Elmwood
Recon Co.
April 18, 1881

Mr. & Mrs. Ausburn

No petition on file for Elmwood

I heard there is a secret plot

The person whom I understand has applied

It is a very unpopular man at home

Could be a strong unsubstantiated

If you will apply for anything
Have done, and what steps ought to be taken to defeat the project. I will feel still more indebted to you.

Faithfully,

[Signature]

R. A. Davenport

The Lincoln

All
A S. Andrews,
Mr. Clowood
C. S. A.
April 23/58,

Attempt to
dispersa his
offices —

Judge McCook,
took letter of
matter in hand
April 28/58.
Gallipolis, Gallia Co., Ohio April 23d 1858

Hon. J. A. Douglas,

Sir: My Brother who is a Resident of Decoria Co., in the State of Illinois wished me to write to you and ask you to send him a copy of the latest two copies of the Patent Office Reports on Agriculture; and also send him a few of such Garden seeds as may lie in the Patent Office for distribution. Particularly any Specimens of English Peas.

Please direct to John C. Benedict,

Decoria, Illinois.

Very Respectfully yours,

Daniel D. Benedict
Paul D. Benedict
Gallipoli, Ohio
April 22/59

Want Pat off Rep.
Deed. Sent to his brother. G. C. Benedict

Santo
New Orleans April 21st 1858

Hon S. A. Douglas
Mr. S. Senate

Dear Sir,

From the numerous inquiries made for your great speech on the Kansas question, recently delivered in the U.S. Senate, I take the liberty to address you, and urge you to forward the following or a fair copy. I have read the speech, and I trust, my unqualified approval as every expects.

Very Respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

[Signature]
Mr. J. Burke
New Orleans, La.
April 23/88

Want Speeches
N.Y. April 23, 1858

Dear Sir,

Please send me a copy of your speech on the Kansas question, delivered March 22nd, also, a copy of the minority report on Kansas signed by yourself, and you will greatly oblige.

Yours Respectfully,

D.W. Clark

Brick Street
New York City

Hon. S. Douglas
Sanfr. Olaf
New York
April 23, 58.

Want Special
Report on Kansas

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M. Jones
Wappinger's Falls, Dutchess Co., N.Y.
April 23/58
Political
Washington, Oct. 26, 1855

S. A. Douglas, Esq.

I must say, in the first place, that I have been much grieved with your course on the Kansas question. I consider it a very great outrage to try and force a constitution upon any people against their wishes, and I can assure you that the great body of the people are with you and not only those but the American and Republicans also and will maintain you in the position you have undertaken as a new State shall be admitted into the Union until its constitution shall have been submitted to the people for their acceptance or rejection.

I have been always brought up in the Democratic School and have always voted the Democratic Ticket.
until the last three years I have voted for the American ticket—not that I have forsaken the principle of Democracy, but I do think it is time that freemen should be checked in their influence in controlling our elections. I believe in letting the majority rule but let none vote but native born citizens or those who have lived here long enough to become acquainted with our institutions before the privilege is granted to them.

As I receive nothing from Washington but in the Democratic file I would be much obliged to you to send your own and Mr. Curtis' undated speeches on the admission of Kansas for which I will be much obliged.

From your humble servant,

B. Jones

Wappansie's Falls
Dutchess Co. 1851
L. D. Hayes

Dear Mr. Douglas,

April 23/58,

Want Speech
Copy Bankrupt title

Oct 5, 1858

Sir, will you be so kind as to forward me a copy of the new Bankrupt Bill as soon as convenient? You will oblige your friend,

Yours truly,

L. D. Hayes

Portland, Maine

Mr. Public debtors will be highly obliged to see any time.
Chicago April 23rd, 1858

Dear Sir,

Enclosed please find extract from the Herald. You see the object of the remarks of the other journals is to keep the Democratic Party as much divided as they can, not from any love or good feeling to the

Mr. Shallcross had a private interview with Mr. Sheahan on the subject of the articles (De
d of Thieves etc.) and you may rest assured he Shallcross is with us! and he will fully explain matters to the President & Cabinet.

as to what is the cause of the difficulties in the Democratic ranks. however we need not be alarmed there are only 215 to be convicted and perhaps 40 or 50 of them soon to be in the post office if I have any voice in that establishment.

