George Ashmun
Springfield
Mass.
April 30/53
Political

Apr. 30, 1853
Springfield

My dear Sir,

You will see by the enclosed article that the views which I expressed if you are will be supported by our Republican men.

Yours faithfully,

H. Ashmun

Hon. Mr. Douglas
THE SPRINGFIELD DAILY REPUBLICAN, MONDAY, MAY 3, 1858.
To the Register of Geo. Alexander.
Mr Douglas and The Republican.

From a letter to the Editor from an eminent citizen and old whig of Massachusetts.

"I like your article in relation to Mr Douglas. It rests upon the true ground. In our judgments upon men and measures, in these days, we cannot afford too scrupulously to scrutinize records. The present is greater than the past; the logic of events governs the modern era.

"I think we may feel as much confidence in the motives of Mr Douglas as in those of other public men of our time. All admit that his abilities are transcendent, and his pluck admirable. He gave the key note to the discussion of 1858. But for him, and without him, the opposition to the coup d’etat of Lecompton would have been confined to merely the republican party, and that which has now become a question of such breadth as cannot be spanned by any sectional lines,—bringing into our fellowship men of Maryland, Virginia, Kentucky, Tennessee and Missouri,—would have been limited and dwarfed to only party dimensions, and stripped of one half its present strength and grasp. I wish there were a presidential trial on the morrow, and this western man would go in upon the flood. You have done a right thing to make a stand for him."

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The Republican.
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DAY MORNIN
G, APRIL 9, 1859

The English, Thieves. Mr. Lincoln's construc
tion does not at all point to a personal
feud, but is merely a frank statement of the
facts. His bill was free from all alike, but the
Commissioner of Sewers of Chicago, the
Mormon, led the yell of treason. The
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Ecco Stithmanon
Bloomington, Ill.
April 30, 1858.

To my Sir,

With pleasure I acknowledge the receipt of Pt. Report and several other copies of your speech in the Senate, bank and postal bill distributed as opportunity offers, as you have promised. One can induce to keep on your time again & ask

Kickapoo, Iowa
April 30, 1858
if you have at your disposal a copy of David's Pacific R.R. Report, as I suppose it gives an account of the estate through which it passes which has done much to one. Both thanks for favor received. Yours ever respectfully,

Edward J. Atkinson

(61) Bloomington

To the Hon. A. Douglas

Washington

Sent 3 Oct. PRRS July 13/58.
Dart. College Hanover, N.H.
Apr. 30th 1858

Dear Sir,

Will you have the kindness to send to my address your speech delivered March 22d and other of without inconvenience yourself. And oblige you hurkly.

C. E. Bailey

Com (L. A. Douglas)
N. Y. S.
Capt. Bailey
Nantucket College
April 30/58

Wants Speech.
On S. A. Douglas
Dec. 21

New York, April 20th, 1857.

Please send to the following address a copy of your minority report on Kansas. Also a copy of your speech on the Kansas Question delivered before the Senate March 22. By so doing you will greatly oblige.

Your Truly,
L. D. Chadwell
Box 1466
New York City
Edo Chadwick
New York
April 30/58

(Handwritten signature)
Davenport, April 30, 1838

Hon. S. T. Douglas,

My Dear Sir:

The bearer hereof, Mr. J. F. Crawford, a resident of our city, is visiting Washington, desire to make the acquaintance of the "Illinois Senator." Take pleasure in recommending Mr. Crawford as a young man of character and ability.

 Begging for him such kind attentions as your engagements may warrant, and assuring you of my continued regard and esteem, I am,

Most truly, your,

[Signature]

Austin Corbin
Davenport, Iowa

Introducing
J. F. Crawford
Nelson Centre
April 30th 1830

Dear Sir,

Please to send me the Patent Office Report on Agriculture for 1830 and I shall feel under many obligations for your kind favours.

