June 3, 1860

I was looking over your speeches and noticed the speech on the evening of the mining law bill. I was interested in finding out if you have any further comments to make on the mining law bill. I think it was wise to send it to me. If you wish to come over, I think it is wise to wait until after the election day comes. I hope it goes well.
I feel a deep concern for the nomination that is to nominate the Democratic candidate for President. Perhaps I am more concerned about it than you are, and this makes me feel a deep interest in your nomination. I am because I think you are the only national man that can be elected. I wish you would see all honorable men mean to secure you unanimously. This is just if it were in my power to secure your nomination and it was necessary I should go night and day from now until the 20th of April. I feel that my country is at stake, and my imperfect detailing for some nothing but a remembrance to do me the honor to answer this and let me know what you think of your old friend.
Eldrumm
Brownsville
Licking Co., Ohio
Jan 3, 1860

Political
Speach

Louisville January 3, 1860

Dear Sir,

I spoke to you a few days since in regard to a letter which I wrote to you during your canvases. I was curious to know whether it had been suppressed, as well as many other letters addressed to you. I enclose you the rough draft, which I have just laid my hand upon. My object then was to serve you against the Republicans. I expect to fight like thunder against you after you get the Charleston nomination, things I shall be moe against the Blackies; but our third candidate may really be of the same service to you that Fillmore was to your friend James. If I cannot swear by your politics, I can always agree.
ciate your independent manly position, whether it shall be in
fishing excursions or in my own
mind. I shall always be glad to
think of the country's hospitality
due from one gentleman to another.
Please present my kindest regards
to your wife. Years ago, when she was
a child, I knew her well, as I was
then intimate with her father. If
my stay in Washington had not
been so very brief, I think I have
succeeded to know the acquaintance.

Yours truly,

Platou Duncan
Plaintan Hurona
Louisville, Ky
Jan 7th, 1860

Enclosed, copy
of letter sent to
him by July 20
in answer Annex,
-dated Aug 18, 1858,
of friendly advice.
I now have an
American share
of more yet defined.
Rt. Swinler to
his house.
Chicago Jan 3rd 1860

My dear Dr. Douglas,

I trust this letter finds you in good health and spirits. I am writing to you in response to your letter of December 31st. I am happy to hear that you are well and that you are planning to return to your studies.

Regarding the matter of our meeting, I am planning to return to New York City in the near future. I am hoping to arrange a meeting with you at your convenience. I will keep you updated on my travel plans.

In conclusion, I am looking forward to our meeting and to continuing our discussions on the matter of our project. Please let me know if there is any additional information you require.

Thank you for your continued support and cooperation.

Yours sincerely,

[Signature]
and improvement of the Stock at any time. I can put anything in my way here I will give you any information on Chicago you may wish among your personal business. I am at present out of business and could not to Sg. Marshal or any other agent you may desire for me by your instructions. I am a son of Stephen McCook, Sr. in the town of Abigail told you would include the Wellington who lived a short distance out of Brandon in 1852. I have a statement this past year in the shape of some $2,000 due to your plan. Have Brandon's hand in covering my lengthy letter and let me hear from you any time where you are not occupied with matters of more importance.

Very respectfully yours,

[Signature]

Stephen McCook

1854
Stephen G. Hooker,
Chicago, Ill.
Jan 7th, 1860.

Brother, I shall go
to school at Brandon
with Judge D. I
wish his influence
for appointments.
experience six hours for
getting there. I have
written the liberty to
address you this note
on the post road.

Yours respectfully

M. L. Livingston

U. S. Stouffer
Angola, Steuben County, Indiana, Jan. 3, 1860

Hon. S. A. Douglas,

My dear Sir:

As one of your friends and of the party of which you are a distinguished member, I take pleasure in assuring you that what for you that could be done in my County (Steuben) had been done; that for you the Democracy have declared a thing no less gratifying to me than a verdict testifying to your name and your position on that great question of which public sentiment has made you the Champion—Popular Sovereignty. I am one of the delegates to the Democratic Convention of Indiana, to be held at Indianapolis on the 11th Instant, and I have the authority to cast the vote for my only colleague—and so it shall be done cordially. I leave this day for Indianapolis that I may be there in full time to fully advise myself of all circumstances which will go to make me the more your efficient supporter. And if my efforts shall avail be most confidently assured that I shall feel to have served the party by serving you to the

- censes Embodiment -
Of course you will learn of the result of that correspondence long before any private letter from any of your friends reaches you on the subject.

