Schenectady, March 8th, 1869.

Mr. Stephen Douglas,

For making a collection of autographs of the eminent men of our country. I am very desirous of obtaining yours, hoping to hear from you soon that I will do our next President, I remain the one that will vote for you.

Very respectfully,

[Signature]

Autograph lent
Mr. R. Peck
Bowling Green Wood Co. Ohio
Mar. 8th 1858.

Yours respectfully,

W. T. Peck

Bowling Green, Wood Co. Ohio
March 8th, 1858

Sir,

As none of my papers have been published in full the various reports of the Senate Committee on the Lecompton bill, will you do me the favor to send me a copy of your report. If you will send me a number of copies I will, with pleasure distribute them among some of my Democratic friends as they are yet averse to the position.

Very Respectfully,

W. C. Peck

Now I A. Douglas
Salina Mo 6th March 1858

Dear Sir,

One month ago I forwarded to Honorable James Shields an application for an appointment in the Army, if increased to be filled by him, in the War Dept., which he writes has been done; but I learn by telegraph of the defeat of the Army bill in the Senate; yet I believe there will be an increase made in some other form of a bill. If there should not be but a call for volunteers, I beg that you will introduce my name in the Senate as a Captain of a Company. Either for Utah or Arizona, I would rather go to Arizona. If the petition of the inhabitants is granted, I also learn that Honorable James Shields is not entitled a seat as Senator.

Your humble servant,

[Signature]

Hon. A. Douglas
M. B. P.
Washington D.C.
James H. Sampson
Galena, Ill.
March 8, 1858.

Relative to his application for a
gift in Army

through Gen'l Sheeler.

etc.
Sergeant will March 8th 55

Hon S. W. Douglas Esq.

Sir,

I shall be so kind as to furnish me with a copy of your report of the condition of the territories for which you will receive my thanks.

S. R. S. Sergeant

Sergeantsville, Hunterdon Co.

Hon S. W. Douglas Esq., New Jersey
J. T. Sergeant
Sergeantsville
Huntingdon Co.
Pa.
March 8, 1858.

Want Report,
Mr. Leutown
Oxford, Henry Co.
Mar 8, 33

Wants Pat Office
Seeds, Pot Repts.

To Mr. S. A. Douglass

Sir,

Will you be kind enough to send me some seeds, from the Patent office, also Patent Appr. Acts, and any other documents you may think proper to send, which would be very acceptable. If procurable, please send a copy of the Kansas Nebraska Act.

By doing you will confer a favor upon me. Truly,

Mr. Leutown
Oxford, Henry Co.
Illinois.
Mechanicsville March the 8th 1858

Hon. Stephen A. Douglas

Dear Sir: Will you send me your speech made not long since on the Kansas question; and if I have one of your speeches made before the Alderman of Chicago, I'll on the fugitive slave law some years since I should be glad of one, and as I anticipate that you will make a speech on the Lincoln-Constitution Bill you send me one of these. As I have always been a Democrat and cannot longer sustain the Administration unless they sustain you in your position on this Kansas question I wish all papers that I can get to defend the position you have taken. These gifts of the people are with you and will rest to your ad. whenever an opportunity presents itself. If the Administration persist in its course and succeeds it will destroy for the time being the Democratic party North and it may...
Be put down as a certainty, that not ten decomposing Representatives will be sent from the Northern and Middle States. I hope and trust you will stand firm on the principles you have taken and the consequences be the care of themselves; you are right. The people are with you and it may look dark at times but being right you will come out triumphant. Pay an adherent of your Independent Cause.

To the Honorable,

J. C. Smith

I. A. Douglas

Direct to Montonshire
Scots & Co.
Lewis C. Smith
Mechanville
Washington Co., N.Y.

March 8, 1858.

