New York April 12, 1855

Hon. S. A. Douglas
Senator in Congress

My dear Sir,

As you are no doubt well advised of all that is passing in Illinois, politically otherwise, while I through other means, have given little at consideration and...
I have strongly sympathized in this feeling. Indeed when I supposed a candidate for your place has I am told so expected himself and Arnold Kennedy to the State. I am told he has a like feeling. If so in Chicago probably more so elsewhere in the States. I have looked upon it that’s the great issue in which you are so rightly engaged. must overvall all the past, if properly directed, bring all its advantages everywhere into his monitions and successful actions without any peril compromising the cause of any - some of the Republican
friends, ambitions, &c. pretty strong in position. I would prefer that this should not be so. I claim that it is not a wise or right movement and they expect confidence in the opinions that I hold. Harmony of opinions; party can take place, the prominent ground not exposed for that belief, is that the State Conventions soon to meet in Illinois, will be made of almost, or quite exclusively of Anti-Lecompton Democrats. If they make on meeting, make full nominations in disfavor of Republicans, will elevate the Kanzas Nebraska Bill &c. Endorse the Civil-Platonic &c. thus make it necessary for Republicans to make
full issue with them. The public are no doubt becoming generally disposed to accede to the doctrine that every state shall determine for itself as to its institutions, but the Repeal of the Missouri Compromise and the consequent exposure of Kansas to slavery is what is so obnoxious at the North. Now if the Somerset State Convention on assembling could discreetly present the popular principles of every state determining for itself as to its institutions, without mentioning the Kansas Nebraska bill by name or alluding to the Cicero platform to which Buchanan’s administration has done no credit
That so disregarded if not degraded - it would go far towards some reconciliation of existing differences.

And if the Convention in Meeting could devise some means like adjournment, invitations or other wise to have a conference with the Republicans I am undecided with as to a division of offices to result in your future by General Conant - all might be well - I do not perceive however to understand the public feeling of Illinois or of any party in it and do not as I have already stated claim consideration for my suggestions, but if

of any service in aid of the cause I have the pleasure to extend.

Would it not be well also for the Chicago Times to confine itself strictly to the advocacy of its principles without taking much interest of a notice of any notice of what the Pea Tribune or other papers may say for the present.

The State Register also, some of your warm friends in Chicago too, have occasionally unnecessarily expressed themselves too strongly in reference to the Anti-Secundum Republicans in a way to prove their ideas. Mr. Morrill perhaps among them, but for all this I am aware that your votes in no way responsible.

With my very kind regards to Mrs. Doug
lap, for whom my recent
acquaintance has left
so many favorable in
pressing—I remain for Sir

Very truly yours,

W. T. Agden,

P.S., I do not write this
with a view to answer
nor expect one—State
if for any cause you
should desire my
address while here it
is—

Cane Cane Plate
12 Wall Street N.Y.
Mufflin Apr 12th 1836
To Stephen J. Douglas Esq.

Having acted with the Democratic party since my arrival in this country, I could not as a matter of course but share my favorites like all other men. I have watched all your actions since 1830; and have felt, though a poor man, that if you would only continue to be sincere and consistent, in your course that is of advocating and maintaining the true principles of popular sovereignty, as far as regards our entirr states, and especially Kansas, without being controlled by any power, even the Chief Magistrate of this nation, I am glad to see you rise above the storm, and still hope the principals you advocate may come of more than thunders. As a moment of my respects to you as a man I have a work one hundred years old, which has for its title, The Present State of Europe. This is in 1837 or the balance of power of the world, if it will be a rarity or do anything I will send this to let you know that there is one among many in the village of Mufflin that as for this mostly honesty of purpose and consistency of political character, if you will accept such an ancient from my hands send by return of mail and I will forward it to your own address, excuse my hesitating on your time.

Yours truly, William Ratliff
Mufflin Town Coo.
Marquette Field.
Nashville.
Tenn.
April 14, 1858.

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A desire, to present
an old book,
printed in 1759,
entitled,
"The Present State
of Europe."

[Handwritten numbers and symbols]
Manchester, N.H.
April 12, 1858.

David L. Perkins

Fort.
Manchester, N.H.
April 12, 1858.

