Alfred York, C. Maine
April 15, 1857

My dear sir,

I have this day received a letter from a friend in the eastern part of this state, saying that he had received a letter from a friend in Washington informing him that Mr. Wiggins of this state had made his way to Washington that she was Congress house and with the aid of the office holder, they could control our democratic state—

Mr. Wiggins spent the last winter in Washington for the purpose of taking care of the United States Senate. He was much more successful there than he was in controlling our convention. I presume that you have some knowledge of his character and standing in his own state. I will only say that I think he knows the people in Maine.

There can be know more about the character of the institutions in our state. The convention will just than there is that the time will come to hold our convention. The democracy of Maine is all one way with a very few exceptions. Some of the office holders say nothing.
Committee fell Robert of Blarney, Chairman S.R. Seymour of Portland, Secretary and myself.

I think our Convention will be about the 23 of June, if so, on the 23 of June we shall forward to you our letter inviting you to visit us, and enclosing a copy of our resolutions; I think they will be of assistance what you have been before.

Will you please the receipt of this note, the favor to inform me how the arrangements are? I wish to meet your views, as we will know what you wish. I think Robert and Seymour are both your ancient friends.

As I told you at Washington, we are confident with you and believe every one there.

Mr.

Isaac Clark. Clark.
Hall Chadborn
Alfredo
Maine
April 15, 1859.

Relative to
Mr. Wiggins, Jr.

Assured
July 16, 1859.
Mount Vernon, N.Y.
15th April 1859.

Enclosed I send you five dollars for "States" with newspaper enclosed.

Subscription,

As I could have got up a good club but for several large clubs for the "Times" & "Plaindealer", and then being no political sentiments at present is a reason some refuse to take paper.

Democrats seems to be in the background from the City & State Elections last year.

I hope by the next general election all will be well.

Yours truly,

Hon. S. A. Douglas
Washington, D.C.
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April 13. 1839.

Culver. 
for "State."

Money sent State.
Washington April 15th 1839

Dear Sir,

I enclosed is a list of names which Mr. Sheridan requested me to procure for him to send your speeches to, in the State of Maine. I wrote Major Nathan Weston Jr., at Bangor who forwarded me some, and I have added a few more to his list, who are leading politicians in the state.

I think it will be well to send each of those people a copy of your speeches, and we will endeavor to have it published in some of the Democratic papers of the state.

Very Truly,

Yours,

Cyrus Morey

Hon. S. A. Douglas
Present.

P.S. When I was at your house the other day I intended to have said to you one thing that slipped my mind which was - that I would not promise any live man was I in your place, any particular office, I would only say that if I was elected, I should endeavour to take care of my friends. - C.M.
Cyrus Moore
Washington City
April 15, 1859.
Enclose list of Maine names.
Joplin City April 15th 1857