Approbatory

Wantsabe,nde.
Conneaut, March 8th, 1858

Hon. Douglas,

Very Dear Sir,

I went to Washington City to visit you to some Senators & members about my own business last year, but they were very busy. I showed you a paper from the Mayor of Cleveland, Ohio, you read it all. You said to me that you would like to assist me any thing if I wish. I must tell you all that I made boots & shoes to sell some people and they never pay me any. Some of them ran away from me and some of them died. I quit my shoe business. I have been working too hard and earn nothing to support my family. God knows my heart & mind. I worked on the farm of my Cousin. He is very good to me he lets me have some potatoes & grain for my family living. He is poor, he pays too much for his tax on this state. He said that I am all right to work on the farm very well. He said that I must have 20 acres enough for my family & pay for my tax well. I went to Genoa to see some of my friends about a small farm, one of them said to me that he would like to give me a small farm about 20 acres with the best timber, new barn & small house if I give him only $500. Some people said that the said farm is worthy more than $1200 or. He is very kind to me he is very sorry for me & my wife because we are unfortunately deaf & hard of hearing and I tell them that God created us all right. We love God still until death. The people of this county gave us a good information of the
I went to Cleveland to see several Gentlemen on my business, they said they would be glad to help me buy a small farm for $500.00 but they said they lost money too much by the bank breaking up. Three of them said they would like to make a present of the best Oxen, plow & wagon if the Congress of the United States would help me buy a small farm for only $500.00. Will you please to permit me to know what my President Buchanan & the Congress of the United States say.

If I will have a small farm to live then I will never sell it until death. I will be very glad to work on my own farm every day until death supports my wife and one Daughter. Please to give them my best respects and God may help them.

Please to show this letter to my President Buchanan & Congress of the United States.

Very Respectfully,

Wm. J. Smith

Cleveland Jan 21 1857

This is to Certify that the bearer Wm. J. Smith is a respectable sober man and as I believe trustworthy Citizens of our City unfortunately Deaf and Dumb which precludes his ability to sustain himself & family in the manner which their good Character deserves. As unfortunate he is entitled to the sympathy of the benevolent and good of any community where he may appeal for aid in which it may

Mr. B. Castle

Mayor

Ashtabula Co.

Ohio

[Copy of Mayor's paper of Cleveland]

2 Your letter direct to me

Conneaut

Wm. J. Smith
Mr. J. Smith
Conway
Ohio
Wants Money
March 8th 38.
I often spoke to many of my best friends and some people about you very well that I wish you to be our next President of the United States in 1860. I will certainly vote for you myself & many of my best friends & some people of Ohio told me that they would like to vote for you indeed. I told them that you will be the good President of the United States in 1860. They said you will. They often laughed me when I said to me of you will.

W.S. Smith
Hon. S. A. Douglas

Dear Sir:—At the request of divers Democrats of this County, I write you the accompanying copy of a letter written and signed by Leavitt Cornish, and especially your self, and directed to your attention upon the admission of Kansas into the Union under the Constitution. This you may think at first view as an unreasonable request, and when you learn that we are entirely misrepresented or misrepresenting the regulating States of the Nation upon the great and important Measure, which is sought by the Administration to be made a fourth test of Democracy, and denying all who honestly differ from those as Democrats and Whigs Republicans, whether they address letters to you.

Now in this County, and I believe it is the same with the Democracy throughout the State, thirty-one out of every hundred that have informed themselves have agreed upon the doctrine of " popular sovereignty," as expounding your and mine placing the Administration in power, and are willing to sustain you in this emergency.

Messrs. Wright & Fitch are fleeing our County with every thing that can be called Cassadine Leavitt, and my friends like protesting their action. If you can comply with the above request, forward to me, John Mc-Comas & John Brown, and we are faithfully yours.

