Mr. Stephen A. Douglas

Rear Sir,

I write you this letter for the purpose of requesting you to send me a copy of your last speech. By doing so you will oblige me very much.

Yours truly,

F. W. Hill
T W Bell
Washington College
Carlisle, Pa.
April 1858

Avant Speech
Bell Creek, N. T.

Hon. S. A. Douglas

Sir,

I will pay you the great honor to send me your speeches on the Leominster Constitution. You will by doing so oblige an admiring friend, one now under many obligations to your honor.

If it please your honor, you will direct to H. R. Benjamin
Bell Creek, Dodge County, N. T.
I will oblige your humble servant
H. R. Benjamin
J. R. Benjamin
Bell Creek
Lodge Co.
Nebraska,
April 1858,

Want, please.
Wyoming State Co. etc.

New Ia. Davenport

Senator, Iowa

Dear Sir,

I wish to obtain part 1st, 2nd and 3rd of the Patent Office Report for 1856 or 7. And I don't know of any person who would be more likely to favor me by sending them than the Ia. Senator. Although I didn't impose upon your time and patience - you will please grant my request and pardon me for this my first intrusion on your good nature.

Yours very respectfully,

C.W. Brown

P.S.

I would be pleased to distribute any letters or documents you are kind to send me for that purpose.

C.W.B.
W. Brown
Wyoming, St. Eq. Hts
Avenê 1858.
Want, Patft. Rep
Speech, to distribute

Santo
Campden Carroll to Indiana
Mr. J. A. Douglas

Send me twenty-five copies of your minority report and the indictment. Constitution want them for my particular democratic friends. Thompson below.

Sent 10 reports.

J. A.
Thompson Alice
Camden, Ind.
April 1858,

"Want, 20 Reports"
Memorandum.

Appointed 2d Bn. arty Mar. 3/47.


Samuel Cooper, Entered Mil. Academy 1854.

Pusley D. Craig, Entered Mil. Academy 1853.

Thomas E. Turner, Entered Mil. Academy 1853.

Lawrence Hile, Entered Mil. Academy 1853.
Left 1854. Appointed 2d Bn. 2d Artillery June 30. 1857.
Memorandum in Scenic
Presley Graves Case,

Confirmed
April 1858
St. Joseph, Missouri

Honorably,

Mr. Stephen A. Douglas

Sir, Please send me a copy of Conservative Party Platform. Expectation and obligations.

A. Douglas

Denver

Peter S. Schlechmeyer
Peter Mrs. E. S. Smith
St. Joseph's
Mr.
April 1858

[Signature]
R. Keister
Hon. S. A. Douglas

Sir,

You will please favor me with a copy of your speeches on the Kansas question.

Yours with respect,

J. W. C. McKinstry
Pittsburg, Penna.
J. M. McCarthy
Pettit's
21st
April 1858.
NATIONAL FOUNDRY.

Memorial of the Citizens of Cumberland and Allegany County, Md.

To the Honorable the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States.

The undersigned, a committee appointed at a public meeting of the citizens of the city of Cumberland, in the State of Maryland, to memorialize your Honorable Bodies on the subject of the location of a National Foundry, beg leave respectfully to state, that in the opinion of the undersigned, and we confidently believe that we may add, in the opinion of all men experienced in the manufacture of iron and of such articles as the United States Government will desire to manufacture at a National Foundry, the city of Cumberland possesses advantages which are unequaled at any point in the Union.

In the first place, the city of Cumberland is situated far enough in the interior of the country to be protected from the assaults of a foreign foe under all the contingencies of war.

In the second place, it is situated in a county abounding in bituminous coal of the best quality to be found on the continent, and in the midst of iron ore of every conceivable quality, and in quantities that are inexhaustible.

In the third place, wood is so abundant that its value is but nominal.

And in the fourth place, the city is situated at the terminus of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad, and at the terminus of the Pittsburg and Connellsville Railroad, and but a few miles from the junction of the Alexandra, Loudon and Hampshire Railroad with the Baltimore and Ohio. By all of these avenues a direct and speedy transit would be open to the government to every part of the Union.

