Belfast, dean.
Nov. 6, 1858

My Dear Sir,

The pleasant rumors of yesterday are made authentic today; and I lose no time in sending you by the next mail my personal congratulations.

The success has been to me a most gratifying result of the fierce struggle while your hand was upon your pen while you did not flinch.

I believe you would not doubt my feeling upon the occasion of this triumph—"Oh! I do no more—"
Dear Mr. Inglis,

Thank you for the package, and I am glad to receive it.

Very truly yours,

W. Athene

Mr. W. Inglis
Albany N.Y.
Nov 6th 1856

My Dear Sir

Hopeing you will not think me impertinent I take the liberty to drop you a line of heartfelt congratulations for your most glorious triumph over all combined opposition. unequalled before since the formation of this Government.

Happy and proud am I that through you the great principles upon which the Democratic Party must stand have been so nobly vindicated, and may the reward be an elevation to the highest position within the gift of a few people.

Since I parted with you at Peoria in Company with my family for this place we have continued to watch with a deep interest the great result. My father who resides at Galena has furnished me with all the important news of the great struggle. As you know him well I need not tell you his whole soul has been enlisted for you in the great battle which is won.

Hopeing when I return home to California the time will come when I may by canvassing at least a portion of the State in 1860 in having you as fully endorsed on the Pacific Coast.
The State of my adoption as you have been in that of my nativity (Illinois)
I subscribe myself Your obt. serv't
David D. Bolton
Miss Bolton sends her congratulations
I enclose two articles from the fig 6 I rec'd from me before, and the other subsequent to the election. Being the only ones on Illinois politics for some time past, I observed that the Chicago Times had some time ago a notice letter reply to an article on your position in the Dred Scott decision, which appeared in the Journal of Commerce, during my absence of two or three weeks in the month of September. I did not deem it best to prolong the controversy by a rejoinder.

Hoping to see you soon on your way to Washington, I am very respectfully your humble serv't

Elnon Comstock
Phila., Nov 6th, 1858

Hon. Stephen A. Douglas
Dear Sir,

Allow me to offer you my heartfelt congratulations upon your successes in the recent elections, the glorious principles which you upheld have proved triumphant in your State as well as this Old Keystone. But I will not take up your valuable time with expressions which are being now echoed all around me and for which even now one hundred guns are being fired here; but I will make known my request.

I wrote you some time since requesting you to lecture before the Literary Congress of this City representing several hundred Young Men. I need no definite answer now doubt owing to your numerous engagements. I now however upon the pressing solicitation of the whole city nearly repeat that request. Can you not deliver some kind of a lecture here for us? I can insure you such a house as you never before witnessed. Please write immediately.
And if you are willing, fix upon some date that will suit you. I conclude you will find a circular containing the names & dates of the other lectures of the course, to which I hope to add your name.

I am, Sir,

Your Respectfully,

Wm. C. Conant

132 Market St.

Phila.
Doverville, Buc. Co. Nov 6, 1858

Hun. Stephen A. Douglas

My Dear Sir,

Permit an old and devoted friend to congratulate you upon the glorious result of the election in Illinois. I looked upon it as one of the most important if not the most important election that ever took place in this country. The principles involved were vital to the future government of the country. I am indebted for this triumph, the people have spoken. This places you upon the top round of the pinnacle of power.

I am now in my 51st year, may God grant me life long enough to help to the full and choice President in 1860 which I think will take place.

Mr. John W. Forney has acted so able a part, I hope he will not be rewarded.

Your devoted friend and will when the time comes render you important service.

If you pass through Nashville on your way to Washington I will come and see you soon.

I love the honor to address myself to your devoted hand.

John Davies
Buffalo Nov 6th 1858

To Mr. T. Douglas

Respectfully sir,

I must take the liberty of congratulating you on your success in Illinois. It shows conclusively that night will triumph, and day must wait. Your taking the seat by the hands last winter has done the work that Sacramento constitution to has done its work for all that voted for it. All the rest of the city has gone down into political darkness never to be associated. I went for Shepley to sức the seat and the Administration met that I indorse his demand rationing in regard to slavery. I would leave the people of the states & Territories to settle that matter by the ballot box. Not the general government to see fair play at the polls in the Territories.