Believe me dear Sir as ever in high consideration yours

George M. McConnell
Geo: W. M. McConnell
Angola, St. Joseph Co., Ind.
Jan. 2d, 1860.

A Delegate to the
Indiana Convention
I will support
Prof. Gov. J. Judah.
Fairland  
Shelby County  
Indiana  

My Dear Sir:

As the day approaches more closely for our State Convention, the intensity and determination of the Democracy, I am happy to see the Indiana State appears to be, if possible, the more invincibly fixed upon your as their first choice for the Charleston nomination.

A great many of the leading politicians of Indiana seem to think that the safety of the party and our hopes of success in 1860 depend upon it. While other, and doubtless, your enemies personally would much rather have you defeated, are clamorous to admit that you are the most available, and upon principles of expediency, should receive the nomination.

Your Friends will be vigilant in trying to prevent the attempt which they have reason to believe will be made, to thwart the will of the Majority of those who would be Democrats, which are opposed to you, in approving a resolution instructing the party in what extent they would be able to work their wiles, of course cannot be distinctly anticipated. But have as we think abundant, to offset an entire failure on their part.

I shall like for Davis and Holman to be here.
I hope we will have the pleasure of sending you a good account of the Convention meeting at Indianapolis, on the 11th inst. Trusting as we do in the ultimate triumph and success of this great principle, I cannot understand the Message of Mr. Buchanan in any other sense, than a threat to you, and the Democracy North & West, & to the Vice President, Breckinridge and some others. Why can they undertake to give this false construction to the Declaration of the North & West, and the entire Democracy in your position, & try to divide the Northern States into my party. I would like to know from you whether it is not a part of a project designed to make my party disappear, I will be happy at any time to receive any further communication, I would like to have my name on your list of Correspondents.

With every consideration of Duty, Yours very truly,

[Signature]

Washington, May 8th, 1858
Isaac Odell
Pilgrims
Ind.
Jan. 3, 1869

Indiana Lincoln
Order document.

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My dear Mr. Davenport,

I write you a letter which you will perhaps be one of the few
of readers. I wrote to hear how you and your family are,
love you all, and most sincerely hope that you are both
now much better.

Very truly yours,

Ann B. Stephens

[Handwritten note on the top right corner: Doughted paper]
Andover, Jan. 4, 1850

To Stephen A. Douglas

Dear Sir,

It would greatly oblige me if you would enclose a few Dem.

ocratic speeches to my address, one of

Hon. Mr. Crawford, and one of your

own would be highly acceptable.

Yours respectfully,

E. S. Clark.

Andover

Essex Co.

Mass
C S Clark.
Anderson
July 4, 1860.
Speeches
H. S. Bronn
Herkimer
N.Y.
Introductory

Jan. 4, 1860

Herkimer, N.Y., Jan. 14, 1860.

Sir:

Allow me to introduce to you this bearer, my friend, Henry B. Leonard of Pottsville, Pa. He is on a short excursion of pleasure to Washington, and I have a letter from him which you may have opportunity to read on his return. I hope you will show him the proper respect.

Yours very respectfully,
H. S. Bronn

P.S. We have come "Douglas" Democrats as the evening returns.

Standing the President's message.

C.
Crawfordsville, Indiana Jan 11, 1860

Hon. S. A. Douglas

Sir, While Brighton,

Dear Sir, for the Indiana

train for the State

Convention to Morrow, I

hence to inform you

that I wish you

to allow me to draw

upon you for one

hundred dollars payable

at sight as I have

respectfully some funds

in the My Return

near and Chicago

I am or will be

not after the Convention

at Columbus and

am compelled to

attend the Convention.
at Indianapolis on
The 11th I will
place the book to your
Or in one of the
Chicago Banks you
May disburse.
I will be back
there on Saturday
When you will receive
Telegram to me at
Osterville this place
Stating all right
in (insert as you
Honor my thanks best.
The last line we
Some had to get
My at Havana. He
Give early attention to
This will confer lasting
Fairam upon your friends.
Respectfully,

[Signature]

[Signature]

N.B. If any emigrants
If you wrote you
with the Council of the
you can do so by
Mail to Indianapolis
Concerning the State
Convention but I take the
liberty of saying all rights
of the Court. Things are
Cut 9. Day for the marriage
Which you will send
be of good cheer time
& tidings will bring you
the news that we are
your on the truth our
No danger of the aspiring
Hoping it

[Signature]
J. T. Fry.
Canton, Ohio
Jan. 16, 1860.

