Dallas Wasco County, P.O. Nov. 21st, 1858

Dear Sir,

Being a native of Illinois, a Democrat, and regarding you as the champion of the pioneer population of our happy country, I assume the privilege of directing your attention to a section of which I am one of the earliest settlers.

I allude to that portion of Oregon and Washington Territories lying East of the Cascade range of Mountains. It is disconnected from, and distinguishable in climate and physical features generally, to the portion of these territories lying West of the mountains; and in my humble opinion should have a distinct government.

I would therefore suggest to you the propriety of procuring for the domain indicated, a separate territorial organization previous to the admission of the proposed State of Oregon.

Three years since a petition for this purpose was circulated, and universally signed; but for reasons which have not been to the fully explained by those to whom the petition was entrusted, it never reached its destination. The proposed division is highly desirable, popular with the people of the Willamette Valley, principally for the reason that it permits on the creation of a State to retain all of the State's valuable lands, and institutions, and yet by donation from Congress, for their construction and endowment, more valuable lands East, than can be had West of the mountains.

Respectfully yours,

[Signature]

Hon. Stephen A. Douglas
Justice Chenoath
Dallas
Wasco Co.
Oregon Territory
Nov 20th 1868

In response to organization of a new territory
East of Cascade Range of mountains.
Dear Mr. A. Douglas,

My dear Sir,

Although an entire stranger to you, please allow me to congratulate you on the glorious and triumphant results of the Illinois Election.

I am an old man, having seen fifty-two winters, and politically never entertained any but the principles of Democracy. But George Washington is not the exponent of my Democracy. Wirt Davis has been, to me at least, a very unaccountable one, and that deserve the condemnation of honor-able Democrats not only of the North but of the South. But in all Condor—
you will allow me to express my decided satisfaction with your

Elisha Boutloday
Hyde hill
Yates Co.
N. Y.

Nov. 20

Political
Sir, I am your humble Servant, 

Elisha Doubleday

Italy, N.Y., Nov. 28th, 1858.
Topeka, K.S. Nov. 20th, 1858

Hon. Stephen A. Douglas

Dear Sir,

I congratulate you on the result of the election in Illinois. I am joined by the conservative feeling of the people the whole State of Kansas. My advocacy of your course, brought about all the Administration could do. REMOVE me from the Post office in this city. A position by the way I accepted to accommodate the party, but having taken my stand on Democratic Principles as expounded by you, I dared even while Post Master to Issue a Prospectus for a Democratic Paper sustaining your position. The same having reached Washington is answered from the P.O. Dept. by a Commission for a subservient Post Master and my removal without notice. I do not regret it.

I have been waiting for the proper time to come the Publication of my paper, the Kansas Statesman. I have everything on hand, the best office, power, press & in the Territory and means sufficient to carry it on until you become the occupant of the White House, but have concluded to defer it until Spring unless in your opinion it would benefit your interests by going on with it immediately and placing your name at its head. I am at your service and would be pleased to hear from you on the subject at your earliest convenience. The columns of the Statesman shall be wholly devoted to your interests without money.
and without price, your courtesy and Gentlemens
Comports towards me while in Washington to say the
least shows my admiration, and I take pleasure in
referring you to my good friend Lt. Coll Walker for
your satisfaction, and herewith give you an extract
of this letter to the P. M. Geo.

Mr. Davis, personally
And cordially your friend
and Col. C.

DAN REMOY

PROSPECTUS
OF THE
Kansas Statesman.

The undersigned intends pub-
lishing, on or about the first of Nov-
ber, in the City of Topeka, Kansas, a
Weekly Newspaper, under the title of
the Kansas Statesman.

Failing us to do, the necessity for the
publication of a reliable Newspaper in
the Capital of Kansas, and relying on a
remunerative support from the class which
forms the great conservative element of
both the existing parties in the territory,
we shall enlist the aid of DEMOCR.
CAY, as taught by Jefferson and Jackson—
as ordered by the Cincinnati Convention—as
now espoused by Stephen A. Douglas, and endorsed by every Emancipating man in the country. We
shall give a hearty, though steady and inde-
pendent support to the administration, as
far as is shall adher to these principles, but no farther.
E. C. K. GARVEY,
Editor and Proprietor.

