Ashby Mill
Feb 26 1838

Hon Sir

Will you please send me your last great speech upon Lexington.

I urge first
C H Goulding
C. Goulding
Ashley, Mass.
March 26/58.
Wants Special
[Signature]
Scottsville, Maconpin County, Ill.
May 27, 1858

Honorable Sir,

We would be glad if you would send us each the Agricul-
tural Patent Office Report for this session sent to Scottsville, P.O. Maconpin Co. Ills.

Yours Respectfully,

Isaac Taylor
Joseph P. Butler
Chas. Dougarty

(Sent each, Agricult. June 9, 1858.)
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Mar. 24th 1855

John Smith

[Signature]
Thetford Vt March 27th 1854

Hon S A Douglas

Dear Sir

Feeling at a deep interest in the debates that have taken place in the Senate of the U.S. I wish to ask a favor of you will you send me a copy of the speeches that you have made in the Senate upon the admission of Kansas & also a copy of your report upon that subject. I have been a firm adherent of the doctrine as that you have advocated long before the events of this country are all with you almost without exception. If you will send the speeches you will greatly oblige your firm adherent.

Yr most Obly servt

J S Palmes

P S direct to J S Palmes Thetford Vt
P. S. Palmer

Shelford Post

March 27/58

Want Speech, Repeal

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Winona, March 27th 38

Hon. D. D. Douglas

Dear Sir,

Please send me some seeds and the Patent office reports of 1874 & 53, both agricultural and mechanical and such public documents as are available to constituents. I learn that you are confined by sickness to your room. I hope you will soon recover and resume your duties in the cause of freedom in the cause of right, in the cause of truth. May this be your highest aim while battling for your country.

What do you think about Kansas and the Mormon war? Please express your mind freely to an old settler of Illinois. I shall stop in Winona for a few months. You may address me here.

Yours respectfully,

H. H. Plautz
A H Plantz
Monta
Min.
March 27/58.
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Santon Stark Co. Ohio March 27 1857

Dear Sir,

I take the liberty to ask you to send me a copy of your report on the Le Compton Constitution if you can, and any other documents you wish to send me will be thankfully received. A proper distribution of proper documents in this locality would have a salutary effect in preparing public opinion for the campaign of 1860. I have not received a Patent Office Report for 1857 if you can supply me I will be thankful to you.

Is there any probability that the Le Compton Constitution will pass the House. The Le Compton men here claim that it will pass by five or six majority, and the North claim it will be defeated by fifteen.

Yours Respectfully,

A. Pontius

To Hon. Stephen A. Douglas
Lafayette, March 27, 1858

Dear Sir,

How Stephen A. Douglas

I shall feel under obligations to you if you will please send me a copy of your recent speech on the "Emancipation" measure.

Yours truly,

[Signature]

H. Royse

Laffayette, Ind.”
Mr. Stephen A. Douglas.

My Dear Sir: I have been a voter under the Government for 34 years. My first vote was cast for Gen. Jackson in 1824 again in 1832 for Gen. Clay in 1836-40 for Polk in 1844 for Gen.

Lincoln in 1846 for Gen. Fillmore in 1852 for Kansas in 1856 and from the above record I think my Democracy will not be questioned (and further from 1824 to this time have been an active working Democrat) and as yet have never asked an office at the hands of the Democratic Party, and I yet expect to work and act as I have always done, the Democrats and my motto has been the Union for Ever no North no South east as West but the Union for Ever.) I have fought Federalism, Antimasonic, Know-nothingism, nullification, abolitionism and intolerance in all its shapes and windings and still leave my hands up to fight on. Even though the Kansas bill first failed the Senate it's Decision is not with my entire approval. I thought it to be the very thing the very Wright of the North and the South demanded and further it was calculated to settle the strife of the North and the South about the slavery question by referring it to the people of the States and Territories where it belongs.

and further the great Principles of Self Government and Popular Sovereignty was at stake for thus giving to the settlers of Kansas all those just rights in accordance with the Spirit of Letter of our Constitution and the God
of Nature Designed and intended to mean in fact I had say her helping some of our great statesmen would bring forward some practical measure for the settlement of the great question that it must be Localized and the halls of Congress be freed from its irritation. When the bell came to my self Henry Brumback and Joe Hendrick were the only Democrats in this county who dared to stand out against political agitation and defend the bill. (May God avenge that) three other one year not one could be found who opposed it) but hard was the machinate of Liberty Laban it means we all took the blame we got our enemies everywhere in the county by the fire side in the store and where ever they would find me and arrived as we were with the principle of Truth and just and equal rights and the great Principles of Popular Sovereignty we put our enemies to flight we insured the hearts and Democrats of the Kansas Territory all with the principle of self government and popular Sovereignty until there was not a vestige left for our enemies - at this great sacrifice was the victory obtained.