Yours,

Peter Bedell

Nelson Centre
Portage County
Ohio
Peter Ediote
Nelson Centre
Ohio
April 30/38
Wants Batloff
Rep
Cincinnati, April 30th, 1858

Sir: A. Douglas,

I am the editor of the Circleville Watchman, the den organ of Pickaway Co. Ohio, and one of your staunchest admirers. I made your acquaintance at Jonesboro, Southern Illinois, about three years ago, when you were there making a speech. I have just learned that the English lodge has passed, and that our representative from the capital district has betrayed us and gone over to the Administration. I am exceeding sorry to hear this, as I thought that Mr. McC [illegible] would do right under all circumstances. You alone, we still hold the honored representative of all the virtue left in the great democratic part of Ohio, to the rights of the States and the sovereignty of the people. That doctrine has already
immortalized you, and if you continue faithful to it, as I know you will, it will yet extend your influence and name. Your own State is all right, and you may depend on Ohio as being ever ready to support The Little Giant.

I had a conversation with the Editor of the Central Organ of Secession in this State the other day, and he confidentially told me that he would rather support you than any other man. All the Copperhead Democrats are with you and for you—You are battling for the people's rights and they are appreciating you colors and The People will most nobly reward you, when the time comes.

I wish you would send me all the Anti-English-Bill speeches, as I am to send them nothing more, as I have just wrote up, in spite, condemning his course. Eals Peetum

your friend

[Signature]

Address "Watchman"

Cicero, Illinois Ohio
Sir,

Will you have the kindness to forward me a copy of your Kansas speech and thus oblige,

Your most obt. Serv.

Orrin G. Chivington

Hon. S. A. Douglas
M. S. S.
Orin Sunday
Janesville, Wis.
April 30/58
Want Speech.
Dundee, Kane Co., Ill., Apr. 30th, 75

Hon. S. C. Douglas

Sir:

My object in addressing you is to solicit copies of such Congres-

sional works as may be placed at your dis-

posal for a Public Library in this village.

Books forwarded to only addresses will be

thankfully received & duly appropriated.

Respectfully yours,

[Signature]

Sent May 3, 75


Marked "for Public Library, Dundee"
A G Hubbard
Kundance, Hl.
April 31/58

 Solicit book for public library in Kundee

Sent 3 dol. Pac.
R R Survey, May 3/58
(copy)

William Stroehling
Ottawa, Ills.
April 30, 1858.

Relative to
obtention of
passport

Original letter
filed in State

Saltsburg
obtained

Sent under Judge

Mr. Frank to

Mr. Stroehling
May 3, 1858.

Ottawa Ill.
April 30, 1858.

Hon. S.A. Douglas,

Dr. Sir,

Hoping you will find in
the enclosed documents the
information required in order
to obtain a passport.

I am sorry to give you so
much trouble, but hope
you will be able sometime to
reciprocate.

I am, Sir,

Mr. Stroehling.
McCoryville P.O.
April 30, 1853

SIR,

Will you please send me a copy of your last speech on Kansas and other political matters?

Your truly,

John Smith
Academia

w. B. D.
John David
McCoyville, Pa.

April 20/58.

Wants Speede,
Bloom April 30th, 1858

Hon. Stephen A. Douglas

Sir: I saw

it stated in a newspaper a few days ago that there was to be an extensive government land sale in Kansas sometime in the month of July. As I have an idea of going I should like to know if said land sale will come off as was stated and I thought that you would know whether such sale would be held or not. Now I would be very much obliged to you if you should give me the desired information. Uncle George folks
Samuel McCowen
Bloom.

are all well or worse about a week ago. I have been engaged in teaching nearly all the time since you left Chicago. I did not try to get into the post office any more. If it be not too much trouble let me know about the sale. Address, Bloom, Cook Co. Illinois; S. A. Blythe, Esq. Samuel McCowen.

Hon. Stephen A. Douglas
Washington, D.C.
Robert Orr  
Clinton  
Maj.  
April 30/58.  
Wants Speech

Clinton Maj, April 30th/58.
Dear Sir:—
Please to send me a copy
of your last speech.
and oblige yours

Robert Orr.

To the Hon. S. A. Douglas.
Recorders Office
West Chester, Penn. April 30th 1858

Hon. Stephen A. Douglass
Dear Sir

You will oblige me very much if you will send me a copy of each of your speeches of this session on the Secompionton constitution.

Very Respectfully yours,

Dillwyn Parker
West Chester, Penn.
Illmawyn Parker
West Chester, Pa.
April 30, 58
Want Speeches.
S. T. Douglas & Co.

Sir,

I am directed to say that I am unable to assist you in the matter of the appointment of a new Postmaster for this district. The present Postmaster, Mr. Jones, has served the community faithfully and efficiently for many years. He has done much to improve the postal services in this area and has been instrumental in bringing the postal system closer to the people.

