The Clove
Hatera Island Dec. 26, 38.

My dear Sir,

Since I had the pleasure of seeing you at the St. Nicholas, I have watched the movement of things pertaining to Kansas with much interest, and I feel assured that it will yet turn out all right.

The demonstration in the city in favor of Tecumseh after the long delay was a failure in fact, the people did not sympathize with the movement, and I should think the South would pause in their course, when they have to abandon their strictly National friends, for such base soil allies as appear at Jamestown.

I feel confident that if J. Clark will yet define his position with ability on the side of the people and
against the present attempt, as proud, and I cannot believe that the Bill can pass the House without an effec[t]ual Amendment on the Constitution, free from the Control of Calhoun, which would be direct violation and thus cause its failure when it comes back to the Senate.

My Cousin Joel B. Allen has just returned from Central America, much pleased with the Country, and if you desire any information from that section, he will be most happy to serve you.

I regret I notice your absence from the Senate, now in debate, but trust to hear from you on Monday in a general close up of the debate, and I shall be glad to receive a package of your remarks duly printed so that I can give them a proper distribution throughout the Country.

Trust in the success of the N-D Democratic Principles, through your energies & fearless Leadership. I remain

Mrs. H. Allen

Sr.,

Stephen J. Douglas
Washington

Direct care, Mr. J. B. Allen
J. Berling Grover
St. Louis, Illinois
March 20, 1858
Mr. Allen,

Politics.
Louisiana March 20th

To Hon. Stephen A. Douglas

Dear Sir,

Being a firm and uncompromising admirer and supporter of the policy pursued by you in adjustment of this hard difficulty, and wishing to witness your triumph I am induced to write you a line in relation to the documents distributed among us by the minions and underlings of the Administration.

Compton's speeches are sent us in great numbers and are completely saturated with this unwholesome and indigestible literature. As yet we have to a great extent been denied the pleasure of reading any speeches advocating opposite principles. Independent of the presses we receive in this locality nothing that would enable any one to form correct conclusions on the only question that is monopolizing the attention of the people. The True Democrat does not reflect the sentiments of the Democracy of St. Martin County. I suppose you are aware that one of the tickets is a Saloon Clerk at Washington, the other is a pernicious in the hands of a few political mountebanks who are seeking government.
Mr. White will fully supply all intelligence that would enable me to act rightly. A number of the influential citizens wish me to request you to send as many Anti-

Democracy Speeches as you can conveniently in order that they may be distributed throughout the Country and the enforcement of the people be effective. Although I am personally acquainted with you - I confess that I am captivated by the honorableness and pravity of the position you have assumed in the Kansas question. And I will promise you, that should it be your fortune as I hope it will be to appear as a Candidate for the Presidency, I will endeavours to support your claims as much as I am in this section. Two thirds of the Democracy here are your friends and act in the hope that you may continue and still live in the hearts of all good and patriotic people.

Yours truly,

James Belford
May Belford
Levitown, Pa.
March 20, 1858

Warden of Philadelphia
Citizens, request this to write for speeches.

Yours.

[Signature]
Thomas J. Tobin, who has resided in Cleveland, (Ohio,) for several years has all the time given the most-striking proofs of honesty, probity, and integrity; and I am happy to give public notice of his high character.

+ Amadeus Bishop of Cleveland.

Cleveland, May 20, 1857
Hollowayville March 21 1858

Hon S. A. Douglas

Sir,

There has been late some correspondence on the Patent Office report passed through my office, and I should be highly gratified to have a number. Therefore take the liberty of calling on you, if there should be still some design for one. I am aware of our limited acquaintance, but from early recollections, myself a boy, I was often entertained, and delighted to hear Douglas in Springfield in the years 1830, 31 & 32, and still I remember Douglas, but enough.

Respectfully yours,

Alexander Boyd
Post Master
Hollowayville

[Signature]

[Postmark: Huntsville 22/3/58]
Dear Boyd
Postmaster
Hallowayville
Monroe Co., Ill.
March 20, 1858,

Wants post office.

Has been here.

Hoping through

Agriculture.

Sent March 26, 1858.
Geo W Brown
Lebanon, Oh.
March 20, 1858

Wants Speech.

Lebanon, Ohio, Mar. 20

Hon. S. H. Douglas

Dear Sir:

You will confer an inestimable favor by forwarding me some of your speeches in pamphlet form. It almost seems impossible to get a correct report of the Rogers.

Anny Lecomptown was in town on the 15th, and was greeted by a large number of our most staunch Democrats. She is visiting the Democracy all over the State. She created quite a sensation at Columbus a few days ago.

