Washington City, March 3rd, 1858

Mon. I. A. Douglas
Dear Sir,

A friend would suggest the propriety of your offering a substitute for Mr. Grant's substitute for the admission of Kansas and Minnesota to the effect that Kansas come in without a Constitution and let the People of that Territory devise & make their own Constitution & Laws to suit themselves & let Northern Gentlemen take the responsibility of voting against Minnesota in that shape. I believe that most finely would head the storm.

Your friend.
Anonymous
Washington City
March 3/58.
Suggest, to
admit Kansas
without Constitu...
Mr. Market
Frederick R. Carney
March 32d 1865

Mr. S. A. Douglass

Sir,

You will greatly oblige me if you will send W. H. Sumner and myself a copy of each of the President's Message and the mechanical part of the Commission of Patents Report. Please and the accompanying papers to the President's Message, if not & inclose them and you will greatly oblige a friend.

Yours respectfully,

Lorenzo Barlow
Sorenzo Harbom
New Market,
Federmatt
March 8/58.

Read, please,
The papele.
Frankfort Ind March 5 1858

Mr S A Douglas MC

Dear Sir,

Excuse me for writing to you. But I am anxious to know your last speech on the Decomposition of Coal-tar and as one member of Congress I in person of that sentiment I sought to you for it and will thankfully if you will send it to me and any other document you can.

In haste,

S A Douglas
Washington D.C.

If you see yet to send some document here I will distribute them for you.

Yours truly,

W Munn
R. W. Carr
Harrodsburg,
Ind.
March 3, 1858.
Wants Speeches
to distribute
Rushville, Schuyler Co., Ill., March 3, 1858

Mr. S. D. Douglas,

Sir,

On the 29th day of January 1857, F. D. Crick, Esq., of Burlington, Iowa, advised me he mailed to me, having the letter registered at Burlington, a "Land Warrant No. 75, 1002, for forty acres, issued Oct. 28, 1852, up to A. H. Shipman," which Land Warrant is bona fide mine and has not been received by me. As I have no other acquaintance in Washington, I hope you will allow me to touch in your time so far as to ask that you lay the matter before the proper power, and request them (if you have not the time yourself) to advise me what to do in order to procure a duplicate of the use of the warrant lost. Of course I can obtain it, but it can make the necessary affidavit, but at present do not know the form, or whom to address. It may be, and certainly should be a satisfaction to you to know that all your old Democratic friends...
of twenty year standing, and upwards. In this part of Illinois, land firmly held by you in the present Kansas affair, if it will be 20 years, the 21st day of April, next, since you made a spoke near Col. M. Platt, east of Austerlitz.

If in 22nd you spoke again in Nashville an opposition of J. J. Sturtevant and the Democrats, of that day that are yet alive and are with you still, I have partially removed to Rosewood, Shelby, to show whether I shall finally go with my family in the spring of this year or sell.

An interest in the Pacific Railroad?

Is there any probability that a bill for the present Congress, and if passed into law, there is a possibility that the road will be built? In your opinion, if so, where will the road start from? If it does seem to me that this road would be of vast importance to the people of the U.S., though it may cost two hundred million of dollars, I build a road to San Francisco at the bend of the latter, starting off at this side of St. Louis, I assume the Platte Valley not to be one the road should be built on, to the city of Chicago, at St. Louis it would be of infinite service, possibly in 22 years, would be the means of transferring a large proportion of the monetary power of the East to the West. And thereby making one or both of these cities, transit or heavy monetary matter, that which is entitled foremost in commerce, from New York to St. Louis in Japan via England, to sail, requiring some eight days to perform of about 18,000 miles, which, with a rail road from Council Bluffs to the Pacific, could be traversed in thirty-four days' time. A Pacific to St. Louis and 2, 10, 14 days being a saving of 26 days. The same difference would be made in time with Shanghai or Calcutta, and could not fail to change the European travel across this continent. That is yet another important consideration. The Telegraph line is being laid from England to the shores of the Atlantic; and if the rail road is built to the Pacific, it will be continued, and should the experiment succeed from England...
On this continent, the R Road built to the Pacific—then the Wire will immediately be traced across the Pacific to China. When England can be in constant communication with Shanghai, then England to New York 1 day New York to Pacific 1 day Pacific to China 1 day 3 days

Chicago & St Louis being nearly the half way places, in time; both England & China have heavy Monetary transactions consummated in one or both of these cities, thereby saving much time & risk in the sending forward of means from one point to the other, this may be wild and visionary, yet I hope we shall both live to see it, and that you may contribute largely towards bringing such an event about.