In determining the proper site of a National Foundry, the controlling consideration is, "can you obtain the material in abundance, of the quality and character required?" In answering this inquiry, the undersigned can with great confidence answer in the affirmative. We have coal of a superior quality; for the purposes of a foundry, altogether inexhaustible, which can be delivered at the foundry at 70 to 80 cents per ton. The large or fourteen feet vein of coal produces a superior coke, and the six feet vein of coal works raw or uncooked as well as any anthracite coal. These facts in regard to the coke and the coal of the six feet vein have been fully proved by an experience of its use for several years.

In regard to the iron ores of the adjacent region, the undersigned can state that iron ores of every kind and description are found in abundance. Brown Hematite or pig iron is found in great abundance. This ore, mixed with ball ore, also found in large quantities in this region, produces an iron equal to any in the world, and is peculiarly adapted to casting cannon. The fossil ores immediately around Cumberland have been worked for many years, and have been found to produce a superior iron. The carbonate of iron in great abundance is found near Piedmont, Va., on the line of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad, 24 miles west of Cumberland. Within a circuit of thirty miles around Cumberland, embracing parts of Virginia, Maryland and Pennsylvania, iron ore of every description is found in great abundance, which can be brought to the city by the different railroads at a small cost.

Any one who is at all acquainted with this region of the country, knows that a large portion of it is heavily timbered, and that any amount of charcoal can be furnished at a cost not exceeding six to seven cents per bushel, delivered at the foundry. Cold blast charcoal iron of the first quality, can be manufactured here at from $21 to $32.50 per ton.

There are now in operation in this region a number of iron foundries. There are others building in Pennsylvania and Virginia, within a few miles of Cumberland, having direct communication by railroad with this point. The cannon ball manufactured at the Mount Savage Iron Works a few years ago, from ores in the immediate vicinity of Cumberland, was pronounced by the officers of the government of superior quality. The neighboring regions of Pennsylvania and Virginia, lying within thirty miles of this point, could produce any quantity of iron or iron ore. The Union Coal and Iron Company's Foundry, of Pennsylvania, is situated about 8 miles from this point, with railroad connection; the Vulcan Furnace, and the New Creek, of Virginia—the first at a less distance, and the second about 20 miles. These foundries, with the Mount Savage, the Lonaconing, and the Leno, of our own county, with others about to be erected, would furnish any desired quantity of iron at the lowest rates prevailing anywhere in this country.

A committee from the ordnance department of the government, a few years ago, after examination, reported that the best timber for gun carriages of large caliber was found in great abundance in Allegany County, Maryland, and in the neighboring counties of Virginia and Pennsylvania. Of the correctness of this report there can be no doubt.

The health of the city, with its pure mountain air, is beyond all controversy. The living is cheap, and the material for building nearly one-half less than in any other locality. Brick $4.50 per thousand, and lumber $1.25 to $1.50 per hundred feet. Limestone, stone and sand are abundant.

The undersigned do not ask that these statements be taken as true, but propose to send to Washington specimens of the different iron ores, to have them analyzed; and they ask that scientific men, and men having practical knowledge of the quality of different ores, may be sent here to verify the truth of the statements here made. Any one who is a judge of iron ore, coal and coke can very easily satisfy himself that all the material which will be required in a foundry is here, of the best quality, and in great abundance; and the undersigned feel well assured that upon investigation it will be found that the city of Cumberland offers more inducements for the location of a National Foundry, than any other point that can be selected in the whole Union.

THOMAS J. MCKAIG, GEORGE A. PEARRE, H. T. WELD.
T. S. RICHARDS, J. T. EDWARDS, THOS. DEYEMON.
J. B. GORDON, C. H. OHR, H. W. HOFFMAN.
JOHN BEALL, HENRY BRUCE, THOMAS PERRY.
LEWIS SMITH, A. L. WITHERS, G. W. CLARAUGH.
M. THIBBETT, DOUGLAS PEREY, W. W. MCKAIG.

George W. Cabell, Joseph Shriver, Aza Beall.
Mr. J. McNaig.
St. Andrews.
Cumberland
2nd April 1853,
Memorial
for National
Society there
S. M. Mullay
Greenfield
Ohio
April 1858

Beloved: S. M.

