Saint Joseph. We Jan 8th 1860.

Hon S. Douglas

My dear Sir,

I hope you will as on time.

Please remember me in the distribution of your speech and other valuable congressional documents. I have a feeling you will greatly oblige.

Your most obedient,

Jno. Jay Bramble
John J. Bramble
St. Joseph, Mo.
Jan'y 10
Washing Speeches
John McMahon
Sardis, Ohio
January 8, 1860
[ Douglas paper]
Politico
They are now on their attack to the Central Scope with grim menaces, heralding their boast of defiance & preparing to prostrate the Stars & Stripes, that to unfeigned wrath in head of the Godlike Washing over the proud side of the Sea gift take.

For I appeal to your noble treas palatium: Shall the enterprise prosper? Shall the recklessly joint of some 6 or 7 hundred thousand a bold honest & as many panic in the slavery, contracting in maniacal fury, to agitate our political sea as to man the ship of state? Must he be blown by the wild winds of fanaticism from the rocks of liberty & finally wreck in the vast & wild raging sea taking with her the life & independence of thirty million of freemen. Shall future generations find of all our former greatness not but a ragged wreck on which there is built of a few tyrannical despots & all this to gratify the spleen of weak men & idle & contentious faction.

The States are same politically same both north & south. It is with minor agitations, echo thrown off all legal restraint that, this panic (which threatens to end in tragedy) originated. But not therefore altogether in finesse to lay their foundations at the door of the State legislature & change the course hereupon their path to be long as history. A wide has most remarkably done! The seaport penny to any action as is reasonable. Of this Character That Brown & his Conspirators were a set of maniac, every stage stills in the reportings would be bound in more honesty to be seen upon the face.
What arc we then to think of the governor of Virginia who changes the treacherous and outrageous designs of the traitors and upon them the vitriolic broach should be like a curse to the country. If there are not the backhanded tactics of treachery and desolation in his message then the trial of Aaron Burr was a palatable grace, a mere scarecrow, got up for the purpose of alarming the nation. It is disaffection to the union is manifest in the animosity and the fury. Scorpio in every paragraph yet it would be unfair to charge the euthanasia of the old democracy with the fulfilling ignominy of the American people for a sin of one of the political parties which had in the battle to all the storms of war and peace in order to achieve the liberty of the people for liberty. I herewith the elements of his message that the proposition & recommendation for the suppression of treason is being treated with the Constitution of the government. As to the Constitution of the people in particular in my opinion he is making just preparation as he has been a Burnet or a poten to guide men. This ratification would be written in blood. When this cotter is dissolved gets into the blood of those high and mighty, its symptomatic when call for prompt. I desire to urge already is the contagion to touch in Congress in the Senate it is as the year in the Cabinet. The sword's coming note the overthrown should be blown and the patriotism of the nation strong it efficient.
Sandusky County State of Ohio, January 3, 1860

Sir, I am A Douglas.

Do you perhaps remember to have received a letter some two or 3 years since from an old citizen in private life who has lived through every administration of the government from the days of Washington till now. The contents of that letter referred to the second in constitution then pending. The discussion of continued.

Your action in that case fully justified the high confidence we placed in your Virtue and Patriotism.

That confidence is not diminished, in the least.

And enter the eye of the President, to look to your again. Here there is a crisis now pending of higher moment & involving deeper interest. Those were stiles than which cannot be in the crisis question.

And one which will call into action all that mighty weight of talent & influence to amend the efforts. I mean in the nefarious attempts of designing ambitious men to mar the Union and dissolve the great brotherhood of the happy.

The elements to secure the enterprize have been at work immediately or remotely since the 2nd term of President Jackson's Ministration.

Yet they excited but little A term, their low murturings were like the gas of the theater of distant in a long. Durley went to came & transacte by business in every department & never without noticing the monitors. These hostile elements, then reget...

I hope the clouds are now becoming luminous. I show the crisis near at hand.
Louisiana to Washington, D.C., January 8, 1860

My dear Sir,

I respectfully suggest to you that the most rapid settlement of theKentucky controversy is important. The majority of us will never have the honor of seeing the "people's man" we desire at least to secure your acquiescence in the provisions of the document you are to sign by writing to me at your earliest convenience.

