Rockford April 7th 1858

Mr. Douglas

Dear Sir,

My object in addressing you is to obtain a copy of your late speech in the U.S. Senate against the Compromise Constitution. I have watched the papers closely for the last two weeks in hope of finding a full copy, but have not yet seen nothing but a telegraph report which is necessarily very imperfect. You will confer a favor on me by forwarding me an imperfect copy to my address.

Allow me, Sir, in this connection to express my approbation of the course you have pursued during this struggle.

Yours truly, G.W. Banes
J. M. Barnes
Berkford
April 1858
Monte Alceste
Wyandott, April 7, 1858

How S.A. Douglas U.S.I.

My dear sis, 

Last night the steamer brought up the glad news of the defeat of Lecompton in the House (or rather what we regarded as equal to a defeat) our Cif was at once in a blaze the people collected on the Hill by the Eldridge House, drum of life and a torch light procession with loud calls for me, and the occasion forced me from my sick room in the open air, to speak to the vast crowd, I could not do less than my duty to you, and attenden, and I now feel it my proudest duty to say to you as an old friend of 23 years standing that
Mme. Milahy
Weyandtto
Kansas
April 1758

Greetings,
John Doe
More than thank you from the bottom of my heart for your able and skilful management of Kansas and our rights to which involved in the daring attempt to strike us down. Your position now is truly a proud one, as I told the people last night, that you could remove mountains and any opposition.

Then Ben, I congratulate you, and your friends, and desire you to accept my thanks. I am in poor health and may never see you again. Therefore I desire to assure you that for all past differences between you and me upon political views, I am disposed as much to regret as I am to forgive; and if Providence should spare me much longer to enjoy

Your friend, I will afford me the highest pleasure to aid the multitude in doing honor to the Champion of the Rights of the People and to join at your command whenever I am commissioned to testify my greatfulness to your renewing my former friendship to you as in old times.

I remain truly and faithfully yours,

M. McLoughin

[Signature]
Winchester Ill April 7th 1858

My Dear Mr. Douglas,

Dr. [illegible] I wish to give you the name of Mr. G. F.  who is a considerate man here. He is fine lawyer and politician. He left the American party some twelve months ago, and came out for Douglas and the Democratic party, and is fighting Mansfield. He wishes you to send him documents that the may be posted when the fight comes off this fall. I assure you that he is all right and will do good service in the next campaign—everything is just in little Scott.

Yours truly,

J. A. Eddings
J. W. Edings
Manchester
May 4, 1859

Went Speech
for A. G. Burr.
To the Honorable,

Frederick Douglass, M.C., U.S. Senate

Sir: I have the honor to inform you that I have had a transaction with Mr. Ross, which has lasted over thirty years and is yet unfinished, and also to state to you that I will put Mr. Buchanan into your hands (now, if you wish), if you will in return do a very little business for me at Washington, which will occupy a very little time, and which I will name to you if you wish to have Mr. Ross in your hands in such a manner that you can control him, and if you let me know it by return mail, only as I have some reason to expect, especially if any suspicions should arise at [Washington that an] claim writing to you] either [my communication to you or yours to me should be intercepted you are not supposed for that because am a female I misjudge about what I can do. I have excellent counsel.

I have the honor to be, sir,
With the highest respect and consideration
you have Peter Frary.

Norwalk, Connecticut, 7th April 1858

P.S. In case that you wish to see into this, you will be referred to some one in the W. O. or the files of the Department concurred with another.
Betsey Hawley,
Norwalk, Ct.
April 7, 1858,

P.S. Offer $50 to information about Mr. Buchanan.
New York

Hamilton Apr 755

Hon. S. H. Douglas

Dear Sir,

Will you please forward me a copy of your speech made in Congress this winter & if you have on your production other anti-slavery speakers will you be so kind as to forward me copies. Please forward the Hamilton Anti-slavery Bills.