I feel assured—if in your judgment you can see any practicability in the project, I believe,

 Truly your friend F. G. Clark
Russellville Ky March 3 1855

To Hon S. A. Douglas:

Be kind enough to forward to me your report and yours & Mr. Harris' speeches on the question of Kansas.

Yours

A. C. Finley
A. C. Finley
Russellville
Ky.
March 3, 1858.
Wants Report.
Rochester March 3 1858

To Mr. S. H. Douglas
U.S. Senate

Will you have the kindness to send me some Geological subject reports and such other documents as you please.

And oblige yours truly,

M. B. Gage

Rochester
MRS. Gage
Rochester, N.Y.
March 3, 58
Want Geologist's Report E.
Meredith Village, N. C. March 3, 1858.

Dear Sir,

Will you please send me a copy of your recent report on Kansas Affairs.

Respectfully,

Geo. S. Hinton

Stephen A. Douglas, W. S. S.
Geo S. Hilton
Meredith, N.H.
March 3, 1858.

Wants Report.
Autograph

Rochester, March 3rd, 1858

To Hon. S. A. Douglas

Dear Sir,

As I wish to obtain the autographs of a few great men of America for my private books, I should be very greatly pleased if you would favor me with yours.

Respectfully,

W. H. Huntington

Please direct to Master W. H. Huntington
Case E of E. F. Huntington Esq,
Rochester, N.Y.
Alexandria, Va.
March 3rd, 1858

Hon. G. A. Douglas,

Dear Sir:

Please honor me with a copy of your report on the admission of "Kansas under the Secessionist Constitution."

Most Respectfully,

Jacob B. Johnson

Hon. G. A. Douglas
U. S. Senate.
My dear Judge.

I was so pleased you a few days ago, in a note, asking of you to me a short time for not receiving an answer, I have supposed other matters of great importance have caused you to forget it. Allow me to call it to your mind. I request a reply through the Post Office at your earliest convenience. I have long desired hearing from you by a call, but I knew you came daily, if not hourly, waited on by others in high position. I then threw your home hours had not little at some.

Truly your,

Ludlow Douglas
President.

M. Jordan
March 3.
HARRISBURG, PA
March 3, 1858

Gen. S. Cameron

My dear Sir,

We had a grand gathering last night. The Court room and rotunda & stairs were jammed with a mass of humanity. The speakers were Winter, Tenny, L. L. Helman of Phila., Lloyd, Williamsport, & Coffo, of Somerset. During the meeting Major Phelps said he was one of Mr. Buchanan's electors but in Penn. He ended not carrying the Lecompton fraud. It would break down any party. Our resolutions were adopted by a unanimous shout. When I read the one in favor of the gallard "little
speak, the moment I uttered the name of "The Times" there was a whirlwind, I feared of course, again I tried it — and again the cheer must up. It was paid. We are rich and do not mean to be "scared." Let the Democratic Constitution intercalate the creed by engrafting a new article of faith. Let this article be: "Dem. party in Penn. will at the A.B. election make a clip. It is inestimable."

We did not receive a letter from Judge D. did he write? Instructing times are expected in the Aug. term. Ifa. Should the session be approved, decision is not improbable.

In haste, Your's, P. Calhoun
will send you proceedings in full tomorrow.
Crosswicks, March 8th, 1858

Hon. Stephen A. Douglas

Dear Sir,

Will you please send me the minority report on the alienation of Kansas under the Seoounta Constitution? You will confer a lasting favor upon me by so doing.

Your Respectfully,

John McCanney

Adams, Crosswicks, Burlington County, N.J.
John M. Casey
Croswick
Burlington N. J.
(March 3, 1857.
Wants Report.)
Mr. McCulloch

Freeport
March 3, 1868.

Wants Report.

[Handwritten text in the image]

March 8, 1868.

[Handwritten date]

[Seal or stamp]
This Very
Rockford Ills.
March 3, 1858.
I have the honor to present the Festival of St. Patrick on 17th in
Proclamation.

