Bedford N.Y. March 1st 1854

Dear Sir,

I have read with much pleasure your late report on the
Lecompton Constitution, and am
so convinced with the soundness of the arguments, as to the foul
means, used to force a Constitution
on an unwilling people, and as to the proper course to be pursued
according to the antecedent, and
principles of the democratic party; to settle this question
amicably and rightly, and
for the purpose of controversy.
the same as your previous, but get
followed your arguments, and
positions assumed by the
President, in his late Kansas
Message. Thus, though a total
stranger to you, I have determined
to write you, and request you
to send me a few copies of
your Report, and also to state
in what terms, your fire could
to thousand copies can be
be bought, for the purpose of
distribution among the
Democracy, also as to
the same theme of your
"Report," for the same purpose
of this County.
myself to the Superintendent. And
Mr. Ashton, and John G. Davis
Do not fail to say—

I am in every respect yours...
Ben Newland

J. W.
Norris Locomotive Works,


Washington,

Dear Sir,

We write to have the address of a Lawyer of Energy and Soundness, practicing in the Illinois Courts, to conduct a Case, where $11,000 to $12,000 is involved, against Edmonst & Matthewson, and his Sureties, "The St. Louis Atlas Chicago Rail-roads Co." We desire one, who cannot be swayed by local feelings or prejudices, who will look to his-client's interest, as to his own.

Our Motives are, applying to you (personally unknown to you) is, that we believe you can put us on the track, to get our Case tried against Matthewson, by an able Man, as far as our regard, and respect, for you, and to you, as your working friend, who feel for the long interest, they have felt, and Counts, in your behalf, that in this appealing to you, you will enter, with the right Way, to get our Case speedily, before the Illinois Courts, as managed by a frontispiece able advocate.

We are, with great respect,

Your truly,

Richard R. Douglass
Philadelphia
March 13th, 1858

R. Norris Jr.

Thank you for giving them the name of a proper lawyer to prosecute a suit against John Malteson.
Jacksonville, S. C., March 18, 1858

Hon. T. A. Douglas,

Dear Sir: Having been with pleasure your able and eloquent report against the admission of Kansas into the Union under the Lecompton Constitution. I would take it as a great favour if you would furnish me with a few copies for distribution, for we have a majority of Democrats in our village opposed to the Lecompton Constitution. I have the honor to be very respectfully yours, left.

William Page
New Page
Sackerton N.Y
March 3, 1858

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Hon'y A. Douglass.

Sir, Will it be asking too much of you, to request you to cause to be sent to this office for approval distribution some packages of garden seed and seed? Will you be kind enough to say that you will cause the Treasurer's Committee to act with general approval here. I am in the right, and the people will most assuredly bless you.

Yours for God & Liberty

Wm. A. Pearson
332 Pennsylvania Avenue,
[No. 9th & 10th Streets]
Washington, March 1st, 1858.

I beg to inform you that it is my intention to open a First-Class Book & Stationery Store at the above address. The stock (which has been carefully selected) will be found in every department of the choicest kind. The system of business will be characterized by minute personal attention, punctuality & dispatch based upon long and varied experience in Europe & America. Special care will be given to the execution of Foreign Orders, my facilities for which cannot be surpassed. The leading European Journals will be regularly received for the perusal of customers, and every accommodation offered to make the Store a Literary Lounge.

In connection, I have established a permanent Fine Art Gallery at No. 322 Penn Avenue in which will be offered a succession of attractions.

Respectfully soliciting a share of your patronage & support, I have the honor to be

Yours obediently,

Franklin Philp.
North Vernon March 15, 1838

Hon. Stephen A. Douglas

My dear Sir,

Believing as I do, that it would be the policy of the Republicans to unite their strength, I write to you that if it meets your views to make an effort with your funds in Indiana to bring about this result, there is no real difficulty.

This done, Lecompton would soon be a forgone conclusion.