I rate my hands in Chicago to saw for you they write me that they looked on the question as I did and went it accordingly and now let me say friend Douglas perseverance will yield claim and great will be your reward in the eagle.
No. 6. M. C. Sanborn
Buffalo.
Ind
Answered no. 10
sitting is better pleased the little giant as Strange the Mountains tak is done at hand and the assiet in now ease by Mr. Buck in shall be a poor valley loosing the route Mr. White House in the town human hearing lacing lost then on the Plains of Sacraman700 taking his course towards the Black Hounds in Peninsular mania where forty Parks of Blood Hounds will never be able to start him again.

I would like to see

Stephen A. Douglas
President

John J. Crittenden of
Kentucky
Vice President of the U.S.

A. C. Davison

of the stone which the builder refused has surely become the head Stone of the corner.
Nov. 6, 1858
Wm. C. Darcox,
Buffalo,
N. Y.

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Mr. W. B. Douglas
Geneva, N.Y.

American 10

Geneva, May 6, 1874

My dear Sir,

I congratulate you on the results of the election in Illinois. I have felt much interest in the struggle, and could not but fear you would find yourself unable to conciliate the combinations that were intent not against you. You occupied an unusual position, where defeat would not be dishonorable. But where
Success would signal the close of your trials. It must require all your good sense and self-command, not to lose your balance after a victory under such circumstances. I trust you will be able wisely to maintain the critical ground you have gained and to lead the battle for the supremacy of our Democratic principles.

Sincerely yours,

[Signature]

R.B. Douglas
Dunblane, 16th Decr. 1854

Hon. Mr. Henry & Douglas.

I hope you will receive the news by sending me a copy of your speech on the Ballantyne Memorial.

I am anxious to hear it read but it is impossible as there is none in this place that can read your speech.

The regulations are too strict for any public reading of your speech.

To all present, except two or three, names you gave to hear from you. We gave three hearty cheers for your speech, may God bless you.

Yours,

[Signature]

[Handwritten address: Dunblane, Charlestown, Co.]

[Handwritten date: 1859]
Mr. B. L. Flynn,
Junkins,
Iowa.

Counted in.

(Handwritten note below)
Boston, Nov. 6, 1858

Sir,

I avail myself of the privilege to congratulate you upon your triumph. Success in Illinois the more so, because I have the honor to address a Democratic mass meeting. In the recent election, to elect a Democratic candidate, and in that address I prophesied that the news from Illinois would indicate a Douglas triumph and that a Douglas triumph would be a Democratic triumph. The people in this state are prepared for an expression in 1860, and I am told to say that the old "By State and give you her electoral vote." I shall consider it one of the happiest circumstances of my life to take the stump for you in the campaign, not from personal motives (for I treat no office) but from the conviction that you represent truly the great conservative sentiments.
of the people and with few
men I would place all that is valuable
of the be called Republican party
of this party.
I have the pleasure to be
May truly your personal and
political Adm.

H. H. Torne

Your

Stephen A. Douglas, U.S.S.
Chicago
Officer of the
Cleveland Waterman

Hon. S. A. Douglas

Nov. 11

I tender to you a thousand congratulations upon the result of your last great battle in defence of Popular Sovereignty. Now that you are successful, I presume you will no doubt be shocked and disgusted with the congratulations of hosts grown who have always, until the day of your triumph, been your most bitter enemies. Here in this part of Ohio, we have stuck to you through evil as well as good report, and we now rejoice that you have so triumphantly vindicated your principles and action.
Mr. Cox, an Congressman re-elected, would have been with you before your election, had he not been confined to his bed ever since our election. I had the pleasure of meeting Gov. Denver at Janesville a few days ago. I approached him in Illinois politics. He was strong in your favor (privately) and will not be slow to support you in 1860. I also met Col. H Quincy, author of The Comptroller's Reports for Congress—he is an ardent friend and advocate of your just claims for 1860. The Hon. Wayne Griswold, of this City, with whom you are acquainted, has been laboring zealously in your behalf. The (Thedouglas men) have now

The entire control of the primary organization in this Corn District, and intend to hold on. I will mail a copy of my paper this week as I think also last, and let you see what we are doing for the Little Giant in these parts. With sentiments of profound respect,

Remain your humble servant,

Ed. Matcham

Rov. W. J. Eberwein

Crickville, Ohio
Boston Nov. 6, 1858

To Sir, I have returned home from attending Court in another County to see the names of your triumph in Illinois confirmed. I rejoice that you have broken down the Black Republican barrier in Illinois where recently that State by the election of Lincoln would have been the appearance of an abolition North on the Lecompton platform of direct war upon the slave labor of the South. I have been your opponent,