Yours Very Truly,

C. E. Holmes

Hamilton N.Y.
Confidential

St. Louis, April 20, 1858

Hon. A. S. Douglass

Dear Sir,

I have been appointed to a circuit court for one month, and had intended to go there to have certain papers referred to a friend of mine in the office of the War Department, but my health would not permit. I am still so sick that I must post this letter very briefly. In July last I went to Washington for the purpose of bidding for a contract to furnish the Gov. with mules for the Whir Expedition. I called at the Gov. office and presented all the information required to enable me to bid in accordance with the requirements of the Department. I accordingly put in a bid on behalf of myself. On January 2nd I was furnished mules, as specified in the contract, by the Gov. party. I also furnished letter to show my standing and ability to fulfill the contract of accordance. The offer to furnish such mules was accepted, and the proposal was for certain and fifty-five dollars each. This bid I have been informed was the lowest bid made by any responsible party. After consideration the bidding Department changed its policy, preventing that which over bid was in contract, and not to give to certain favorites of the Department. Therefore the Secy. of War authorized certain individuals in the State (who had bid for contract, but whose bids were higher than mine) to purchase mules for the Gov. and agree to buy them as I have been already informed twenty five cents lower on the mules which they should purchase, without bidding them to the price which persons specified for the mules. By my knowledge Col. Hutchins of this city purchase one hundred mules of January and May. Colonel one for which he paid an equal to buy one hundred and twenty-five dollars each. The mules have been delivered under this contract. These
you will see that by this arrangement the Govt and
very twenty-dollars a head for about ten thousands.
more than we agreed to purchase them for, the
pay nothing of the twenty per cent required to be paid
to the rate of the department for making them
some chose, what the most recent and specia-
late arrangements with that the Govt can easily be Cal-
culated. The party know that I knew to be true and
in my opinion ought to be repaired and the treaty of
War should be disposed for very cheap and confir-
in office.

You know I am and ever have been a democrat
I am friendly to the Administrators, but I do not feel
that because I am a democrat that I am obliged to
support all sorts of bad policy, I trust you will
not take steps to enforce the project of compelling
me to sign my letter to the Dept of War, I informed him that
of the letters which I had forwarded him were not the
factory I would give him any thing he might design
as to our ability to pursue the contract, Col.
John O'Quinn of Texas, wrote a letter to the Gen. Henry
and requesting him to give us the contract and offered
to go over treaty for its being fulfilled. You know that
this kind would be perfectly good for a million of dollars
and perhaps double that amount. I am sure not well
enough to explain. I don't wish to be known in this matter
especially as all the information can be had without my
name appearing in any manner.

I may otherwise expect to be just justified in refusing to pay, those who have purchased sales for the Govt. The depen-
dent sectors, a reasonable compensation for their efforts for
such sales would be a liberal compensation.

I am at my residence in the country and the in the use
of paper to my leisure you will understand I have
ever not having had a different subject, With best wishes
for you and yours. I remain truly yours,

Your obedient,

[Signature]
Mrs. Hudson

St. John's

York City, May 18th

Enclosed is a true copy of a

[Handwritten text not legible]
Mt. Vernon, April 7th, 1858

Hon. O. H. Douglas
Sir:

There is a great many Democrats in this county who wish to see your speech on Lexington, would you send me a few so we can distribute them.

Yours Respectfully,

John Brown
Mt. Vernon
Knox Co.
Ohio.

N.B. Burns is dead in this district.
Chicago April 7 1858

To W.S. Molony

Washington

...in the free District here... I cannot

Our climate is so... It is
growing... favorable to an

Journey since the

no word... to Town...

hail direct from... Came

tell me that it is and... He... will

friendly to give... from

Southern Illinois... Your friendly

love claim... longer men... this... But... I... for

the train to go... to... to... Illice... Please

look to me... in Washington

Respectfully

W.S. Molony

[Signature]
My friends here propose to call the Convention to not go into Primary Election business or any other business.

I am a member of the Convention but have not been chosen to be a delegate. I am hearing that the movement is not going to go ahead. I believe the Convention will do better in Chicago than in the main.

One of the things is that some people are not working as much as they should. Some of them seem to be doing less. I am friends to do everything they can to help.

I have confidence that all will be well.
W. J. Maloney
Chicago
April 18...

Political
Lori J. North
Chicago
April 16, 1887
acknowledges receipt of fund.

[Signature]

January 7, 1887

[Signature]

To Mr. J. A. Daggs,

The two packages came to hand and I do assure you that I received them with much pleasure and I am very pleased with the contents.