Out of funds.

requests to be
allowed to

Tareo for $700.00

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American Telegraph Company.

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New York 4 Janj. 1869

Send the following Message subject to the above Conditions:

Mr. Horne Jr. (Am. Telegraph Co. 21 Wall St.

New York), presents his compliments to Hon. S. A. Douglas, and would respectfully solicit the favor of his autograph. It is for a private collection. I have been favored with those of

Epstein, Pierce, J. Buchanan, Hon. C. Estebett, Bayard Taylor,

H. Raymond, Wmt. Bryant, Milli Piccione, Paul Murphy, Late

Capt. Stephenson, Col. and L. F. Drummond, A. W. Rechel, E. Chapin,

Prof. J. A. Morse, among others. He will much oblige by having it dropped in Post Office to above address.
John Horn Jr.
New York.
Jan'y 11. 1860.

Ask's Autograph.

Sent.
New Orleans. January 4th, 1860

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

My dear Sir,

I have read your bill for the pacification of the country. Without presumption, allow me to suggest the following idea for the payment of the existing slaves. In proof of facts and a refusal of the Executive of any state to indemnify the owner, the owner shall be had by application to any U.S. District Court the owner may select, which court on satisfactory evidence shall send up the record to the Supreme Court, and attachment be all issues (by order of any Judge of the Court) holding the pay and enclosures due or to be due to the Senators and Representatives of the requising state, pro rata, for the said satisfaction of the claim, and not enough to be paid, then the attachment directed to all offers holders under it. I soon must in and out the State Mail contract, Post Master to Account to be had.
As the practice to mulct against the State,...
I do not give the details for if the idea be worth anything, your own mind will readily elaborate it, without further suggestion from me.

The slave holder and the debtor for well paid are influential body of men standing between them and cannot doubt their wishes.

I am now leaving to obey the proclamation of the President appealing this day for fasting, it is a solemn call to that it may be the last act of obedience for our great and glorious government.

We have heard the destruction of a government when all parties confine themselves in the most prosperous condition.

With great respect,
Your fist,
John A. Stiger
G. W. Wagner
New Orleans
Jan 4, 1861

I have read Judge D's plan of pacification, and suggest an amendment
that the fugitives shall return to the

plantation.
State of the Country

January 1861

Arrest War on the South

Eelect
State of Iowa

Representatives' Hall.
Des Moines, Iowa, 4 Jan., 1860.

Very truly yours,

[Signature]

Dear Sir,

I have this day received the intelligence of the organization of the house, both of the parties, announcing their desire in a measure for the establishment of the Senate (or extracts thereof) for the next session. The speech which you made a few days since in the Senate (or extracts thereof) is being read with great satisfaction by your friends. Our Zion State Convention to elect delegates to the Charleston Convention will take place on the 25th of this month, at which time the Democracy of this State will express their confidence in the Cincinnati platform as interpreted (by what we consider its best friend) your Hon. self, and shall instruct our delegates to go for you in the Charleston Convention. It only needs such a nomination, coupled with a little work and the free circulation of your friends.
of Democratic documents to make the Arkansas State all right. Any documents which you may be able to send me will be thankfully received. A circulated piece of vehicle in Garden Grove District 6% Drew the Army hold of Democracy in service giving two Dem votes to one Rep. Our section will probably cast sixty days yet. Hoping for that success awaits our beloved country as well as gaining the nomination of S.A. Douglas for President. I Intercede myself in your Ark. Sent.

R.S. Kellogg, M.C.

To

Hon. S.A. Douglass
Senator, M.C.

P.S. Any suggestions respecting the action of our State Convention will be thankfully received.

R.S.
Bennington, Vt. 4th January 1859
Washington D.C.

Stephen A. Douglas

I wrote you a letter some years ago about matters and things in Vermont.

Many days have past and present since I now think that the time has now
come for you, and I want you to give me a chance to put out the horse and I think we will
come out right on how a subject from this town who was at my door for John
3. Robinson who is all right. If there is any thing in Vermont
you want said or done please let me know

and it shall be done.

I would be glad to have someone
say at any time if you have any books or
papers you want. I have a letter written to you at any time and if my son do.

William D. Kellogg

President

I was a member in the Senate
when Mr. Lincoln

Any one from Vermont will let you

who I am.
THOMAS MCDANIELS,
BANKER,
Bennington, Vt.
Dear Judge,

My speech is published in the Globe this morning and if you have time to glance over it I should like to know what harm you think it will do.