The Democratic party in this part of the State have long since nominated your position on the question of annexation. They believe it would be decided for the party to retract what they have once announced. Douglas men are plenty here.

Please give me your opinion as to the choice of a Speaker who will be Sherman or not. Hoping to hear from you soon.

I am yours,

[Signature]

F. H. Richardson
H. H. Richardson
Louisa
Lawrence Co.
June 20, Ky.
Autograph
Washington D.C., Jan. 8, 1860

My Dear Sir,

Will you send a copy of your reply to Judge Black to J.P. Cabell, Meadow Bluff,
Green Briar Co. Va.,
and one to George Brodie,
Little Rock, Ar.

Yours truly,

Attw.

Hon. A. Page, N.R.

Attw.

Hon. Stephen C. Douglass,
Washington
D.C.
P. C. Smith
Lima
Adams Co.
Ill. 

Asking books for school district No.1.

Lima, Adams Co., Illinois
Jan. 28th, 1860

Hon. A. A. Douglas
Washington D.C.

Dear Sir,

Sister No. 1 of the P.A. Jan has commenced the formation of a school library. Knowing that Members of Congress have at times books at their command for distribution by direction of the Board of Educa-

I make the request of you that in making your donation of books you write to me. 

Any suitable thanks to our library. Any donation will be thankfully acknowledged.

Yours Respectfully,

P. C. Smith
Feb. 17, 1860.
Kalamazoo
Jan. 8, 1860

My dear Sir,

You will find enclosed a letter from Mr. To Sherwood Eg which may perhaps surprise you, but the necessity for it does not surprise me. You will remember that I informed you at Chicago, that there were men in this State professing to be in favor of your nomination at Charleston, but who really desired to defeat it. And that their plan of operations was to cast suspicion on your real friends and endeavor thereby to get themselves elected delegates. They have carried this thing so far in relation to myself, that they freely assert, that they have conclusive evidence of your wish that I should not be a delegate to Charleston. This has been most
pinedly awaited by Mr. Sherman and to any and all what it is believed can be invited by it. The part I took with you in the Conventions carried has among the names, indeed, a strong desire among the democrats of this State that I should be a delegate, believing that I could more efficiently justice you there than any other man whom they can find. This view, as well as to some of our friends at Chicago as also known I have their weight and so the democrats are nearly unanimous in this State in favor of your nomination, there is much anxiety to select some other who will be agreeable to you as well as myself in your support.

Mr. Sherman is a highly respectable citizen of this place, and a very warm political friend of yours. And I hope you will not hesitate to send an immediate reply to his letter. You may be assured he will be overjoyed.

I write this sincerely. You would be amazed at the sincerity with which this man acts. Why, Sir. Mr. Sherman states of the "Marchette," as you call it, which he published by him against me last summer were submitted to you before hand, that you approved them and asked them publication. He further states that when he was in Washington he again you told him, you had no confidence in my answer. I therefore did not wish to be a delegate to Charleston. I could furnish you much further details of the same character, but I presume, Mr. Sherman and Mr. Clark and Mr. Sherman have been engaged in this work and hence the necessity of having something from you in person. I wish you have made your acquaintance with his last fall. There falsehoods, Clark have had no effect. Mr. Deeds I do not regret my words.
that you could not, I heard with much more regret the cause of your detention at home. You will please enclose your reply to Mr. Sherwood's, to me. I shall be obliged if you would also state your views touching in another letter time. Michigan is for you unqualified. I am determined that you shall fairly receive my support if I can become it. Besides, I intend to vindicate my own honor. The result in Ohio is gratifying, and we are expecting a similar one in Indiana. A fair & honest expression will give you a united Right and in such the whole nation. I only fear fraud and treachery at Auburn. Fair heaven's active spirit place you in the field, and that done, I consider your election certain.

Please reply as soon as possible, and accept from me, from myself, kind regards to yourself.