[Handwritten text continues, discussing political events and the implications of the Lecompton platform as related to the abolition of slavery.]
Union must be fought. New England, New York, Pennsylvania, & New Jersey have been carried for Northern Union, most of these States are hopeless for the future. Pennsylvania & New Jersey may be wrested by the victors from the defeat of the rebels in Illinois and partially in Indiana. This will bring in Wisconsin & Michigan a light breeze. Aside from all minor or personal considerations, I cannot look at this great result in its broadest aspect as a triumph of Democratic nationalism, in which in a sufficient number of free states to make a majority into the State united Southerners, the while government must fall into the hands of the Southern States Compromises against the Union. This I hold is the philosophy of the Illinois election. I have not seen your last paragraph.
Phila Nov 6 1858
Hon. Stephen A. Douglas
Dear Sir,

In the first place, allow me on behalf of the request of the Literary Congress of the young men of Philadelphia to congratulate upon the glorious and triumphant victory that you have achieved in Illinois, the state which you so ably represent in our National Legislature.

In the second place, this day the Chairman of our Executive Committee has written to you regarding you to lecture before our association. Let me entreat you dear Sir to consider favorably our request. The Literary Congress is an organization that represents the young men from every section of our city. We have instituted this season two excellent courses of lectures to be delivered by some of the most talented men in our country.
Lectures
Before the
LITERARY CONGRESS
OF PHILADELPHIA.

FIRST ANNUAL COURSE.

The purposes of the "Literary Congress" are best explained by reference to the preamble to the Constitution, viz.:

"We, the representatives of the Literary Associations of Philadelphia, in order to foster and advance literature, protect the honor and interests of literary associations, cultivate a spirit of friendship and generous emulation among the intelligent young men of our city, and to prosecute certain literary enterprises mutually advantageous to the community and ourselves, &c."

To advance these objects the series of lectures now offered to the public has been organized. The first course will consist of six lectures, to be delivered by the following named gentlemen:

Oct. 27 Rev. T. STARR KING, of Boston, — Delivered —
Dec. 30 GEORGE D. PRENTICE, of the Louisville Journal.
Dec. 23 HORACE MANN, of Antioch College, Ohio.
Dec. 2 HON. ANSON BURLINGAME, of Massachusetts.
Nov. 18 HON. JOHN P. HALE, of New Hampshire,
Nov. 16 JOHN G. Saxe, of Vermont.
Dec. 16, Tie & Curtis Bay of New York.

Several of these gentlemen have promised to produce lectures written specially for the occasion, and all of them, it is believed, will be new to the citizens of Philadelphia. As a combination of talent, novelty and cheapness, it is believed, this course will surpass any before delivered in this city.

Tickets for the course will be but $1.00. They may be procured from the following members of the Executive Committee:

WM. CONARD, 132 Market St.
J. G. THOMPSON, 105 N. Fifth St.

Also, at GAVIT & VOLKMAR'S Bookstore, No. 609 Chestnut st.
NEW MARCH 6th 1858.

My dear Sir:

Knowing as you do the attachments which during the past few years I have felt for you, politically and personally, and the interest which is common with your friends throughout the States I have taken in the issue of the contest which you have so manfully and so gallantly won in Illinois, you can imagine with what satisfaction I received the news that you had triumphed over the few-poll combinations which had arrayed itself against you, and with what pleasure I send you my congratulations in the letter.

Such a victory has never before been gained in our field of political warfare, and I can see in your future a continued triumph that march to the Presidency.

When letters of congratulations are pouring in upon you from all portions of the country I shall not trespass long on your time.

It would give me much pleasure if on your return to Washington you would stop in the way long enough to accept the hospitabilities of my house, and visit one of the pleasantest towns in New England, and receive a New England welcome.

With the renewed expression of regard which entertain for you I remain,

Very truly,

[Signature]

[Address]

[Signature]
Panola, Mississippi Nov. 6th

Mr T A. Douglas

In this corner from Telegraphic account that you have gloriously triumphed on the continued efforts of the Black Republican Party and the administration. On the midst of the congratulations which are now pouring in upon you all, I am from the true friends of the Constitution and the South, will say you permit an old line老兵 a Zephyr Clay to offer this. I am a native of the South and I have always been a small slaveholder. I say to you that I regard your success as an out

of good to my State would be hut

poorly F. Family to express my opinion of it. You will believe me when

I assure you that this thrill of my

heart beat for that success which

you have so nobly won. I should

feel myself honored if you could

send me your signatures on your own or your..
Mr. E. C. Lockland

Owsley,

Miss.

Annoyed n.n. 12
Sayville, Long Is.
Nov. 6 1858.

