A Sept 6th 1858

My dear sir,

Accept my best

Sincere congratulations

on your glorious

triumph.

Most truly yours,

Hon. S. N. Drake

N. Y.
Nov. 6. C. L. Oatman

Geneva, Wis.

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Dear Sir,

[illegible]

Stephen A. Douglas

The Democracy of '76

What is all we can say now

Yours truly we see you in the President's chair

C. L. Oatman

B. C.

H. F. Carew

Nelson Pettit

A. J. Palmer

I. M. Tullibine

E. A. Douglas Paper
Hartford Ct., Nov 6th, 1858

Hon. S. A. Douglas,

Dear Sir,

I congratulate you upon your signal triumph over the combined forces of the Opposition and the Subsequent Curs. Let these from the Executive Kernel.

To accomplish this work, was a Herodian Labor for yourself and friends, and truly have you performed the task.

Tender hearts and weaker heads would have been dismayed at the prospect, but with the Manna before you "there is he amold that hath his gruel just" you have slaughtered the fortifying cohorts and stung the hearts of your official persuasions with the instant pang of all.

Inglorious defeat in Pennsylvania, almost total routs in New York, Ohio, Indiana and the Jerseys are as nothing compared to the blow which "Popular Sovereignty has inflicted from Illinois. Such labors and such results are not without their moral and seldom fail of their reward. They teach Presidents & Cabinets to limit their efforts to their fringes, sphere of duty, and say to them: Thus far shalt thou go and no farther."
On Friday 17th the Democracy of this City honored your troops with a National Salute. I am yours.

I was at Washington a few days since, and was gratified to observe that not only there, but all along the route, at Baltimore, Philadelphia, New York, the full train ofpeculiar sympathy was pouring into its strongest flood in your favor; God grant that it has no ebbing.

Your friend,

J. C. Richardson
Burlington, 11th Nov 1855

Hon. S. A. Douglas

Dear Sir,

Allow me almost a stranger to congratulate you on your wonderful personal and political victory. A more unequal contest could not be imagined and it is not to much to say that there is not another man in the Country who could have carried it through with such brilliant success. I have watched with intense interest the contest, as I considered you the only man that could save the Demo party in Illinois. Now I think the track clear.

Yours Respectfully,

Nathaniel Parker
Mr. G. H. Parker,
Burlington,
VT

Answered 4th. 11
103 Fifth Avenue
Nov 6 1858

My dear Judge,

While your house is filled with platans, listen to the warning of a friend. The success with which you have met is a very great victory. In my judgment, the greatest ever achieved in this country. It has proved you to highs that the views you have will be seen and each glass you drink will be noted. You can certainly afford to be quite circumspect and modestly assured.

The same circumspection which your adopted last winter added to your present success will certainly give you the Charleston convention. If you let the Saints at once understand that you expect it, and...
That your northern friends consider it

I beg that you will now help clear

of the slavery question. We Souths
know you well, I that you are
safe - you can stand with us to the
winds and you andpose their
friend - we Souths must enact no
public pledges from you. They know
you; they must know you, to
help your northern friends.

Second, if you
will be the next President, I want
my Souths and friends of

She cannot save him from it.

I have seen many Southern men this
season, and if you let my Souths
understand that you have a quiet deter-
mination, to be the next President,
you can be so without pledge from
to matters concerning who have so firmly stood by my faults when it can hardly to do of it. My faults must exist in phrases which will abate the worth - Circumstances in all things even to the smallest, with a careful examination of any thing like humility or antagonism will make you the next President - I have had some of the best men of the Republican party in my house who are ready to join proper time to take sides with us. We can truly carry this State - only keep quite about opinions - Seize means if you can & the question will die if only a few faults can appear in peace - I urge be the faults understand that you are the candidate I that your time has come.

Sincerely yours

Edward Pumphrey
From L. M. Monroe

To Mr. S. A. Douglass

And myself abed our

Sew of the present opportu-

nity, to congratulate

you upon your triumphant

success. We being the

only persons in our

little town to identify

our destiny with yours.