I believe that Mr. Jones should be reappointed to this important position. His dedication and service to the community are well-known and appreciated. I would be honored to support his reappointment.

Please consider this recommendation carefully. I am confident that Mr. Jones will continue to serve the community with the same dedication and efficiency that he has demonstrated in the past.

Respectfully,

[signature]

Mr. T. Douglas
Abraham Peace
Little Compton
(No. of R.I.?)
April 30/58.
Politique
Versailles Ind.
April 30, 1858

Hon. S. A. Douglas
U. S. Senate

Sir—

Please send me a copy of your speech against the Kansas Conferenee at least Report, on the 29. inst. Accept my acknowledgment for past favors, and permit me to subscribe myself

Your Obt. Servt.,

Omar F. Roberts
Omar F. Roberts
Versailles, Ind.
Philadelphia,
April 30th 1858.

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

Dear Sir,

Please forward me (at your earliest convenience) your Autograph, and very much oblige.

Yours Truly,

Mr. M. Lees.
(Care of Loudon & Co.,
Philadelphia, Penn.)
M. Judson Vincent
Centreville, Mich.
April 30, 1858

Politically

Centralville, Mich., May 30th, 1858

Hon. S. A. Douglas,

These speeches of yours have been duly received and circulating to those who will read them with care. If you happen to state that the longer the secession affair is before Congress the more resignant it is returning to the state of your Democratic fellow citizens and the State, there has been some fluttering among the soft heads because you should not give your adherence to the "English manner of adjournment." I was mortally glad as well as all other followers of the true doctrine in this region of country to see that such persons would not induce but a few of your friends to leave their old ground and the balance they will soon see the errors of their ways. There is but one formula now.
the Senate, it is a disgrace to the Buchanan administration that Minnesota has not been admitted long ago. I hope you will also effect the passage of the Oregon Bill before the close of the Session. If you can hire a couple more of supporters from the new State for the Senate. Of all the speeches made on the subject he, perhaps only two or three of them were notable the time of reading, truth, my, Joombl's, Hunter & Handmon's. The latter was rather out of place but was suffered by the drafts of the leading speech. But I think Mr. Joombl's did duty well. If I am as much wrong before your true friend,

Mr. Anderson, Washington
S. A. Douglas,
Washington City:

Dear Sir:

You are fast making new friends, and many of your old enemies may be compared to ice before a fire, melting into water. I do not mean that they are, though I do not deny that they ought to do it, literally weeping tears of contention; but, that they are opening their eyes to a proper sense of their own former contemptible conduct, and are really ashamed of it.

"Jim F. Lane," of the Cincinnati Enquirer, is secretly your friend.

The parties owning the "Sandusky Register" are no longer your enemies. These are facts which I know, being part of the arrangement, and can avouch for their truthfulness.

While in Sandusky, I was with your friend Capt. Mitchell, of the "Revenue Service." But like all others in office, under the present administration, he dare not say a word, therefore he told me that he was no longer a politician.

Purify, made a man a coward!

But has written several letters to me and made...
me acquainted with the cause of the
enmity between yourself and "the cook."
Benton is warmly attached to you, and his letter
to me are the strongest evidence of
the fact.
Douglas, I all along, prior to the Cincinnati
Convention, told you that you should
meet him in friendship towards him, and reciprocate
his generous kindness.
Had it not been for your influence in
behalf of John Breckinridge, Southworth
would have been vice President of the Republic,
and you would have had no warm friend in
the Senate to support you in stead of a
Samuel Wise, which you, "luck to your
bromise to acting you in your back,
after you had warmed him into activity.
Can you make it convenient to
foward this a line?
Very respectfully yours,
Jos. W. Ward,
Powell, Hardin Co. Ohio,
April 31st 1857.
Mr. Willard
Toledo, Ohio
April 30, 58
Political
Clinton, March 20th, 1858.

Hon. Stephen A. Douglas,

Dear Sir,

Will you please favor me with a copy of your speech delivered in the Senate April 25th? And if you have them to spare, a few to distribute among my friends. Oblige.

Yours truly,

Geo. W. Reeke.

P.S. Will you be so kind as to send me a copy of your 'March speech' also.