I shall attend our Convention on the 4th, and will use my influence to bring about this result, viz.:

Mr. 4

He Prather

To act side the Exp. & Patronage. The are but few Administrators Men here about
St. Bruther
M. Vernon
Ind.
March 1, 1858
Political
Cleveland, Hancock County 2nd March 1838

Hon. Stephen A. Douglas

Sir,

On yesterday I received your minority report on territories, exposing the faults of the Lecompton Constitution. I would also address you, but from the fact that our Senator has quite forgotten me though a Democrat of all my life, and a citizen of Indiana, for the last 29 years, Bright I have always supported in every effort he has made in public life and have always felt proud of him as one of Indiana's best and greatest men in this. I fear I have been somewhat deceived in July 1834 I was appointed route agent on the Indiana Central Rail Road from Indiana City to El micro Ohio. I ran on this Road some 2 years barely time to become thoroughly qualified as of use to the public as an officer. The road refused to carry the mails any longer I was notified to hold myself in readiness at any day to perform my duties as such agent.

On the first days of last January the department and Rail Road Co contracted for carrying the mails. Bright, Hitch, and some of the tools had been removed for no reason but suppose I was anti Lecompton they were only gruff at but they had it. I was the only agent that had been removed in the state of Indiana or in the coast as far as I can ascertain to make way for a drunken loafer living in Indiana City. This brought me to the conclusion that Mr. Bright would stoop to carry small business for a great Statesman and one that had filled so many important trusts merely to punish a man that has always been his friend for our differences of opinions. I have been trying to carry out our platform adopted at Cincinnati in 1856 in good faith.
All I have to say is how vote for the Emancipation
Constitution. And when the time is out he will not
soon being an offer to an I can see Constitution as of
Indians that is the democracy united to and soon
that will do our business in our own way. that
vote will be Wrights and Hicks meaning that if
they dig their own grave it will bury them.

Hand your friends the two sons know of the Indi-
nians. Skirmish are with you as far as my knowledge to

rude anti-emancipation. Now at least 50 of the party

for the proceeding of the democrat party on the 23 Feby

et. He will not the party and its principles the
people will never desert you. Keep the tail rolling.
They the Emancipation will be to the ones given
in here. Very fast it will be as hard to pull out
in two years as it was to have a snowstorm

three years out that organisation.

I have been here from the front and there
what only in Maryland.

I should be notified please if you could
send me four reading matter that I may write away

this long mighty week is reference.

John D. Morris 1st Lt. M. Gregg. 1st Lt. A. Anderson
and Valentine A. Shepherd 2nd Lt.

accept for yourself my warmest regards
I remain your friend.

Dr. Campbell

13 May 1857
Geo W Sample
Cleveland
Hareville Glade
March 2, 1858

Political

no
B. A. Sarge.
Haverhill Mass.

March 1, 1858.

Wants Autograph.

Reports sent to all.

Haverhill Mass March 1st, 1858

To Honorable Stephen A. Douglas,

Sir,

Having great respect for you in your official capacity I would like to have you please send me your autograph.

Yours etc.,

B. A. Sarge.

Haverhill Mass 1858
Salve Henry, Tull. March 17th.

Mr. Longley,

Will you be so kind as to send me the Police Office report on Mechanics for the year 1857 if you have any for distribution?

Your's res.

Edwin Helton

(Handwritten notes and signs present, but not legible enough to transcribe accurately.)
Edward B. Sello
Galena, Ill.
March 1, 58

Wants boat off deposit.
Notification of meeting of Court on public business to meet March 5th, 1858.

Senate of the United States.
Committee on Public Buildings & Grounds.
Washington, March 1st, 1858.

Sir:

A meeting of this Committee will be held on Friday morning at 10 1/2 O'clock, at which you are respectfully invited to attend.

To the
Hon. T. A. Douglas

How T. A. Douglas
W.S. Senate
Galena 14th March 1858

Hon. Stephen A. Douglas Washington City
Dear Sir,

 Permit me here to return my thanks for the warm support you gave me when I had the honor to see you at Washington City for the office of Surveyor General Illinois and Missouri.

