Nilesville, C. March 1835

Mr. Stephen A. Douglass

My Friend,

You sent me a copy of your Annual Report some days ago which
thearon and which I read with great attention
and pleasure. I am very much pleased with your
for which you have my thanks. The subject
is presented by you in the true light and in
a masterly manner. Your position and arguments
are unanswerable.

I take the congressional vote
and Appendix and have been a close to those
of the question of the Kansas question the battle
has been successfully fought on both sides. But I am
sorry to say Mr. Douglass has been venturing in the other
which are not correct beyond you in the discussion
of this subject. While you have shown to hear
my recent findings, I cannot but admire
Mr. Douglas. He speaks without me but it was
difficult to get him to unde your position

Mr. Douglass will be with you on this subject
for once

With a fair opportunity to judge
as I think, of the feelings and views of the people
you have actually made friends, instead
of enemies. And I look forward with
pleasure and hope that you will succeed.
in maintaining The great principles laid down in your report.

As a warm supporter of Mr. Buchanan in the last Presidential election I cannot but feel deep regret that he should have shown such a tendency as carrying out the principles which he has nominally professed. I do not understand him.

The impression here is, that the force don't in making demands from those known to be friends of Grant of which he is of the fact. I can no longer respect him as I have done. He cannot buy up votes enough to Illinois to affect you excessively that it is certain.

I saw you have a strong opposition to the courts judging from the difficulties you have met. I have no doubt but the Senators from Pennsylvania would have been admitted without delay. I hope my friends John Shields will be with you through the bustle of the convention offered by Mr. Tribune. I have some doubt.

I felt great anxiety for you on receiving a telegraphic dispatch announcing the illness of your dear wife. A second letter I heard she has recovered and that friend since deceased may assist her up to your, 5 years to live while. The one beloved.

Gently With great respect I send this to you.
James Mitchell
Belleville
Dec 6th 1858
Wants Specimen

Sir,

Franklin

Yours truly,

James Mitchell

[Stamp: Belleville]

[Stamp: Franktown]
Pekin, Illinois, March 1858

Hon. J. A. Douglas
United States Senate

Sir: I send you enclosed a list of fifty subscribers to the States, also I enclose you fifty dollars to pay for the same. I am of the opinion after the paper has been received here and people learn what it is I may be able to get many more subscribers. I firmly believe there are not now three hundred, decompo men in this city and the majority of them are expecting favors from the government; they assure to admit you as right, but as a matter of expediency it would be better to dispose of the question at once, but I chose to differ with them, do not like to abandon my principles; for the sake of sake of getting rid of the question it must be settled some day and the sooner the better. Please accept my thanks for the Public documents you have sent me.

I remain,

Your truly,

[Signature]

Wm. J. Mood
R. W. Burlington June 9, 1836

To R. S. Moore, (for your judge douglas, fifty dollars, for fifty subscribers to nearly forty per cent to Peoria Illinois' loan for this year $37,700.

Dated

[Signature]

[Signature]
Capt. Mop. Penna got
50 Subscribers $100 to fifty dollars
to Judge 10. with the names on
7th of March—nothing
Heard of 10. or 12 papers;

Peter Sweats.
Bay H. Moores
Green Bay
Wis.
March 6, 1858.

An old friend
from a sick bed
65 years of age

Enclosing letter.
Green Bay, Wisconsin
March 6, 1858

My Dear Sir,

It is now more than Twenty One Years since I formed your acquaintance at Vandalia, at which time you were a member in assembly from Morgan. I remember you had an Entire Democratic delegation, you, the youngest, and favorite of all — as you also became, that of the Gallatin Representative, member of the Lobby. !!!! Shields, Richardson, Pendleton, McClellan, Lincoln, were in your house. It was there, sir, that the undersigned (son of Ottawa) became your friend! and well wisher! and hoped for — and looked forward to your Political advancement. It has progressed, and you are off, political advancement! Glory has nearly reached its meridian and has reflected honor upon your name that reaches to every part of our Country. In the progress of this upward journey of yours, you have associations from Southern Gentlemen who have endeavored to beguile and turn, your influence and services to the strengthening and propagation of the Southern Institutions. Many of your Northern friends feared you were too much inclined to favour this
plans and they too, the doubt calculated, that to reach the goal of an American statesman or builder. If you see (as too many of our North politicians do) would yield compliance to the policy of slavery extension, by fraud, and violence, &c. Forget if ever you shall return to your home - when this Programme was reached to that majority. "Stephen A. Douglas," the nation's most respected, and reliable statesman, halted! Stop! to the admiration, and approval, of the entire frame of the North and West. I can understand. That a no time of your former days, did you reflect so much of the work will and wishes of several millions of your countrymen as you have attendance to in your disapproval and resistance of the Lecompton Fraud. The time may not be able to defeat its approval by force. But its friends may consider, that its adoption will enable you to prove it. It will be the occasion of manifesting you fear in a deep groan of the great heart of the Nation and cause steps to be taken by the Democracy of the country, that will burst away from their skirts, the vota nuptiis that have attached through for mercenaries princes, and come forth again in its strength and glory. To this Nation, with acts, and laws, founded upon justice, truth, and you fear will be there, among its honored champions. President Buchanan has disappointed his North friends in his efforts to make the acceptance of the Kansas Fraud.

