Mt Vernon, Feb 28, 1857

Senator Douglas

Dear Sir,

I had the honor of receiving under your frank a copy of your speeches at New Orleans, Philadelphia, & Baltimore for which all the recompense I can bestow is to tender to you my thanks, and the best assurances of my regards for you. Never having the pleasure of personal acquaintance with you as yet, I hope at some day not far distant, to meet you face to face, and welcome you with that warmth of feeling which is characteristic of all Democrats. I remain your friend very truly,

Respectfully,

Charles F. Baldwin
Mr. Douglas

Dear Sir,

I hope this note finds you well. May I request a favor of you? I am in need of some of your shorthand notes, as well as some of the other documents they are desired for reading and to use in a literary society. By doing this, you will confer a great favor on a young American. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

Yours sincerely,

A.C. Bowen

Medford, Feb. 28, 1879

Address to Mrs. Bowen
Medford, Mass.
Roseville Mo. July 28th 1857

Hon. J. A. Douglas
Washington. Dear Sir,

I would be obliged to you if you would send me a copy of your last speech in the Senate on the
Cherry question. Having left Chicago I have heard little news, and can only say that in the rest of the state at all events your
views are not with a decided majority. That from the
best men of no one, but of all parties. We have as yet seen
but the vague reports given by telegraph.

Very respectfully,
Your friend & Ob't Servt

[Signature]

P.S. I would also be obliged if you could send me
Scott's speech with which, and any other on the
great item you may have especially your own
as I am exceedingly anxious on the wheat fight. We
certainly fight although as you probably an awan
always until I move to Chicago— an old line
stay policy.
Mr. H. Brand
Bonnelle
Feb. 28. New
Want speech 232
Lowell Feb 28th 1859.


Dear Sir,

Allow one to address you who has no personal acquaintance with you but is well acquainted with your political history for the last twenty years. Especially since 1849. How any well informed unbiased man of any party can stand up against the position that you have taken in your late canvass in Illinois is more than I have been able to define. Divest your position on the Territorial question of all idle issues and put the naked question before the people and then be no more doubt of the result by an overwhelming majority than their would be that you are a native of the State of Vermont. The Democracy of any native State New Hampshire are fighting their annual political campaigns on the "56" platform. And so I have no question but what they will make a handsome gain. Yes, they would carry the State if we had at the head of the Government an man who had...
more of the confidence of the Democracy of the Country. Their is not the least question but what the Democracy would have carried New Hampshire last year if that Madison of Lewiston Constitution had never darken the doors of Congress. They truly did in your debate in the United States Senate of last Wednesday that these could not be a northern State carried by the Democracy except on the platform of 1856. I mean so far as the sectional question is concerned. We have one of the strongest men in this state that Abe Butler who has spoken himself upon it, I should like to know who stands equally on the Cincinnati Platform Convention of 1856. He was the only man of prominence that and no other than one of those who gave my first vote in 1850 for that noble old Patrick — Andrew Jackson through his struggle with the United States Bank and other measures of himself first to my letter on Democratic Republican Doctrines.

Sincerely Respectfully

O. Ballard.
Mount Pleasant, 28th February 1837

Hon. Stephen A. Douglas
U.S. Senator

Dear Sir,

During the month of December I wrote to you a letter enclosing two letters from Groome, requesting you to retain them after you had read them. I also, at the same time, sent to you for your examination a manuscript speech.

These things—of no value whatever to you, have cost me labour and are of great value to me.

Will you be kind enough at an early day to send them to me yours truly—

Henry Clay

Dean
Henry Clay Dean
Mr. Pleasant

Feb. 24.
Resignation of his office
Mr. Douglas

Sir, you would confer a great benefit upon me could you conveniently send me a copy of your speech. I would be glad to receive any other speeches which it would be convenient for you to send me.

 Truly Yours,

Albert Dilworth
Jefferson College
Canonsburg
Washington Co
Pa.
A. Silmütz
Austrian port
Feb 21
Annibale, Feb 23
Seneca Feb 28th 59

Mr. C. H. Stuyvesant
Washington City

Sir: I am anxious to examine and keep on file the speeches of yourself and other senators upon the question recently before your honorable body involving great questions of constitutional law in relation to the powers of Congress and the territorial legislature respecting slavery question.

If you should have any of their speeches on hand I shall be much pleased to receive them.

As you have long since learned our legislature for the want of efficiency failed to get the appropriation bill through. Had they succeeded with the bill Sumner would have been easily defeated. As it is we will do our best.