Copy of D. C. W. Walker's letter
Executive Department
Lecompton K. S. July 28th, 1857

Hon. A. J. Davis
Mr. Clay

Louisville,

On the 18th of June last I wrote you
inquiring whether E. C. K. Garvey Esq. of Topeka had been
appointed mail agent for Kansas and if not urgent
soon you the advisability of making such appointment.
Please recollect your reply. You will permit me then to
again recommend Mr. Garvey to you as a Gentleman
eminently qualified for the office to designate what I
said in my former communication to you on the subject.
Mr. Garvey I said, has always been and now is an
Ardent Member of the Democratic Party and possesses
the Unbounded confidence of all his fellow citizens. He is
a man of Talent, and Integrity of great energy and
business qualifications and of Considerable Means. He
has great influence here and has greatly contributed
to the Promotion of Kansas. The whole Democracy of
Kansas will be greatly pleased by his Appointment,
which if not already conferred will be an act of
Justice to him and greatly promote the Public Interest.
Please make the same in the most correct manner to
urge upon you the Appointment of Mr. Garvey as

Sig. D. C. W. Walker.
E. O. K. Garvey
Topeka
Kansas.
Nov. 20th 1858.

In relation to the publication of "Kansas Stalwart", a Douglas paper.
Verona, Dane Co., Wis., Nov. 28, 1858.

Honorable S. A. Douglas—
Sir:

I see it stated in the State Journal issued at Madison, Wis., Nov. 16th, 1858, that the condition of these slaves (on a Louisiana plantation of yours, as it appears before) was a disgrace to their owners. That they were badly fed, badly clothed, and excessively over-worked?

Now I would like to enquire if it is true that you own slaves at all; if so I should conclude, of course, that this statement is simply false.

I write you for a double reason: partly to obtain information on the above point, and partly to procure your autograph, which I should very much prize. An answer to the above will very greatly oblige one, in whose estimation none stand higher, as a statesman, than ready debaters, than your illusions self.

Very Respectfully, E. C. Hammond.
B. C. Hammond
Monona
Dane Co.
Wisconsin
Dec. 20th, 1868

Relative to class. I want autograph.

Yours,

[Signature]
Chicago Nov 20th, 1858

Hon. Stephen A. Douglas

Dear Sir,

The members of the Illinois Saint Andrew's Society celebrate the Anniversary of their Patron Saint on Tuesday evening the 24th inst. at the Tremont House.

Pearing and shedding new lustre on a name which has for ages sparkled in the legendary lore, and filled many a bright page on the historic records of Scotland; we believe that you sympathized in the honest enthusiasm and proud affection that warms the breasts of Scotch sons towards their native land.

We therefore respectfully and cordially invite you to participate in the celebration of our National Anniversary.

Yours respectfully,

W. T. Muir

Chris Comte of Arr.
St Louis, Nov 20, 1858

Dear Sir,

You will receive a note by this mail from Col. Kennett urging you to come direct from this point to go to Washington. The prospectus I enclose you I think I know all about. It is a scheme of enterprise to organize our party in this State favorably to Guthrie and to produce for himself further promotion. Suggerson is one of the most indefatigable intrigues in the State and that he is destitute of talent or fixed political principle he has a great deal of cunning, industry and perseverance.

I say to you that unless steps are taken to checkmate this movement we shall certainly lose the title in 1860 and be damaged in your State. Therefore it is in my judgment impossible to neglect this matter in the least. Do not therefore fail to come down and consult with us.

Yours truly,

J. Douglas.
J. Loughborough St. Louis
Nov. 20 Mo.
Tongern's paper on Florida politics
To Judge

Dorville, N.C.
Nov. 20, 1858

You know I have great confidence in your political foresight and honesty and firmness. But you are mistaken in one thing—and time and patient time will show it. You will never be nominated by the Charleston Convention. You might as well expect justice among cat boats as to expect fair play here. You have had nothing but injustice shown you. The last year by that old federal corrupt in part James Buchanan and the Cabinet and all the tools in the service does anybody believe that he and his minions will show you fair play when all the cards are in their hands? Will not the Lecompton and Anti-Lecompton men send two sets of delegates in most all the Northern States and what will the Convention do—let them in and then they will rule you out or refuse to nominate you. Take a third name—I think it most likely a fool Lecompton man in your place as a compromise and let all the party support him. I never will—no such man as Bright Cobb—Sidell-Dickerson or any man who has espoused one of the first principles of a democratic party—The right of the people to enact laws under this glorious Constitution. You differ with me about the propriety of raising your name all over the State. I still am of the opinion it would have a moral effect—a political power which would reach every other State and compel
The Convention to nominate you if they can see that the North and West are the great heads of the Democracy here for you and if it did not this it wouldn't bring to your support all the American of the Republicans who don't for the length of Kentucky and you have the right<br