I have since abandoned all idea of continuing as an applicant for that office; But having informed you will soon be changed, I take the liberty to recommend to you my old friend Gen. J. B. Milburn of Illinois for that office. He was about twenty years Chief Clerk in that office a considerable part of the time Chief Clerk and subsequently filled it at St. Louis. Gen. J. B. Milburn is one of the old and most respected Citizen of Illinois and always a Conspicuous Democrat; he has been tried and found honest and no other man can bring to this situation he seeks more knowledge of its duties than Mr. B. who being by profession a lawyer who appointment to that office could be more popular with the Democracy of Missouri than his.
The democracy of our Hill City of Galena is still for popular prosperity, your efforts to throw off the descent into tyranny bring joy on both sides of the people. I have always been and believe generally have the Union is with you.

Very Respectfully,

Your old friend,

James O. Templeton.
Jas. G. Soulard
Galena, Ill.
March 1, 1858

Thanks for
Judge W. L. Owen,
and part of him
in Carver's case
of HEX & Napoleon,
now deceased.

I respectfully suggest

T. A. Milburn
of St. Louis.

Approve, Judge
At least on honor.

Very yours,

W.
Cromton KY, March 1st, 1839

J. D. Douglas Dear Sir,

I have just
Read your letter to Mr. Home rettes, and
I have also read your speeches on the
Lexington Constitution! And have seen
you speak to the people before the election
of James Buchanan! I think that you
have been right, and correct at the
same time! What is he that holds out
faithful to the end, you have many
warm friends in this state! But now
that will never fail to meet you,
you stand on holy land, and your
true friends will never forsake you.
Please to send me some of your speeches
and other documents to read. I am
your true friend. Very Respectfully,

P.S. I have always been a democrat.
She never gave a note of any importance
to the opposition! I made the 2nd speech
in this state against the so-called
American party! But Clarke made the
1st Speech! And I made the 2nd! And
now I am like you are. I do
not want mortal man to follow my
course or to be committed by me in
any way whatever. Truly yours,

J.D. Douglas
J. D. Parker
Owenton, Ky.
March 1, 1858.

Culigerton
I. N. Walker, Speaker.
Provinx Apr. 1, 1858

Hon. Stephen A. Douglas,

Dear Sir,

While you were in the full tide of success and deemed to be a very general favorite, I had no flattering to present and no favor to ask at your hands. You know I have been, during my whole life, a firm, reliable & undeveloping Democrat, of at least a fair standing & sufficient ability to command the respect of my fellow citizens and to exercise decided influence upon the stump. I have not been particularly desirous of putting myself in your way because I thought it felt that you had chosen in statements in this region, who held your ear, & yet had no home power or influence. I desired to live independent and to be in a position to act without reference to any position you might assume.
You are no longer on the pinnacle of fame and have no office to become—many of your friends, indeed, most of those invited to remain by you, have deserted you because Power has left your standard. It is not to be denied that thousands even in Illinois have deserted you, and at the end of the number comes that Magnify Court hunting women into the Trusteeism in your favor by your influence. God Shields of Minnesota. This shows you the stuff of which politicians are made of. But note that the tide is running strong against you, let un, who had never yet floated, tell you that the great mass of the people are with you, that the sound thinking, reliable few influential men, of thinking of thoughtfully and ability are with you upon the Kansas controversy. Many who would not have sustained you if this question had not arisen are now with you. In this City I do not think Frealy voters can be sustained from who would hesitate to go with you heart and soul. Those is your old implacable enemy judge. People who rejoice in your opponent's difficulties, and the others who are against you are such as are influenced by the hope of immediate removd, the "Union" newspaper never had any reliable principle—ver personal influence has kept it on the straight path for the last three years, but now offered by the Post office Department was stronger than I was. It is now your better foe. But the maps, the men who do the voting, thinking are with you, it whatever may be the result in Congress will be difficult to drive them from you.

It is specifically hard to make war upon the administration of those, but what are me to do when that administration enters the field severe no hand, I kept off the head of every man who reform to march up to the rock I lose the hand of power? Over Mr. Buchanan
imagine that he is endowed with absolute royal power and that the people are his slaves, subject to his royal commands. He may perhaps destroy the Democratic party, but can he do more, can he play out his game twin? Only it seems impossible to me. It also seems to me there is but one alternative and that is to strike strong and hard for freedom. The right, to strike for the great principle of self-government, the right of the people to accept or reject any organic law offered them. For it come to this, that a Constitution is to be forced upon a people after they have rejected it by an overwhelming majority. That they are to be snared, cheated, deluded in the name of justice. Well and wisely did Madame Roland say "the justice which crimes have been committed in thy name!"

