Folk City, Iona, Jan. 28 - 1860.

Dear Douglas:

I enclose you another copy of Mr. Suard’s letter so that you may see how we get along in the fight. If I go to the State Convention I go expressly to renew Sirdar, and other demands of your friends to Charleston. I will post you often to the County Convention on Saturday.

Yours truly,

J. C. Berntes.

If you have any documents connected with Native History, please forward me some.
To J. C. Bennett
Polk City
Iowa
July 24, 1860
The Iowa Convention
Mechanics
National Union Association,
Organized October 27, 1839.
M. D. Bucklin, Pres.
B. M. Noe, Vice Pres.
E. W. Spaulding, Sec'y.

Declaration of Principles.

I.
We regard the perpetuity of our National Constitution and the continued Union of all the States as absolutely indispensable to the prosperity, present well being and future good of all the parts composing this mighty Confederation of States—the one unalterably adhered to and the other never dissolved.

II.
We unqualifiedly oppose, ignore and repudiate all legislative action or individual interference on the part of one State with the domestic institutions of a sister State, and especially that of slavery.

III.
We pledge ourselves to use our best efforts, influence and means for the elevation to offices of honor, profit and trust such men only as, by their records, stand square upon, and faithfully adhere to, the Constitution and Union—men who take enlarged and comprehensive views of the duties of public officers, and have proved themselves worthy of our confidence and trust.

IV.
We believe that the enlightened views entertained by the mechanics of this country should command for them a higher destiny in the practical administration of our State, National and Municipal governments, and regard it as an imperative duty, which we owe to ourselves and posterity, to take the initiatory steps in securing a proper recognition of our merits and capabilities in the faithful, prompt and efficient discharge of public duty.

V.
Believing as we do, that on the virtue and intelligence of the people of a truly Democratic form of Government depends its stability and prosperity, we propose the continual elevation of the moral, educational and pecuniary standard of that class of our population represented in this association.

Application for Membership.

N. B. Mechanics approving this platform of principles, and wishing to join the Association, will please add their names, occupation, and residence. No initiation fee. Voluntary contributions.
New York
94. West 25. St.
Aug. 24. 1860

S. A. Douglas M. E.
Dear Sir:—Your views on the foregoing Platform of Principles of the M. E. M. A. are respectfully solicited.

I am Sir,
My Respectfully,
M. D. Bucklin
Pres.
M. E. M. A.
St. Louis, 24th January 1860.

Hend. Stephen A. Douglas
Washington

Dear Sir,

I would have addressed you on this subject about your friends & prospects in this section of Co. but for pressing private business & the knowledge that you were kept posted up by my friends Barrett & Kennelly.

Very recently I am from Gov. Stewart
the appointment of Sheriff of this Co. which is considered by many as a "Douglas Victory" from the fact that many strong Republicans (so called) were defeated by one who has openly avowed himself an

honorary supporter of your claimed policy.

Stewart knew this fact in spite of great opposition from the Know-Nothing Delegation of Mr. Roseall (of the Republicans) Antonio,

one of the most important political positions in the State, which I may be able to use to the advantage of my friends.

It was my intention to have gone to the Charleston Convention if not as a delegate
an outsider but the duties of my military office will now prevent this, but I may be
able to do much to suit those who will
support you to the last.

Within the past few days Seminole
and the important victory has been gained
we have thefillip of the Committee on the
Appointments of two New Congressmen for our county that
which would have been out of the hands of the
present Black Republican Court the great
patronage and influence controlled by them
for the last six months through the
influence of the Whig and the James Family
appointed Mr. Stearns as an ardent Whig Whig
"Douglas Man" and Bayy as I think least
to the administration he declined on
account of private business & some happy
report more than the New appointed in
Mr. H.-B. Ruff a great admirer & friend
of yours - I therefore consider you have
reached the party - Cary Davidson brought
word all the men & lady to elect Mr.
Kennedy Governor & thinks his chances
are better than any in the field - he
was in a few days ago & said many
conversing about me
Not having had the pleasure of corres-
dponding with you since I last wrote
Mr. Clinton
St. Louis, Mo.
Jan 24. 1860
M. Powell, Esq.
Bardstown Ky. 31st Jan'y 1848

Hon. S. S. Douglas.

Dear Sir-

I feel anxious to see your Harper's essay, together with Hazard, Johnson & others upon the same subject. And if convenient you will please send them to me by mail. I have been lately led to make an attempt to answer you. and have heard of the latter articles.

I desire them for reference in the coming great state-wide things.

Sir, I know you opposed the fact that the administration party, in the late "Frankfort Convention," refused to even intimate that they were for the perpetuation of our glorious Union. The people are for the Union.

Yours respectfully,

[Signature]

J. S. Eleazer
J. Elliott
Bardstown, Ky
Jan 24, 1866

Harper's Astral
East Palestine
Columbiana County, Ohio July 24, 1860

Hon.

S. A. Douglas

Dear Sir: Will you do me the favour by sending me the Patent Office Report of this year for the Mechanical Agricultural and the report on Commerce. I have written to our State Senator, Hon. Peirce about a month ago but got no return therefrom and now I am not sure if he has sent the document. I don't want more than an abstract from him if he has sent it. Please confer the above favour.