Yours Faithful

Joseph Hartford
Joseph Horst
Chicago,
April 23/1859.
Chicago Post Office
Maceco B. Val
Buena Vista P. O.
Maryland
Springfield, Illinois April 28th, 1856

Hon. S. A. Douglas.

Washington, D.C.

I have employed Mr. Leonard W. Natoli to make a life likeness of yourself, in Italian Marble, in order to enable him to do so, to the best advantage. I shall have to ask you to give him a little of your valuable time each day for a short time, to aid him in getting the outlines correct. I would also ask you to hire for me a Portrait Painter to Paint a portrait in a sitting position of your Wife, and also one of yourself in the same fixture. I want good faithful Pictures and well filled in and done in perfect full size in every particular. I know Artists of this kind are in the habit of extorting money from those whom they work for, and please see that this is not done by making a reasonable bargain beforehand for all the work. I want the work all done and ready here by the first of December sure, as my house will be done, furnished, and ready to move into by that time. I want one Room suitably furnished that shall never be used. Only when you and your good Lady are in town.

Keep in good cheer. The clouds that once were for a time to darken your horizon will surely clear away, and the day will grow brighter and brighter, until the full brightness of your course will be acknowledged from one end of this Land to the other. The worthiness of your acts, since the first agitation of the schools of the Missouri Compromise have been Patriotic, have been worthy...
Of the highest admiration. I did not agree with you in the expediency of the Act at the time, as it was the real cause of our defeat as a Party in this and other sections. But the principle was right. It was noble. It was true.

You laid yourself upon the block. You have been manhandled some, you will feel the effects for some time. But depend upon it (as in the case of our Savior) your disinterested bold adhesion to principle will be appreciated in due time. All will come right.

Your friends feel stronger this day in Illinois than ever before. I do not mean to say that your friends are in a greater majority than ever in the State. But that they are stronger in the faith that you will finally triumph over all opposition, and be acknowledged as you are the leading Spirit of the Age in this World.

Give my respects to your Wife, and分布s.

Yours Truly,

J.N. Matternon
Hon. Joel A. Matteson
Springfield, Ill.
April 23, 1858,

Har Absolute.

I commission you, the sculptor, to execute for him, the statue of Judge Douglas. Moreover, I also request of Mr. and Mrs. Douglas to be taken by the first-rate artist for a special room of his house dedicated to Judge L.,

Overall.

[Signature]
J. H. Moore
Middletown C.I.
April 23/58.

Dear Sir,

Middleton, Conn. April 23/58

To Hon. S. A. Douglas,
Honored Sir,

I am connected with the college situated in this place; this club has been strongly Democratic, but since the late action of Congress, we have hardly known where to place ourselves. We had always learned to expound the principles of the Democratic party, and now thought it best to ask you if you would be so kind as to send us some documents throwing light upon the subject. Should you be so kind as to send us any documents will you please direct them to J. H. Moore

Middleton Connecticut

Yours Respectfully,

J. H. Moore
Hartford Warren County Rhode April 23, 1858

Dear Douglas,

After my compliments to you and yours, and the pleasing intelligence that we are all in good health I think that our Post Master has left and is said to have gone to California. But was he here he had changed his politics since his appointment and we desire a new one.

There is no Democrat in Hartford or vicinity that is situated to take the office & hence we have to choose between opponents. With the knowledge I have of the Citizens here I am satisfied that John S.C. Wasson a merchant is the most suitable person outside of the Democratic Party to fill said office. I have been the present Post Master existing himself to raise clubs for opposition newspapers and the present acting Post Master bailed me a few days ago to swell the club for an opposition paper. Now I do not think that B. C. Wasson would do this. Hence I recommend his appointment to that office. Our opponents here are organizing in every Township for 1860 and we should begin to prepare for the conflict and a Post Master that is understood to Ceasar the things that are Ceasars is called for.