Dear Sir,

I am anxious to procure a copy of your late speech delivered in the United States Senate upon The Secompact Constitution. Also of published in Pamphlet-Form. You reply to the speech of Mr. Bigelow. My forwarding same to my address as requested you will confer a special favor upon

An humble & devoted friend
David L. Perkins

Hon. Douglas
Washington.
Low Price
Chicago, Ill.
April 12, 1858

Political

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Dear Mr. Douglas

[Handwritten text]

[Signature]
CoR Lick to Inform us
will come to Delgation
also, but the will not be admitted. 
for the reason We had the Joint action
of both committees in
the case, so they are
to be Delgation. I have
and have a disposition on
the part of to Disorganize
the party. Every county
must. We have from this
and so with the County
for complete Delgation.
My opinion is, that there
will not be a complete
man in the canvass.
Yours Respectfully,
Williams Paine.
Sandusky, Ohio
April 12th, 1851

Hon. Stephen A. Douglas

Dear Sir,

Having no friend in Congress which favors us with Public Documents or Democratic speeches (or anything else)

Will you please allow me in behalf of a few of your friends to present their names, assuring you that anything received from your hand will be most thankfully received and deemed a favor.

If you will add: Wildman, Mills, Fred Moody,

J. A. Allee, Mrs. A. Boudinot, George Gregg, McCalley,

Clark, Reid, Henry Shumard. W. J. Coxe, B. F. Ferris.

Looking forward to the day when we shall have the pleasure to reciprocate in our way.

I am truly yours,

[Signature]

P.S.

Allow me to add, the name of Warren, W. H. Steel, S. W. Steel, etc.

A. H. Campbell of Stirlingville
A.W. Rootze
Sandusky
Ohio
April 12/58

Wants Speeches
for Names within
W. E. Richardson
Apt. No. 1
Utica, Ill.
April 14, 1858.

Mrs. Specher, Esq.

Honor S. A. Douglass

I would be happy to receive a copy of your last speech on the admission of Kansas and such other documents as you may see fit to send.

Yours Humbly,

W. E. Richardson
Apt. No.
Galena 12th April 1858

Dr. Eddy:

I beg leave to enclose to you a notice relative to meetings held.

I am sorry to inform you that the principal persons in getting up the so-called Buchanan Party, some of whom I consider should be the last to have to do in the above part, because I know the office held was obtained through your influence. But some men will turn every day for an office and it is the more than I expected. I have had an idea that they were not true men. The reason why I have not appeared volubly more in their public meetings...
If you have any influence with the President, I should like to be accepted with a full Volunteer Company for any service. Or you may obtain it through Mr. James Shields, who I expect is your friend.

I have no other desire but an appointment in the Army, and I suppose I must wait until your are the Chief of this great Nation. I would like to say much more but I am unwell to-day.

Yours Humble Servant

Mr. A. Sampson

Hon. S. A. Douglas

Washington
LOCAL DEPARTMENT.

The Buchanan Party.
Saturday morning handbills were bountifully distributed through the city, of the following import:

Grand Rally!

Of the National Administration Democrats, in favor of supporting James Buchanan, against the opposition of Black Republicans, Democrats and Know Nothings, at the Court House, to night at 7 o'clock. The meeting will be addressed by Messrs. McGinnis, Howard, Marvin, Robertson, Shissler and Jackson.

The precipitate and proscriptive action of the meeting of last Saturday night, will be exposed and 18 Delegates selected to attend the County Convention at Scales Mound.

By order of the Committee.

The meeting referred to above was held at the Council Chamber Saturday, the 4th instant. Henry Marfield was Chairman, and H. G. Crouch, Secretary. The following gentlemen were appointed by the meeting Delegates to the County Convention at Scales Mound, next Wednesday. There is undoubtedly a large sprinkling of Anti-Lecompton men, among them, and this accounts for the second call, in language as above.


The following are the names of the delegates appointed at the meeting at the Court House last Saturday evening, to represent the interests of Mr. Buchanan at the convention to be held at Scales Mound next Wednesday:

LEGAL ADVERTISEMENTS.

TRUSTEE'S SALE.