Yours truly,

[Signature]

J. B. J. Amielton
J. R. Hamilton
East Palestine
Columbia Co.
Ohio
Jan'y 24
Patent office reports.
United States Hotel
Washington
Jan 24th 1860.

Hon. I. A. Douglas
U. S. Senate

Sir,

I wish to send
some 20 or 30 copies of the speech
delivered by you on yesterday
to my friends in South Carolina
Will you have the kindness to furnish
me that number provided it but
you to no inconvenience

Very Respectfully,

Yours...

Andrew T. Harllee.
A. J. Hardee
Washington
Jan 20, 1869
Twenty copies of your speech.
Hon. Stephen A. Douglas
United States Senator
of Illinois

Dear Sir,

We have just organized a "Douglas club" in this city, which is composed of young men, admirers of your course in the United States Senate and favorable to your elevation to the Presidential chair. Our club hopes to be a portion of that great party which is striving and soon destined to make Popular Sovereignty the recognized policy of the country and thus banish forever from our national consideration the whole subject of slavery. This in our opinion can only be done by your elevation to the Presidency on the Cincinnati Platform. We are not sure it can be done by the elevation of any other living man even on the same Platform, our present Executive originated this doubt and we hope the people will make a sure thing of it the next time by re-adopting the Cincinnati programme and by elevating the author of the Popular Sovereignty policy to be its.
inaugurate and interpret.

There is no outspoken paper here friendly to your cause and although the people generally recognize your doctrine as the right one and regard the proper person to execute it as Chief Executive of the whole country yet the politicians (especially the old ones) seem to talk very little in favor of any one and to look out for the highest bidder.

We are not much experienced in politics but would like to be useful in your cause in any way in our power. The Club has chosen me Corresponding Secretary and if you desire the circulation of any documents in this section of the country we will try to give them the widest and most judicious circulation in our power.

In behalf of the 'Riomer Douglas Club'

Albany, N.Y.

January 24th, 1860

James J. Hefferman
Corres. Secy.
53 Broadway
Albany.
J. J. Heffernan
53 Basset St
Albany
N.Y.

Aug 24. 1857

The "Pioneer Douglas Club" wish to distribute doors.


Mason, Louv. Co., Ia.,
January 24, 1860.

Hon. S. A. Douglas, 
Washington City.

Dear Sir:

I am a citizen of Illinois, but have strayed over into Iowa, and am now editing a "Douglas and Popular Sovereignty" Democratic paper, a copy of which I send you for your perusal.

Send me a lot of your speeches to circulate among the Woolams and other Brighton Hardjees, also public documents reports, etc., for my Political Library.

And may God and victory be on the side of Douglas and his principles.

Your devotest ever,

A. L. Lawrence
Editor Mason Herald.
R. J. Lawrence
Editor, "Marion Herald."
Marion, Linn Co., Iowa
Jan. 24, 1863

Asks for copy of article for distribution in pub. Race for li. library.
William Jan 34, 1820

To Mr. A. Douglas

I am informed by Mr. Brown who has been in communication with other like-minded friends of the same opinion that the 26th U.S. Congress is about to take up the subject of the establishment of a law for the punishment of idolaters. I think the time is now ripe for a few Calumny may do a great deal of good to those of tendency. Of old time I wrote with our friends. I would once more

Mr. Brown will be here next week. I hope you will be able to attend the Massachusetts Anti-Masonic Convention. For your address I have a number of names of them who will be likely to more take part of the documents. If not able to send all these companies your list and I will be more convenient. I beg that you will write me a line as soon as you receive this letter.
...
C. D. Marsh
Mathews, May
July 24, 1860

Political
Tenders Elites for Yeas and
Rome Jan 24th 1860

Hr. D. A. Douglas

Sir,

Will you have the kindness to furnish me a copy of your "Mexican Boundary Survey Volume second and the one desired."

I write to you for this work, believing it your highest ambition to diffuse knowledge.

Your Respectfully,

C. N. Morey

Addres:

Rome

Bradford Co

Penna
C. N. Morey
Rome
Bradford Co.
Pa.

Jan'y 26:

Ashing 2 1/2 rd. of Emery's
Mexican Foundary.
Hon. Stephen A. Douglas U.S.

Dear Sir,

I am getting a collection of Autographs, and will you please permit me to add yours to my list, I will enclose paper hoping your will grant my request. Any speeches will be very acceptable as I am collecting them to bind. And you will greatly oblige yours respectfully,

Edward L. Spalding
Worcester
Mass.
Ed. L. Spalding
Worcester
Jan. 21st Mass.
Autograph Speeches
Friend Douglas Sir

I am glad to hear of your health. Being restored again & placing you on the floor again I with a large congregation have moved from Ill to Southern Kansas we have a thriving village near principally from Ill & well wishes of your patriots & otherwise. Therefore they consulted me to Drop you a Line stating that we are in what is called the New York Indiana Indiana Territorial This State may be Sits for we have no Confinement Parrott in Time has done any thing for Kansas to we have. Expel him we would be glad & pleased to hear from you.

Salo to Hen Co YFs

Yours Fraternity A Stewart

Of Lf Douglas