a Democratic measure. It was not necessary for him to yield so far to the demands of the South. It has shown a weakness, unbecoming Mr. B. or Mr. Calhoun. I am sorry for it. The Democratic party with all the free states are ruined by it. It is utterly impossible to rally the party again under any of the leaders who have betrayed them and obliterated the most available article in our creed, by forcing upon the People of Kansas a Constitution that did not make, those republicans we have no grains left to stand on - our word, and assurance given in the cajolery of 52, upon the beliefs of which, by the people. Mr. Buchanan was elected is before, and North Democracy has nothing left of it, but the relic which you see - and you few Democratic friends in Congress have saved upon which we may appear again before the People, and ask the support and suffrage for Democratic principles & friends.

It is really gratifying to you friends, and to all well wishes of the party to see the hearing the American system in the numerous and respectable public meetings, responding to your course and action. notwithstanding the efforts of the Administration to prevent and defeat such expressions - you are to stay for the Honorable man of this nation - the you 10 senators with whom you have written active effort to have convinced to put you under a cloud. The short way, you stand
"a head and shoulders above" a certain few northern Democratic Senators who are misrepresenting their States in upholding the great fraudulent fraud of the Lecompton Convention.

That Southern Members should desire its adoption and admission is a matter of course. "A Established", for the future reform, and all "precedent", that may help them to introduce into the Union other States which may remain to preserve and perpetuate their Control of the Federal Government, which they have had since its foundation when if ever, it appears, that control shall fix they shut. If not a Southern Conscience the U.S. Court, the Executive Power, the Army, the Navy, the Senate is this, all these powers might have been worse abused in other hands. Its only use was to preserve (and in late years) to extirpate the Southern Institution, for which I am not disposed to quarrel with them if they will help to honest, fair, and legitimate means and not resort to lying, frauds, and outrage upon the rights of freeman.

I hope you will receive this from an old friend who writes it upon a sick bed, in the same kind spirit that it is written. I have long noted your career, have often rejoiced to see you honor and appreciate yourself. You go it now more than ever. I honor you for having integrity and principle so strong as to resist this monstrous charge. The Party must not to it compromise your future prospects for this
Highest honors of the Nation. Let me tell you, Douglas, that you are more beloved and respected today in your position battling for the right than ever. This is whom your spirit placed in the "White House," and who will labor for your mind.

Whatever may be the result of the great question in which you are involved as a leader, the looks formed for a bright future to you. If you will allow of advice permit me to hope in behalf of all your Democratic friends that you make no alliance with your old political opponents. This by that you might defect, measure of the administration upon the principle of requisition. If you are left to private life, either by choice or otherwise, let your present honors suffice. If you be satisfied, you could then have time my dear sir, to look to your relations, to you God, and to yourself, to whom you owe much for you. Endowments of talents and the acquirement of influence it is of more importance.M. Douglas, to be reconciled to God. Then to stand, Citizen A., No. 1, in this Nation I have had a long career of life (65 years). Sometimes joy, sometimes with have raised a family of children who are well respected. I love and all of whom, with the
you servant and Early Joyners in life, find in our
future hopes, thru the words of a Redeem a peace
and Consolation, that our seat or Ticonorte, best so
May it be your happiness to joy my dear sir to find
that Pearl of great price — May you and your
much beloved Lady, find in the consolations of Religion, the
peace and comfort, that shall crown your future lives
with joy and usefulness.
My residence is in this city, where three
of our children live, and two others lay in the cemetery.
Expect of course your time is very one of solicitude
and you May pocket this long letter, within an annoyance
I do not expect any reply! I send it up, to show
you our in your effort to maintain the Right. do you
always keep in the right, and have a self approval
continue.

