Albany, N. Y.
May 25, '58,

My De sir:

I am under very many obligations to you for the variety of speeches with which you have favored me on the subject of Kansas.

Truly,

W. D. Husey

[Signature]

Hon. A. Douglas
New York, May 25th, 1858

How Stephen A. Douglas
Member of Congress from
Illinois, U.S.

Dear Sir,

I beg leave to take this pleasant opportunity of asking you to have the kindness to sign a small slip of paper. I will enclose it to you. My object is to get the signatures of all the great men in the United States if you will notice to sign you will much oblige you.

Obedient Servant
Henry B. Gurney

Please return

(Seute)

John B. Gurney
New York
Jno T B Murray
New York
Wils. City May 25th 1855

Hon. T. A. Douglas

Sir,

I take the liberty of writing to you again. I am still your friend, and ever shall be found supporting you while you hold to your principles. But Sir, we are a little afraid that Col. Foote is going to carry the war into official sunk, and to see it—

That which induces me to write to you at this time is that I am looking over my old papers for facts to support your position as true to the Democratic Doctrine. I find in the Pennsylvania of July the 7th 1857—

An article taken from the Washington Union of July 10th 1857—

in support of the President. For Walker and the very principle you have contended for, was if you recollect, against the action of the State Conventions (Democratic Convention) in Georgia, and the other Mississipian which
They object the doctrine set forth in Mr. Walker's Inaugural that the Constitution of Kansas when made should be submitted to the people for their approval or rejection. I think it an able defense of your position when and where ever I have used it. It disagree with all argument. They cannot deny the facts if contained.

If you cannot see the original I will send the one I have to stop if it is your wish I should do so.

We are to have a county meeting on the 29th of this month and if more will control the oath as it generally the case but they will have some trouble if they attempt to oppose the advice of popular Sovereign to the rule of the majority. Honesty and trust must and will sooner or later prevail.

I am your most
Hon. and O. S. A. C. Y. Ogle

[Signature]

[Handwritten note at the bottom]
Cleveland, May 25, 1863

Commodore John Geiger of Columbus

Respectfully,

May 25, 63

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Dear Sir,

I have just heard that
cauld bridges of Columbus start to say
for Washington when he will remain a few days. He is an able and
skilful officer, and as you are away, has
taken an active part in the state except
his demonstrations this winter. Knowing
him anxious to form your personal acquaintances. I take the liberty of commending
him to your special attention. Few men
in this large army as an effective speaker
speakers, and your wise and kind a
judicious and thorough as well as an in
telligent and agreeable friend.

I am waiting a letter from your
(Presiding by P. Hays) when I shall answer your
or politics. Yours truly,

S. A. Douglas

W. B. Payne
Mr. T. J. Douglas Sr.  
Will you please send to  
the Patent Office & obtain yours truly,  
Thomas Pierson  
May 26th 1828  

(Handwritten) Thomas Pierson J.R.  
Abington, Summit  
To Ohio
Thor Pierson
Mонтроуз
Ohio,
Concord, May 25th,

Hon. Stephen A. Douglas,

I have a great desire to possess a volume of the "Pacific Coast Survey" and have taken the liberty of asking you in hope of obtaining one from you.

Yours with respect,

Franklin, N.W.
Como May 28th 1858

To Mr. S.B. Morgan

I must say that I have the kinship to transmit to the one copie of the Patent office and Agriculture Depot one of the Patents of cotton gins to a friend.

Please accept William Pratt
Como Whitricks County
Illinois

Miss Dudley
Mr. Pratt

(Received letter May 29th 1858)
W. H. Ripley,
Sandford, Ga.

1858

Sandford, Tago to Sand May 25th

Hon. S. A. Douglas,

Sir: I wish to trouble you with a question in which we are at this time interested which alone you can settle. The editor of the Terre Haute Journal after having endorsed your principle fully in his paper to the gratification of all of us, asked me when he would turn round and put your name at the head of the Lecompton State Ticket and when he would commit that matter so soon as convenient and as we much interested in your answer at this time for untell [sic] we
here from you we cannot believe it as you fought it manfully for the last five months against friends and foes much to the gratification of your friends in Indiana and especially of Vigo County, you please answer this in reception of this many of your faithful farming friends.