Yours,

Geo W. Brown
Narragansett, R. I., Oct. 20th.

Hon. S. A. Douglas,

Will you please send me your speech on Kansas. I have only seen extracts in any of the papers I take. And oblige,

A "Douglas man" in '56,

and "Douglas' Man" in '60.

B. H. Carpenter

Narragansett, R. I.

I should like to have a map of the Pacific Rail Road (proposed).
B. M. Carpentee
Narragansett
R.I.
March 20/58.

Wants Speed
Joseph Foster
Portsmouth, N.H.
March 20, 1858,

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

Your eloquent speech was duly received, and is valued highly, the accompanying one by Hon.
Mr. Stuart of Michigan is also prized, as it was an unasked favor. Will you be so kind as to send me a copy of your Report on the Secession Convention, and also the Speech, in which the Telegraph says, you are to give the finishing blow to Secessionism in the Senate.

Yours Truly,

Joseph Foster

Please direct, as before,

Care of Spalding & Parrot, Portsmouth, N.H.
Flowerhill, March 30th 1855

Gentlemen Senators and Representatives of the sovereign People of these United States!

Will you hear a word of advice while you are in your high state of excitement on the Kansas question, sprung from 1/21 of the Bible, when there taught for our freedom from another tyrant, Moab? I learned how to discern liberty from the yoke of a 'Master' to his controlling son. It is a mighty blessing to me to have lived under this free government, where all riches and honours within the reach of man, I feel the more anxious to press it and my representatives upon my Senators. At this critical moment, you are about to pass the most important vote ever passed by Congress, and that is, Shall Kansas have freedom or not for their future destiny? Remember, gentlemen, your vote decides that all important question, and if you shun freedom, then God will bless you to the day of your death. But if you vote a slavery constitution on to that people, the wrath of God will follow you to your grave! To escape from it, God and the Bible be true! God says, "Break every yoke and let the oppressed go free!" will you dare bind a vote upon that?
work in this enlightened 19th century. To those who believe in freedom and the right to pursue happiness, I offer my vote for that freedom from your Brother because I believe in the principles upon which you fought, and I hope that they may be carried out. The men I am afraid of are those who believe in an enlightened Russia. God has done it with the rest of his peoples and granted them freedom and liberty. Through them, they have chosen their own destinies and will, if we have done them harm, they will do them harm. They have driven them from their homes because they love their freedom and their rights. What is man's organic act but to act for himself? If you desire to be free, you must live by the law of action by an arbitrary act of your vote. For what are they hate and to the rest, that the best of all our virtues, give them their due place in your system. Justice that you may hear the voice of the world, and declare your opinion and bring in: Any, and a President trustworthy and honest, Gentlemen, you have within your power to check the destructive by a President who would respect that the people with slavery against their will, already have been degraded.
PS I submit these my feelings and views
in the case and consideration of the
plan it will be, unerring, knowing the high
prac in which you hold this important subject,
and from your opinion you think it will
do the least good at this critical moment
to get it before either of both branches of
your honorable Bodies, you will confer a
power to do it. Unless this most
career—to make Kansas a slave state—can
be arrested, I feel it shall be changed into
civil war: Buchanan will keep his troops
there to crush out freedom. Might
be asked, where can the freestate men look for help?
Be astonished at heaven and mourn for
his own position. That we have fallen so
low he shall be the standard of Washington
What your
Jefferson, a Jackson—Strength to fight
health now be fully restored you—strength to fight
the battle of justice, giant-like (using the
terms of your own)
My own is the earnest wish of your friend
How, I hope, Touglass, Ladd, Hamilton
Ladd Hazleton, Maceville
March 20, 58.

Petition against Goompton
Le.
Joel W. Hyde
Yale College,
March 20, 1858

Autograph.

Yale. March 20, 1858.

Hon. Mr. Douglass—

Sir—

You will not esteem it flattering, sir, if I tell you that the noble side you have espoused in this great question of the Secompton constitution, and your potent influence against it, brings hearty cheers to you from Old Yale— for this I ask the favor of your Autographs, which I know some of the Yale boys to possess already.

Very respectfully,

New Haven, Ct.

Joel W. Hyde.
Char. B. Hays, Jr.
St. John, Perry Co. Ill.
March 20, 1858

Vernon Town.

Dear Mr. Hays:

I have just received your letter of the 14th inst., in which you request an establishment of a post office.

I have been so happy as to unite you this letter by request of your friend, Mr. John Hays. I am, therefore, in the position of giving you the necessary information in relation to your request.