Lecompton law...t. As we can't<br

I'm Lecompton mean for it to be in in my opinion and I know that Bills or should be as if your friends do not throw them off by blindly rushing into that fact at Convention age it will be so far as are concerned. The law democracy can never go Lecompton it's supporting without moral or political discreditation. The way could not part Bright with that speech in regard to the Lecompton Caution<br

The same of most often thing. How do you think your friends know but that body will denounce your popular sovereignty ascribe to the Union's doing it was the right is doing the same thing. The Pennsylvanian also and the can be his doubt but to be law is not<br

I always been against you but yet too big coward towards...
Democracy 30 yrs and I think my friends will do me the justice to say and that without any other wish than the success of Democratic principles—had not Mr. Rassay been about to see our sick daughter I would have been at Chicago and as I may not be able to be at St. Louis when you are there I will broach another subject in a letter to you there. Can't sit in 2 Session in a few days if I have to be there.

I am respectfully Your friend,

John Rassay

My compliments to Mr. Douglas.

Dec. 20

Fannville Ill.
Mt. Vernon 12
Nov. 26. 156

Dear Sir,

The Americans are a large portion of the Democrats of this section of the State (Yolke and Elliott's district) keen with joy your success. I feel new life, honesty and firmness is the best policy. The honor of democracy, who don't offer you before the election,

now begin to speak well of you and conn the "union" - so vote it be. All I know it is that a pine may be soon cut off to resume the election to 1860. I trust success.

Yours,

E. Smith

I hope you are from Leitouren will find
matter right the coming season.

E. S.
Brook Haven, Lawrence County, Ill., Nov 21, 1858

Dear Sir,

Your letter of the 18th last I received and the contents not unlike what you mention that the "Chicago Republican" state that "Mr. Smith while in Chicago stated that the condition of Judge Douglas' Slaves in this county was a disgrace to their owner that they were badly clothed, badly fed & excessively overworked." In justice to Judge Douglas I can very positively state of my own knowledge that the Slaves owned by him which were on the plantation in Down Town in this County were not only clothed, fed, and cared for in all respects but were honestly treated by his overseers and I know of no Slave that were given better attention to be fed or clothed or clothing is concerned than was his Slaves since he has had the control of them. I have known the Slaves ever since they were brought to the County by Mr. Robert Market the father in law of Mr. Kingstap only residing five or six miles from them since they left this County I know nothing about them which is about one year but from my acquaintance with the gentlemen who buy them in Chicago have no doubt but that they are equally attended to by being so before

Dr. J. C. M'Kenna
Dr. M. Bough
Silver Lake March 19th

Mr. & Mrs. McRae

Your note of the fifteenth was come to day enclosing a paragraph from the Chicago press making charges about theinhuman treatment of Mr. Douglas's negroes living upon the adjoining plantation. In your absence having entire control I can say every statement in the paragraph is utterly false. The overseer is a sober kind man and the negroes in the South is better provided & cared for of every sort to make them comfortable.

Very respectfully,

A. Dashley
James A. M. Holton
Baton Rouge
La.

My dear Sir,

In your letter of the 16th inst. you request me to give you a statement of the condition, management and the general provisions made, and executed over the Douglas negroes I took, and have had the exclusive medical charge of the place since the first of July last, and how paid almost daily visits to the place, and since I have been only found an abundant supply of food, sound food at all times furnished them and as well clad as any set of negroes in the South. And as for work they have not earned their salt. I regard them as well provided for and at good care taken of them as any negroes I ever knew of. And very respectfully yours,

Mr. Jones

Silver Lake
Misp.
18th November 1858
Certificate
Hildreth Douglas
of
H. E. Patton

out of the

[unreadable]
Mr. W. Albee
Olive, N. C.
Nov. 21, 1858

Congratulations, dear man,

Olive, N. C.
Nov. 21, 1858

My dear friend,

I congratulate you

in your great fight for your Party,
since I took up the contest, as one

of the most important elections

which has taken place for 20 years,

I am a Douglas man, and

I have said so often to my friends,

for 20 years, for the mind which
did believe in & urge for Douglas

in 1848

You had the world, fish

and Buchanan to contend with,

and still you triumphed, you are

going strong in N. C. If you can

find time, come to old Salem

every year, and let the people see

you, I hope you may not only

occupy the Presidential chair, but a
W. Harrison  
Salt Sulphur Springs  
Monroe County  
Virginia  
Nov. 21, 1859  

Political, and requesting  
respect, for distribution  

Salt Sulphur Springs  
Monroe Co. Va.  
21st Nov. 1859  


Dear Sir,  

When I heard the pleasure  
of seeing you at your own house, last winter,  
I told you that whilst you had lost some  
friends in Virginia, you had gained many others  
and that I had no doubt, in the end, that you  
would stand by you and sustain you in your  
opposition to Abolitionism. When I arrived  
home, I found myself the only Democrat  
as far as I knew, who at that time, was  
the open and uncompromised advocate of  
this view, in the Western part of this State.  