To Hon. S. A. Douglas

address at Sandford Station, Ind.
Falls of Saint Anthony, Minnesota
May 23rd, 1858.

Hon. J. A. Douglas.

Dear Sir:

Some two years ago, the
leading physicians of Saint Anthony and
Minneapolis, organized a Medical Society
with a view to the cultivation of the
Sciences generally, and the consequent
dispensation of such knowledge and information
as may be valuable to the members of
the Society and, through them, to the
people of the place; literally, to all.
The Society has labored under many
adverse circumstances, and its influence must
certainly be derived from the fact, that it
has been without the means of procuring
a select library and other journals and
publications essential to its success
and, consequently, left to depend
upon personal and natural men, like yourself,
to furnish such works on scientific
subjects, for instance, Reports on
Surveys, Topography, Geology, Astronomy.
Mongovy, etc. etc., so may promote the object of the Society.

I must not obtrude
My request, that this letter is addressed to you because the Members of this Society feel that the interest which you have ever exhibited in matters of great public safety encourage the hope that you will aid in promoting an enterprising Committee, devoted to the elevation of public men, and of great importance in the advancement of the sciences in our young and growing State.

Please address B. C. Clifton, who is President of the Society, and an unflinching anti-corruption advocate.

With great regard,

[Signature]

[Handwritten Signature]
Ayndan Robertson,
May 25/58.
St. Anthony, May 26, 1858.

Dear Sir:

The St. Anthony and Minneapolis Union Medical Society have in course of preparation a report upon the Topography, Geology, Climate and Diseases of Minnesota, and respectfully request your co-operation, by contributing information in your possession on the following topics:

1st. The Topography and Geology of your neighborhood; embracing a description of its streams, diversities of superficial character, the amount and quality of timber, and geological characteristics.

2nd. The Climate, as indicated by thermometrical and barometrical records, the quantity of rain, and prevailing winds, etc., etc.

3rd. The Diseases most prevalent, their mortality and the treatment usually adopted.

Have you ever known “Fever and Ague” to originate in your vicinity?

As this work is designed not more as a contribution to medical science than the setting forth to the world of the peculiar advantages of our territory, and as it will involve, besides much time and labor, considerable pecuniary outlay, it is hoped that every citizen of Minnesota, interested in its permanent growth and prosperity, will aid the Society in obtaining for the work such a circulation as shall defray the expense for its publication. It will be published in the spring, in octavo form, and will contain about 200 pages of closely printed matter, nearly bound in paper.

One dollar sent by mail will ensure one copy of the work as soon as it is published.

C. L. ANDERSON, Secretary.

C. W. LE BOUTILLIER, President.
Rooms of the Franklin Institute,
VIROQUA, WIS., MAY 25, 1858.

Dear Sir:—A few of the citizens of Viroqua have incorporated themselves (under the General Laws of this state) into a Literary Institution, to be known as the "Franklin Institute."

We have done this for the purpose of increasing our facilities for mental improvement, and for the further purpose of holding out inducements to Young Men to spend their leisure hours in reading useful books, instead of spending them in bar-rooms and saloons.

The objects of the Franklin Institute are two-fold—The establishment of a Library and Reading Room, and series of Public Lectures.

To fill the shelves of our Library, we shall expend our own means most liberally; for we know that to be successful in this enterprise, we must depend upon ourselves. But we know, too, that there are in the East and South, hosts of noble-souled men who look kindly on the "Great West," and who are willing to help beautify and adorn her "Waste Plains." It is to such we appeal, hoping that those who are blest with an abundance, and whose lots are cast in more favorable places than ours, will voluntarily render us such assistance as they may feel disposed to, by donating Books, Periodicals, and Papers to the Institute.

All Communications may be addressed, Franklin Institute, Viroqua, Badax Co., Wis.

James Rusk, Pres't.
R. C. Bierce, Clerk.
Mount Vernon, Ohio May 25th, 1858

Rev. S. A. Douglas

My dear Sir,

I beg leave as an humble admirer to approach you with a request. Will you be kind enough to send me a copy of each of your speeches I made upon the Secession Constitution. If you will I will take it as a great favor.