Greenfield, Ohio

Your letter of the 10th instant has reached me. I am very sorry to hear that your son has been taken ill. I hope he will recover soon. I have been very busy lately and have not had much time to write. I sends you this in answer to your letter.

I am
Very respectfully,

Stephen Douglas

P.S. I enclose a check for one hundred dollars. I hope you can use it.

John Mullany
Banger of Greenfield, Ohio.
will confer a lasting favor on me by complying with my request. I feel confident that I can do enough for you to satisfy you if will serve me in that way if you feel any way disposed of by living the same man I am a very large man six feet and a half feet high your attention to this will confer a lasting favor on you old friend yours with respect

S. M. Mulcahy
L Rey, McLean Co., Ills.

Sir,

I will be obliged if you will send me the volume containing the president's message and accompanying documents (as published by congress) for the last three years. I ask this favor because we live in an out of the way place where it is impossible for us to procure such documents in any other way. Any document relating in any way to the government or more particularly to the present administration, will be thankfully received.

I remain your friend,

J. C. Noble.
Dr. W. Noble
Le Roy
M. Scull Co. Hs.
April 1838.

Wants Pres'd.
Message - etc.

Sento
Haverhill, March 3rd, 1838

Sir,

As I am collecting the autographs of Honorable men, if convenient, please send me yours, and you will greatly oblige.

Dr. Leighton, Ontnawy.
April 1858

Hon. A. J. Douglas

Dear Sir,

I will you this short note, for the purpose of obtaining your speech, delivered before the Senate upon the "President's message" which you by so doing will greatly oblige.

Yours very truly,

Mr. J. Phillips

Athens, Georgia

Athens, Ga.
Mr. Phillips
Athens
April 56. Go
Want to Leeds
Washington, Armstrong County, Pennsylvania

My dear Sir, I congratulate you upon the triumph of freedom and the fine & liberal speech in the senate just before Lexington was passed would you be so kind as to send me a copy of that speech. I will just say that I received your other papers. Yrs, Yours truly,

John W.stem
Samuel Scott
George W. Trull
John W. Ramsay  
Washington  
Armstrong Co  
30 Apr 1  
1858  

Want Spero  

Worthington
Hon. Stephen A. Douglas
Washington, D.C.

Sir— As Senator of our State
I appeal to you. Admiring you as a statesman
and believing you to be a gentleman of virtue
to make this appeal. I hope you will not deem
improper. My forefathers were among the earliest
settlers of New England. They helped subdue
the forests and the indians down to the revolution.
I had three uncles in the revolutionary war.

Commencing under Gen. Washington at the battle
of Long Island. One of them of them was taken
prisoner and served his term in the old Jersey
prison ship. My father, Mr. Randall was for
many years an associate judge of the county court
of New London Ct. At the battle of Stonington
he was the acting Commander. The guns in the
battery were served by volunteers. I served as
a volunteer in this gun batter. During three
weeks I helped gather the shot. Our flagstaff
was shot down, one carriage wheel was knocked
off. This fence in our rear was so perforated
with shot that you could not turn a half
bushel over it without covering a shot hole.
We drew our gun on the ridge and opened on
the frigate appointed Capt. Sim. Hale as our
Commandant. We killed the frigate so
she dropped her cable and drift out of the
reach of our shot.
It is now nearly four years since I left my native State. I came here with seven sons and a daughter. Have led a pioneer's life. I have been unfortunate; have been burned out; have lost all my property. I ask now of government to give me a parcel of land that we can call our own. We are union men. We want a parcel of land that we can call our own say 10,000 acres or less according to the gift of government. We have no land. We are landless. Perhaps I might raise your 1000 names, but what good would it do you. I appeal to you simply as I am.

I subscribe myself,

Frederick Randall

Aurora, Kane Co., Ill.

P.S. If necessary I can raise any amount of names of the best citizens in the town.
Jedediah Randall
Alwood, Marq Co., Ills.
April 1855.

Old Soldier
of Revolutionary
Amer. Illinois.
Pioneer with
seven Sons.

Wanted Land
from Gov't.
C T Rowell,
Kansas M H.
April 1858

Wants Reporter.

L Y Ellinger
Hannock, N Y 27th 1858

Hon. A J Douglas
Dear Sir

Will you please send me a copy of the "Minority Report on the Kansas Constitution" if you have one at your disposing?