I don't wish and say Lat and Bizy every where at home and abroad at the sacrifice of time and money to establish this great principle and again when the Convention Platform was laid through the delegates from the Republican States confirming the doctrine of Popular Sovereignty and insuring the Kansas out giving to the People of Kansas their just right to govern themselves to be set free to form their own Government and in their own way subject only to the Constitution of the U.S. I confess I felt proud that I belonged to the Democratic Party and was a butt of the Government but immediately our opponents rallied on the Democrats and the Government did not mean to let the people govern themselves that there would be no interference from the North with a slave state we all desired and every where said that the people should be set free to form their own Government without the interference of any other Power and when the people were set free to act should frame a Constitution and submit it to the people and they adopt it Kansas should come into the Union under it upon an equal footing with the other States whether their Constitution be for slavery or anti slavery as the case satisfied that I receive under heaven had the privilege to lay down my life for and upon this principle alone. James Buchanan knew my hat and without wishing a Philip in heaven he could never have him President of this Republic. Cast me out or let me lay that the day has gone by when Public Women can tamper with the rights of the People and shall you my words be the means by which they shall learn the necessity to transfer this temporal power to a higher authority in serving the nation.
Lament and grieve, my friends, when the people of New York will be held responsible to this country for his conduct yesterday, and the choice of Channing will no longer as the people will regard them and this says in good faith and I have been sorry to see such a wrong to generally upheld by others numbering it before than to do good it only drives lo the minds of the National Democracy at the North who has stood up and fought manfully, clear by clear with the same for their Constitutional Rights.

Now sir in conclusion let me say to you. Go on fearfully stand at your post until not one inch of ground let your standing be unfurled and to the bleed and as there is a God that rules and people high the destiny is yours and let me say to you that from my travels and personal experience and observation your hands will be upheld by Ninety nine out of One hundred of the democracy of the North and a large majority of Laboring class of the South. Bearing in mind all the time that it is better to be right than President (Still better to be both). Now Sir you will a great many upon me by sending on your speeches on the Newcomen friend and any other Doctorant you may have at home—I want them to stay up for future purposes for the Scott 4 years dies and Doctor has been misrepresented by John Sherman I have used no separatist to fit build and I am as true to my principles as ever.
C. S. Salsbury
Cardington
Morrow Co., Ohio
March 27, 1868.

Old Democrat
active in
Localties
House of Representatives
Washington, March 27, 1858

Hon. Stephen A. Douglas
Chairman Committee on Territories

Sir,

I desire to call your attention to the subject of the boundary line between Oregon and Washington Territories and to which I am informed your attention has been called by my predecessor Hon. J.P. Anderson;

Oregon has by her constitution as a state, included that portion of Washington Territory lying between the 46th parallel and the Snake River as a part of the state of Oregon.

The Constitution, however, in express terms, refers the matter of the boundary line between Oregon and Washington to Congress.

And as the Representative of Washington Territory, I with respectful request that Oregon by her act of admission, it provides with a boundary, that shall respect the present jurisdiction of Washington Territory.

I am for my esteemed,

You most honored,

Isaac I. Stevens

[Signature]
Extract from the Constitution of the State of Oregon

Article XVI Boundaries

But the Congress of the United States is providing for the admission of this State into the Union, may make the said northern boundary conform to the act creating the Territory of Washington.
C. M. Swift
Silver Creek
Chautauqua Co., N.Y.
March 27, 1858

C. M. Swift

Will you oblige me by sending me a few copies of your closing speech on Kansas.

Yours.O. Ser't.

C. M. Swift

Men.
S. A. Douglas
Senator
Washington
Elgin, Kane Co., Illinois, Mar. 27, 1858.

Mr. S. A. Douglas—

Will you gratify a friend of your policy by sending me your latest Senate Speech if published?

My profession is that of teaching, and hence I am very grateful for any means of acquiring knowledge. Will it be your pleasure to put my name on the list with those to whom you send the Reports and Publications of the Smithsonian Institute, of which you are a member?

Most respectfully yours,

James Sylla, A. B.

Elgin Academy, Elgin, Ill.
Chicago, Mar 27/58

Mr. J. A. Douglas,

I am desirous—

though a colored man, and old "type"—of reading your late speech in the Senate of U.S. And in order to have it pure and unadulterated from its Great Author, I have taken the liberty, then respectfully to ask you if you would Condescend to favor me with a COPY.

Colored man as I am, I trust I shall never so far profane myself, as to ask any respect or regard to distinguished talents, however much I may have regards to them as my Enemy. Your obt serv.

W. O. Wagoner
Pittsburgh, March 24th, 1858.

S. C. Wingard

Red Liver distribution package of 100 sets, contains 100 sets of speeches of 28.

Pittsburg, March 27, 1858.

Hon. S. A. Douglas

Said through the office, a package of 100 sets, and have distributed them judiciously. The people receive them gladly.

And they are laid in court room. The water is returned to.

You have not the board of assessment. The people are all with us. The Supreme Court is against us. This is the whole story told.

If you choose to lend me some of your notes, I shall write good man of them. Making the usual speeches. If you add some democratic principles, I am most highly yours.

S. C. Wingard