Douglas

Since the receipt of your favor I have been to Chicago, St. Louis, and in various parts of Kansas. The South part of Missouri have seen much of new things. Stopped a day at Jefferson City, heard the legislature in session, and got acquainted with some of the members. Traveled with one or more from Clay and some quite intelligent men in that State. Found the majority of the Missouri on the steam boat and you at the baron's seat. They would support you if nominated. Many in Missouri however are for you all the while. In Kansas I found the Radical Abolitionist, and if you all the free soil, Democratic, are for you. Stray and many who would vote for Stanley, the Democratic's will ultimately succeed in Kansas and be fore gathered all one standing through the South Missouri on the K. Road about 250 miles through Springfield, Mr. Phelps district. Found a Mr. Newton in a paper at the county seat of Newton Co. Missouri a gentleman formerly from Trumpey and half inclined to go for you and was vs. Mr. Phelps because he did not sustain your doctrine that 5 miles out of my way to instruct him more perfectly. Upon your view I proposed, with State of Illinois with a promise I should give the name to you for document, and hope it would suit to bring it. I am very willing to host your name soon, you have the Case. I found a majority on the steamboat up down for you - some from Illinois some from Ca., some from Iowa. Some from all of Missouri. I think the mineral wealth is extensive. The next place to be the Lead mine at Grandby is inexhaustible. This rich hundreds.
...taking it and only want that it lead—
Completed to make it profitable business, the
same road going to all applicants and others
around the 20,000 mile in reply to just
worth. The Country is not worth $3,000 million at
all—so I flinch there is little or no demand but
in ranch the prairies are a bit too big in the wild
part. What about the New York of Christian
Claim? I have an it will lend success the
in all it safety? They did not so its to
There are few in the Country Sub subscribe but
claim the point. We are trying to establish
democracy proper in this election ridden Co.
Mills we will succeed? I have just columns an
any where the news have not yet read your
speech, only extract in the paper, but if you have
fared not read it to know that as that great
you can treat any number of apparatus for the
Paper. Have confidence in you on this or any question
in political. You differ in the means the makers,
I drop it and I think you wrong
stand in your own light as I think that right
I will not submit. You know I have little faith at the
line in that conception to be fact. I do not
act as the fool. Particulate it will to improve
our creed new taught against about slavery and
this, we have the administration on that. We have
more than language can express at all. The Union
forces far far less a day with the friendly
than this one. I an honorable self-same advocates
tyrannical or Federalist at heart James Buchanan
That name thinks in the most of every name in
Kansas as well as might add large majority
the whole Country at least of all honest men
how it old tyrant and breaker some sort of talking
with his presence? I spoke to the west plains in
of the Sacramento will be
Economy. Suffice that only our
candidates stand on that plank. He will
be reelected no matter what—
principle he may profess. There is
more said now everywhere about the
extravagance of this weak Administration
than anything else. Our Party
refuse. This Angelus Stable must
be cleaned. The big Jackson broom
must again be brought out from
its closet and our Prez. Must begin
apply it to the department. It every
part of Core. Only think if
this position we occupy how before the
BFD. Our out going spirit abnormal
and we are bowing to pay for this
extravagance!! The democracy all over
the Country feel as I do. I am only one
the condition people. I feel myself
to my feeling. Are their feeling. I am
a tolerable good touch stone on this
subject. I never, I never offered to be a fast man
Millionaire. I want a chance. Exhale
along to the Country feels——hence other
Jackson paid off the National Debt there
was a general reversion in the U.S. and
it is one of the Chapels that enable
his crown as a Statesman. May you have
to have another such Chapel enrolling
your crown in the world of your old
fine...
I will give you some names to whom you may send this document, and will work their politics. Frederick Grigg of Rowan, Greenville, State of South Carolina. I hope you will send a Democrat.

Dr. W. McClure, professor at the University.

From a very intelligent man, but no great politician, Dr. Lumpton, citizen of Atlanta, says that Mr. W. Higgins of the Leavenworth Convention, is a clever fellow. Merchant at Manhattan, Kansas. He says he is confined to you, if you see him at all. An old politician, from Atlanta, says that Dr. W. is a man at Leavenworth, and is a part of the Convention. He was also a member of the Constitution. I think he is too much of a politician to be a very influential leader, yet candid to you. There are the Territory.

Mr. W. Buchanan, of Kansas, a friend of the people of Kansas. He said, 'I wish to hang some of the sawyers. If he would come to Kansas, I would like to shoot him.'

Dr. Martin, of the Democratic Branch, of Leavenworth, says he is a merchant, for you are my old client. I also say, Dr. Davis, Democrat of Leavenworth, has a merchant, who is supposed to be a Democrat in the Leavenworth Convention. He is now the close friend of Leavenworth, formally a good Democrat, but the Republican, he has abused him, and is a little tender. I heard it from him at Chicago. Try bring him back. I hear you.
J. Pearson
Hauville II.
April 13, 1859,

Political
Lique, name,
State of Louisiana

Rock Hill

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My dear Sir

Yound of 28 years

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Moment when I had

overwhelmed with duties

pertaining to the campaign

Regrett the illt of it
Our men had hoped to have been made in time but they were not in Concord the last before our election.

We did all we could get in our campaign. We made a desperate effort. In Nov 5th. They tell 24,000 calls to their effect to the 25,000. A good man Kansas deserving Radical advance & supportable platform of the north. Together with any by the Charleston convention line of aid from their pockets will give us victory in G.

