Hopkinsville, 1st & 6th Nov. 21.
Hon. L. P. Douglas,
Will you please send to my address a copy of your recent speech in the Senate on the admission of Kansas, and also your minority report on the same. By so doing you will much oblige.

Your Friend & Servant,
James F. Allen
Gar T. Allen
Hopkinton, N.H.
March 27/58.

Wants report of speech.
Dear Sir,

Being desirous of having one of your speeches in my possession, I write this humbly asking for one—especially the one delivered Dec. 11, 1857—and also one since delivered. And I beg one of your admirers—

O. P. Bailey,

Hon. L. A. Douglas,
W. S. Senator.
C.P. Bailey
Hart College
Hanover, N.H.
March 22, 1858.

Wants Speech of J. C. W. Eckert.
March 22.
C. P. Bailey
Hart College
Hanover, N.H.
March 27, 1858

Wants speech of
H. Bee L. 22,
March.
Committee Room on Public Buildings and Grounds, Saturday February 27th 1858.

Sir,

A meeting of the Committee on Public Buildings and Grounds, will be held on Monday next (March 1st) at 10½ o'clock A.M. at which your presence is respectfully requested.

By order of the Chairman,

C. H. Barrett, Clerk.

Hon. J. A. Douglas.
Philadelphia, March 29, 1859

Dear Sir,

Having read several accounts of your memorable speech in the Senate Chamber on the 1st of June, and not being able to procure a copy of the speech, would ask you to send me a copy.

It is cheering amid the general gloom to hear again the eloquence of a "Clay" advocating the cause of the oppressed and silencing the enemies of our country. And the universal response from "Mason, Douglas" to the St. Lawrence is "Go on." Hoping that the ending Leamington Constitution will receive its just reward in the House.

A Reminiscence Briefly,

[Signature]

J. M. Riddle

Hon. J. A. Dongola

Fol. South Carolina

Washington, D.C.
In re: Biddle
Phil.
March 7, 1858.

Land along
Wanted.
225.

Mar. 27
BANKING HOUSE OF DURKEE & BULLOCK,
121, MAIN STREET,
Saint Louis, Mo., March 27, 1858

Mr. Stephen A. Douglas
Washington City

Dear Sir:

Hereewith please receive for Collection
and Remittance as follows:

Will you be so kind as to send me your check to which the enclosed extract refers

Yours truly

D. DURKEE
O. Bushnell
New York
March 27, 1858
Introducing
Mr. Gardner, Esq.

New York March 27, 1858

Sir,

Permit me to introduce my friend, Mr. Gardner, Esq., a merchant of high standing and character, and whom I think you will be pleased to accede to.

Very respectfully, truly,
O. Bushnell
Enfield, N. H. March 27, 1858

Hon. S. A. Douglas, U.S.S.

Dear Sir,

"Will you be so kind as to send me a copy of the speech delivered by you in the Senate March 22, and oblige Yours very truly,

[Signature]

Hon. S. A. Douglas, U.S.S.
S & Choate
North Enfield
N.H.
March 27, 58.

Wants Speech of
22
Wm. S. Clark,
Sloansville N.Y.
March 27, 1858.

[scribbles]

Sloansville N.Y.
March 27, 1858

Dear Sir,

By papers this evening read I learn that the Bill for the admission of Kansas has passed the Senate. I regard the passage of the bill as in no respect modifying the facts, and am therefore the more desirous
Of obtaining a copy of your Speech of the 22 inst. on that subject.

I doubt not there are others here who would be equally happy to obtain a copy, but may presume not to solicit more than a single copy which will greatly oblige your very obt. Servt.

Yr. Ob. S. Clark

Hon. S. A. Douglas
Washington
Chelsea, Mass.

Hon. S. A. Douglas

Dear Sir,

Please send me copies of your speeches against the Toombs Constitution and oblige.

By yours truly,

Frank Clement.

March 27, 1858.
Frank Clemento
Chelsea, Mass.
March 29 1858

Want Speech.
Washington, May 27.

Hon. S. A. Douglas,

Please send document (your Kansas reports and plans) to the following persons, or would it be well to send a copy to each for their local circulation?