I am my Dear sir your friend,

R.M. H. Moore

Hon. Stephen A. Douglas
Senator of the State
Washington, City, D.C.
Mr. Morton

Carlville
LaSalle Co. Ill

May 6, 1858

I am requested by your numerous friends to write to you for a quantity of your speeches on the temperance Constitution. I can dispose of one hundred to good advantage of these great many who want to keep them for reference. I am postmaster in this place as yet but do not know how long I may be as I understand that Mr. is bound to assert all Douglas men for office as far as he can and I am known to the community. It is that I write to you daily.

Earlville LaSalle Co. Ill
Hon. H. Douglas
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P.S. I have communicated
with Lieut. John F. King
West Point concerning
the probability of getting
a student into the
Military Academy
and by him I learn that
there are no vacancies
in this state yet, so I will
there be until two
years from last Jan.
That being the case I
take the liberty to write
you on the subject;
soliciting your aid in
the matter. As Mr. Long's
Representer of our
district is not an accurate
case of mine nor is the same
political code it would
not be reasonable to expect
him to interest himself in
the matter.

Hon. A.T. Douglas

Dear Sir

I have a son whose name
is Warren H. Norton
he was eighteen years old
the 14th day of last Nov.
as there are no vacancies
from this state I should
like to have you make
an application "At Large"
as a student in the
Military Academy at
West Point N.Y. I
Should he succeed in
getting the appointment I
think he could enter "Duly
and truly prepared
worthy and well Qualified
and properly warranted for".

Your truly,

C.W. Norton
Albany, N.Y. March 6th 1858

Hbll S.A. Douglas

Dr. Sir: Will you have the goodnss to send me yr Report on the Recompstn Constitution and Oblige yonr Ralphly.

H. J. Pierce

To Hbll S.A. Douglas

Albany, N.Y.
H. F. Pierce
Albany
N.Y.
March 6, 1858.

Wants Drapery.
Bosanen, N. H., March 6th

S. N. Douglas

Dear Sir,


And of his yours truly,

G. L. Pillsburg

Bosanen, N. H.
G.L. Pillsbury
Dorcas
1st
March 16, 1858
Post Off. Report
Mechanical
Capt. G.W. R.

Name not readable.
No place or date given.
Letter 3d March 6, 1858.

Wants McCollum Infantry Section.

Dear Sir,

Your letter of the 25th inst. will now be in my hands, and to inform you that I can yet be able copies of the Manual for Magneto Exercise translated from the French by Capt. J. P. McCollum, I want them for the use of my Co.

I remain yours truly,

G.H. Remanick
Capt. Elgin's Continental Artillery

P.S. our city election came off yesterday, and the People's ticket was elected by the mayor. the People's ticket means a way for the unmanageable democrats to get back into the democratic fold. Black Republicanism is at a discount.

G.H.R.
Miami ville, Champaign Co., Ohio
March 8th, 1858

Hon. Stephen A. Douglas,
Washington

You will confer an especial
favor on us as well wishes of the principal property advocate if you will from time to time forward to the undersigned such documents as relate more particularly to Executive Affairs.

Now that the issue is made I as well as many others would be glad to see you sustained and I am sure some of the people only become acquainted with the position you have taken that they will sustain you. But represented as we are by Kurds on the one hand & Right on the other we are not in the exact channel to receive the right kind of documents and the people have to rely on the representations of a partisan friend. And believing you to be the best exponent of your own position I have when the duty to make the above request helping you might find it convenient to accede to it. You may rest assured that anything you may have one with will be examined and of the word will not be permitted to fall in store ground very truly yours etc etc.

A. N. Robinson
A. N. Robinson

Miamiville
Clarmont Co. Ohio.

March 6, 1858.

A. /Probatory.

Uncle, Speacher, Esq.
Newton, N. J., March 6, 1858

Dear Sir,

Your friends in this State, the true Democracy, sympathizing fully in the recent movement of the North Western Democracy, and at the proper time will follow it up. In this ( supers ) county, the banner county of the Democracy, at least 4 to 1 of them are with you, and at the proper time we will lead off in a demonstration. The democratic organ of the county remains firm, and well to the end.

I enclose extracts from this week's paper by which you can judge. I trust that while this measure is pending in the Senate you will cut up it in an exhaustive speech, in this county our faith in Republicans will produce little impression upon the Democrats. Our must look to our own friends for documents.

Allow me to suggest some points I should like to see clearly & strongly pressed in your speech.

