Waverly, Morgan County, Illinois
August 12th, 1858

Honoré J. H. Douglas
Dear Sir,

The Citizens of our place are very anxious to have you visit our town during the present campaign and address us upon the political topics of the day, and as we think that an address from you would be of vast importance to the needs of the Democratic Party. This vicinity, we therefore most earnestly request in behalf of the Democracy of our town and vicinity, that if at all consistent with your arrangements, that you appoint a time at which you will favour us with your presence & an address, and as we see from the list of appointments that you will have a share day between your appointment at Jacksonville & Carlinville which will be on the 6th of Sept, we would suggest that you come to our Town on that day. As we are immediately between the two places and about the half way place,

If you can except our proposition with but to much care & I will
give us notice of your acceptance, we will make arrangements for your conveyance from Jacksonville to our place, and from here to Carlisle. We will either take you out to the rail road, or take you through, in a carriage as may best suit you.

We direct this to you at Pleasant Hill, and shall expect a reply by return of the mail.

With much respect we remain
as ever your obedient servants,
P.H. Crowell
W.H. Ginney
Jonathan Harris
G.J. Duncan, Chairman
W.W. Rice.
Macon, Georgia Aug 12th 1858

My Dear Sir,

In common with thousands of good and true men of South and North and over the whole Union, I wish you the most complete success in the contest about to come. If in Illinois I have never concluded from feeling to the Demoocratic Party nor the integrity of your motives and while I regretted with you on the State the question, and separted that you could not违to your views and causes in the action of the Caucus, still I have never thought that you should be subjected to the open fire and abuse which has been heaped upon you for doing what you believed to be right. It is a cause of great regret to many of your friends in Georgia that the Cabinet have attempted to humbly come down and by pernicious attempts to the courts address...
to advise you and your friends out of the present, and the
order of the organization. This is not the course
for your party, so he Norte to support it.
But this will be a day and that in your
distress of the future. When you will be
dependent upon other parties and your
own party feeling to the right to the Democratic
party, and the business has never been conducted.
I am not unaware of the construction found
against you at Washington, and my intention
here is that you will yet to succeed well.
But, while the Constitution may be
ample to check and control the
power of the present, he and his other
times. Again, wishes you a glorious
future, and a well done to the Senate. I
remain
Your Truly,
[Signature]
H.R. de Grasse Mays
Hon. S.A. Douglass.
Northwestern Ill, August 12th 1854

Dear Sir:

The People of Illinois and adjacent counties are deeply impressed to see your name before your own lips a vindication of your course on the Kansas Territory question and other questions of public policy. Then an army of men who have voted with the Republicans who cannot swallow the doctrine of negro slavery in this section. We are satisfied that your vote will aid us to secure our vote. You have always in this county if we would earnestly request you if you possibly could to come over & help us. The Territory of Illinois would be the most available spot. Illinois is the best city in the center of the county & the seat of justice & about 12 miles from the river, & if you could land & make suitable preparations would be made to convey you to Illinois. But we leave the line & place to you only providing that you shall not disregard our request if it is to any manner consistent with your previous arrangements.

We remain very respectfully yours;

U. T. Bell

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Thom. R. Cabell

Mrs. Rajah
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August 6, 1861

Jno. C. Peper

Rathbone

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Annapolis

P.O.
Spencer's Aug 12 58
Hon O A Douglas
Dear Sir,
I am quite well and have been some time
and shall not be able to see you
until you come to Ottawa. I have
written to you twice but thinking that
you have not read them I now write
again thinking that this may reach you
at Paris. A large delegation will
go to Ottawa from this place on the
21st inst. I will be with the delegation
and see you at Ottawa.

Yours truly,

Charles Dickinson
for O. Potter
Wause August 13th, 1858

New S. A. Douglas
Peoria, Ill.

My dear Sir:

The thought has occurred to me that possibly you would consent to speak in Wause. The afternoon or evening of the 20th inst., between your appointments at Galena & Freeport, would be largely attended, as I am an old resident of the village of Wause, thoroughly acquainted with the people, and am satisfied that your presence in our place would be attended with beneficial results. Many will attend from this place, the meeting at Galena & Freeport. But the majority, owing to the busy season of the year, will not go to either place. Wause is half way between Galena & Freeport. Has a population of about 1200, country well settled around us. Be kind enough to answer, and if convenient for you, to speak in our place at the time mentioned above, inform me.
in time, to give the appointment
post circulation,

as I am a sinner to you
I enclose a clipping from the
Salina Criner, which will show
you the present time I occupy with
the proceedings of Providence Co.

with much respect and
many wishes for your success

I remain,

Yours truly,

[Signature]

P.S. I am well and content with a
short sleep, and will make
you as comfortable as possible
while with me. I send this to
Beverly as I notice you are to be
there on the 10th.