For this I was denounced by those who  
had professed to be your friends in former  
times. But the prediction has been verified.  
Abolitionism & Judge Douglas have  
both triumphed, and the Democracy at
least the popular Democracy of Virginia rejoice at it. They cannot rejoice at
Your success, without rejoicing at the defeat
goal of Federal Prescriptions & Black
Republicanism & Secessionists in this
Darnage. There will shortly be a Convention
of the Party in Charleston to Nominate
a Governor and however it may encroach
his administration that Convention shall
also be called upon to express its sentiment
as to the result of your late election.
It now we don’t gladly think that
question, but if it were to must be,
whatever may be the result, you may
not despise, for, that nine tenths of the
Dems essays in the State (at least of
Western Va) are on your side. I have
recent one copy of your published document
with Mr Lincoln. If you have any more
he will send and then to my address I
think I can distribute them to advantage.
Or if more agreeable I will send you
a list of names in different
parts of this District to whom they
should be forwarded directly. Mr
Edmundson (an member of C. ) who always
was opposed to the prescriptive usurpation was
afforded from the drawings of this same
list. I have no intention with high
respect to Geo 6th,
W. Harrison
W. Harrison
St Louis, Nov 21/58

Dear Sir,

I got to this city last night, and shall remain here for several days. Since my arrival here I have met with a prospect for a newspaper about to be started here under the patronage of Mr. B. Sturgis. It is thought by friends here, that there is a double purpose sought to be achieved by the establishment of the paper; first the advocacy of the claims of Mr. Catlin for the presidency & secondarily the personal advancement of Mr. Sturgis own private interest.

I wish to add that something should be done to counteract this movement. Hence if you can possibly put time to run down here for a day or so, I would be very glad indeed.

Yours truly,

C. A. Douglas
TO THE

DEMOCRACY OF MISSOURI AND ILLINOIS.

A FIRST CLASS FAMILY DEMOCRATIC JOURNAL IN ST. LOUIS.

The undersigned will commence the publication of a first class Family Democratic Journal in the city of St. Louis, to be entitled "The Times," on or about the first of December next. It will sustain the National Administration of Mr. Buchanan, and the regular organizations of the Democratic party. A considerable space will be devoted to first class reading matter of a character designed to interest, benefit and instruct the family, the farmer, the mechanic and the professional man; comprehending choice literary articles of biography, romance, &c., and brief abstracts of all the important current foreign and domestic news of the day.

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H. H. SIMMONS & CO.
TO

DEMOCRACY OF MISSOURI AND ILLINOIS

A FIRST CLASS FAMILY DEMOCRATIC JOURNAL IN ST. LOUIS

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C. H. Lorrill
Independence
Iowa
Nov. 21, 1858
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speaks yo

Independence Iowa
Nov. 21st, 1858

H. o. S. A. Douglass
Washington D.C.

Dear Sir

Of the position of the Washington
Union he consent me in
this part of Iowa, who
have always acted with
the Great Democratic
party, and have always been
so join, as to consider our
selves good Democrats, are
now outside of the party.
Because we here sympa-
thetically with you in your
late contest, and the po-
sition that you have
taken on the great ques
in defense of the administration.

I have been the victim of the excesses of the party in this state.

Familially yours,
E. F. Lovett.
NEW ORLEANS, Nov 21st 1858.


Dear Friend (Confidential)

In the opening lines of the prophecy of Walter Scott's 'Lady of the Lake' He says, "And hope is brightest, when it dances from fear." I need not say to you that in the true state rights democracy, have waited with alternate hope and fear. The result in Illinois I have only waited for the certain result to offer you my sincere congratulations.

"Then by my word" says the prophet said
"The riddle is already read,
"Who spills the foremost nation's life
"Who partly conquers in the strife".