Yours truly,

[Signature]

P.S.
6 & Dickey
Nashville

Jan 9th 1863

Acknowledging receipt letters of introduction sent them.

Nashville
Jan. 9th 1863

Hon S. A. Douglas
Dear Sir

Allow me to return my sincere thanks for your very kind letters commendatory to your friends in the Southwest.

I feel ashamed of having troubled you about so small a matter in your ill health, and wish to convey my wishes of your good health and all prosperity to your friends.

This consideration adds much to the weight of my obligation to you, and on occasion ever offers, I will
Dear Sir,

Will you be so kind as to send me a copy of the Patent Office Reports and oblige you?

I. A. Thoraw
Walter Harrison
Warrin
Merrimack Co.
N.H.
Jan'y 9, 1860

Mr. A.C. Douglas,
Dear Sir,

I have been favored with a letter and several printed documents from you for which I am very thankful. From what you write I am not prepared to say that I have never seen your last article on the American Policy. In reply to Black I am very surprised to learn that article in any passing. Can you have sent me with it? All our delegates to the Charleston Convention (excepting one) are now chosen, and I believe every one of them stand upon your platform. I can't be induced to desert it.
And that is the platform on the democracy of the State, or that platform with the more for standard-bearers. We can carry it on in spite of the power of every adverse element.

If and I may write some more fully, but let this suffice for the present. Direct to Warner not Warner, I obliged,

Your Most Olt.

Walter Harrison.
V.M. Howell
Camandaigua
N.Y.
Jan 9, 1860

Express of health
of Judge Thurlow

Camandaigua
9 Aug 1860

Hon. J.A. Douglas,
My Dear Sir:

I beg to see
by the papers of you continued
ill health. I should
be exceedingly pleased to
receive one or two, giving
me an account of the health
of yourself, that of Mr. D--
My wife joins with me
in her warm regards to yourself
& Mrs Douglas, and please
accept one earnest wish
for your restored health
& continued prosperity.

I am your friend,

W.H. Howell

Happy New Year.
Mr. A. W. Ramgall

I have been under great obligation to Mr. Black, to reply to the abortive attempt of Mr. Black, to reply to your Acquaintance, Effortine in Harper's Map.

A vast majority of Democrats at the North agree with you in your views, as well as for the "Religious Creed" They entertain of holding sentiments that have not yet led the "Impeachment" of the President.
Unless we can have a candidate nominated at Chariton, whostands open to your doctrine—will the addition to the Cincinnati Platform perhaps of Senator Clay's proposed amendment to the Kansas Nebraska Bill—please me and all the party in their usual dissolved state—come Prince His Choos.

A little common sense on the part of our friends in the middle at this time will be of this present benefit to us.
Alexandria, Va.
Jan. 14th, 1862.

Hon. S. A. Douglas,

Dr. Sir,

The kindness he has done me a copy of your recent edady upon the subject of "Popular Sovereignty."

Yours most respectfully,

J. B. Johnson, M.D.

Hon. S. A. Douglas
U.S. Senate.
Wm. J. B. Johnson
Alexandria, Va
Jan'y 9, 1860.

Requests copy of
recent address on
Pope's Sovereignty
Wilmington, Jan. 9th, 1860

Mr. Stephen A. Douglas:

To Sir: We have received your favor containing your reply to Judge Black and your letter to Dr. Grim for which you will receive the thanks of those who fully appreciate your counsel, that meet in my office daily. We will be exceedingly glad to have you remember us in your distribution of documents. Our Senators and Representatives are not of our school; consequently they send us no documents. Your course...
is fully endorsed by a great many of the working men of this State, among whom you have a large number of admirers.