I see after all that Sunday being July 4th 1883, I kept the feast of my uncle. I think it lasted Monday should not please you for ever after Concord from the Battle I lost the station near for election.
Sir, 

I am desirous of being informed whether or not it will be possible for me to receive the 

in this City, Mr. B. 

This will oblige, 

Very respectfully yours, 

[Signature]

To Mr. Horace J. Douglass
W. H. Pollock
Boston
May
April 7, 1858

Autographs

Hon. Stephen B. Douglas
U.S. Senator

Boston April 7, 1858

Dear Sir,

I am now collecting the autographs of distinguished persons. If you will have the kindness to send me yours, I shall be greatly indebted to you.

Yours very truly,

W. H. Pollock
Carbondale, Ill.,
April 7, 1856

Mr. S. A. Douglas,
Dear Sir,

I would be thankful if you could favour me with copy of your speeches, report on Kansas, & LeCompton Ins-stitution, as I have not been able to procure them, and wishing to preserve them in book form, hence, and oblige

Yours truly,

Louis. Page,

a Douglas Democrat.
Hon. S. A. Douglas:

Dear Sir,

I have not yet seen your speech on the Kansas Bill, delivered on the evening previous to the Senate vote on that Bill. Will you have the goodness to send me a copy?

With much esteem,

Your obedient servant,

Pittstown, N. Jersey

April 7th, 1858

Henry Race
Bear River
Pittstown
April 11th
Speech
Derby, April 1858

Honest Sir:—I am looking over some old papers. I found among them an old Leigh's Commercial Standard, printed at Hickman, Ky., 1847. In it is a letter written by James Buchanan, which I take the liberty to send to you. I think it might possibly be of some service to you in the present crisis.

I have taken this liberty of writing to you on the strength of our being members of the great and true democratic party, and of our being school boys together. Then you live in Madison, W. and I am a tutor at the school.

I am respectfully, Yours,

J. C. Rutherford, M.D.

To Mr. G. A. Douglas.
J. Buthetford
Desley
April 1788

redues an article
i letters of Mr.
Buchanan

U.O.
Mr. Vine 17  
Apr 5/54

Dear Sir: Today is an event in Kansas.  

This morning House Speaker of the House in the House of Representatives Kansas announced: 

Mr. Whiteley pag it just an honest, if the Senate comes we shall have peace. I want your late speech and already promise. The curiosity I would like to have to be spread.

Yours respectfully

E. Smith
C. Shattles, April 27, 1858

Mr. A. S. Douglas
Washington
Mail 3

Millsboro 2 April 3

W.
Washington, April 7, 1858

Mr. A. J. Douglas

Dear Sir:

I send you the first copy of your speech I have received. I was informed at the State office that it had been current among you, and suppose it is all right. I allow you to congratulate yourself on this speech, as I think it the best effort you have made. If you require any corrections please return the copy I send as soon as possible.

Yours respectfully,

[Signature]

P.S. I will see you at the Senate to-morrow.
Sen. Towers
Washington, D.C.

ends copy
of speech
Manchester April 4th
Political Speech

Manchester No. 4, April 7, 1858

Hon. A. Douglas,

Will you favor

me with a copy of your speech

on Secession and estip

James July

Samuel Upton
Fred. Maine, Apr. 17th 1858

Hon. Stephen A. Douglas

Dear Sir:—Here tofore if I had any favors to ask of members of Congress I have addressed those from my own state; but as the members from Maine have been quite liberal in sending documents I thought I would take the liberty to request of you as a favor to send me your speech on the Lecompton Constitution. I have seen it highly praised in the columns of the press and long to read it for myself that I may judge of its merits. I have received the arguments of the various Republican members; now I wish to read those a Democrat a Statesman gives. The subject now before the Con.

Tog is fraught with most mo
imminent consequences to the country and to the human race. I am doing my utmost to become acquainted with all the bearings of the question.

If you will be so kind as to grant my request I shall ever remain, with high respect,

Your ol f. serv't,

Martin L. Whittin

To Hon.

Stephen A. Douglas
U. S. Senator.
Martin J. Whitten
St. Croix, W.
April 7, 1858.

Hearts, Speedo.