And the first to throw-

up our banner over the

victory. So nobly won.

Hoping, pray is not far
distant, when the whole

country will remember

honesty and patriotism

true yours,

Burling. D. Pung

New Canaan on Nov. 6. 1855

Nov. 6. B. D. Pung

New Canaan.
Monticello March 6, 1858

My dear Mr. B. L. Reynolds,

I state much pleasure in congratulating you upon the praiseworthy and statesmanlike stand you have taken in the Senate in support of the doctrine of principles. Such a victory, obtained by your perseverance, assagery and talent, is glory enough for a lifetime. I have been strongly in sympathy with the idea of any state as a leader in the defense of principle. It would be Illinois. She had the organization and the right with her Key Statepower, true to principle and did not forsake the people to bow to the dictates of force and tyranny. Never was a state more truly and consistently with the people in the hour of peril, than Illinois, in the navigation question as one of the key states. The Senate's new yesterday papers were read aloud to those congregated at the Post Office to hear the news from Illinois.

I refer to the people in South Carolina and the seat of government by their statesmen, I do not wish to see this question carried to the point of war and the ruin of the Union.

Respectfully yours,

Rev. Stephen A. Douglas

Burr Reynolds
Canandaigua, N.Y.
Nov. 6, 1858.

S. A. Douglas, Esq.

Allow me to congratulate you on the signal triumph of the Democracy of Illinois, achieved under your auspices, by your exertions with your name, in the late eventful contest. Your success is hailed here and elsewhere as the harbinger of your full and complete success in the Presidential canvass of '60.

We have already in this benighted region started the cry of Douglas for President. Nothing can prevent a very large majority of delegates from this State going for you.

Having just returned from
Your own State when I travelled through it in two directions I felt an unusual interest in your success.

I spoke to your old acquaintances & formerly political opponents (but now friends and admirers) I mean the Bangs, Wheeler, etc.) and they could hardly think it possible that you could succeed. They have just called on me to exchange congratulations & say they are for you in the contest of '60. I very believe you could carry this State next week. Allow me again to offer you my sincere and heartiest congratulations.

Although the actions of Mr. Pierce compelled me with thousands of others

To note the American ticket for a while I feel myself a better democrat (if possible) than ever, and entertaining your principles and believing them entirely, right I shall work unceasingly for your success till that is accomplished.

Yours very truly,

S. H. Salisbury
March 9, 1858

Mrs. C. M. B.

From J. B. Douglas

I am happy to learn with pleasure that your Kansas policy has triumphed in all as well as in most of the other States where elections have been held. I also hope to see you before the People Join President in 1860 if so you must be elected.

I do not let any Dam fool start a Douglas paper in Washington or any other place at present for it will kill you as dead as Julius Caesar. My opinion as I have so far stood you own ship I think as you have now got in pretty firmu with Ship and cargo you are safe at present without a Douglas supporter.

Yours Truly,

Augustus Smith
Nov 6
Augustus Smith
N. Y.

Answered Nov 10
New Ipswich Nov. 3rd, 1850.
Appleton Academy.
Mr. Douglas
Dear sir,

As I am making a collection of the autographs of the distinguished men of our country at the present time I am very desirous of obtaining yours, and shall be very thankful if you would confer in the favor of your autograph. I have always been an admirer of your talent and eloquence and though I am an academician have been advocating those truly democratic principles which you have always advocated. Excuse my boldness and believe me your well governed servant,

John J. Smith
New Ipswich, N.H.
Pleasantville, Ky. Nov. 26th
J. A. Douglas Esq.

It is all joy and consolation heard to day, nearly every body is pleased at your election in Ills. I think that nearly everybody ought to be. LeCompton is forgotten about here and nothing said about it. I intend to put the ball in motion for your Bene fit at Owenton (Owen Co.) in this state on the 3d. Monday in this month. The people of this state I think would be pleased to hear you speak on your way to Congress at Louisville or Lexington, your friend.