Yours truly respectfully,

W. T. Saffy.

Mt Vernon, Ohio.
Noconk, McLean County, Nov 25, 1865

Dear Friend,

I doubt not that ere this you have been informed of the melancholy bereavement I have sustained in the death of my husband, very painful and agonizing have been my affliction, and now my soul is weighted down to the earth in anxious solicitude for my children; it is in their behalf, dear Sir, I make bold to address you, entreat you that you will pleas to help us, done if it be ever so little as I am not able to work but very little owing to a severe pain in my side, which is caused by having to constant, I exceedingly regret being compelled to address you on so delicate a subject as my own misfortunes but there is no alternative if I would avoid deception I have devoted the very best years of my life in an honest endeavor to make a living, I have made my support by sewing for the last 7 years but now in my declining years I have been reduced to absolute want, still I am anxious to act perfectly honorable to all or at least so far as it is in my power to do so; anxious for their welfare I have ventured to make this application knowing your willingness at all times to relieve the unprotected and further the
The reason why I ask of you I have of you as being one of the most feeling men that we have in this world and I thought if you would read this letter no engage in any influence perhaps some of the congressmen would have feltly on me and help me a little they could all though in a very little and not many it one is would perhaps be the means of me keeping my children together and giving them some education and if I am not old never to receive you point you will reward you for it.

I will now give you a small history of my life I was a daughter of John Atkinson who died in about 20 years ago I married when I was about 14 years old my husband was a brother to David & David of Baltic his name was Benjamin Howe & Strong point against I think if I mistake not you was acquainted with them both I remember of hearing you make a speech in court in the court house where my father was very much pleased to me marrying so young but I would not hear to taking his advice which I see now was very wrong but we was married without his consent he was so put out about it that he would not help me any and we worked alone and done the best we could and when he died he did not will me a thing with the balance of the children he left a small amount to my children which is a small house with only a small rooms and that is all we own in this trouble some with my husband died about 6 years ago leaving me with 8 small children nothing left for their support but we got along very well as long as I had my health I learnt the drags making and weaving day was worth many nights I worked all night I finally looked the poorest 4 beds I could only see about 2 hours in the day and then I could hardly get to bed that was a poor show for a living the farmers to beg not able to work I conclude I would marry again but that only made the thing worse it only brought trouble now sorrow on me I was married on your age the 14 of this month when to my sorrow my husband came home to dinner about 5 weeks ago and since it was impossible for how to support the children and against them so they ought to do so he packed his trunk and left I know not where he said he would go but he never wanted to heard of again I do not at all know to chide this lively work done and only we were got some help & we are become to suffer his name was Alexander Howell my friends if I have any box not appear to help me any way I always think if I have to ask my person for help I would ask strangers than if I get help of would come free I think if I could only get some help for one year my children than could get some education enough by that time to make a living for themselves or if I could get help enough to put a small
addition to my love I could take hazards and that would rest me from seeing until my side would get better I do not wish to lay if I only can get my health for all we want in this world is very little my relations all rather think themselves above me but that matters not I hope and intend to try to live to hear you and when I am done with the troubles of this world I hope to have a place in heaven where parting will be no more now this is my situation. If you can help me a little or get any one else that will it it will be the means of me saving my family from suffering and if I am never able to repay you there is a God in heaven that never forgets blessings please answer my letter.

Sarah A Wall

To Steven A Douglas

Sarah A Wall
Macon, Mo.
New Orleans, La.
May 8, 1858.

Hon. S. A. Douglas
U. S. Senator

Will you be so kind as to forward me your speech on the Kansas Lecompton Constitution and the report of the Committee of Conference? And if it is not contrary to your rules put my name on your list both, so I may receive all documents of any importance, which you send out.

My Party Yours,

James G. White

Law of Boy P. 80
New Orleans
La.
Office of White, Cook & Co., Bankers.

Burlington, Iowa, May 25, 1858

Hon. S. A. Douglas,

Dear Sir,

Can you, without trouble, send me a copy of your last speech on the original Kansas bill? I allude to the Senate bill, of the last discussion prior to the final vote on its passage. I am in receipt of Daily Globe, but, as yet, have missed that speech, & I should be glad to obtain a copy.

Respectfully yours,

W. W. White
Wm. W. White
Burlington, Iowa.
Pension Office, May 25, 1868

Dear Sir,

I am writing to inform you of my application for a pension of $1.00 per month, as you have requested. I have today submitted all necessary documents for approval of my claim. I will send you the official certificate for the same tomorrow.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

[Address]

[Date]