By virtue of a Deed of Trust to me executed by Lawrence Connolly, recording date the first day of September, 1856, to secure the payment of a certain sum of money therein mentioned, which said deed is recorded in the Recorder's office of the said County of Jo Daviess and State of Illinois, in book Ko, page 337 and 338, default having been made in the payment of said sum of money, I will sell at public sale to the highest bidder for ready money, on Tuesday, the 29th day of April, 1858, between the hours of 10 and 12 o'clock A. M. of said day, at the Court House in Galena, in said County, all the right, title and interest of the said Lawrence Connolly in and to the property therein mentioned and described, to wit: A lot of land being a part of the South East quarter of section number thirty-five (35) township number twenty-nine (29) north, range one (1) west of the fourth (4th) principal meridian, and containing thirty-three 99-100 acres more or less, and known and described as lots number eleven (11) in N. Stillman's subdivision of the south east quarter of section thirty-five (35) and the south west quarter of section thirty-six (36), all in the township twenty-nine (29) north, range one (1) west of the fourth principal meridian, according to a plat of the same on record in the Recorder's office in Jo Daviess County, Book One of Deeds, page five.

Galena, March 16, 1858.

WM. A. JORDAN, Trustee.

STATE OF ILLINOIS
JO DAVIESS COUNTY

In Circuit Court to the May term A. D. 1858.

SARAH HASTINGS

vs.

JOHN HASTINGS

The defendant, John Hastings, hereby notified that a bill for divorce has been filed against him by said Sarah Hastings, in said Court, and summons issued against said defendant, returnable to the May term 1858, and that an affidavit of non-residence of said defendant has been filed as required by law; now, therefore, unless you, the said John Hastings, shall appear at such term of said Court, at the Court House in the City of Galena, on the third Monday in May, next, when said summons is returnable, and plead, answer or demur to said bill, the same will be in all things taken for confessed and ex parte for hearing.

Galena, March 11, 1858.

WM. R. ROWLEY, Clerk.

BOSTWICK & CUMMINGS, Sol. for Compt.

NOTICE is hereby given to all persons interested that we will apply to the County Court for the County of Jo Daviess and State of Illinois for release of the Bond of William Whitson and Allen Whitson, as Administrators of Zachariah Whitson, deceased, when and if all persons can appear and show cause to the contrary they have.

HOLSTED & TOWNSEND.

ABRAHAM S. BRITAN.

Securities on said Bond of Whitson and Whitson, Admrs. of Z. Whitson.

Galena, March 10, 1858.
Madison, Wis., April 12th, 1858

To the Honorable S. A. Douglas

My Dear Sir,

You will excuse me for troubling you with a matter that is of great importance in the West. That is a Bankrupt Law at the present time when every thing is prostrating the hard working men need something to get them out of the dilemma they are in. The whole West is bankrupt at this time in Illinois there has been since January first 200 failures for over 50,000,000 of dollars I have no doubt about most of them. Honest men want something to rid them
of their Encumbrances these men are business men of what it is now if these men had something that would wipe out all the old they could start again without a dollar and prosperity would follow. Emigration would follow. Everything would have new life. Now Sir in regard to Decampion the stand you have taken in that matter I need not tell you it is won for you in the hearts of the people a position most worthy. I have mailed my flag to the mast with your name at its head and never shall it come down till I see you the Chief Magistrate of this Great Nation.
Portland, Oregon
12th April 1880
My dear Sir,

Will you be good enough to have your clerk put the
down in your book among those the when you send
Ske. Doe's. I have again

returned here to see and
and will be glad, if it
will be of all interest to
you, to have you in any
way to forward me when
my affairs there.

In July we have a
session of our State
Legislature, and to effecting
the Ad Mission into the
Union. We are strongly

Justus Steinberger
Portland, Oregon
Democratic, in another

has been. He say so.

I found a good

deal of his affection in

one quarter. What is

his quarter in a knot

or part of to forestall

let it is partly generally

preceded that he will

just as Democratic

sir.

Please remember me

to yours truly,

My friend yours

Yours faithfully,

John Smith

Mr. J. H. Proctor

Washington

Cto.
Buffalo, April 12, 1858

Mr. S. H. Douglas
Washington, D.C.

I have waited patiently for your last check to come out in form of your letters but it has failed to appear. Would it be possible for me to get it from you. No doubt you are troubled in the same way by thousands but I am a Douglas man. Yours truly, Respectfully,

Spencer Stone

I would also like a Douglas letter if this is our printed in Washington for which I will buy a year subscription in most of the first copies.
Spencer Stone
Buffalo, N.Y.
April 12, 58.