Respectfully yours,

[Signature]

Samuel Eaton
S. Eaton & M.
3 Amawwa
Ill.
Feb. 28.
Political

V
Ome Feb 28th 1857
Stephen A Douglas
Sir, please send me those volumes on the explorations and surveys, from the Mississippi to the Pacific Ocean. And much obligie,
Mr. E. Ten Eyck
NB. Direct same Oyle Co.
Illinois
Miles Ten Eyck
Ottumwa Iowa
July 28th, 1857.

Hon. S. A. Douglas
Washington City

Feb.

Dear Sir—

I hope you will pardon me for the freedom that I write you. I was introduced to you at Washington in 1852 and again saw you last fall at Galena. I want to say to you that every Federal office holder in Iowa even down to petty P.M.'s are moving heaven & earth to get the people to put you down in Iowa. There will be a strong effort at our State Convention to endorse the Adams Administration that even existed; but I think they will fail as they did at our last convention.

If Hon. A. G. Dodge is right on the Lecompton question he will be the nominee.
For Governor, but if he is Leopold, he cannot come in, for, Mr. Haney tells me, Hagg is right. Mr. Vose is right, but our friend, Mr. Whatley, if he is gone to a political well, what a sight of gone long ago especially I know I am ingenuous to get matters right for the Charleston Convention in Iowa.

And what I propose now is to ask you if you don't think it will be summer in this state and make a speech. We can have at least 20,000 people to hear you. If you will come, I will help. I will help you in an official manner. Over 10,000 from Burlington is finished now within five miles of us. We will be finished here in two months, so you can come and enjoy the Aspen. Your friends are anxious to have your visit here this summer. Say at the terminus of our highway, your R. E. H.
I am anxious to see the rest of North west so to Charleston as a
unit,

These matters may be considered
as confidential so it would do
no good to make a matter of
this kind public so long before
hand. I will see that all
is right in this quarter-
hoping to see you in
Oman on this Summer.

I subscribe myself

Yr. Friend & Advocate

Geo. Gillmary
Concord, N.H., Feb. 28, 1857

Mr. Douglas
Sir,

I am kind enough to send you a copy each of your speeches made during the present session of Congress, and very much obliged.

Yours very truly,
William H. Goodwin
March 3

Anton Shultz

Harrisburg, Feb. 28 / 1857

Dear Sir:

I am desirous of collecting the autographs of some of our most distinguished statesmen. By doing me the kindness to furnish my collection with the addition of yours, you will be conferring a favor upon me.

Yours very truly,

Simon G. S.

To: Hon. S. A. Douglas
Washington
Woodstock, Feb. 28, 1859.

To the Hon. Stephen A. Douglas, Esq.

Being desirous of obtaining the services of the Patent Office, both for agriculture and mechanism, and knowing if there is any wheat in the office either winter or spring, if I could be very glad to obtain small parcels that also, for I am engaged in agricultural pursuits and would be very glad to do my share towards producing grain that will conduce towards benefiting our noble State now. Sir, if it will not be asking too much I will be very glad to receive this favor at your hands.

From your friend and humble servant,

Robert Green.
Leland Station, Ill., July 28, 1857

My Dear Sir:—I may appear to be intruding upon your time to write up a letter to you, but having become personally acquainted with you, I should like very much to have more information in this connection. Writing to you is the only course I have for years pursued. A copy of the Petition before the Senate of that House was written while a resident of another State. Since becoming a resident of this State three years, I have never had the pleasure of becoming personally acquainted with any of the Honorable Senators from this State. Cordially yours,

S. B. Harman

Leland, Ill.

February 1850

Wants a copy of the Petition before the Senate.
get a copy from them I still will. I did
procure the last year's report.
And send if he would not have
the advice I would say I should be
very much obliged to you if
you would forward them to me
as also any other documents you
may have reference to.
If any other secrets should be
forwarded to me I am situated
so that I could test their quality
and would report the result.
I hope if I ask in writing you will
not take it amiss I believe any
errors in writing in

Send it to Dr. Hard and Col. Still
Respectfully yours,
J.B. Harmon.
Oquaitta Feb 28th 1859
Hon S.F. Douglas
Dear Sir - William

To McCloskey - a prominent Democratic friend and admirer

I have the Congressional powers

Concerning the Pacific Rail Road. If you have any of these
Documents for distribution to

Kind enough to forward a copy

to him at this place and

oblige yours Truly

Harris & Waters
Smithsonian Institution,
Washington, D. C., Feb. 28 1859

Sir:

We have as yet received no acknowledgment of the receipt of volume 8½ of Smithsonian Contributions to Knowledge sent to your address through

in

By our rules, volume 10½, now nearly ready for distribution, can only be sent to such addresses as have announced the reception of those previously forwarded, or made some explanation of the absence of such acknowledgment, and I therefore beg leave to call your attention to this subject.