J.K.P.
Friday, Aug 13, 1856

Dear Judge,

I enclose you my defence of your

further. I should have preferred to have

you own, but the matter created so much noise

here, that silence was considered evidence of

false. I enclose the copy of Fortm's bill which

Stevens introduced in the House of Reps.

I sent to him introduced the bill. It corresponded exactly

with that introduced by Fortm. in the Senate.

I enclose you the article because it contains

the Speech of Whipple here. I am in the Senate in July

1856.

I am anxious to hear from you

notice of Sycamore. I hope he will give him

here effectually, I hope you will give him

Furman when you notice it.

Yours,

J. W. Sheehan
Washington, D.C.
Aug. 14 = 58.

My dear Sir:

Suppose that it should be in my power to put you in possession of full proofs, that the Leominster Constitution, so called, was prepared, word for word, in this City, under the especial supervision of John Slidell and Mr. Senator Bright,—that it was sent out to Kansas in the hands of a secret agent of the Interior Department, and received in accordance with a preconceived plan,—and that this whole move had for its final object the killing off of R. I. Walker, and S. A. Douglas. Would these facts be new to you?

I am, Sir,
your ob't. serv't.,

S. A. Bargy.

Hon. S. A. Douglas.
La Barr
Washington
Aug 14/58, D.C.
Ashingdon Knob, Cafters, Aug. 14, '34

Dear J. J. Bouyer,

Your time is all occupied and it
might to you is presumptuous
But some times a good letter can
be made by an humble
individual. I have lived in this
State ever since your first public
effort in the State I was with
Judge J. H. Cravens and others that instilled
you in Breeding County. Where
I met you at your first effort
The People knew and some few
others had yielded to their natural
instinct the love of office now
all this by the way.

The suggestion
is can you not make us a
talk at Ashingdon we have a
population of some two thousand
and a fine & thick settled neighborhood
mostly of Kentucky & Tennessee
and I know a speech from you
even at night would make
a great many votes as you are.
Await we you by the Quincy & Chicago
Rail Road. If it would not be asking
to much I should like to hear from
you & will address this to Kentucky
press for State Rights.

[Signature]

Hitchey
Albany, Ill.

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Indianapolis, August 15th, 1858,

Hor, S. A. Douglas,
Dear Sir:

We now have a new deal from the Executive pack of cards in Indiana, since the Kansas elections. Meetings are gotten up at which such men as Varjues and Robinson make speeches in glorification of the happy event. The argument is: All honor to the administration and the men in Congress, who, by the adoption of the English bill, enabled the People of Kansas, by their exercise of popular sovereignty, to vote down the Leavitt Constitution, and thus rid the country of an exciting issue. In the same breath they aver themselves in favor of the new admission of Kansas, which has the 93,000 population, and Cassius M. Clay votes as an evidence that the people desire to remain in a territorial condition until they attain the requisite population.

This is the program and whom the bright men of Indiana
will be badly beaten before the people. As a counter movement the
envelope letter has been published which you will perceive embodies
two demagogues.

The State ticket will be beaten. Mr. Cameron, Henry, will beat Lamborn.
Mr. English will be elected by a small majority. Hughes will go under.
Portis (Rep.) will succeed Gregg. Holman will be re-elected in place of Foley.
Dani will beat Becquet. I have but little hope of Col. Walker's
election. My Republicans will carry the 6th, 8th, 10th and 11th Districts. The
legislative body probably be: Senate
Repub. House democratic. A
flat majority of Douglas minority.
Among Democrats will hold the balance of power on joint
ballot.

Every thing looks well for the defeat of the Bright dynasty and the triumph and subsequent
ruling of your friends.
Carthage Hancock Co. Ill.
Aug. 16th 1858

Hon. S. A. Douglas

Dear Sir: The undersigned a portion of the Democratic Citizens of Carthage, have this opportunity to enquire whether it would be compatible with your numerous appointment to address the People at this place during the present campaign.

If so have the kindness to inform the bearer (Mr. A. Hamilton) of the time and oblige.

Your Servant

[Handwritten signatures]

J. C. Mead
A. N. Hamley
J. P. Steele
J. H. Cazier
R. G. Dennis

Dennis Smith
D. M. Colly
E. Wilson
C. R. Hemleb
J. McPhail
J. M. Perris
J. J. Griffith
Aug. 16. M. Couchman and others
Carthage Ill.

Anno 1861.

Hon. S. A. Douglas
Present
Scored
Aug. 16. C. M. Harris,
Ogunqua

Ogunqua, Ills. Aug. 16, 1858

Mr. J. H. Young,
87 George St.