Yrs Respectfully,

James Montgomery
Macon Geo Jan 7 1860

Hon Stephen A. Douglas

Dear Sir,

In my last I stated that Judge Warner was your friend. Such I know him to be from his own mouth. But since my last he has come out for Stephens for the Presidency. Your policy will be to send Stephens Delegate to Charleston. It will make a fight between Cobb & Stephens. So be it. You have nothing to hope from Cobb's men. You have something to hope from a Stephens Delegation at Charleston. If Stephens cannot be nominated, I think his men will be favorably disposed to you. So it is matter of congratulation with me that his name is likely to come up at Charleston. No harm can come of it so far as I can now see. And yet it is true that politics make strange bedfellows. But for the nonce I am for Stephens. If he stands it it will demoralize Cobb more than ever in Georgia. What he will do I cannot certainly say. At present he seems to be consenting.

Your friend in haste

James A. Nisbet
J. A. Wacht
Macon
Jan'y 2
3rd Politics
Cleveland, May 31, 1860

My dear Sir,

We had a grand convention last week; 2 delegates from Georgia, 2 from all other States, the Buchanan man in the State more than once; he made about 200 speeches, and they were all very bad. Is it not curious how a mistake in a filling at the store would not have been mentioned by anyone in the morning.

The Republicans were formed as I represented them to you, except the "Pennsylvania" clause which was considered within too permissive. As the bill of the 6th amendment was submitted, the one submitted offered an adjournment against it as a bill of war, it was passed; in all, the delegates were very much instructed in this matter, the candidates were advised to make a motion that the candidate named
came upon the scene and defend their position as to Douglas. This was done amidst the greatest enthusiasm and any candidate having a strong dist.

strictly pledge having to vote and labor for Douglas until his name was withdrawn by his authority. On this whole the chain is satisfactory. The greatest embarrassment was the difficulty in choosing between warm and dry articles. I hope the result meets your approval.

Now for Action! We must have a meeting of delegates, elect some 26 who compose a delegation to work in earnest.

Committes of correspondence were appointed to secure co-operation and harmony at the N. Meet. Who are the men in these States that we shall communicate with? Some of our delegates will be at

Washington on the 11th to help with the first work. It is no important thing how these States
Syracuse, Jan. 9, 1860.

My dear sir,

I take the liberty of enclosing an address which has been signed by some twelve hundred of our citizens. We desire to give it as much publicity as possible.

With best wishes for your speedy restoration,

I am truly,

Your obedient servant,

John Teed
Chariton Mills Putnam County Missouri  
January the 9th 1860

Hon. S. A. Douglas. Kind sir, We will consider it a great favor bestowed upon us if you will send as many public documents as you can conveniently to the following persons to write:—John E. Lane, Chariton Mills, Putnam County Missouri. Joseph Ellis, Chariton Mills, Putnam County Missouri, and William Boggs, Chariton Mills, Putnam County Missouri. The above-named persons are all in favor of the Hon. S. A. Douglas for President and are going to cast their votes for him, and not only are they but all of old Putnam nearly to a man, this county has always voted for a Democrat and will again vote for such in 1860. All the cry now is for Douglas for President. You are bound to be nominated at the Charleston Convention, your sincere friend John E. Lane. P.S. please send your Harper Magazine pamphlet and also your reply to the attorney Black.
Mt. Gilgal  
Morrow Co., Ohio  
Jan. 9, 1860.

Honorable Stephen A. Douglas:

Dear Sir: Entertaining the highest regard for you as a Statesman, the most eminent of the present day, and sincerely endorsing your views on the fundamental principle of Democracy - popular sovereignty, I hope you will excuse the liberty I have taken on behalf of the Popular Sovereignty Club of this place, in addressing you. My object in so doing is to ask of you the favor of presenting our Club with a large photographic likeness of yourself. We want it to adorn our hall in honor of your self and popular sovereignty.

P.S. Send by American Express.

Very Respectfully,
Geo. S. Sharp
George W. Sharp.
McCleland, Ohio.
Jan'y 9, 1860.

The Popular Sovereignty Club, First to Liberty of Justice.

[Signature]

Sent
And Jan'y 16/60.
J. W. Sherwood
Kalamazoo
Mich.

Jany 9.

Michigan counties

Chas. E. Stuart

Annmed Jany 16.