Very respectfully, your ob’t servant,

JOSEPH HENRY,
Secretary S. I.
Jr. Henry
Washington
Feb. 28.

Acknowledged receipt of Vol 8.
Smithsonian Report.
Outpost Inauguration

Washington, D.C., 1819

The War Department is hereby notified that the post of the first post at what is to be called "Washington" is hereby established.

This post is to be under the command of Captain [name redacted].

The War Department is requested to make all necessary arrangements for the establishment of this post.

I am, etc.,

[Signature]

Washington, D.C.

[Date]

[Note: Handwritten notes and corrections are present throughout the document.]
S. C. Hill
Boston
Feb. 25

Political

Office "Daily Ledger"
Boston, July 28, 1857

Hon. S. D. Douglas,
My Dear Sir:

Enclosed is an article that I have just written on the
very absorbing subject of the day. I am
more thoroughly, because thoughtfully,
committed to this position than ever
before. Mr. Sands is just now in New York.

With sentiments of highest regard,
I remain
Very truly yours,
Geo. S. Reynolds
Sycamore, Ill. Illinois
February 23rd, 1859

To the Rite Hon. Senator Stephen A. Douglas Esq.

Dear Sir,

I take the liberty of writing you a few lines to send you some papers and a petition to Congress for an increase of pension for George House. I believe the papers contain enough to induce you to lend an ear and inform me if you ever received the documents and oblige your humble servant your truly,

George House.

To the Rite Hon. Stephen A. Douglas Esq.
Washington City, D. C.

Address

George House
Box 31
Sycamore, Ill.
Gov. Hayes
Sycamore
Ill.
Feb. 28.
Increase $100

Dear Sir:

You would oblige me very much by forwarding me a copy of your speech on the "Kansas Question."

Yours truly,

M. Hughes

direction at Philadelphia Post Office

To Hon. S. Douglas

Phila. February 24th, 1859
Chicago Feb'y 28 - 1857

How I. A. Douglas

Dear Sir: I hope you will not consider it impertinent in me to add a few lines to you at this time on a subject of great importance to me. You will recollect that soon after your return from Washington last year you executed deeds to me of 3 lots of land in Arch's Addition to Chicago of which it was necessary to get a release from Bushel of New York to perfect the title in me. I further state to you that I was so advised preeminently that it became necessary for me to mortgage said lots to learn a few hundred dollars to enable me to give me a salary. This release should be procured immediately so that I could use them for this purpose. I have suffered mentally & physically by your default in the premises but I have kept it to myself as I had pressed my own political party & done all I could by voice & otherwise to sustain you in your service later Post's. Before the country & at a time when the Republican party & a part of the Democratic party were entirely unscrupulous in this opposition to you by dragging your private affairs before the world thus causing me the more enthusiastically to work for your success so to forget all previous considerations.
I wrote to Mr. Buchanan some time ago on Thursday but as he has not answered I wrote directly to you as my case is an urgent one and will admit if no delay it will be frightfully to Washington to see you personally but this will constitute to write to you first hoping this you would be induced to purchase some time from great and here will be unable to take care of you often that you would allow to it clear my memory in the only apology for addressing you on a subject of this kind in this manner. 

Humbly I beg of you to accept your's respectfully yours, 

Washington D.C.
Mr. Nieman
Chicago
Feb 28, 1866
Business
Answered March 8
Carrollton Mill
Feb 28, 1857

Hon. Stephen A. Douglas,
Washington, D.C.

Sir - You
will pardon me for the liberty of
addressing you. It is with the
most profound and sincere
sympathy that I have for your
course as a Union man and dem-
ocrat, good & true, that I write
to encourage you as a Represen-
tative who attends equally alike
to the interest of all sections of
the country upon term just and
just. I know a majority of the
Dem. POST in my State are
opposed to you in your course
on the Territorial question yet
I am proud to pay that large
quantities of the people of my
section of the country approve
your course. As for my self,
I have always been a Douglas
man, and have been no cause to
depart from the faith.

P.S. "Pub. Doc" addressed as above.