Dear Sir,

At the earnest
and repeated solicitations of many of your numerous personal and political friends and admirers, and your hearty Demoncrats, I write you of their intense desire to have you speak here offering you that the interest of our great cause requires that your presence and [illegible] the taking of your numerous appointments and I don't at all calls for humbly mean you will be able to protect them and knowing that you faithfully do without exception to other duties of the State you owe. Your truly,

N. J. Harris
Preas'f La Aug 16 /58
Hon. S.T. Douglas

Dear Sir,

After due receiving, & attentively perusing the documents which you favored me with, I would briefly state my gratitude & appreciation of the same. By those documents I am enabled to successfully controvert, many false & absurd documents which are hourly circulated, for the purpose of diverting the public mind from truth & justice.

Personally, my interest is identified with that of the South, consequently would ever be ready to cast in my might in opposition to those who are antagonistical to our institutions. But I have ever been in favor of preserving sovereignty, & am still willing to aid its issuance.

I would be happy to receive your Chicago & Springfield Speeches publishing in Oct.

W.D. Nuss
Mrs. O. Reed
Prevost, So.
Aug 16, 1858.

Autograph.
Ottawa, Aug 17/58

Mr. T. A. Douglas

Dear Sir,

You will doubtless before you receive this be informed of the turmoils of the committee in regard to your coming to Chicago. The great solicitude on the part of your democratic friends is to get you here Separate from Mr. D... We have therefore concluded that you come up to La Pocie in the steamer Ottawa on Thursday night after you speak in Lacon and remain in Peru over Friday and then come up in the Special Train on Saturday morning. The Republicans here are extremely anxious to have you come together and consequently til the present time they are ignorant of our arrangements and we intend they shall be until it will be too late for them to have that on Friday night Judge Trumbull made a speech here last week in which he took precisely the same position he did in Chicago and last night Mr. Wallace attempted to refute the article in the Tribune but made an admission of himself, believe expect you to give Trumbull such a candidate as the wish him quiet for a white man Committee will meet you in Peru on Friday.
Meeting at 10 o'clock A.M.

We hope these arrangements will suit your convenience. I hope we will be enabled to carry out our programme without the intrusion of illness. I hope to see that you have the ability to defend yourself from the attacks of the blood-thirsty of the old regime and from the passions of the Republicans.

On behalf of the committee, I tender you our cordial greetings.

O. G. Little
Honorable

Judge Stephen A. Douglas

My dear Sir,

Allow me to assure you of the true heart-felt delight it gives me to learn that your prospect is so flattering in your state to triumph over the united forces of the Black Republicans & the Administration.

There is not in the length & breadth of the land one who would more heartily rejoice in your success than myself, as persecution very naturally increases the affection for the object for which one is persecuted. I was the very first victim dragged to the scaffold & guillotined for daring to express the will of those who delegated me to represent them at Cincinnati in favor of the Hon. S. A. Douglas for the Presidency...
The Autocrats of Louisiana ordered his Excellency to discontinue the willful assault on the independence of his own constituents, when they did not agree with those of his own faction. The apprehension of your course during the last session of Congress was almost universal in this State. When the Monarchical principles have been so freely exercised as to thoroughly disgust the Democracy, who having contended for the right of self-government for years are not ready how to relinquish it. Every Democratic paper in New Orleans sustains your course & policies regardless of the threatening attitude of John Hildebrand &c. &c. Toward them. It has been currently reported here that the Honorable Senator from Louisiana has taken the trouble to visit the West to machines against your interests. If such can be made to appear in this state as the case, he never will return to the U.S. Senate.

There is likely to be quite a contest for Benjamin place this winter but the aspirants being numerous Benjamin will be able to attack them in detail & turn the artillery of each against the other & defeat the whole of them. They will acquire experience by this defeat & make them to profit it by it in two years hence.

With great respect between

Your O.T. Let

Thomas Entman

Donaldsonville

Augst 17th 1858
New York, Aug. 17, 1858

Dear Cousin,

One week ago my father was removed from office by Augustus Schell, Collector of the Port of New York, to make room for an Administration Dean called, "scold," from Maine. They call father a "Douglas Democrat."

This removal has been a severe blow to father as he was dependent entirely upon his salary for his support and that of his family. (wife, daughters and son). He has not been
The two together were an affliction very heavy to bear for my dear father in his state of health, and I feared would prostrate him completely.

He had taken great pains to prove himself a faithful and efficient officer, and it had but just before been intimated to him by the Superintendent that he would not be meddled with his services and example being very beneficial in an orderly point of view on the Brooklyn side of the river, where father was located. Father has not asked for...
Nor had a days release from duty for two years. Still all that goes for nothing politically considered, and off goes the head of the good or the bad officers indiscriminately, and up bobs another, to be taken off stage in due season. Uncle Charles' head is still on. He has the faculty of drinking and not mixing with the powers that be, which Father has not, and there is hope that he may remain.

May God bless you and prosper you in the fight.

Yours most faithfully,

Julius W. Browney

Nov 5th, 1863

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