Very Respectfully,

J. P. Sparks
P.S. When you get to Washington please to send me some documents to read yours truly.

[Signature]
Astor House Nov 6th 1858

Hon. S. A. Douglas

Dear Sir: I am directed by the committee of arrangements of the New-England Society of New York to invite you to meet at their Pilgrim Dinner on the 22nd Dec at this house. The committee earnestly hope that you will find it convenient and pleasant to attend. We know that the New-England men here resident will welcome you with profound interest.

An early and favourable reply will afford insuperable gratification.

Truly yours,

W. S. Selden
W. Com.
Mr. A. Douglas,  

Dear Sir,  

Our friends in this city and in Western lands are anxious to see and, if possible, to hear you. Can you not elope with them by making an early start for Washington and giving to Penn a few days' pause during your journey? The spontaneous and universal ovation of all true men will hail your progress from one end of the state to the other. What you have justly considered of greater weight, it suits equally with the glorious career in which we are all proud to hail you as our chief.

Mr. Stokes and I shall gladly welcome Mr. Douglas and myself to our house adjoining Genesee's.

Very truly yours,

Wm. A. Stokes

Dear Sir,

We the undersigned have been appointed by the Philomathean Society to inform you of your election (unanimous) as an honorary member of that body.

With great esteem,

We remain your truly,

W. H. Stratton, Chairman.

Committee.

Wm. & Warren.

Roland Johns Tillman.
Kalamazoo
Nov. 6, 1838

Hon. S. A. Douglas
Dear Sir:

The contest in Michigan rivals that of Illinois over your round. To-day we fire 52 guns! To-night we meet around the festive board to testify the full extent of our enthusiasm.

You doubtless heard from New York at what hour I viewed the matter—My own nomination I regarded as some help to you, and we have done nothing. We have two of the four members of Congress and have reduced their majority on the popular vote from 20,000 two years ago to about 5,000 now. They have a majority in the Legislature.
and if they can heal the present
predicament existing among them, they can
elect a W. D. Scudder.
Remember us to Mrs. Douglas &
believe me your friend

C.H. Stuart
Nov. 1, Chas. E. Stuart
Kalamazoo
Mich.
Albany, N. Y., Nov. 6, 1858.

Hon. F. A. Douglas,

My Dear Sir,

Allow me to congratulate you on your success in Illinois. In this expression of public sovereignty, especially to those of us who stood up with you in its support in the Congress of 1854, this must be a gratifying event. We are located in New York, as well as to you, by a departure from that principle.

As far as my observations have extended, you have stood, in your course as an ardent man of the people, the sympathy of many others of the democracy of New York, of many men who have not approved your course at the last session of Congress. I have a small number, you can call upon for reasons of this sort, do not partake of this feeling.

Very truly,

John J. Mason.
Scottville, Oct. 6th 1854

Hon. S. A. Douglas:

Allow me to congratulate you on your attempt and that of the midnight democrats of Illinois. The attempt, however great is its democracy of your state and yourself, I shared in feeling at least $19\frac{1}{2}$ of the democracy of Iowa.

Yours as ever,

O. T. Walling
Washington
Nov 4th 1858.

Dear Sir,

The Doorkeeper to the U. S. Senate is dead; and I should like, very much, to have his place. My clerkship does not support my family, and if it did, it is an unpleasant position in many respects. I propose to apply at once to each of the Senators as I can make any influence with, and I feel that I may confidently ask you for a letter to Judge Bigelow for that purpose. Anything which you would do for me would be most gratefully appreciated. I do not suppose that such a position as Doorkeeper would be made easy or profitable, but the reception of the fact that I am a friend of Judge Bigelow might have an influence with him.

Very truly,

Jane Melville

Gou [illegible]
Richmond, Va. Nov. 6th 1858.

