STATE OF NEW YORK.
HEAD QUARTERS FIFTH DIVISION N. Y. S. MILITIA.

ONEONTA, Dec 16th 1859

H. H. T. Douglas

Dear Sir

Accept my thanks for a copy of your reply to Judge Black. I had changed my residence from Rochester to the place but it reached me I now read it attentively and it is the true position of the case. I am satisfied by the Democratic party. Well at the close of the campaign the State without it the old Constitution. The new or Alternative Alternative if ever the proclamation at Charleston next April. The President have can the succeed to home the can have A man of the Black School is acceptable second in President. I have moved of the Democrat of the State of NY. 

With you your friend, 

Of the Administration who Direct you
Your reply I have the pleasure to the descriptive paper of the State. But the face of the paper is the State. 

I am informed that you will publish the paper. If you will send me a number of copies I will endeavor to have it published in these papers. 

The delegation to attend at the National Convention I am told by my friend Col. B. to the Delight from the fact that the heart for you. I know how much the people have been and yet I do not have the heart for you. I have not less. 

I am directed by the President will write you. 

Your friend,

J. B. Madison
S. P. Burnsides
Ononta
Dec. 16. N. Y.

Thanking you for copy Reproduced above

W. M. Zimmer
Hon. S. A. Douglas,
Mr. Sir,

I am anxious to get the daily Reports of Congress, and if you can send them to me without incurring too much trouble, I shall be extremely obliged, and shall in the year 66 endeavor to the polls to return you a slight remuneration as long as in my power. As to my standing in the Democratic Party I would refer you to W. M. Sommers, Esq., J. R. Briscoe, Esq., Wm. W. Siler, Esq., of Urbana, Ill. Respectfully yours

A. B. Clough, M. D.
Easton, Pa., Dec. 16, 1857

Mr. Stephen A. Douglas

Dear Sir,

I am pleased and authorized to invite you to deliver a lecture before the Lecture Association of this place at some time convenient to yourself during the present season. There is a very earnest desire to hear you, on the part of our citizens, and I trust you may find it not inconsistent with your public duties and engagements to accept our invitation. I know that the demands upon your time and energies must be very great and pressing and therefore fully appreciate the objection it
you leaving Washington for
anything than a very brief
period, allow me to express the
hope, that you may be
pleased with this regimen your
State needs much conclude to
suit us. The month of
January next will suit an
arrangement better than
any other period for your Lecture,
and as Congress will no doubt
adjoin for a week or two at
the holidays may you not
find two days of comparative
convenience for leaving. We are
but 3 or 4 hours distant by
rail road from Philadelphia
and have three trains a day
to that place. Our terms are
$50 and the expenses of the
Lecture and I trust they may
meet with your approbation.

In case you are disposed to
accept our invitation. Should
you conclude to come be pleased
to name an evening (other
than 9th February or 13th March)
and the subject of your lecture.
You are of course at perfect liberty
to select any subject you
please political or otherwise.

Very Respectfully
Your most

J.A. Green
Secretary
Confidential

House of Reps.
Dec. 16th 1857

Hon. S. A. Douglas.

Our colleague Mr. Monroe, for whom we all have a sincere regard and friendship, has been asked to write a speech for delivery in the House. Whilst Mr. M. is a sincere friend of ours and whilst we believe he sincerely holds sentiments of friendship toward them, we fear he is not a good teacher for the making of a judicious speech. Has your wish been to have him and see or know what he wishes to say? A hostile speech on his part now, about the sale of the deposits of certain Members and the Messrs. Tutt and Chaffee, would be most hurtful.

Yours tr.

John A. Logan

H. Robinson
John A. McPherson
" " Logan
" " C. Coffin
Washington, D.C.
Dec. 16, 1865
Reference to Morris
To Andress
Naperville, December 6th, 1859

Hon. A. A. Douglas

Dear Sir,

I take this method to congratulate yourself and Mrs. Douglas on your recovery from a severe illness which I trust will be speedily followed by your restoration to your usual health and strength. Sincerely, I hope that you will long be spared for the benefit of our beloved Country, for which you have already done so much.