Kalamazoo, Mich.,
May 9, 1860

Hon. Stephen A. Douglas

Dear Sir,

There is a
determination on the part of a large
majority of the Democracy of Mich.

To send a strong delegation from this
State to Charleston, who will
earnestly insist on your nomination.

Among those who have been
suggested as delegates, is

Mr. Stuart, our former Senator

One man in the State knows

almost positively, that you

prefer not to have Mr. Stuart

at the Convention, your wishes

in this respect would tore
Great weight with me and others of your friends here, with me they would be concluding. I trust therefore you will not consider it improper for me as your political friend, to inquire what are your wishes in this respect, and whether the statements I have mentioned from any authority or direction from you, I pledge you a prudent use of your reply, which I shall hope to receive without delay.

I am very respectfully,

[Signature]

Mr. C. Shenwood
Staunton Ill Jan 1860

Hon S. A. Douglas

Dear Sir: Will you please send me one of the patent office reports off 1858. I would be happy to receive any documents that might be of interest. Not to your generosity too much. The reason I write you is that I have lately moved to this State from Vermont. My Senator Fout is from it to whom I am very grateful for the many favors he has done in the House and as I was calculator to reside here I call on the Senator from this State. Yours Very Respectfully

Almon Neil
A. Vail
Marango, Ill
January 7
Patent Office Reps
Morris Town, N. J. Jan. 7, 1860

My dear Sir:

I take the liberty of herewith sending to you the names of 117 gentlemen who are residents of this Morris, County. All of them, except four, are Democrats.

I think it important that every one of those gentlemen should have a copy of the pamphlet upon popular sovereignty written by Your Reverdy John son, sent to them under your frank.

I would not have troubled you to send them here it not that I wish them to see that they have come from you. I have given the Post Office address of every one of these gentlemen. Your friends in this state, (and they are neither few nor weak) will exert themselves to elect delegates to the Charleston Convention who will vote and do whatever else they humbly can, to make you
the Presidential nomination of that
Convention.

I think that the sending of these
booklets to the persons named will
aid in that work.

As a matter of fact, the Supreme
Court of the United States has never
decided that a Territorial Legislature
has no power to legislate indiscriminately
and destructively in respect to slave property.
If Southern gentlemen can
not disregard that the President and
Vice President have the
right where they assert that that
Court has so decided, it can not
be long before they will make that
discovery.

Why not then reconcile the
difficulties in the Democratic Party,
in respect to that matter in this way:
without making it a test of democracy,
but those on each side of the issue then
allow to those on the other side nothing
the right to entertain their own

ions in relation to it—bottles
agreeing to abide by and conform to
such decision of said point as the
Supreme Court of the U. S. shall make.
Whenever it shall be clearly and
necessarily presented for adjudication?
That is fair and safe to both sides.
I do not believe that that Court has
never will decide that matter as the
President and Vice President erroneously
assume it has already decided; but
if it shall, when the point is present
ed and argued, all good citizens
must abide by it, at least, until the
Dane Court shall Constitutionally
overrule it.

Very truly yours,

[Signature]

[Name]

[Date]
Jacob Vanatta
Magistown, N.Y.
Jan'y 19, 1839.

Political.

Enclosed list
which on file
with State Dept.
D. P. WILLIAMS,
Real Estate and General Collecting Agent,
LEON, DECATUR COUNTY, IOWA,

Will attend to paying Taxes, examining Titles, making Collections, and all other business that may be entrusted to his care. Office with the County Treasurer and Recorder.

Leon, Jan., 9th, 1860.

Dear Sir:

I will be under many obligations to you, if you will send me Doug. Globe 3rd Cousop. 2nd Sepia, or for both, sepia if convenient. I want the debates in Congress upon Leopold. &c.

We in this state hope, work and pray for your nomination at Charleston; otherwise we have no hope of success this year.

May our prayers be granted.

Yours truly,

D. P. Williams

If you can or will send them, I would like them as soon as possible.

Yours, D. P. Williams
D. P. Williams
Leon
Iowa
Jan. 9.
Rachael Cong. Globe
D. H. Empress

[Handwritten text]