Dayton March 3 1858

Mr. S. A. Douglas,

Sir,

You would save a journey on one by sending me your Minority report and the Majority report with, together with any document which you can conveniently send. The anti-slave party of the Democracy have no information except what the newspapers afford. and I long to see one of the magazines. We are opposed and unable. With what the administration done out in great prejudice.

Your course is endorsed by the people in this part of the country, and a large majority of the Democrats in this (the Campbell district) are anti-slave party. We will have a meeting in this city before long, hoping that you may receive a visit as well as in all your undertakings which may be as joint and kind as cd. from the Home to remain in firm and unyielding and respectful friend.

Mr. S. A. Douglas.
M. P. Nolan
Klopton, Ohio.
March 3, 1858.

Political
Want, Speeches, etc.
That section feels with Leavitt's
Speeches, etc.
New York Mar 3. 1859

Hon. S. B. Dowlfop
My dear Sir,

I am much indebted to you for kind attention in advising me of the fate of the bivs for repair of harbor piers. Which I have to lose if Col. G.'s opinion was obtained.

I should be glad of a copy of that opinion; if it does not inconvenience you, would it accrue for me to visit the War Dept. now & try to get instructions as to use of piers modified. If so I will come on being telegraphed at once.

If not, please use them, and...
test the question of right
public policy if Col H.
Briggs own -
Hope for the pleasure
of seeing you this Douglas
when have after the
adjournment of Con
yours -

With great Respect
Very Truly

W. B. Ogden
Loane 11th March 1861

My dear Sir,

I am obliged to you for your published Speeches on the admission of Kansas at the time of the repeal of the Act of the Missouri Compromise. I trusted a great wrong had been done but time has convinced me that I was wrong and your was right of the two thousand and eight hundred and twenty-fourth of February. I have received Eight Thousand endorsements of your letter and knowledge that have been wrong, and now in my knowledge you are sustained by a large majority of the lamented party in Kansas from being admitted under the Constitution. Your appearance is respectfully asked for.

Anson Reed
Post Office, Loane, Missouri Territory.
Amos Reed
Laona,
Chautauqua Co.
Wls.
March 3, 1858,
Approbatory
Wants Speaker,
Portsmouth, New Hampshire
March 3, 1861

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

Dear Sir,

I write again to you asking a favor if it is not too much trouble to you, to procure me a copy of the report of that Japan Expedition, but I beg of you not to put yourself to any inconvenience to procure it for me.

With respect I remain
Your old friend
J. E. Rider
Mendon R. N. March 8, 1868

R. H. Douglas

Please send me a copy of your recent speech in the Senate.

Chas E. Smith
Charl. Smith
Meriden, Ct.
March 31/53.

Your, Speed
Columbus, March 3, 1857

Mr. Stebbins Douglas,

Sir:

We respectfully call upon you to come to our meeting on the 10th inst. to give us your opinion in the matter.

Yours truly,

[Signature]

[Note: The handwriting is difficult to decipher, but it appears to be a letter discussing a meeting and asking for an opinion on a matter. The closing is missing from the text provided.]
that we have a
success on the 10th
than almost anything
else conceivable, yet
cept the defeat of
Lexington in the
Senate, and unless
you can help to effect
that by your presence
during the time you
would have to attend
and going and coming
to and from Columbus,
would you not do
more for the cause
by coming? Let me
guess stand up for
my native state
a Secession— I am also
worse afraid They
would have succeeded
If they don't, they will
spoil, perhaps, or delay
one of the most
political movements
time of the hour— a
foremost of the Southerns
of this action to the great
West. So if you come,
the next day evening
are. Do we have absence
will turn out. I see
the least for ever. Allow
me to circulate the
hearts of your attention
into us on the 10th,
and till give you
a meeting which
will reveal to you
the depth to which
you have blind the
American heart—

 communicated
July 22, 1861, by
Joseph R. Smith
C H Steinback
Petersburg, Va
March 3, 1858,

Sustain you in Southern Monitor under signature of Madison.
Petersburg, March 5th, 1858.

Hon. S. A. Douglas,

Dear Sir,

My object in addressing you this letter is for the simple purpose of respectfully requesting you to send me a copy of the report of the Committee on Territories, including both our needs for the underwriters' associations for the railroad, and your own independent report, which will be kindly received from you by your humble servant.

I beg leave to inform you that I have defended your course on this Kansas question from the start, and intend to do so.
if I should die whilst unavailing
I have requested the Editor of
the Southern Mantle to send
you a copy of the two latest
papers of correspondence a favor
ed to that paper by myself,
signed, M. H. O. I
hope you will read them
at your leisure and study
them for they represent
the true sentiment
of the younger, the instinct
of Democracy of Virginia
and of all the South, who is a great
leader, who is a real lion
the champion of Democracy
whom you see is determined to
fight for the chosen people
in spite of friends and foes.
As long as the Jim Crow System
is not overthrown, as long as
the negro is not set free
and the country is not
liberated, and they will rise up and
call all you helpees.
Wishing therefore that you
fixed purpose is to conquer or die in this struggle is my sincere hope for the sake of the Democratic party and the Union, that you will bring all your forces to bear on this question, and I have in implicit confidence that you will succeed, for we can sustain no maintenance of fraud. In all events, Buchanan, the lamentable, and I presume your and Grover's agree on the subject, we stand and all I have to regret is that he is not in the Senate. Do not show this to anyone, neither mention it, except to some potential friends if you choose and I will be much obliged to you for a copy of the reprinted article. Respectfully,

E. H. Standish
Syracuse N.Y. Mar 9/38

Hon. S. A. Douglas, Sir:

Having understood that you send copies of your speech delivered in the Senate Dec 9/37 to those desiring, or being desirous of obtaining one sanctioned by you, I take the liberty of asking you to send me a copy to oblige.