Let an effort was made. In the mean time it will do, sir.
Sincere and cordial regards of myself and others toward you. We need to consider the whole statement. This can be done with perfect and lasting. For instance, a body of documents assembled apart a committee to invite PC. Commerce.

A. Plummer Hale Boston.

I go from them to other personalities placed in the Eng.
land and to in the N. We
preparing to ech election
when spoken to Reebol
of this the future be with
the idea. The truth is if
be free be reprented
by the people. They think
would have so reprent to
beac or read the truth. They
know if they turn to. They'd
all declaw to democracy
Gen. Ro. to talk in Council to day. Any thing to
let me know now as early as possible the discovery
of the States elecric and
Mr. Woodruff and all
may express to me the Judge Duvalhead
State of N.Y. This will
set the ball in motion.
I should roll on to victor.
The Blues will try to unite
in Milwaukee in vain. The other
Suther will doubtless be included.
Jan F. Wattle
Rock Hill
Contd
April 15, 1859
Political

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St. Olavas April 15, 1857

Dear Stephen A. Douglas

I have great Spence


I Engt. Intent. Please direct

50 copies here and

50 copies to me at

St. Paul

Remind

His majesty to Lord D. Hay

Very kind to announce the day

November 2, 1857

Very kind to announce

Thomas B. Winthrop

Put the Mail to October 1 St. Paul November to April St. Olavas
Jas P Benedict
Atica, Ill.
April 16, 1859
Political

[Signature]
United April 16, 1859

Hon. J. A. Douglas

Sir,

Send P. D. Clear everything of documents you have for he is a very fluke. Don't let and your friend for President in 100 and The Can't Control 100. Vote in Stee. Do is all the time at work for you.

Yours Truly

James P. Budge
Portland, Me. Ind. Apr. 16/39

Hon. S.A. Dorr, Esq.
Washington City

Sir:

If you please send me a few copies of your recent speech in the Senate of the U.S. on the power of Congress over the territories. I make this request from the fact that you have been accused of departing from democracy. The democracy need firm support, and I have implicit confidence in you. I have the honor to express a hope that you will continue to maintain our long cherished principles in their purity. Also send a copy to Dr. Almeda of this place, as he is a Republican strongly attached to the principle of self-government.

Yours truly,

Andy Greene
Baltimore Saturday, Apr 16th 59

S. A. Douglas

My Dear Sir,

Unfortunately obliged to remain here until Sunday Eny at 6 o'clock (no train out at 5)

In my hurried interview with you the day I omitted to mention one important fact. Major Pettitt and me very pointedly, if I knew how Mr. Cook was situated. Recommanded such a direct and pointed allusion to it, that I drew the inference that he had been instructed by Mr. Holt to make the enquiry of me, and from this fact, I presume they will overhaul Cook's accounts at an early opportunity.

I am fully impressed with the idea that it will lead to the removal of Cook, and am satisfied that they all believe that the "Pott office at Chicago is the most corrupt one in the Union" and I am fully persuaded that Mr. Holt will give it a thorough cleansing - I will report progress of our labours in Chicago the moment the investigation is over.

Yours Faithfully,

Joseph Hartford

P.S. Sir. Please acknowledge receipt of any communication I may "send you from Chicago" that I may know you have the back.
Joseph Hartford
Baltimore, Md.
April 16, 1859

Chicago Post Office matter
Church Hill, Md. April 16/59

Dear Sir:—

Accept my thanks for your kind offer in sending me the likeness as requested. I should not have recognized it from my recollection of you more than twenty years ago. My wife prizes it very highly, and says she is going to have it elegantly framed.

It will give me great pleasure at some future day not for distant, to substitute for "Stephen A. Douglas, M.S. Senator from Illinois," that of S.A. Douglas, Presidt. M.S. with sentiments of high esteem and regard. Permit me to subscribe myself

Very truly your friend,

Hon. Stephen A. Douglas,
Washington
D.C.
Mr. McCleary
Church Hill
Mr. April 10, 1859.