We feel that your loss would be irreparable to the Democracy of Illinois without a Douglas for our standard bearer. We would be left like a ship without a rudder, at the mercy of the storm of fanaticalism that is now sweeping over the land. But with you at the helm we shall in 1860 bring the good old Ship Safe into port with the Banner of Democracy, floating in triumph at the Masthead.

Sir, I am about to ask a favor of you. If consistent with your feelings, will you pass through our Delegation from this State, use your influence to reappoint Robert Raper Post Master at this place. He was removed...
last fall in consequence of his not being a Secompton Democrat and a Man appointed in his place who has been everything to learn. Ausable. Half Additional. The Farmers &c Seven Eights of the People who are friends of this office would prefer Robert Price to the present incumbents. Any thing that you can do in this matter I would take as a personal favor. If it is necessary to have a petition we can send and number of Names that may be required. Give My respects to our friends in Conopee And receive for yourself and Judges my best Wishes for your Health and Prosperity.

Best Regards

Joseph Harper

To Hon. S. A Douglas
Washington D.C.
Jos. Haper
Naperville
Dec. 16, Ill.
Wishes Robert Harper
appointed Post Master.
Approved Dec. 23
Greenville, Georgia
Dec. 16th, 32

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

Dear Sir:

Please send me copies of your celebrated argument on "Popular Sovereignty," also Judge Black's reply, and your reply to Judge Black. If convenient to you, I would be indebted to you if you would send me the number of Harper's magazine containing your famous article.

Please send me all the speeches you may make during the present session of Congress.

Respectfully,

R. E. Park
My Dear Sir,

I will perhaps recall as you are one of those who possess that extraordinary gift of remembering names and faces—my name and person when you shall have glanced at the signature of this brief missive, and remember my former connection with the Plain Dealer for several years and my quasi-attachment thereto since my withdrawal from the literary and political field for the purer pursuit of a merchant.

Since '52 an ardent and devoted admirer I have been a consistent and inflexible adherent of the principles which most eloquently and forcibly and chivalrously find
expression through you. And as a natural
consequence of the young man's admira-
tion and devotion to a great principle
my earnest efforts, and the utmost
enthusiasm of an impulsive nature
have been enlisted for your elevation
to that position which your wisdom
discipline, patriotism and genius
do well and completely qualify for.

There are many silent workers
like myself throughout our broad coun-
try who by voice in the social circle
and pen in the public press are
elaborating and developing the
principle in the human breast
which when defined will harm
the wise with great idea of Popular
Sovereignty. Our recent conventions
in Ohio have demonstrated this
in a measure not to be lightly con-
sidered. Our own district this 19th

Was the most unanimous political
gathering I ever witnessed. Friends with
me from various parts of the State and
my relatives from the South that opinion
and feeling are shaping more and
more toward yourself as the Standard
Bearer in '60. Ohio has spoken the ten-
ment of the West and if our friends
will only be discreet and not begu
too much on the score of past grie-
vances either endured from those
in our own ranks or from foes. We
shall have things pretty much our
own way at Charleston. I regret to
see the position taken by those whom
we esteem in Congress, I question
the policy which endangers the further
reconciliation of our Democratic fami-
ly. But I have already said too
much upon a subject upon which you
are better posted and more at fa

I come to the object of my letter which is the modest request that henceforth you will excuse me under obligations to myself for any document or assistance of your own or of those of your sect instead of allowing me longer to continue indebted to various persons principally to my Coz E. B. Hart, Surveyor of New York (and who recently told me when I was in the Metropolis that he was all for you) notwithstanding his official position.