C. H. Bournett, E. Knowles, R. S. Stewart, S. B. Stevens, R. C. Durand, Tobias Bond, W. H. Shafter, J. H. Williams. Schuyler County (County House) C. H. Schuyler County, N. Y.

These persons are all firm Douglas Democrats.

Very truly yours,

C. B. Cochrane
Bellefonte March 29th, 1868

Hon. U. S. Douglass,

Sir, please send me your minor report on the Kansas question.

Yours Truly,

[Signature]

Bellefonte, Ala.
To Col. Boulder
Belleforte, Ala.
March 27/58
Want depoto
Wayne, Michigan
March 27th, 1838

Hon. Stephen A. Douglas:

Sir:—will you please send me a copy of your speech, delivered in the Senate, Monday night, March 22d, previous to the final vote on the Lecompton Constitution? By so doing, you would oblige me very much indeed.

Direct to, Wayne, Wayne Co., Michigan.

I am respectfully &co. in your views.

O. B. Curtis
O B Curtis
Wayne, Mich.
March 27 / 58

Want Speech
Banking House of Dunn & Burris.

Buffalo, March 27, 1858


Dear Sir:

Your favor of the is received, with enclosure as stated.

Will you please send me a copy of your last speech (if printed) on the Kansas question?

Cordially yours,

C. J. Dunn
Phila: March 27, 1858

Honorable Stephen A. Douglas,

Sir,

Having been, and I am, a constant admirer, and adherent to your and only your principles, I would respectfully ask of you, to let me know, whether you could help me, and son of my friend, strictly honorable, full of talent, and integrity, to enter the Legislature of Utah?

My hearty wishes for your future elevation without a doubt, I have the honor to be

Most Respectfully,

Your humble friend,

J. D. Roosevelt

Interpreter U. S. Circuit Court for the Eastern District of Pa.
G. L. Kornonay,
Phila. P. O.
March 27, 58.

Want Judge H. to help him enter the Utah Expedition.

Dear Sir—I hope that you will not deem this presentation, though written by one who lives in the South, and especially when you learn that it is the love of truth that prompts him to address you, I wish to express on the Kansas question. Will you therefore send me something containing information on this subject, by a companion with this you will find in me a true lover of the magnanimous and an ardent friend of our great and common country, but due respect allows me to sacrifice myself most truly.

March 17, 1856
Salt Springs, Canandaigua, Co.

James O. Doudel
Jas O. Lowder
Salt Springs
Campbele Co.
Georgia
March 27, 58

Want a Specie, etc.
Dear Mr. Douglas,

March 27, 1858

Please send me a copy of your latest speech and address.

Yours truly,

William Blake

Box 4197

Chicago

Hon. S. A. Douglas
Butter Post Office, Independence, Richland County Ohio, March 27, 1858.

Dear Sir,

If you have your recent speech in the Senate published for distribution, please send several copies in this direction. The people only need to understand the question to be with you—the demagogues understanding it, or otherwise, will be against you. You may direct

Dr. G. W. Dutton,
Butter Post Office,
Richland Co., Ohio.

Yours,
G. W. Dutton

Hon. S. A. Douglas
G.W. Sutton
Butler, P.O.,
Richland Co., Ohio
March 27th, 1858

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Walter several copies
Speech

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Wheeling, March 3d, 1858

Hon. Stephen A. Douglas
Washington

Dear Sir,

You will oblige me by forwarding a copy of your late Kansas speech.

Yours Respectfully,

Marcus W. Echols
Marmat W. Ellinor,
Wheeling, Va.
March 27, 1858.

Wants speech of 52.
Andover, March 27, 1858


Dear Sir,

Will you please send me a copy of your last speech against the Seaman's Contract bill. I have the honor to be,

Your most obedient servant,

George H. Farnham.
Andover, Mass.

Hon. Stephen A. Douglas, N.C.
Washington, D.C.
Washington, D. C. Mar 21, 58

Mr. Mr. Douglas,

Dear Sir,

After hearing your speech on the Kansas question, so noble and so outspoken for human rights, I am encouraged to believe you will sympathize with the cause in which I am engaged. Sitting near you lady in the gallery, I could not refrain, strangely though I was taken, from giving her, on a slip, hostile and awkwardly expressed a complimentary sentiment as the close of it.