Returning thanks for having re

W
Sand Humboldt 16 April 1839

To Sir

Stephen A. Douglas

On this,

Your excellency's letter, the 3rd instant, came to hand, and I feel it necessary to state, that the subject of the coming question in the next Congress, is a question in the highest interest of the Union, and that I am in complete accord with the views expressed in your excellency's letter. I have directed that the necessary measures be taken to have the question fully discussed and brought to a fair vote. It is of the utmost importance that the country should be provided with a sufficient number of public documents and other information, upon which the impression of your excellency's letters is based.

I am gratified at your success in your State last fall and winter, and should like to see more, and with your success in 1860 I still think it will be when the occasion requires it, and I will do so when the canvass opens in 1860, and wish to be posted well from the canvass of that year. The Democracy is now in a better condition in this State than at present, than that we cut off with the Black Republicans at the last election will not be received in to our conventions any more, and they will be united as national democrats, at who will
in possession of the same. Each lends to a full regulated Description. Leave for the letter. Three long, many settled. Many upper centres. Eyed lands and they are these many constantly settling up them, these should be a license to protect them. Accept my sincere regards for your self and yours Political Ankle.

I have received your favor, and I value it highly. I am...
Portia Livingston Co Ills
April 16th 1859

Hon S. A. Douglas
Washington D.C.

Sir,

I am requested by the Livingston County Agricultural Society to say to you that any agricultural documents or seeds sent to the undersigned for the use of the society will be thankfully received.

Very Respectfully,

Yours

S. L. Markle, Sec.
Livingston Co Ag Society

Hon S. A. Douglas
Washington D.C.
S. L. Hancock
Post Office
Pottsville
April 16, 59

Want agric. work
for 2 mo.
Sent 2 bbls
G. Smitherson

[Signature]
Washington, April 17* 1854.

Dear Mr. Seward,

Although an
Arkansas yeoman and a nullified
Republican and a Southern man I cannot
but admire your independent attitude in
all your debates with the Northern and
some of the Southern gentlemen that
you have to deal with and you do that
in a manner that makes a mark on
them so that they never forget the little
speech of the West. The independent
voters of Arkansas think the issue for they
are not independent so long as the old land
set continues to exist but the Anti-Administration
men are for you almost to a man among
the rest. I have always have been an
ardent admirer of your course in regard to
the Kansas question. The Southern people begin
to see that they were misled and that glori
ously by the political leaders of the present
day. As for Bachrach now that he is a g
stump speaker no meat there he is an
aspirant for the Presidency but he may
have in his hands as far as Arkansas is concerned. But never the less, there is a certain
Pocahontas bill, formerly cheap — it was all of a piece — will go for the nomination of the so-called
National Democrat of the United States Amer-
ica. There is a split in the Democratic Party and I am sorry to learn that this very
day morning. You will send out some of your
literate speakers to the people of Hampstead County
and others. If you will request it I will give
you the names of some of Anti Administration
men to spread through the County.
Now will to me the honor to send some
of the speakers allowed to go as and be run
except the respect of your humble servt
C. Whittaker
Washington
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Hon. Stephen A. Douglas
Washington, D.C.
Albert Alexander
Washington
April 17, 1859
Political

Answered
July 16, 1859,
Specimen
Sent.
Mr. Pleasant Iowa
April 18, 1859

My dear Sir,

I received the sum of
my check in Massachusetts, for which I am grateful. I oblige to you, I shall keep it for future use.

In regard to the action at the State Convention. There appears to be but one sentiment: the whole Democratic Party of the State with singular unanimity are determined to plant themselves upon the Cincinnati Platform of popular sovereignty and non-intervention. This sentiment represents the sentiment feelingly and purpose of the Democratic Party.

Now as to how much we shall say in our undetermined matter with the Party, a very respectable and substantial body of the Democracy are in favor of bitterly reprobating Mr. Buchanan's administration in regard to the Seco policy — indeed would go so far as to repudiate him out right.