Having myself played the part of a prophet on the occasion of the reannexation of Texas, I must make my own record and counsel help to come out its fulfillment. If anything do the contrary which you may hear rest assured of what I say to you and, I know the sentiment of the true democracy, in this state. I think that I can speak from seeing great numbers from most of the Southern States that the resolutions and action in 1860 is now
I am now down to New York a Democracy and must record such sentiments and you will see here in Louisiana that we are fighting and that there is much in our favor. I shall try to keep the peace and be friendly with our friends. I am one of your most sincere political friends and I take the liberty of saying a few words and I hope for my dear friend a bright career.

I am sure once extant it is your master. Knowing your spirit, your character I do not wish to be understood as advising any amendment of your opinion. Possibly for the country as a whole, they are better known as my important duties, but I would not be unprepared to turn the tide, and if such a turn should be made, I shall be ready to have the tide turn in the right direction to lead to success. The recent results of your letter and the recent debates of the convention were the cause of the great loss of the Democracy and political men.

The same error is the same error, which certainly was the most constant slander in the country. I lost the election by our anti-Grant letter. We have not succeeded in changing the tide. I hope you have been elected the same.

I have reached Washington. He deeply regretted the old and friendly union with the great man. He has asked me to write the letter which they approved. He was the only thing to prevent the union. It was a hard blow for the public, but I have not learned the strongest position in the American character. We are a people of a land loving and a land giving people, and the part is shown by the statement that when it was the 25th of August he represented the most important duty in the land, and he said, "I am the leader of the people, but I am the leader of the people."

I am at the time of writing, and I am writing to the Senate of Congress. I shall aim to get the people behind the Union. The motto which I would have a motto, was to have the people behind me. I am writing the present short description of my work to the Senate. I would change the course of Democracy in the Senate. The first, the second, and the third rule of success, to understand Congress. The motto - above all the great national question, the respect to appear from the battle. Grant, but on principle and in law. The Union is now saved is a good motto. It may be the salvation in one who
was never seen higher than acampaign
attorney general to other men's places in
his own state, to venture advice to me
whose vocabulary thus far has not
known the word "foul" but in the
freedom and frankness of a friend. I say,
"Si quid invectis sectas, Cauda de superno
si non uterque his mecum."

If these candid suggestions of mine
do not meet your approval, I have
no fear of your approval of the
measures which I proposed. There, and
wherever you can spare a moment
leisure from the serious duties of your
position, and the more agreeable ones
of devotion to your good lady's
family. It will afford me great
pleasure to hear that "Cauda a
invectis sectas" and believe as ever your
sincere friend and well wisher

Isaak E. Morris
Hon. Isaac E. Moore
New Orleans
Nov. 21, 1868
Patience, etc.
H. B. Payne,
Cleveland
Nov. 21st 1858

Relation to an app. for Chas. J. Foster, Editor of Statesman and political, 

My Dear Sir,

Cleveland Nov. 21st 1858

of the Statesman and early also to a friend of yours anticipated a mission of high consequence with that journal and is ambitious of some position where he can continue to be useful. The answer like a position of assistant editor under me and tests at Wellington where he may correspond with Ohio papers among the standard of Congress and he expresses a desire of indebted to your favor of position for which he has long waited me to write him in his behalf. The reason was that he would be very useful in that paper this winter and I have referred to him that I wanted to communicate upon his request at the same time I said to him that there was but little probability of a vacancy under me at all and I was not certain that you related to him was
Such as women ensure a successful result to your application. If possible in the meantime of your engagements, please give that matters your attention as for reasons which will readily appear to you. I am my answer to home. If gratified with the evidence that you have received one of particular his friendly services.

Allow me to congratulate you on the brilliant success of the doctrine that I have urged, especially on the admirable tenor and spirit of your speech. I am pleased who we wanted and may be well received through the country. Let the South now keep out and discuss their candidates. Within 60 days my vote by common consent unite on you. Let the demonstration begun journey to selfish be indulged for the sake you wish the least evidence of your preference with the masses. I wish the South that no body else can by possibility lie elected in 1860. I am hence take Buffalo. New York. This I believe in your way and for a grand turn out at Washington there makes the triumphant succession. Very mine.

We be spontaneous and tell them own tale. I take it you cannot say we did not reach the Capitol before after the lesson. Common. That is the opinion of Mr. Cleveland so they who were at Washington last week.

Can you give me a list of leading demo- crats in Ohio that you are sure of? I wish it that I may know who I can cooperate with. Of course I understand where may of the one but there are some who may have pleased themselves to you whose position has not been entertained hitherto?

Request our kind regards to Mrs. S.

And be kind in your kind.

B.B. Payne

[Signature]

S. A. Douglas

[Signature]

[Handwritten note]

Do not forget that we want the candidate possible notice of the train you wished to mention. Cleveland.