend of yourself. Raney is not disposed to him or any of your friends justice.

J. M. D.
Peoria, Ill's
February 1836
J. M. MacDonald
Political

Senator Douglas
State of New York
Genesee County
Batavia February 15, 1858

Dr.

Will you be kind enough to send me all of your speeches on the Kansas question, and if not inconsistent with other engagement to please me generally upon your list for Public Documents to be seen.

I presume that you will not recollect me, some years since I have had the pleasure of meeting you at the house of my father-in-law, Hon. J. B. McCall, at this place.

I have also had the pleasure of helping to construct the Cincinnati Platform, which you are now to poll, sustaining & defending, and above all I have had the greater pleasure of voting for you at the same Convention for the Office of the President of the United States.

I remain Respectfully,

Hon. S. C. Douglass Your old Servant

Washington

Henry J. Gassett
Danville, N.H. Feb 18, 1858.

Hon. Sir

I have no excuse to offer why I address you, except the want of Congressional news, especially your Speeches and others of the Democratic kind.

I shall be under many obligations to you, if occasionally you will send to the address of the subscriber a few of your Speeches &c.

P. C. Address
Danville N.H. Your obedient servant

John H. Griffin

P.S. Your course on the Kansas question is very acceptable to the democracy of this vicinity.

Hon S. A. Douglas
Washington, D.C.
Demiles F H,
Feb 18th 1867,
John H Giffen
Endorses your
covered check
for Spache
accessory
(Sent me
Copy of
Draft check).
Write Head

Edwardsburg
Cass Co.

Feb 7 1858

Wants a document

for distribution
Milwaukee, Wisconsin,
February 18th, 1858.

My dear Sir,

I have not written to you, because I knew you would be overwhelmed by letters from others. But my heart and soul are with you.

You are on the right path, and the only right, both as a Statesman and as a Democrat. When the right of the majority to rule, and to vote through the ballot-box, is surrendered, the main pillar of the Republican Edifice is removed, and the building must fall.

The abuse and perversion of the electoral franchise, in Kansas, Vermont, one of the Expressions of Burke, or rather of the authority Interposed on Women in India, "The sources of life are connected with the sources of death."

With all the President Buchanan's power and patronage, I would rather be an honest Governor Walker than be his.
Mr. Caleb, allow me to sympathize in your recent domestic affliction. May dear young wife has just presented me with a daughter, both well.

My heartfelt regards to Mr. Douglas, whom I had the pleasure of seeing, Col. Lamar.

Yours very respectfully,

Sam Marshall

Nun. L. A. Douglas
Milwaukee, Wis.
Feb 18 /58
Dear Hubbard,

Potter's
Approvingly

[Signature]