Wm. B. Spencer
States City Ill: March 8th/68

Hon S. A. Douglass

Sir: A Student of Yours, in years past, will I trust be pardon'd in addressing to a request, I wish to post myself, on the exciting topic which are at present being discussed at Washington. In that harvest to receive "Pub. Doc." occasionally, I was introduced to You at Peoria Ill: During the last State Fair. By Mark, M. Hicken, Esq. I was connected with the Prep as a Reporter. I informed you then that I had went to School to You in Winchester Ill: and was related to The Cowich of that place. I am a Republican, but heartily bid you good speed, in the position I understand you to be occupying at this time. If You see fit to address any "Pub. Doc." to me, My Post Office is Elmore Peoria Ill.

Yours truly

Almaz B. Elmore

P.S. At Peoria you advised me to marry. I have done so.

Almaz B.
March 8th, 1858

Dear Sir,

I know that you are harassed from very nice with innumerable matters, yet I would you be so kind as to send me a copy of your report on the Kansas question as spread around this portion of the country, I would like to let the people know you of issues in full upon this question.

Yours Very Truly,

William J. Moton

Hon. S. A. Douglas.

Wm. 8. 1858.

Yrs. Cts.

Wm. F. Harrow.
Milwaukee, March 5, 1858
Hon. S. J. Drake
Washington, D.C.

Will you please forward to me, as below, the several reports submitted to Congress by the committee of fifteen to whom the Sherman Convention was referred, and also from time to time any such documents as will show the opinions of different parties on prominent subjects proposed in Congress of late?

Very truly,

[Signature]

To Hon. S. J. Drake
Milwaukee
Wis.

S. C.
Martha, Miss --

March 8, 1858

Yours truly,

G. Walker

Attnce of home,

G. Walker

March 8, 1858

Miss --

Yours truly,

G. Walker
West Urbana Dec. 31st 1857

March 8, 1858

Hon. S. A. Douglas
Mr. C.
Washington & C.

Dear Sir:

I am a Roadman and feel an interest in the report of surveys of all rail roads and particularly that of the projected road to the Pacific Coast. I am anxious of obtaining the report of such survey made by you and would esteem it a great honor if not inconsistent with your established rules could I through you obtain such report.

Respectfully yours, your obt. serv.

L. W. Walker
Samuel Walker
Ann Arbor
Mich
March 8, 1858

Want, Speech.

Ann Arbor, Michigan
March 8th, 1858

Honorable Stephen A. Douglas
Dear Sir,

Will you be so kind as to send me a copy of your speech on the
"Recompton Grindle."

Respectfully yours, very truly,

Samuel Walker
Box 4764, P.O.
March 8th 1808,

Dear Sir,

You will confer a favor on me, by sending me a copy of your able report on the Lecompton construction and a copy of your masterly speech in reply to small man (Biddle). I have ready extracts of each but will be obliged to you if you will send me a copy of each. And of all the speeches which you may make on that vexed question.

Yours in friendship,

[Signature]

Mrs. S. Douglas
Washington

[Address]
W. Weeks

Newcastle, S.C.

March 12, 1858

Wants Speech & Report.
Macon Miss March 6, 1858

Dear Sir,

Will you oblige me with copies of your two last speeches on the Kansas question, or the last one, if convenient.

W. J. Whiffen

Hon. S. A. Douglas
U.S. Senate
Oholena Miss

Dear Sir,

You will pardon the liberty I take in requesting you to send me a copy of your Speech of Dec. on Kansas affairs, or any of your speeches on that subject. It will be thankfully received by your very obedient servant,

M. J. Whiffen

To Hon. S. A. Douglas

March 6th, 1854
W. J. Whiffin
Okahoma
Chief
Wants Speech
Detroit March 8th 1858

Mr. Douglas

Dear Sir,

will you have the kindness
to favor the subscriber with
a copy of your report upon
Kansas. Also of
some
of your late speeches on
that subject, if convenient
for you to send them, will
be thankfully received by
your humble servant

Lyman G. Wilcox
Syman M. Willcoxf
Detroit, Mich.
March 8, 1858.

Want to report it.