I cannot give you any promise of doing so, as it is the general wish of all your friends that you would give us this necessary convenience. And you are aware that we represent the State of Illinois, and that the time is past when you will require our services. You will find us just as good as we have been.

I have no intention of remaining here more than six days.

Respectfully, your friend.

Handwritten note on the right side of the page is not legible.
I conted home 100 lbs. or more on this place and find that in the country no one has more influence with the farmers. This fact I now ask of you in behalf of my troop as well as the community at large, it cost me individually $25 to have my mail carried once a day to the nearest P.O. I call at your residence in Washington City about a year ago to see you on this subject but did not have the good fortune to meet you. We have a petition in the P.O. Department with a long list of names praying for the appointment of myself as P.O. Hoping to hear from you favorably on this subject.

Yours respectfully,

Thos. H. M'cleod
Princeton N.J. March 20/38

Dear Sir,

Would you please be so kind as to send me your former Speech on the Pres. Message (Dec-9); also the late one on the "Seventy-Conststitution".

Being a strong believer in the doctrines of the former and a doubtless admirer of the latter, I should like much to possess them.

Yours most respectfully,

Chas. B. Morris

Hon. Mr. Douglas
Sen. fr. Illinois
Charl. Morris
Princeton N.J.
March 20, 1858.

Wants Speech of
9th Dec. 1858.
(Sent)
Jerseyville Jersey Le 7th March 20

Hon. S. A. Douglas

Dear Sir,

Will you do me the favour to forward to my address at Jerseyville a copy of the Patent Office Agricultural Reports and oblige yours truly

Hon. S. A. Douglas

Henry Newbury

Washington D. C.
Henry Newbery
Jasperville
Jasper Co. Ill.
March 20/58

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P. O. Dooly

Pears March 20th

Dear Sir,

Respectfully ask your Will, and not last long, and your Win. now to fight the Kansas part again.

Our Blight money in London has

No long. Kansas

Good Strong Anti-Incumbent War.


Government bought him care.

Now down on yourself and all who dare

oppose in all he's doing for

poor men to far as Success, keep

on Kansas. old treat your old friends here.

Washington lately. and their need to show that

he is an ad. man. yet I think he has'

him removed. Which is wrong.

with a good Cowley. Lay but he know

the right & harm. due to Affairs be wise. Great object, you are have no place.

Howard & warm friends in the Win. to the great

not let the Incumbent Care. But in the Fall

new political maker. Having. In the Win. go to vote

better state of things. But. But one is hiding himself by sending

me. So many good Democrats he will see when to vote.
To George Washington,

You have a petition out, making myself the greatest gain you have in Kent. The last and that you always made the house your home until you're to thank that the old is still a strong, good man at heart. No doubt by it as a good enough and true Democrat, but an old man of a petticoat to get the R.C. now. I hope the law will be kept in the R.C. more that it has been without a R.C. Mass is printed it amusing to see the first, gone out to listen that office, but let them go on Matches closely keep your eye out, how much harvest is this year and soon every goes. I hope to see you one of these days.

Yours truly,
Taylor

[Signature]
Omaha City, March 20th, 1858.

Dear Sir,

Will you do me the favour to enclose me a copy of your late report on the Secompact constitution, also each of your speeches on Kansas affairs this session. A few of your report on speeches have found their way into the Territory, nor of those in either House who have spoken against the Secompact constitution, but many quarrels of those on the other side have been spread through the Territory, especially Senator Speeches and report. I am anxious that the Anti-Secompact side of the question should be presented to our people.
nine tenths of them are on that side. If agreeable to you I will furnish you with a list of names of the residents in different towns in Nebraska, to whom it is desirable your report and speeches should be sent.

You may probably recollect me as having formerly resided in Washington.

Very truly yours,

J. M. Harper
J. W. Shayer
Omaha City
Nebraska
March 30, 1868,

Political
Wants Freedom
Dear Sir,

Having known you in Springfield Ill. and having watched the struggle of the Le compost and Anti-Slaveryists with much solicitude, I beg you to send me your speech in full on this important question. Perhaps it will be well to come a dozen to have distributed. You, perhaps, have forgotten me, but I was engaged in teaching school at Springfield as the time you were there, and used to meet you in the State Library. I began to thank you on sight, and that Buck is wrong.

Yours most respectfully,

A. S. Towbridge
C. C. Wilson
Meriden, N. H.,
March 20, 1858

Autograph

Meriden, N. H., Mar. 20.

Hon. S. A. Douglas,

Sir!

Will you if it is not troubling you too much confer a favor upon one who heartily subscribes to your late course in Congress, by sending me your autograph?

I beg leave to subscribe myself,

Your humble servant,

C. C. Wilson.