I should also like to know if you can have any territorial bill ready in a day or so I want to have it ready to offer as soon as the House organizes.

Very respectfully,

[Signature]

Hon. [Signature]
Hon. J. N. Morris
N. P. L. R.
Jan. 9th, 1860.

Refer to his speech on "The Hope" of the day. Etc.
M. A. Morris
Cottonwood Falls
Kansas
January 4, 1858

Dr. Sir,

Please send to any address the Journals of the Senate the present session. We are just building up a Douglas Democratic party in this part of Kansas, and we hope soon to see a leading element of this kind, steadfast, and strong, to the cause of Douglas Democracy.

Your Old Friend,

M. A. Morris
Formerly of Sangamon Co.
Illinois.

Now a resident of Chase County, K. S.
St. John Mullaw.
(Mullaw's Wagon Road Expd.)
Bitter Root M'l. Wash. & Pk.
Jan. 4, 1868

Intro'g' H. W. Johnson,
Civil Engineer, requesting an
interview for him, with a
view to his explanation of
what has been done by the
Expedition.
West Cock Co. Ill Jan
Hon. Stephen A. Douglas
Pr. Sis
I take this opportunity to address you concerning a claim on a certain lot of land lying in the City of Chicago. Entered in Lancaster Co. of Pennsylvania by Andrew Seigle, transferred to Cornelius E. Van Horn, patented by him in 1836. Please examine the records there and send me a letter what they contain. As soon as you get this and oblige your humble servant

M. F. Van Horn

With in I inclose the field notes and description of the land.
To J. Van Horn
W. Rockland

Jan'y 4, 1860.

Sand Camp

Ref to Sand off.
25 lbs. 20th March
16th Forwarded
to J. Van Horn.
March 19, 1860.
The No. 15139. 14 Was entered by
Shideco, Sayton, Nov. 10, 1834

This is all the Records
of Chicago Contain

Indians, please give No. of Entry & Date

1449, Danville

$250.98
Hudson Levee Co.
April 6th 1860

S. A. Douglas

Sir, allow me
to present you with a
mild vanity as a
token of respect
to you & family.

Your obed.

[Signature]
This Bata
Hudson
Mich
Janj 5
Wills/Linley?
Rev. B. F. Bittinger

Wash., Jan 4, 1860

Two copies of late speech.

Sir,

I would esteem it a favor if you will send me one of the two copies you asked for. The Senate last week.

Addy

Rev. B. F. Bittinger

Washington, D.C.

Jan. 5, 1860
Saint Louis, 5th June, 1860.  

Dr. T. A. Douglas  
Washington City  

Dear Sir,  

I beg leave to congratulate you, on your restoration to health, and wish you a happy new year.  

Very Respectfully,  

Your O. T. Dr.,  

E. W. Corrington.
St. Louis, Mo.
Jan'y 5, 1860.

Wm. M. Corriston

Congratulations on restoration to health.
Wishes Happy New Year.
Mount Vernon, Knox County, January 5

My dear friend Mr. Hildebrand,

my good God bless you and you would help us some soon my wife has been
in bed for 3 weeks she has been here 3 on her back all my Daughters and
all 3 are still in bed all my Daughters and told me to send the answer of my Officers
the 3 were murdered in the worse 1842 and you would not send us some help soon I am
up and my health is my age my the same
we don't want to get on the County all my
Daughters. Now tell me to write to you I am
a Daughter's man and think we get you over
preceding next fall with some and let me know I sent you my Officers once
my hand himself as I cannot write or 5
Could I say I am doing all I can for you

From your friend,

John Hildebrand.
John Wildebrand
Mtn Vernon Ohio
July 1860
Application

And. Feb 11/60

Due from

\[Signature\]
John Kilderland, a Private in Capt. Alexander B. Givens 3rd Virginia Militia, served from 30 Aug 1874 to 30 Nov 1874.

He was paid at full R. M. Madison Carothers.
Dear Sir:

I have time to write but a few lines. The package by express arrived yesterday while the convention was in session. Except a few verbal alterations, the committee adopted the budget entire. The convention was a glorious one. Best spirit prevailed. Elections were not of great interest. It was usually offered outside and consequently was not brought into the convention. Respectfully yours,

[signature]

The duplicate did not reach here until today.
Charlton Sanfillle,
Springfield, Ills,
Jan'y 5, 1860

Political.