To Hon. S. A. Douglas
Sir,

I hope I may now congratulate you with the almost certain result that you will continue to be Illinois' U.S. Senator. I send you this written note, 3rd by the next mail. I commend Mr. Melvin to you as a gentleman of education, refinement, integrity, sobriety, business habits, and a most worthy Douglas kind of Democrat. You cannot find a better candidate than he for the place he seeks. He is a brother-in-law of the late Hon. Scammon of Ill. I think for him in all respects. (Over)

Henry Wise
Blowingtown Nov 6th 1858

My Dear Sir,

Allow me to congratulate you upon the achievement of a great and glorious victory, the greatest of all things considered that grandest victory achieved by any man under our glorious Republic. You have not bested your most worthy foe, but the whole band of traitors, to the cause of freedom, came up by the President, the Army of the United States, at the command of the President. We did our best, but it did not amount to anything. Bloomingdale is the banner of abolitionism, but let us not forget the victory is won and now we want to get up a big demonstration, a great jubilee. The whole State is to participate. Springfield of course the place, the question is when shall it be? If you can space the time please write a few lines and say what steps you think of the project.

Truly yours,

A. Webster
Jackson, Mich., 6, 1858

Hon. S. Douglas:

Dear Sir:—It is with no ordinary feelings of pleasure I now set down to congratulate you, so upon your signal triumph—a triumph honorable to yourself—gratifying to every true democrat, and not very flattering to the Administration. I have all along felt quite sure of your success. I had an abiding confidence in your strength, and in the intelligence and integrity of the people of Illinois. To me, sir, it is very gratifying, as I am the victim of all Administration power.

This fall a Congressman was nominated to our country, from six of our delegates would write on a man, the last to designate. We pray, head one half of all the delegates in the
Congressional Convention. Without any effort on my part, and without my ever seeing the delegates, all but one was our county, esp. of Prentiss himself in favor of. That one agreed to go with the Democrats. This was voluntary on their part. The Convention met at Ann Arbor, where Colonel Shenaker informed our delegates that it was of no use to present my name, as it was clear that he nominated the delegate from Wayne Co. would not go for me. Most of the delegates from Wayne Co. were under Shenaker in the Custom House in Detroit. The plea used was: Mr. Cooper friends were that if I must not be nominated as the one that got Republican votes—having always been a strong part man—"stumped" our county. I said that we must have Republican votes to elect Mr. C. I that the opposition to Mr. Howard in the Co. would give Mr. Cooper a large majority. Mr. Cooper has never been a working man, in fact can not work. It was plausible. The real cause, however, was that it was known to be Anti-LeCompton. & Anti-Douglas Democrat. Mr. Shenaker knew this. Hence his position. My great effort, they succeeded in dividing the delegation from this camp between Mr. Cooper & myself. They stowed on for some 2 hours. Shenaker came to me & desired them to agree. I finally sent word to them to agree, as I was fearful of difficulty in Detroit; & they agreed on Mr. Cooper. Cooper is Anti-LeCompton at heart. He is Anti-Stuart, & Anti-Douglas. This strong. He is a clever fellow, and that is all. He is a friend of mine, & has always been so. He is elected by a small majority, from 50 to 80. He always have been $300 or more. In this Co., he never has run a head of his ticket of 60. Shenpk became Republican, because Republicans believed him incompetent.
tent to represent our district in Congress hereafter. He is nevertheless a strict Democrat. You, however, will read him when you see him, and I think you can controvert him. His vote is all.

Now, sir, you may rest to collect me. I was at your residence in Brooklyn 2 years ago last spring with Frank Sherman of Marshall. I am now I have been for some time a strong Democrat. I have moved towards the election of Buchanan, then all the Democrats in the county. One year ago last spring, was elected Mayor. This spring whipped because I cut a hill down.

Now, sir, I wish to assert a strong move in this state. Can you not come and make us a speech, provided we will get up a celebration. Say something next week. I may be out to see you. The people here are with you. I wish a chance for them to speak to see you, and hear you. I foresee you an ours out in hours too. It is asking perhaps too much. Still came you not come. Please guess I am kind Yours

Said C. Wood