I write this letter from no personal motive — it is to simply to add encouragement to your zeal, to assure you of support, and to add my earnest hope, that you will
gather all the facts in one great reservoir, and hurl them with power and force at the foe. What though they should outvote you? Do not all conquerors respect a gallant foe? Do they not stand in awe of him who fights manfully, fearlessly, courageously to the end? If you must die, die well. Don't let any intimation or any demonstration against your friends diminish your zeal. If this letter should give you even a momentary addition to your invincible spirit I shall be fully rewarded. I am very truly your friend.

J. M. Wood
H. M. Weeds
Peoria Ills.
March 1, 1858.

- Sandatory -
- Political -
Isaac E. West
Cincinnati, Ohio
March 1, 1858

My Dear Sir:

May God speed you in the noble work which you are doing. Go on, the whole People (except the heelings) are with you, and your reward in 1860 is certain.

Very Truly,

Your Old Friend
Isaac E. West

Hon. Stephen A. Douglas
Washington
West Cayuta, March 1st, 1855.

Hon. S. A. Douglas—

The town of Cayuta contains 154 votes and gave a vote for Buchanan in 1856. Now we have not got 10 Buchanan men in town. You stand in his former place. We ask you to adhere to your course and stand by the people. The people will stand by your yield nothing in the way of a Compromise. do nothing sections give to the South what of right belongs to her. & claim for the North her rights. & you will secure the sympathy & actions of the people of the United States. Mr. Buchanan has lost all his friends North by his unjust & dishonest course.
I am gratified to learn that the action of the late President, formerly Buchanan, has met with the approval of the Senate. 

Yours,

S.H. White

Missourian

S. A. Douglas

Washington

N. Y.
Chapel Hills, N.C.

March 1st 1858

Dear Sir,

Wishing to know something of the "Kansas and Abolition question," I would be much obliged to you for a copy of your speech delivered upon said question sometime since.

Yours very respectfully,

[Signature]

Chapel Hills

N.C.
H.A. Wooster
Chapel Hill, N.C.
March 1, 1858.

Uncle Spero.
David Byrce
Newark Sickles Co. Ohio
March 1, 1858.

Wants scientific documents.

Newark Sickles Co. O.
March 1, 1858.

Mr. S. A. Douglas
Dr. Sir

Being extremely

 lacking of knowledge and the pursuit of Science—and at present attentively engaged in the investigation of Meteorology and Magnetic Phenomena—Wishing to obtain all the information I can—I find much of what I want contained in the public documents published in Washington—which I would gladly buy if I could meet with such a chance. But being only published for gratuitous distribution—and no one ever there and to whom they come for distribution, acquainted with my desires for such work—I yet hold of nothing of the kind—except a Patent Office Report (agricultural) occasionally—and not finding any to buy—I have yet to
do without—unless by some one to whom I may write I should be so fortunate as to obtain them. Hence I drop you a few lines on the subject, hoping you will do what you can to fill my wants.

For assistance in any investigations the Reports of the Different Surveys of R. Road Routes to the Pacific in 1853 & 54 & those made since that time—in full (146)
The Complete Coast Surveys under Prof. Beache—in full form—from 1844 to 1858
The Army Meteorological Register from 1842 to 1851.

Pages Exploration to the River Plata in S. America, and the Geological Survey of the N. Western States (Iowa, Wisconsin, Minnesota and Lake Superior District would give me much information—

What I want is the Meteorologi
cal and Magnetic observations made in those Surveys and Expeditions—

Now if you can send me any thing of the kind I have noted—containing those Observations I shall be a thousand times your debtor—in doing any kind turn or act of accommodation in my power—

Yours Truly,

David Wyrick

Prof. Henry has promised to send me some valuable doc. which will, what I have named in this will enable me to pursue my investigations quite successfully.

D W