I am sir,

Your Obt. Servant
C T Rowell.
Carpentersville, Putnam County, Indiana

Honor to Stephen A. Douglas

Dear Sir: I wish you to send to my address some of your speeches & decisions on the Le campton question for the purpose of distributing them as many other speeches as you think will be of interest. Our post office has been crowded with greens, reports, and the like which has been lent out by J. D. Bright. A letter from J. D. Davis of the lower house has done well yours in the hands of Democracy.

H. M. Stringer

Carpentersville, Indiana
Thos M Stringer
Carpentersville
Idea,
April 1838

Agents speedily
for distribution

20 Pts
To J.A. Douglas

Dr. Sir,

I would be pleased to have packages of your several speeches bearing your frank for distribution in our state.

Your position upon the Kansas question is appreciated in Maryland. You will find when the time comes that Marylanders will fully endorse her representatives. Davis, Harris, Ricardo, if you were a good native (as well as a good friend of popular sovereignty and states rights) she would endorse you.

Can't you stand upon the platform of "America for Americans"

Very respectfully yours

Ed. J. Thomas
Athens Ga. April

Dear Sir,

We take the liberty of addressing these few lines to request of you to send me two copies of your Springfield Speech, and a copy of your Speech on the President's Message delivered Dec. 9th 1857. We will be glad if you will send us two complete constitutions of the U.S. if you will be so kind as to state the price of them, we will send it to you by mail. We have read your able speeches and consider them most valuable and hoping that we may yet become public men desire to have copies of them to keep for our special use and benefit.

We will be happy to
receive any speeches, or any public articles you wish to send. Would feel complimented if you will place our names on your list.
We hope you success through life, & hope that you will yet be deemed with the highest honor as of our not to Comply. America directs the things you send to either of us,
End believe, Dear Sir,
We remain Your Most obedient Servants,
N. Ferguson Hony.
Winfield Scott R. Philips.

To Hon. A. Douglas
Washington City
J. W. Carnegie, 
Athens, Ga., 
April, 1858,

Wants Speedo's.
Hon. S. A. Douglas

Sir, you would oblige me if you would send me a copy of the speeches made by you on the "Leesport Constitution" in the Senate, printed if can be done without inconvenience & cost to prepared

Address

W. A. Thompson
Half Moon P. O. Centre Co.
Penn.
H. A. Thompson
Half Moon
Centre Co
April 17, 1858
Pa,
Speech
Chas. D. Velie
Rock Island, Ill.
April 1858

Jack Island, Ills
Horo. A. Douglas
Dr. Sir,

Please have the kindness to lend me a copy of the Explorations & Survey for a Rail Road Route from the Mississippi River to Pacific Ocean by your doing you will confer a great favor.

Chas. D. Velie
Edward Dinton
North Woodstock
Crit.
April 1858

Autograph.

Edward Channing Dinton
North Woodstock
Conn.

North Woodstock, April
Hon. Stephen Douglas
Would not be
so kind as to find me your
Autograph by so kind, you
will send a great labor
upon you, you'll have your
Edward D. Dinton
North Woodstock
Conn.
Private Susan [illegible],

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

My Dear Sir,

After my last leave of absence, I wrote to say that you
were very busy looking after public documents at New York
instead of Congress. I know I may have to get them because those sent
here at Congress are not forward to me here.

Can you send me a copy of the Report, Maps, &c., also a
prompt copy of all your public acts touching the Nebraska Question.

Here copies of the Congressional Globe.

If you haven't, you may send them to your friend [illegible] for
Anticipate or expect

How are you? I then sent me

a few speeches, but I have been but

poorly prepared for during this session.
of Congress. I have a fine practice on land, and am well off and in good health. My only regret is that I cannot be of service to you directly in my own way. I hope you will be successful in your endeavors.

I enclose with this a copy of a paper I wrote recently. I believe it will be of interest to you. Please let me know if you have read it and what you think of it.

Please feel free to write me and let me know if there is anything you need.

Yours truly,

[Signature]

[Note: The handwriting is difficult to read, but the main message is about the writer's health and the enclosed paper. The signature is illegible.]