I want to keep posted as I use my pen freely for the Plain Dealer and occasionally for the N.Y. Times. I am only a private citizen with no axe to grind etc etc and as I love you for yourself alone and nothing else, I may hope you will gratify me. Our mutual friends Mr Payne Mr Dickman Mr Gray Jan Coz our dear A D P are all well and did they know I was writing would wish to be remembered.
W. J. Suttle
Lima,
Dec. 10, 1839

Now, Stephen A. Douglas
Dear Sir,

The object I have in addressing this to you is to request you to send to me the speeches of the members of Congress made this winter, especially those made by the Democratic members of the Senate & above all those made by Stephen A. Douglas the giant of the west. I will circulate fully all documents that you may wish to send me among our Seminary & College students. I think much good can be done. There are but few Democrats in our school & fewer yet who defend your principles of Popular Sovereignty - hence you will see that there is good missionary ground here. A few are for Douglas in 1860, among whom I am proud to be numbered but all Democrats are determined to support the cause of the Charleston.
Convictions at every hazard. Hoping that you will find time from your numerous duties to comply with this request, hoping that the Charleston Convention will be wise enough to nominate you for the presidency in 1860 or at least sometime who will not juggle or spurn our principles as the present administration has to the almost universal overthrow of that party which is our pride & boast. on account of the noble principles it has always embodied in its national platform & its defense in behalf of political & civil liberty, to whose invariable conflict is a war againstfanatists & the avowed assumptions of Republican bigotry.

I remain faithfully yours,

W.T. Battle, Bp. 333

Suna
Livingston Co
New York
Washington D.C., Dec. 16th 1859.

Hon. S. A. Douglas,

Respectfully Sir... I beg you will excuse me for troubling you so often concerning my bill, for painting and flooring executed to order.

My collector, Mr. Godfrey states you are very much dissatisfied with the price charged for the work. I would respectfully state, that a portion of the work, was executed after the price was ascertained, the other items. I examined my self and attach the price to the same, and therefore can vouch for their correctness. If you are still dissatisfied after you receive this I will bring a measure out and let him examine the work, and settle this final price to the same.

I consider dear Sir my reputation in Washington City as a Merchant to near and dear (to my future interests) to risk the advantage of any error, and I know when you look at the amount of work executed, and being well done you will be satisfied...

I am with respect,

Your Old Swt.

G.W.H. Varndell.
Gen. H. H. Arnold
Washington
Dec. 16, 1863
Relating this bill for painting
Brazosworth, Boone County,
Iowa, Dec 17, 1837.

Hon. S. T. Douglas,

Dear Sir,

There being no
Democratic in Congress from
I take the privilege to write you on
that subject.

I am re-elected
to the Legislature of this State
from the 4th Rep. Dist.

I have gathered up the names
of several thousand voters and
numerous items &c. and with
during the coming session to cir-
culate these among them.

Now if you will send me some
large packages of documents and
work construction speeches it will
be to me a great favor.

We want to bring Iowa in to the
fold— I hear you speak in Illinois
in 1837. I then came to Iowa to get
up an organization. We are called
"Kirkh Blee" Your Truly,

[Signature]
C. Real
Boonesboro
Dec. 17, Iowa
asking packages
for distribution.
Washington, D.C.
Dec. 17, '59

Judge Douglas

I will you to be kind enough to send to Hon. W. B. Foods
Remarl. This, two copies of your popular Sovereignty argu-
ment & much of the "Poor Land"

J. C. Con
S. C. "W"
Washington
Dec. 16, 26

asking you to send your reply to Hon. F. B. Woods,
Kennebec, Ohio
Concord, N.H., Feb. 17, 1857

Dear Sir,

You will perhaps remember that at your suggestion I left with you a list of names of persons who would be much gratified at receiving from you copies of Mr. Colburn's Remarks on Popular Sovereignty.

As none of the gentlemen have received the pamphlet I presume the matter has escaped your collection.

Will you permit me to remind you of the subject, and assure you of the pleasure with which the documents will be received?

Very truly yours,

John N. Draper

S. N. Douglas
Washington
John N. George
Concord
Dec. 17, N. H.

Relating to list of names left by me for documents.
Answered Dec. 23.
Natchitoches, La. Dec 19th 1859,

Hon. L. A. Douglas,

Having noticed with much pleasure your course on the Lecompton question and having recently read your views on the question of Slavery and fully agreeing with you, I write you for the purpose of requesting you to do me the favor of sending to me all the articles in the Black controversy.