Your Friend
B. H. Jones
B. J. Jones
Mount Pleasant
Feb. 24
Apprentice
Kellyville Res
Feb 28, 1857

[Handwritten text not transcribed]
petitioners. The present court greatly
The Dollar movement, not to, not
ripple the surface but when its spirit has to deal. I trust from you
it will not succeed.
The Executive demand for the law
making power with its entail of debt & labors & taxes. these
in maintenance. Restrict
not innovation of the issues
in the order.

They respect,

Be yours

W. W. McClintock

Hillsdale, Nov. 1

To S. Douglas
Washington
Salona 1/18 February 28th

Hon. S. A. Douglas

Allow one of your private friends to ask you to send a copy of your speech that was printed from your draft.

I do not believe it probable you remember me by name, but say I was one of the Committee from this place that met you at St. Louis on your visit to this city last spring. I felt such an interest in you that your views should be before the people that at any time if you should see fit to send your expressions with blank direction I would direct them to such parties in St. Louis that would favor to your benefit and to the Democratic party which are one and inseparable.

Sincerely yours,

A. H. Matthews

I must not say that I think but a good no of you friends last season.
New Oregon, Iowa: Feb 28, 1859

Dear Sir,

Will you send me the message, and documents accompanying, delivered to the present Congress?

Also any speeches that favor the great cause of Democracy and will be acceptably received.

Very truly yours,

W. R. Mead
W.C. Mead
New Oregon
River
speeches
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Salem Masonery

1M, Feb 25 1859

John W. Merid
John W. Merrill
Salem
Feb. 28. 72

makes the appointed visit to reach Point.
St. Albans, Vt., 28 Feb., 1859

Hon. S. A. Stringham,

Dear Sir:

I make no apology for troubling you from this Northern region. I well recall we met enough, without any prior.

I want to possess a copy of the latest edition of a book that is designated the Blue Book published at the Capitol — and shall be very grateful if you are now to send me one. I wish also you would send me a copy of Congressional Globe, containing debate on Senator Hoke's amendment.

Address to me at Chicago, care of James P. Balch, Commercial Advertiser, Tribune.

Can you furnish me with a copy of the estimates that shall be voted? Very respectfully,

Wm. J. Patterson
I, A. Douglas

Please to send me a copy of the Patent Office Reports if they are any for distribution and I would like to have you send me a few seeds if they is any to be disposed off and you will oblige me with

Wm. Pool

Direct, Wm. Pool
Freedom, La Salle Co, Ill.
Gen. E. S. B. Ford

Frederick

La Salle

Feb. 28, 1864

Wants Pat. of Ref.
Byron, O. B. to J. F. B. Feb 25, 1852

From: S. A. Douglas

Sir: Will you have the kindness to send me the Patent Office Report for the year 1857. Both Mechanism and Agriculture.

Everything is prospering finely here in Illinois. Long yours eternalBliss an gently dying.

Your obedient servant,

J. H. Sanford
J. M. Sanford
Ryman
Feb 28, Ill.
Ashing Patent
Office Report
Milwaukee Feb 28. 1859

Hon S A. Douglas
Dear Sir,

I wish to ob-serve a letter written by F. J. Emonos to the Committee on Post Offices &c. which I am among the papers filed against me last year. Hon. Bigler who was on that Committee writes me that it can only be obtained by consent of the Senate taken in Executive Session. Will you do me the favor to ask for it with-drawal to be used as evidence in a case now pending in which I am party in the Coun-ty Court of this County?

If agreeable to you I shall feel much obliged for

J. R. Haystein
Milwaukee
Feb 28. 1859
Withdrew a letter from the P. O. Dept.
anything that you may do in Conjunction with Gov R or otherwise towards obtaining that letter which contains evidence material to my defence and which I may not be able to supply from any other source. The letter can be returned if the Senate desire it but I presume it is no longer of any use there. The suit will probably be tried in April and I hope the Senate may grant me this favour which is probably the last one I shall ever have occasion to ask from it.

Truly yours,

J R Sharpestein

Hon S A Douglas

P.S. The Statement of Mr. Emmmons may have been made in the form of an Affidavit - I have called it a letter, but I mean his statement in whatever form made I read it last year and know its tenets but have forgotten whether it was a simple letter or statement on oath.

J R S
Baptist Town Feb 28, 1857

Hon. A. D. Douglas

Dear Sir:

I have recently been able to read a number of your speeches on the Kansas question and those delivered during the past year on your own state (Illinois) and am more pleased with your firmness and decision, but I shall dwell upon those topics at a future time. I would thank you for a copy of any public documents that you can spare in regard to the explorations for a Railroad from the Mississippi River to the Pacific.