My dear Martin:

I congratulate you with all my heart upon your success. No political event in all the past ever gave me so much joy. I want to see you, to grasp your hand, to look at a brave man of a true Democrat in the face. Your path is now onward. You may have heart of my being defeated in the Cong. nom. — motion, by the jef.
The power of the Carter Administration exerted through the Custom House and Navy Yard of New York. I was beaten by one vote. I think would have won within three days after our Congress convention, by the Custom House at Belfast. I could have been elected by over 4,000 majority.

Starting, the Administration candidate is defeated, as he should have been. There is a good time coming.

You can't kill it monopolized at Charleston. Can probably send you more than any other one man in our State. Communicate as we will.

Our map is with you. The head of it dug his own grave, by throwing it to by but having the Kansas policy of Buchanan. Had the Kenton quiet about that. I have found myself to state affairs, we could have carried our State by vote.
love majority.
Our measurs would not
but the kick out.
They did not feel compelled
to vote at all. So
They stay at home.
Get it up
I shall always be
glad to hear from
y.m. From truly
Mr. E. Calhoun

To
H J C Douglas.
5th Logaron Office
City of Washington
Nov 7th 1855

My dear A. Douglas,

We your friends are anxious to give you a grand reception when you come to Washington and to hear a short speech. Do you agree to this? If so let us know it, and let us know in time. [I remember me to]...]

Yours Kindly,

[Signature]

God and Liberty
Dayton November 6, 1858

Dear Sir,

I now that you have some leisure, I desire to post you fully as to the movements of a certain individual, who of late has been trying to make it appear to your friends here, that you and himself were friends and perfectly understood each other. I do not for a moment suppose that you are to ignorant of human nature and of this politician and of politicians generally, as to be easily deceived by him—I allude to "the greatest young man in America" as an especial friend of his calls him:—Anguel J. B. Vallandigham.

While you were on your way home in July last, he made a pilgrimage to Cleveland through which you passed and lately on the eve of the Illinois election when he found the general opinion was that you would succeed he makes another pilgrimage to Chicago, for what purpose may easily he imagined. Whereas in fact his real Mecca is near Lexington, Ky., the home of Vice President Breckinridge!! He wants to be on all sides just now, whilst secretly he is trying (through his especial friends here) to make Breckinridge the Republican candidate for the Presidency. I am informed by D. Delaware, editor of the Democratic organ in this city,
that he brought from Washington $150 to be expended in his behalf. Of course there must have been a fraud for sure. I reminded you last winter that he was flooding the Congressional district with the speech of Senator S. P. Horner.

I have further to say now, that during the whole of that long session, he kept here nothing but decomposers and current some of them deposed in which you were pretty leisurely ignored.

The loose and illogical speech of Stephens of Georgia was kept here by law in hundreds, notwithstanding this, and the continual fire of the Daily Tribune under Van andingham's control. Your friends here contained themselves with forcing the papers to publish your speech, and talking with their fellow democrats on the street corner. He thinks now that we can fairly count more out of every ten democrats as your friends. So strong has the feeling become, that the Tribune has taken the lead back, and Mr. Vandingham himself, don't seem to be insulted, as being called a "bore," for an explanation of which term fee in closed de current. I enclose you a published speech of Mr. P. Niles which will well repay you the trouble of a careful reading. It has not been answered. The reason is, it contains too many stubborn facts.

I also enclose the book by article, written by Vandingham, in which yourself and friends were denounced.

I particularly call your attention to the article in another number of the paper headed "Senator Douglas." This was written in a most unorthodox manner by Vandingham at Washington and sent here for publication. There is no other democrat in the city who took enough interest in the matter against you, to write such a lengthy and perfectly bitternes [sic] conceived article.

Vandingham will fight hard again to get into the Ohio delegation, to the Charleston convention. Your friends in Ohio ought to understand that he is no friend of yours. His law partner here is as pure an index to Vandingham's feelings and opinions, as a weathercock to the course of the wind. He speaks at the idea of you being the Democratic candidate for the Presidency, and always mentions Breckinridge in that connection.

I shall take the liberty hereafter of informing you of any movement which may affect your interests.

Yours truly,

[Signature]

P.S. The Cleveland Plain Dealer in its election returns calls Vandingham as anti-decomposers — That is pretty for a
Man fo well informed
as J. W. Grec—

Nov 9—

Since writing
the foregoing, some
I encountered has
abstracted from my
office, the article
last named. I
will get another if
possible send to
you.