If you can obtain the speeches referred to by you in your California letter in reply to Senator Gwynn's Grap Valley Speech you will do me a favor by furnishing me with them. I desire especially the Speech of Senator Benjamin of 23rd May 1854, and also the Speeches of Vice-President Breckinridge and Mr. Secretary Coll.

I desire to be furnished with
speeches of Southern Democratic Senators and Representatives in the discussion of the Compromise measures and also with the discussion on the Kansas-Nebraska Bill to show that the intention then was to remove the Slavery question from the Hall of Congress and place it where it properly belonged — in the Territories.

You will please send me from time to time some Public Documents of general interest.

You will please excuse the liberty I have thus taken in writing you — you belong to the nation this is to my apology.

I know we stand the great American bond heart is with you if not I am greatly mistaken in the tone and temper of my countrymen, for it does seem that it is only necessary for your name to be understood to carry conviction to the mind of every cautious and right thinking man.

You will please accept my best wishes for your health and a long continuance of your intrepid liberality and patriotic public career.

I remain
Most Respectfully,
Your Obt. Servt.

W. Kearney
R. Kearney
Hetitchakas
Dec. 17
Asking speeches
State of Pennsylvania
County of Cambria

Town of Johnstown Dec. 14th 59.

Respectfully represented to the Honorable Senator
Stephen Douglas for the State of Illinois.

The petition of Michael Schoellknaply shows, that your
petitioner is a Citizen of the United States and has
removed from Chicago to Johnstown 14th Aug. since two weeks.

Now your petitioner left his Country, namely Germany,
with the intention, to find a better home in this Country
for him and his large family because it was impossible
for him to support them in a Country of oppression and
persecution like Germany. Now he is about sixty years
of age and have no prospect to aforth so much money to get
in this Country. His wife and ten children it is an affliction
for him, to see them to be out where they can hardly make
their living and all they wishes to be discharged from oppossion
of the European Monarchy and to be by their father in the
free Country of America. Now your petitioner is convinced
of your kindness and liberality, he is convinced how you
protect and support poor folks, and by this conviction
your petitioner prays up to your honourable body for a
advice and Comolation in this affliction, he wish your
Honour would be so kind and represent him a free ticket
for his family from the Atlantic Ocean and all they shout.
be obliged for your liberality to work on your employment as long as the said fare is paid by them. It is inexpressible hard for a old father to live in a strange country without any occasion and prospect to see and to have his family with him. Now the only prospect for him is, to pray up to your honour to support him in his disagreeable circumstances as much as possible because without your liberality and kindness I do not know any other. Respectfully,

Your humble servant,

Michael Sill

After all if he only could get his six boys in and his wife it would please him very much. The youngest is about fourteen years old.

Your petitioner prays for a kind and favorable information about him petition.

Respectfully,

Mr. Michael Schwell

Johnstown Cambria County, Pa.
Baltimore, Dec. 17th, 1859

Dear Mr. D... Being responsible for the articles

named, I heard Judge Douglas was coming!


slave emancipation society in Congress," and "The


I have, I desire only to say,

that if there be any thing in their

if followed up

if there, that could do harm, I should

be glad to hear from you, or any of

gentle friends.

I think we are doing much good

in Maryland, and are striving for the

same result in the whole West.

While I am on the subject I would

any occasion for writing criticism

in the North.

July 26th

James Mclver

Dr. J. A. Douglas
Jervis Spencer Ballin

Dec. 17, Md.

Enclosed copy of Ballins' health answer Dec. 26 1869
Saturday
Dec 17, 59

My dear Sir:

I did not receive your note until between 8 & 9 a.m.
last week. This morning I had an early engagement with Judge MacVeigh of a constituent.

In the course of the afternoon I will call to see you.

Yours truly,

[Signature]

Mr. A. Douglas.