There are others, the great body of the Democracy who consider are determined to most emphatically repudiate all interference by Congress or any other power — President, Cabinet, or government officers of any kind with the affairs of the Territories. Nothing is better understood among every class of the Democratic Party, than this. Then there are administration men, office holders, and immediate expectants of hire, patronage who always ready to sell themselves, now perhaps in a quiet, may that through opposition to keep the President friend in the neighborhood in a good humor, but they have no power in the State.
The only possible difficulty is this. If it should so happen that opposition should make the Convention thing our purpose would be defeated. But I am inclined to believe that even if that class of men will be willing to make their own decisions and remain silent, there is perhaps more influence with the administration being in your party than any Union Whig party in the State, and my advice shall be to take a prompt action. This course, and stand unchangeably upon the Cincinnati platform. The Delegate to the Charleston Convention will be appointed either at the State Convention in June or at a local Convention. It is not yet determined when it will be. I will write to you. I can if Brissac be a delegate, I will go in after this vote. I will understand that Henry Wise of Virginia is my first choice. But it is just as well understand that you are the first choice of the people of Iowa. (Democrat, Everybody else.) If a delegate will vote for Stephen A. Douglas. Until he is, withdrawn—Then, I will still vote for him. Until his principles are endorsed by the Convention. Then when the people will cannot be carried out in the choice between Douglas, they will fall when my own personal choice, my old friend in whom I have the utmost confidence, Henry Wise of Virginia. But there is only one sentiment in Iowa. That is in favor of yourself. And to that sentiment

I gladly have no objection. I should be very glad to have your views on the questions which will be before the Charleston Convention.

My own view is that a re-union of the Cincinnati Platform with the doctrine of the New Orleans Speech which you delivered in December, shall form the basis of our action in Convention in June.

By the way, judge, will you send me a copy of those speeches delivered after the Illinois campaign closed.

Of one thing you may be well assured; and that is that the Democrats of Iowa will never have for whom your principles. And never will for lack you.

With kind regards,

Your friend,

Henry Clay Dean
Joseph, 13, Chandler Esq,

My dear Sir,

Would you be kind enough to get for me, the Congressional Globe, as far back as you can, and send them to me. Also the President's Message and Document for the last few years with such other Political documents within your reach. And you will greatly oblige your friend,

Apr 18th, 1869

Henry Clay Dean

Address me at
Mount Pleasant, Iowa
Henry Clay Dear
McPleasant,
Iowa.
April 18/59.

Want Globe
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Answered
July 16, 1859.
Saint Paul, Minn., Apr. 18, 1859.

Sir:

Will you be kind enough to send me a copy of your speech, made in Albany last on the "Slave Code" question, in answer to Senator Brown et al.?

I have, as yet, only seen newspaper reports of it. I should like to have a copy born in the same state, where I was reared for troubling you in the premises.

With great respect,

J. L. Kidder

Hon. S. A. Douglas
J. D. Kidder
St. Paul
Minn.
April 18, 1859

Requests Speech
Mr. Douglas

Sir,

I address a few lines to you by the advice of a few of my friends to see if you cannot put me in some way of making a living. I lost my hands and one arm on the second day of October by the accidental discharge of the cannon which I was firing in honor of your speech. I am disabled from working at my trade which was that of a printer, and I am so poor that I have not the means of trying anything else. Any kind of help from you would be gratefully received and thankfully acknowledged.

Alexander N. Orr
I refer you to Dr. McComb for the truth of my statement.

Alexander M. Orr
Pekin Ills
Haverhill  Mass.  April 18, 1859.

Autographs

[Signature]

Dear Sir,

Please send your autograph and tho' Yours.

W.T. Ross

attended to April 18th.
Char Scott
Lyons City
Clinton Co.
Iowa
April 18, 1857.


Syrus City, Clinton County
Iowa. April 18th 1857

Mr. M. Sheahan Esq:

Dear Sir:

Will you please send me a few copies of Senator Douglas late popular sovereignty speech delivered in the U.S. Senate with the appendix and much obliged.

Yours truly
Charles Scott
B. A. Smith
Concord, Ill.
April 18, 1859.

Dear Sir,

I am in receipt of several different kinds of seeds from your honor which I am very thankful. Politically it is at a very low rate here at this time but to awake the True Democracy it needs but a sufficient show from our noble ladies who I hope will be a candidate before the convention at Charleston. So that we can show how Illinois would go in 1870 to the Senate. Favor of the Rep. and our true supporters.

B. A. Smith.