In this we number about 4000 colored people. For their benefit and through them, for the benefit of all Africa, we are building up the Wilberforce University. God has greatly favored us thus far. The school now numbers seventy pupils, at least fifteen of whom have been lost from the South, freed & put into the institution. Our building are all completed. Our farm numbers fifty-four acres. At least 250 people can be accommodated. We hope to make our last payment on the property in May, just I obtained from citizen in Illinois about three thousand dollars on subscription.
If you shall be pleased to aid us in the humane work such aid will be most gratefully received. The enclosed document will afford all necessary information.

It would afford me great pleasure to converse with you on this subject. I shall be happy to hear from you, though Senator Warlan.

In closing, allow me to say in the language of Scholastikos—to the chief of the father, “for the judgment of the judge is for Controversies, Deceare courageously, and the Lord shall be with the good.”

Very Respectfully,

M. French

March 29th 1858

Washington DC
WILBERFORCE UNIVERSITY,

XENIA, OHIO.

A MONUMENTAL TRIBUTE

TO THE

SOCIAL, CIVIL, INTELLECTUAL,

AND

MORAL CLAIMS OF THE COLORED MAN.

STATE OF OHIO, EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT.

CONGRESS, MAY 1857.
TESTIMONIALS.

From Hon. John McLean, who with his estimable lady, is among the largest benefactors to the University.

CINCINNATI, 29th May, 1857.

Dear Sir: — I am glad to learn that your prospect of raising funds in behalf of the "Wilberforce University," is encouraging. This effort to elevate the colored race is commenced under more favorable auspices than any one which has heretofore been made. The location is a very eligible one, whether we consider its beauty and healthfulness, its extensive accommodations, the price paid for the property, the surrounding neighborhood, or its easy access from the south. The superintendence of the Cincinnati Conference will be a guaranty for the proper management of the University; and the course of instruction contemplated, will be equal to that of any other institution in the western country.

It appears to me no other practical connected with the elevation and welfare of an oppressed people, can be more strongly addressed to our benevolent brethren. Should it succeed, as I hope it will, in a few years the opinion entertained, that the colored race is inferior to our own, will be corrected. And we may well hope, before the lapse of many years, persons educated at this University, may become so eminent for usefulness, as to be esteemed benefactors of both races. In the process of time they may become the favored instruments of spreading the lights of the gospel and civilization in the dark regions of Africa.

Hoping that you may be successful in your interesting enterprise, I remain,

Very truly, yours,

John McLean.

Rev. M. French.

The following is from Gov. Chase, one of the Trustees of the University.

STATE OF OHIO, EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, COLUMBUS, July 6, 1857.

The bearer, the Rev. M. French, has been actively and most laudably engaged in an effort, under the auspices of the Methodist Episcopal Church, to establish an institution for the education of young people of color, in this State. The institution is already organized and in successful operation, under the name of Wilberforce University. It is not founded upon any discrimination as to color; and yet, though not exclusively so, is devoted especially to the improvement and elevation of the colored race. Funds are needed to pay for its site and buildings, and to defray the expenses incident to such an establishment.

I commend Mr. French and the cause in which he is engaged, most heartily, to the sympathies of the benevolent and the patriotic.

S. P. Chase.

I heartily concur with Gov. Chase in his endorsement of this benevolent enterprise, and of the very excellent gentleman engaged in it.

Columbus, Ohio.

J. H. Baker, Sec. of State.

BOSTON, June 24, 1857.

We have examined the credentials which Rev. Mr. French brings, in reference to the "Wilberforce University," and his agency for the same. They are abundant, and of the highest character, and we cordially commend him and his enterprise to the benevolent and Christian public, in the entire confidence that all monies entrusted to his hands will be faithfully applied to the noble and most feasible and praiseworthy object for which he pleads.

HENRY M. DEXTER, Ed. Congregationalist.

SALEM, June 20, 1857.

Rev. Mr. French presented the cause of the "Wilberforce University," in Xenia, Ohio, at a united meeting held in the Crombie St. Church, of this city. All who heard him were exceedingly interested and aroused to the importance of this great and humane enterprise. The lecture presented an entirely new and cheering feature in the dark landscape of the prospects of the colored people of our land.