Respectfully,

W.N. Munnally

Yours truly,

W. H. Leopold
H. H. Munnelly
Hastorf, Warren Co., Iowa
April 23/55.

Please postmark here.
April 23rd, 1858

Sir,

Please favor me with your latest views on the Kansas question.

Humbly,

Evan H. B. Steward

Ben. Stephen A. Douglas

Washington

Geo. A. Orr

Clinton

Terre Haute, Ind.
Geo H. Orr
Clinton
Miss
April 26/58

Assorted Speech

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Shelford, Vt. Apr. 28 1831

Hon S. A. Douglas

Sir,

I received your speech last night & would return my grateful acknowledgments to you for noticing so obscure an individual as myself amid the Adams states of your office.

Your Obedt. Servant,

S. S. Salisbury

Hon. S. A. Douglas

S. C. Washington D.C.
P S Palmer
Shetford Jet
April 23/58

Returns thanks
for speech
Rog. W. Poolcy.
Mathiem, W.Y.
April 23, 1858.

Thank's.

Mr. Douglas.
Hon. Sir,

My feelings were very agreeable upon receiving yesterday through the mail a copy of your late speech on Kansas Topeka.

And the pleasure was heightened by the fact that it was altogether unexpected. I have given it a careful general, and find that it equals all my anticipations. With the arguments in relation to the Declaratory constitution I fully agree. If that instrument is the will and deed of the people of Kansas, let the State be admitted under it, and thus remove the matter from the control of Congress. If it is not their will and deed, let not the Congress of America violate every principle of justice and
Asking your pardon for the trouble it has occasioned you, and your time and attention.

Respectfully yours,

Rev. M. W. Darby.

Waltham, Mass.
April 25, 1858.

liberty by forcing it upon them. It becomes our Senator and Representatives to consider well their course when acting upon this question. It does our good, in these days when penalty is so apparent, to lead a man what dare to stand up for the right, and his own honor. Such an one should receive the approbation and support of all good men, but their party preferences, or what they may.

In closing this communication allow me to say that if ever again have the pleasure of receiving your favors they will be highly prized! Should it ever be within my power to return your kind-ness, rely upon it, it shall be done.

And accord such an event is hardly within the bounds of possibility: still regard me as one of your oldest friends.
Baltimore, April 23, 1858

My dear Sir: I ask you again to throw me a bridge of assurance that I am not a traitor that I am not a traitor. If I am, Mr. S. H. will make my neglect of duty as he has made it. While I remain in the service I will make the order necessary to the people. I will do all I said yesterday.

Jervis Spencer,

Res. S. H. Living Co.
Baltimore Apr. 23, 1858

My dear Sir,

Excuse my present state, but I cannot refrain. I am told the A. F. Steed says, the Illinois delegation are going against Mr. English’s bill. I will say my prayers most fervently, that this may not be so.

If the English bill, as I understand it, passes, with the support of your friends, it will be regarded by the country as a magnificent triumph of this principle, you have advocated; and I should be proud to know, that you have made on this occasion one of those speeches you know how to make.

The South (as soon as the question shall be once discussed) as well as
the South, will appreciate this pa-

the ground you have taken,
in vindication of the great prin-
ciples of our Country. Our party
will be ranked invincible in both sections, and you will be
 upheld as the defender of its
ancient fame.

You may regard this as
presumptuous. I hope the mis-
taken will excuse it.

Truly yours,

James Spencer

Hon. J. A. Brown

P.S.
Culpeper, Ala
April 23rd 1858

Messrs. A. H. Douglas

Sir,

Will you be so kind as to send me copies of your anti-lecompton speeches in U.S. Senate if you have them for distribution.

Respectfully yours,

C. M. Williams
C. M. Williams
Catawba, Ala.
April 23/58,
Want, Speech.