G.W.R.
Geo W. Beattie,
Clinton,
May 31, 1858.
Accred. Speeches.
Dear Sir,

I am willing to contribute something towards getting some or letting it off. And as you have very little discussion on the subject I propose to allow it all the half from the itch of regulations. It has been several years, legislative power given the thing the State of the State, the General Assembly the Third member so passed. This with the Act to the in the Resolutions to the Bill for the Act of the Assembly was in an act of Embarkation only Creeping for the 24 Horse of the Day the General or the Apportionment so, that there were none on this name. Here are some of the several families of which it has no effects on them keeping here and some of the several families of which they have no effects. In the language to determine by unanswerable words, so we may make the smallest thing of an unanswerable thing. The horse (as Declaration of the state) so, that they are not entitled to anything. They have no substantive idea of a Magistrate, authority having in the state of a wholly naked. Therefore this may be the case. But the horse has made it a whole class of life to a particular individual. And I advise you to write. I am, yours sincerely,
The editors sent.

You must to the editor, G.-
Oct. 11th 18...

In case the Congress arises,
I do not you to become idle.
(The male don't make it sorry idle.)
All the boys coming.

This idea of individualism on our part, is a bad trait of the American religion. Its precept of personal opinions, once regarded as my state of America. When writing to letters about reading I only advise that having the ambition to maintain all the America that now has the case of France and to the French. I may fairly infer that their strength lies in the same idea of rights and duties the means to be our right to execute making the consultation by Committee with the public service. The mind of the people is certainly upon their legislative and civil contributions. In the wrong use of an individual, whole ethics have professed that this is in opposition to the principle, you know. And so our rights may be secured by the education the personal effort on his own part. Why not the privilege of men to render themselves helpful yet get them, most effort to that effect to till all that is estimable in the third person? Singular men and is very excellent to those who have more self-esteem. It may be necessary

...
indeed that universal peace should be treated as the tolerable ill religion and charity be no object of virtue. It was in the early period of times, a matter of necessity only.

The English send them despair of their own affairs without a foreign power. Indeed the end of a corrupting is a couple at home and ostensible conduct. There must be counterpoise to an immovable philosophy which can only be a portion of our interests. More than it is still a question whether we ought not to refer it to the discussion from whence it comes at last. Praying for its destined reception this reply points to the other is all knowing but still it is a question with us whether these three principles are not on the air from our best institutions. Whether a part of the question of peace are not enduringly to overtake the good flame of promise.

Henry T. Welles

From the Secretary

Hon. Wm. A. Douglas

Saratoga, July 31, 1858

Maj. T. Welles

Saratoga, NY

Crazy Celia

Apr 29, 1858
Chicago 30th April 1858.

Hon. Judge Douglas
Sir,

I desire very much to obtain a copy of the patent office report on agriculture for 1858; I shall consider it as a personal favor from your hands if you will have the kindness to send me a copy.

 Truly yours,

John Maynard Woodsworth

P.O. Box 678
Sent off May 4th
O'Fallon, Ills. April 30th, 1858

Dear Sir:

Will you please send me two or three dozen copies of your speech "on the Kansas question" delivered in the Senate last fall & also of your speech of last March on the same question for distribution? I would take pleasure in distributing these speeches among those who profess friendship to the Administration on the Compromise question, that they may have an opportunity of reading the true history & condition of that exciting subject. I am a constant reader of the Congressional Globe, & therefore get all your speeches in that. But want these for the benefit of those who read only the Remington side. Please forward me a few copies of your speeches for this purpose.

Yours truly,

Wm. Farje

[Postmark: May 8, 1858]
New Barge
Dixon, Ill.
April 30/58

Wants Speeches
for distribution

Santo
Honored Sir: Frederick, Md. April 31st, 1858.

You will confer a particular favor upon me by sending me a copy of your speech on the Kansas question and any other speeches you may think proper to send me.

Yours Respectfully,

Hanson R. Marsh
Mason H. Marsh
Fredericks City,

April 31/58.

Want a speech.
Manchester, Mich.
April 21, 1868

My Dear Sir,

Will you have it as to send to me a copy of your last speech on Kansas affairs.

I have not read it in the paper & never read it from that point of view. I am therefore sending you a copy of it by return mail. I am

Yours truly,

Emily Young

now at Longfellow, with Washington.
Cyrus T. Stevens
Manchester
Mich.
April 31, 58.

Want speech.