Rockford March 3d, 1858
Hon. J. P. Douglass, A. D.
Washington D.C.
Dear Sir,

As Secretary of the Hibernian Club of this place I have been requested on their behalf to invite you to be a participator in our festivities on St. Patrick’s Day the 17th inst. Although, as you are aware, this is a strong Republican county, with the nomination for Chief Magistrate, as we hope & pray, De Way, at our Charleston Convention he will be elected, as far as we are concerned by the largest majority of any that has yet been returned as occupants of the White House. I hate to hear of an old woman being whipped, I regard Buchanan as an old woman, although old I write.
prescribe for him a cold bath in the Potomac if he doesn't die when taking it, I would suppose that God was good for making such an ordinance.

We want you here if possible. Be assured we are your friends. The fishmen of Rockport are all right.
If you chide not come we expect a letter from you.

Yours Truly

Wm. Darling

Boy 583 Rockport St.
New York, March 3, 1838

S. A. Douglass Esq.

Sir,

I must use the liberty I take in addressing you on a matter of private business, as well as the intrusion on your time, occupied, as it must be, at this time with weighty matters of State. Nevertheless, the urgency of my necessities must be my excuse. Up to this time, Mr. Business, for 7 years, has been that of a salesman in the barrel and goods stocking business, engaged extensively in the business. The late resolution in which, has entirely swept away, all the old landmarks and brings a total change of employers, methods of business, etc., and so it is more than probable commercial matters will be very unsettled for a long period to come. I have come to the determination of trying my fortunes in the West. If there were a
...possibility of getting out there sooner your circumstances, Sir, would consider myself extremely fortunate, at the same time. I beg to state, my views in taking to you solely refer to the single prospect of election. I once directed, as to the best course to chance or move of change of place out of my hands. I am prompt to this course, from being informed of your having very large tracts of land in your State, some of which you are laying out or have done so, I'm not unprepared to live there...united, ambitious and active men...under those circumstances I would earnestly ask respectfully offer my services in some capacity. If need be, desired or eligible...Being married, having a young wife and two children for whom I am anxious to provide in a permanent way. My means being small, I have been out of employment for a period of 6 months, and everything into a pleasant prospect. I wish to escape from the City of High Rents and extravagant mode of living, the very frugal...

...in My time of trouble and need. I respectfully urge a successful or favorable reply to my application to you. Having received a good Classical education. I conceived the idea of a probability of receiving such encouragements as arrive from you. I wish to avoid direct any efforts to the West, into a proper channel. At least give them a direction...Your name being a tower of strength, and as a headstone worn in every mouth just now I am tempted to hope for a favorable consideration. I am not afraid of work. Nevertheless, some employment in a new town would be more desirable, with the ultimate view of settling in the Country. Trusting you will find room to give me some consideration...


Dun Sir
Respectfully yours,

[Signature]
Patrick McHugh
New York
March 3, 1838.

Formerly Salaman—out of employ
wants emigrate
West—asks advice
I hints as to
occupation of some
of Judge H.s vacant
lands.
Dixon, Ill. March 3 1858

Sir,

If any subject to your control, consulted or not, you would confer a favor by sending a catalogue (or anything relating thereto) of Smithsonian Institute Library.

Yours Truly
J. D. Mackay

Hon. S. A. Douglas:

P.S. All Democrats here, with two exceptions, and they indifferent, are anti-Compton—and two thirds of the Republicans pro-Douglas—pro temper. . . a C
J. D. Mackay
Dyson
Mar 3 1858

Rept lent. 1

Want Catalogue of Smithsonian Library

Smithsonian Catalogue request for
Joshua Madden
Bellefonte, Ill.
March 3, 1858.

A resolution

Requested by many members of Empire Club of Alabama to tender you their

Honor.

"The best wishes with you."