It could not fail to interest the reason of the man of practical thought, and the sympathy of the true Christian.

We give to this dear brother our entire commendation and hearty wishes for his success.

BROWN EMERSON, Pastor of South Church.

J. M. HOPPIN, Pastor of Crombie St. Church.

The claims of the Institution were presented before a conference of ministers held in Dr. Parsons Cook’s Church, Lynn. Dr. Worcester was Moderator, and gave the following:

Having had the pleasure of hearing the Rev. Mr. French in a presentation of the objects and claims of the "Wilberforce University," I can most cordially commend him and the enterprise which he advocates to the full confidence and liberal patronage of all who desire to promote the best interests of the whole African race.

SAMUEL M. WORCESTER, Pastor of the Tabernacle Ch.

THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY, ANDOVER, MASS.

July 30, 1857.

I am well acquainted with the country in which the "Wilberforce University" is located, and with many of the Trustees of the Institution. There is no better location in the United States for such an Institution, and it is in the hands of the right kind of men to carry it on to a successful issue.

The spirit of Christianity, of humanity, and of freedom, has a strong and active life in that part of Ohio. There is a very considerable colored population there, of intelligence, wealth and respectability, some of whom are represented in the Board of Trustees; and all circumstances combine to promise a speedy and complete success to this most desirable enterprise.

C. E. STOWE.
Copy from Senator
Harlan to Seward

"If it be true that ignorance is the parent of vice, crime, and misery, then those who are in the education of the most degraded race among us, should be regarded as public benefactors. On this account every Patriot and Christian must command the Wilberforce Union; and it seems Mr. H. Frelinghuysen, to the favor of the Antislavery of the benevolent frame, Harlan.

I very cheerfully concur with the Hon. Mr. Harlan in the commendation above given.

Mr. H. Seward

Washington, Feb. 21, 1858
WILBERFORCE UNIVERSITY,
(near Xenia, O.)

Middleton, Wallace & Co. Lith. Cincinnati, O.
WILBERFORCE UNIVERSITY,
NEAR XENIA, OHIO.

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SCHOOL CIRCULAR.

The Trustees are happy to acknowledge that the Lord has signally blessed their efforts in behalf of the institution from its commencement, which now warrants the expectation of a rich harvest of blessings upon a much-neglected portion of our common humanity.

The School has enrolled eighty-two students the present year, from fourteen different states, many of whom give promise of highly-satisfactory attainments.

Professor J. K. Parker, the Principal, is an able and experienced educator of youth, and is assisted by his wife, as Matron, and other competent teachers.

The Course of Study is ample, and every requisite facility will be afforded to the pupils for their social, intellectual, and moral improvement.

The School Year is divided into three sessions, of fourteen weeks each. The present Winter Session commenced December 16th, and will close the 31st of March. The Spring Session will commence on the 25th of March, and close on Wednesday, June 30th, followed by a vacation till the 25th of August, when the next year will commence.

Tuition per session, in the Primary Department, $4; for higher branches, $6. Instruction in Music on the Piano, Melodeon, or Guitar, with use of instrument for practice, $14 per session.

Board in the School family, including washing to the amount of a half dozen pieces, $2 per week.

Room rent, with use of bedstead, mattress, pillows, table, chairs, and looking-glass, with fuel and lights in rooms for study, 50 cents per week. Bed-clothing, towels, brushes, combs, etc., to be furnished by the pupil.

All wearing apparel, bed-clothing, and towels should be carefully marked.

Tuition and board bills for each session must be paid in advance. No deduction in tuition will be made for lost time less than a half session, except in cases of protracted sickness.

All students from abroad are required to board in the family of the School, that they may, as far as practicable, be constantly under the care and supervision of the Principal and Matron.

Books and Stationery will be furnished by the Principal at the usual rates.

Application for further information or for admission, with all payments for board and tuition, may be made to JAMES K. PARKER, Principal.

Post-office address—Wilberforce University, Xenia, Ohio.

January, 1858.
WILBERFORCE UNIVERSITY.