Yours Truly,

William T. Swope
Baptist Town, P. O.
Hunterdon County,
New Jersey
Mr. J. Lupt
Baptistown, N. J.
Feb. 18
Resignation

[Handwritten notes and scribbles]
Feb. 28, N. Y.

Autograph

Troy Feb. 28th, 1854

Dear Sir,

As I have commenced a collection of autographs of some of the most distinguished men of the present day you would oblige me very much by sending yours.

Henry A. Starks

Address

H. A. Starks
C. J. Starks
Troy, N. Y.
Bettencourt, Northampton Co., Penna.
February 28th 1859

Hon. S. a. Douglas
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir,

In view of a change in the Tariff
permit me to call your attention to Splutter (or Metallozinc).
Having just perfected a new process, and built Works
of the Capacity of two tons per diem, I do not fear our
foreign competition, and were this branch of industry
conducted abroad by individuals upon moderate capitals
I should not have written you.

The Capital of the "La Vieille Montagne" at Liege, Belgium
is $5,000,000, with a capacity of 18,000 tons per annum.
The Capital of the Swiss Company ("Schlesinger Vereen")
will probably double that sum, and Capacity of production,
as they operate in Silesia, with a combination of 50 or 60
furnaces and princely estates, and so forth. These Mammoset
control the trade of Europe, and send us about 11,000 tons
per annum, valued at about $1,100,000 now paying duty
of 5% ad valorem.

You will see that it would require but
little effort for them to carry out the threats of them.
of this Agent, to reduce postage below cost and in a very short time crush out an infant business, in which your own state is as largely interested as any in the Union. The enormity of which will strike you when you bear in mind that the enormous heaps of “Big Bone” of your soil digging in the richest Carbonates of Zinc in the world, and with the exception of Coal the most abundant mineral in your State. One successful establishment would invite the capital to make Sulphur a staple Equal to Big Bone. The States of Missouri, Iowa, Mississippi, Arkansas, Tennessee and Pennsylvania are equally interested. Having abundant Iron and Coal, and there is no good reason why in 30 years he should not supply the world.

Ian, no fear of competition and have no faith in the elections and therefore ask for an advance upon Revenue grounds, which will give incidental protection sufficiently. The present amount of revenue realized does not exceed $55,000 per annum and subject to 20% will realize $320,000.

In fact, the United States are the largest Zinc owners, once establish this business, and the Zinc lands of the West and West Texas will equal in value any other Mineral lands. Excuse the length of this letter as I believe you are interested in Zinc which will very truly interest you as a Senator of the U.S. from the State of Illinois. From Nutterville,
Sam McIntire
Bethlehem PA

Feb 28

One Line

Tcarousel
Rehoboth, Feb 28th 1859

To the Hon. Stephen A. Douglas

Dear Sir,

I take the liberty to address you to ask of you a favor, as there is no Democratic Senator from Massachusetts. You would do me a great favor if you would send me the Democratic Speeches which are delivered in the Senate, which are published. I am situated so that I am brought in contact with a large number of people most of whom are members of the Republican party and I wish to keep posted up concerning the doings of the Democratic party.
Members in Congress
So us to be able to introduce
My side of the argument
for I am the only one
in my neighborhood
who will come out boldly
and sustain the Douglas
party so-called. If you
will send those speeches
you may march off
Yours Respectfully
Mr. G. Wheaton
Rehoboth Mass.
To Hon. Stephen A. Douglas.
J. S. Williamson
Lowell
Feb. 28.
Patent Office Reports.

Lowell, Washington &c., to the
Feb. 28, 1859.

Hon. Senator Douglas,

Dear Sir,

Will you please send me your Book of the Patent Office Reports.

I remain very respectfully,

J. S. Williamson
Lafayette, Yamhill County, Oregon Territory, April 25, 1859

Sir,

I have received no news about Politics or anything else passing in the political world except from newspapers accounts. I would take this method of informing you of the same and also requesting you to give us how in Oregon an occasional spark at light of the proceedings in Washington and the politics of the country, knowing that you are almost at the head of delegates without any complaint. I believe you would have the most sincere support for the Presidency in this Territory and at least if of the people are sympathizing with your actions. Send us occasionally some documents and oblige your most obedient servant,

James Wolfe

P.S. I give you names: Martin Olds, Andrew Suck, O. A. Bayly, Bishop Bayly, Judge Sweet, Mendenhall, Francis Lane, O. Moor, John Kamege and to old veteran Sly Perkins.
More Wolfe
Saffysita
Oregon
Feb 28/59

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