Wants Speech.
A Douglas
Paper will
pay a year sub.
in advance.
Grovel Stout,
Wooster, Ohio,
April 12, 1858.

Thanks for speeches
& documents.

Mr. Stephen A. Douglas,
Sir,

You will please accept thanks for
the speeches and documents.
Respectfully yours,

Grovel Stout.
Henderson, Ky. April 12th, 1851

Sir!

We would be under great obligation to you, for copies for each of us, of your report on the Secession question, & all of you speeches before the Senate on that subject. We regard them as indispensable to an enlightened determination of that question.

Respectfully yours,

Hon. D. A. Douglas,
A. P. Vance,

Harvey Heaman
S. R. Vance
Harvey Yeaman
Henderson, Ky.
April 14/58,

[Handwritten text which is not legible, possibly a note or signature.]
Centre, April 12, 1858

Mr. Lincoln
Centreville, Ill.

April 12, 58

Political

Mr. Lincoln,

Honor and Mr. Douglas,

Dear Sir,

Allow your friend to draft you this little word of regard and commendation to you, for the course you have taken and maintained in the Senate on the great question of “popular sovereignty.” I have seen some extracts of your recent speech upon the passage of the “Comptroller’s Bill” through the Senate, and would be very happy to have this happiness of delivering it in extenso.

You will confer a great favor on your friends by this chapter of Michigan by sending us some copies of your speeches for circulation.

We are beginning to move.
One arrangement for the faithful
and successful prosecutions of the
upcoming fall gubernatorial campaign
having to use committees all over
in every town to look after the
interests of the party. It is
necessary to say that all the
Democrats of this faction are with
you when the season is ripe
and will stand by you until you
shall have achieved the greatest
victory ever gained by a single
man! Under the present system
about here are Anti-Jeffersons
and are bold in expounding the
true doctrines of the Kansas Bill
without the fear of being ousted
out of office by those who are no
friends of the President. God help
us in the hour of need.

We are truly
happily that our Senator is
holding on the side of right,
believing it is the only principle
by which we can ever carry the
republican is our state. We
are glad that you are so greatly
supported by the whole delegation
from Illinois in Congress and
may Owen. Your oft vote to
continue your Thompson free
coverage and the people will
soon return a verdict in
your favor and that very
overwhelmingly and emplastically
the present law may, which
will be an usher into the
grand campaign of ’88 when
the people will send me again
carrying you into the Presidency.
I close by saying that I am truly
and willingly to take the field for
your behalf whenever the proper
time shall have arrived.

 yours truly,

No. Grenson, Wisconsin
I have the honor to present my respects to you and to request the assistance of your late convention in the proceedings of our late convention. I remain your obedient servant,

[Signature]

[Date]

Hon. J. A. Douglas,

Dear Sir,

I am under many obligations to you for many favors and am happy to inform you that old J. A. Douglas sustains you in your opposition to the Lecompton Constitution. We have not over 20 Lecompton men in this county, and L. W. Ross, L. J. Ross, and Robert Pavee are among the number. Thus we regret but can not help it our county conference was harmonious and elected 14 of your best friends delegates to the State.
Convention we will elect two of your friends to the legislature from this county, without doubt. I think we will nominate Joseph Tegeler & Henry Walker, I will be nominated for Sheriff without opposition and I will spend all my time in canvassing for the ticket. A large portion of the Republican Party will support me for Sheriff as they have on former occasions, but I feel more interest in having two of your friends elected to the legislature.

I think you have better send documents to Mr. Greenblit instead of J.M. Russell to finance his distribution. Mr. Russell is an able man as does not trouble the interest. He should any documents you have to distribute in this section I will get them in the right hands if instructed to my care. Send me some of your little Neeckes.

Also send J P Marshall some document to Srappe for himself he was formerly a Whig but is now doing us good service and is a warm friend of yours.
Hon. Stephen A. Douglas

Of I am not intending myself to much on your time and attention I will you favor me with your speeches on the Lecompton Constitution as a guide a hand book for true Democracy for all will find the masses of the Democracy are with you and will uphold popular sovereignty in the letter

Apr 12 1858

Your Humble Servt

Marcellus Woodward

Bedway

Mass
Marcella Alphonse
Medway
Mass.
April 17, 1858

Wants Speeches.