The Cincinnati conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and other conferences in the west concurring, have devised the noble and charitable work of establishing and endowing a literary institution of a high order, for the better education of the free colored youth of our country; and the General conference of that Church, at its last session, approved and commended this enterprise to the sympathy and liberality of all benevolent persons. This cause has enlisted the hearts, and received the favor of some distinguished statesmen, and many citizens of our common country, and is designed to unite and engage the efforts of all Christians and philanthropists. Many religious denominations are represented in the board of trustees. It is judged very desirable that there be a college of an elevated character, and in these United States, which the colored people may call their own—and while the one we propose to establish is designed for their special benefit, students are admitted without distinction of color, where they may have free access to the fountains of knowledge, so that as many as are able may receive a complete collegiate course.

This benevolent scheme is based on the supposition that the colored man must, for the most part, be the educator and elevator of his own race, in this and all other lands where they may reside. Hence, a leading object of the college is to educate and thoroughly train many of them for professional teachers, and ministers of religion, if God should call them to that holy vocation, that, as schoolteachers and preachers of the Gospel, they may be well qualified to go forth wherever their services are needed, and labor successfully in promoting the cause of education and Christianity.

We have purchased a valuable property, three and a half miles north-east from Xenia, Greene county, Ohio, which was improved at a cost of fifty thousand dollars, for a "watering place." It embraces fifty-two acres of land, with an edifice of commodious rooms, well adapted to, and ample for our college purposes. Nine cottages are also included, some of which will serve as suitable dwellings for the teachers who may be employed in the institution. There are some mineral and other valuable springs on the premises. This property, with the private cottages added, cost us fifteen thousand dollars. In all respects it is considered the most eligible location for the object that could have been found. Being very near a good turnpike road, and about midway between Cincinnati and Columbus, and near the railway between these cities, it is easy of access, and yet retired, in a rural, beautiful, and healthy region, and near as is possible for climate as can be obtained north of the Ohio river. The surrounding neighborhood is distinguished for its agricultural products, and for the liberality of its principles.

The second year of our school opens with the prospect of an increased number of students. Both sexes are received, and may pursue either a partial or thorough course of instruction.

A large number of students can be accommodated with boarding on reasonable terms, at our school, and the price of tuition is put as low as can be afforded. As we have no endowment, we can not now receive any except paying pupils. We, however, suggest to the friends of this movement, that educational societies be formed in the various congregations in the country, for the object of selecting and sustaining promising youths at the school. Liberal individuals might generously do the same.

The colored population in the free states, in 1850, amounted to 196,308, and the number is rapidly increasing. The great question, therefore, is, "What can be done to promote their best interest and make them useful?" The response from all quarters is, "Let them be educated." Education is generally regarded as indispensable to the elevation and usefulness of all classes. Now, this is the important work we propose doing for this long-neglected portion of our population, and we solicit all the friends of our common humanity to aid us in the accomplishment of this desirable object.

We have a large supply of literary institutions in our land for the education of white students, while comparatively little provision has been made in any part of our country, and in some of the free states none at all, for the colored youth. They are far in the rear in this respect, and we hope there will be a simultaneous and liberal effort made to place this institution beyond want, which is designed as one means of elevating the colored race in all lands, and in all their generations, to the end of time.

The agents have a large field from which to gather a rich harvest, and we beg such as may receive this circular, and who have been blessed in the providence of God with wealth, to allow the cause for which we plead to share largely in their charitable appropriations. All money for this object, sent to Swormstedt & Poe, or Dr. Geo. L. Weed, Cincinnati; W. M. Doughty, Chicago; Carlton & Porter, 200 Mulberry-street, New York; or James F. Magee, No. 5 Cornell, Boston, will be thankfully received and faithfully applied.

What more praiseworthy object could be presented to the rich and generous than this? Surely they will honor the draft we present, and thereby honor the Lord with their substance, "laying up in store for themselves a good foundation against the time to come." We contemplate this as one of the purest charities that ever glowed in the bosom of man, and believe the enterprise is destined to be one of the great movements of the age. We can not, therefore, doubt but many of the wealthy in various parts of our country, who sympathize with, and desire the elevation of the entire family of man, will contribute largely, and that those of more limited means will do what they can toward the endowment of the Wilberforce University.

JOHN F. WRIGHT,
M. FRENCH,

July 1, 1857.

Communication may be addressed to Rev. John F. Wright, Cincinnati, O., or to Rev. M. French, Xenia, O.