First, that in 19 counties there was no registry. In the other 19 confined are two main to this...
pro-slavery party, wholly disfranchising of
constituents elected almost exclusively by
true State men, a practically disfranchising
them in the other 12; the people next were
adulterated the part relative to the Registry
\& Census, so they ought to be fully explained
in all their bearings, by some one in
whose statements Southern Democrats have
confidence, in order to overcome the agree-
ment of the opposite party that the true
State men could if disposed have
selected their own delegates, or controlled
the convention, a having proceeded to do it
have now no right to complain.

The answer is complete, they were
vitally disfranchised, designedly too;
by the insensible partisans chosen by
the Legislature to make the Census & regis-
tery. This is pretty well described by
Stanton in his Phila. 1846 eulogies, but
these strokes have not been sufficiently
inculcated among Democrats, and hence
the point can be made much stronger.

Any fact mentioned by him ought not to
be overlooked; viz. the rejection by the Con-
vention of the delegates elected from
Anderson Co., where there was no party;
Second, the pledges made by the delegates
before their election, so by Calhoun on taking
his seat as chief of the convention, that the
constitution should be fairly submitted
to the people.

Third, that the pledges of submitting the con-
stitution, made by the delegates to Calhoun,
and by Walker & Stanton in pursuance of the
instructions of the treat, leased the territory
from civil war, the excitement being made
occasioned by the disfranchisement alluded
to in my first point.

Fourth, the steps taken by Walker & St.
to induce the people to vote at the return
election, the results of that election, and
a full expose of the attempted grants.

Fifth, the shrewdness as to the using the
Constitution as to the manner of sub-
mitting the constitution, the fact of ordering any
decisions being an admission that they
did not proper plenary power, and the
manifest design in ordering the returns
done to Calhoun, the decision election being
proved them to be largely in the majority,
also proved that Walker & Stanton
would be no party to their pledges.

Sixth, the results of the 2 elections held
Oct. 4; a full exposition of the facts, and
the reason why only part of the fine. That
men voted for officers under the constitutional
section. A clear exposition of all the
difficulties in the way of any change of the
Constitution by the Free State men, difficulties
springing out of the Constitution itself, and
to become insurmountable if Calhoun
issues certificates to State officers, & members
of the Legislature not elected.

The two great arguments used by the
Secessionists here are the neglect of the
Free State men to elect delegates, and the
ability to change the Constitution at
once, if admitted now, and I would
like to see them enounced in such a
way as will be easily clearly under-
stood by our plain people. We need
from the proper source a speech that
will exhaust the subject, and serve
as a text book in the fierce fights
that is manifestly approaching.
I would like to get 1000 copies of
such a speech for circulation in this
County, and I will send you a
list of 100 names if you can find
time to frank your speech to them;
it will have much more effect if
coming under your frank, and I
will most cheerfully defray all the expense, as I am determined no people shall be fully posted up. Allow me to call your attention to the letter of Hon. Isaac Maynard to the Tammany meeting of the 4th inst. I read an extract in the N. Y. Times of yesterday, which is very suggestive, might well be incorporated in your speech, or that of some other Southern Democrat; it is their business to say that the South do not intend to make, if possible, a permanent slave State of Kansas.

I expect to be in Topeka for the next two weeks attending the Court of Errors, and while there would be glad to hear from you whether I can make the proposed arrangement of franking your letters to this county, at my expense.

Will Lawrence help the House?

Yrs. Rapp
Hon. Obit. Sont
Martin Ryndam


don. T. A. Daylap.
Martin Rush
Newton, N.J.
March 6, 1858.

Political Suggestions
Cairo, Ill., March 6th, 1858

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

Dear Sir,

I have noticed with much pleasure your recent article on the Kanawha question during the recent Congress, and would be thankful for any public document relating thereto.

Very truly,

W. J. Stephens
Columbia, Boone county, Mo., Mar. 6th, 1858.

Dear: Please send me a prompt copy of your Kansas Report.

Very truly,

W. F. Sutcliffe.
W. J. L. Burnett
Columbia
Brown Co
Mississippi, Miss.

Wants report sent.
Judge S. Wilson
Waverly
Bremer Co., Iowa
March 6, 1858.

= Funds proceeding of meeting =

(Confidential)

Waverly, Bremer Co., Iowa
March 6, 1858.

Hon. S. A. Douglas
Dear Sir

Enclosed I send you the proceedings of the Democratic meeting held here on Saturday last. I am here holding Court.

In haste
Your friend
S. S. Wilson