Suggest an

address to the

People of the U.S.
Bellefonte, Ala. March 3rd, 1858

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

I hope you will pardon me for presuming to trouble you with a letter in the midst of your present arduous duties. My object is to offer you a word of encouragement. I have been requested by many of the substantial democrats of this "empire Democratic County" of Alabama, to tender to you their congratulations, and on their behalf to tell you to stand firm in your present patriotic stand upon the Kansas question. I am requested by an old Democrat, a stakeholder, who was a "fire-eater" in 1857, to tell you, that your course is sanctioned by the eternal principles of justice, and is in strict accordance with genuine Democracy.
The real "Home and Founding of the South will, in my opinion, sustain you. You are being disarmed by the leaders of the South at present. But the excitement will die away, when justice will be done you. Unpopular as it may be, the people want a proper subject, and when they will have read your late patriotic speech in the Senate, they will acknowledge it. I am sure your interest will be acknowledged from this report. Do not be in a hurry to illustrate that your displeasure has any tendency to the honor to give you a place. This same old Democrat, mentioned above, gave myself many a telling about the present state of things. He has been in office, and some one had told him many excellent things about Danglars. According to this, I finally asked him what he thought of Danglars present prospects. "Why, sir," said he, "they tell me that he has gone up to the Black Sabbath." Then I have you read his speech? He said "no." I gave him your speech to read which he did attentively, and he said in my face, "blow your Top." But, that is internal truth and genuine Democracy," and you now have a more sincere friend than I. I am nothing but a private citizen, but thank the God of our fathers, we are all free and equal. I said at once to secure the election of my present Chief Magistrate, perhaps as any other citizen of the country, sending the writer of this paper addressing the canvass. However, in his recommendation. He cannot fail and will not detain him. I wish no more on this subject to think about.

I should be much gratified to see you address our Democratic and the other defending Democracy, to the Democratic party of the United States, stating the reasons for your course. My opinion is that it should be done immediately, before those erroneous impressions become fixed in the
reminds of the people. Send it and print it to every private citizen throughout the land. We will do a vast amount of good. Do this before the members of Congress return hence to influence the minds of the people, which they will do in order to sustain themselves. It appears, I am aware, two press notices were given to attempt to make suggestions to secure so much able and wise a thing as myself. But the deep and heartfelt interest I feel for the welfare of our country, for economy, the maintenance of the ascendancy of the Democratic party, and my warm wishes for your success and the triumph of your just cause, prompt me to do so. Do you think it wise or wise or unwise? I hope, after the adjustment of Congress, that yours will visit the valuable State of the Earth, and advocate the cause in which you are engaged. The people ought to hear you for themselves. I hope sincerely that you may be able to do so. I crave the pleasure of a letter from you, at least your autograph.

Yours truly,

Joshua Haines
Jamestown, March 3, 1858.

Sir:

I have received an affidavit of the Judge & Clerk of the election at what is termed the "Delaware crossing" in K.T. that that election was held at the Delaware Agency on Monday one of the Judges is the Indian Blacksmith of Findlay another is the Indian Trader for the Delaware. The Delaware Agency is north of the Kansas River in the present Reserve of the Delaware Indians. That Reserve is now as it always has been Indian country the Indian title not having been extinguished by the treaty of 1854. No valid election could be held there and there is not a man upon that Reserve, including Indian Agent, Interpreter, Employees, Missionaries, Teachers and Traders, one dozen male citizens over 21 years of age. These are the only persons who could be lawfully within the Delaware Reserve, and if it were lawful to hold an election there within the Indian country these would be the only legal voters.

The identical question was decided by the House of Reps. during the last Congress in the case of Chapman the sitting member from Nebraska. His competitor who contested his seat was elected if the vote had been counted which was taken at a poll held on the "Half-Breed tract" between the two rivers.
Nation from the majority of the committee reported in favor of that vote, and urged its salutary. While Stevens of Georgia, from the minority of the committee, held that it was improper to reject the vote of that poll as Gov. Izard did do; and the House by a small majority sustained the report of Stevens. This fact may not have occurred to you and hence I write it.

Very Perfectly,
Your obedient servant,

[Signature]

This is from the Mayflower
Late Clerk of Council
Purvis 3, 1859

Officer
Assistant Clerk of Council

[Signature]
Independence March 3, 1858

Hon. S. A. Douglas U. S.
Sir:

Will you please send me your Speeches and what upon the Lespinghood Constitution, with those of other distinguished Senators, and other public documents which you may have for distribution, and may send otherwise. I wish to dispose of, and, one of your friends and political disputations.

Very Respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

[Signature]

Hon. S. A. Douglas U. S.
United States Senator
Washington, D.C.

O.S.

You will permit me to add, sir, that some juries herein with your own State and with the entire North West in support of the incorrigible position which you have taken, and upon your efforts and success. In defending the States. The Liberty. The Election of the great Democratic Party. Will the State Judge. If going to the question at hand...
Lorenzo Moore
Independence
Buchanan Co.
Iowa.
March 3, 1858.
Wants Speeches.