Yours Truly,

G. G. Vandegrift

To

H. W. Senator Douglas.
G. N. Vanslyck
Sepacela, Wis.
March 3, 1858.

Wants Speech.
Rock Island. March 3, 1858

Hon. Stephen A. Douglas,

Sir,

I venture, this personally a perfect stranger to you, to transmit to you a little affair of a campaign sheet, which I published in this city during previous to our late municipal election. There is not I suppose much in it to interest you: but the "Pictorial Number" at the end will perhaps make you laugh.

The Republican paper having got into bad hands I finally died a natural death several weeks ago: I am about to start a permanent local Republican paper to supply its place; which with your permission I shall have great pleasure in forwarding to you. The miserable whisy-washy affair of a counterfeit Democratic paper which he have here has been steering earnestly to drop you in a quick way, without a commotion amongst the Anti-Slavery men, but I do not intend that it shall succeed.

I have looked pretty closely into the thing, and with the exception of a dozen or two Kentuckians, who are proslavery to the hilt, the office-holders as a matter of course, I can only hear of one Balkcompton man amongst the educated classes.

Respectfully yours,

Benj. D. Walsh
W. K. Wardwell
Sewiston, Me.
March 5, 1858.

Want Reports &c.

Dear Sir,
I wish you to send me a report on Kansas and a few of your speeches by doing so you will greatly oblige your friend,

Very respectfully yours,

W. K. Wardwell
Sewiston, Me.

To Hon. Stephen A. Douglas
Clara 3 March 1858

Dear Sir,

There is a moral sin in in your opposition to the S. Compton Act. I judge that meets the approval of every independent Democrat in the whole north west. No man can dispute that your petition in the Senate upon that miserable attempt to force upon the people Kansas a Constitution and government to a large majority of them is as principle the same as held by you and powerfully sustained in all your political addresses in Illinois and elsewhere during the campaign of 1856. So distinctly was your logical arguments, that our most bitter Abolition opponents, are convinced with my concurred in your great truths, with the general declaration that no confidence could be placed in your sincerity nor any of us who composed the Democratic party. That it was a gilded pill to decoy the electors to the support of slavery extension by election of James B..}

[The rest of the text is not legible.]
To all such charges, the most unanswerable
denials were made. And, strongest assurance
given, that should Mr. Buchanan be elected,
the people would be justified by the Administra-
tion in their inalienable right to form their
institutions themselves. That no restrictions
should trammeled the formation of their organ-
ic laws if republicanism in form and in con-
currence to the constitution. In less than one
short year of Mr. B’s term of office, the charges
iterated and reiterated by the opposition, are thrown
into teeth with a sandpaper press and mal-
cious triumph. Your whole position is
travestures and fals, and at the Douglas
seems to offscope Seecompton, yet he will be
from the scene. Our democracy, how painfully
acknowledge that disappointment in Mr. B, but
entirely claim you as an uncompromising
friend to Kansas Nebraska popular sovereignty,
and that great democratic principle will find
an able advocate in the Senate and that though
you and our noble delegation in congress may
be your intent the sacred right of the people to
govern themselves. Here is it that leading pol-
icians can no suddenly change positions.

The democracy has long held that congress
has no power to interfere in the municipal
laws of States or territories, and especially
have southern statesmen proclaimed, that in
personal interference in local matters, would be
an aggression upon state rights, justifying an
exception from the Union. Now an investigat-
ing committee is on organized by a Southern gent
intending (for whom I have a profound respect) as to
stifle if not suppress, the the eliciting of
facts that it seems would most certainly have
a controlling to defeat a desperate game got
up and thus far enacted by desperate men.

You may be by Your colleagues in the
party, and by the Union, paid out of their demo-
cratic party. There they make falsehood and
trueness falsehood, they reject the democratic
principle of Illinois would adopt you and not the
them. Our democratic party will stand by
you and Smith & Herrin & Morris & Shaw
and Marshall with a constancy parallel
to your firmness in sustaining the principle
(rather than the hollow assumption) of de-
mocracy so amorously held there.

So me it look great to see the adminis-
time, using its power, to force upon the people of Kansas against their consent as definite by adjourned at the 4th of January election, while
the Anti National Republican party has in a
wino anonymous manner taken up the side of
regular sovereignty. Senator Andrew appears
to be the only consistent one in that free bold
party as shown by his preference of Congress
equal rule rather than the people.

We had our city election yesterday at which John Hill ran for Mayor
114 majority. The whole ticket was elected.

We are looking with interest for the
proceedings in Congress upon Seward.

I am sincerely yours,

E. Wilcox

Hon. A. Douglas
Washington

E. Wilcox

6th July 1853

E. Wilcox