Albuquerque, New Mexico,  
February 28th, 1860.

Hon. S. A. Douglas:  
Sir,  
I have read with much interest your magazine article on “Popular Sovereignty,” and the controversy which arose from it between yourself and the Hon. S. J., and, without wishing to flatter, allow me to say that I consider you have the merits of the case as well as the merits of the argument. I am induced to write thus to you, not because I consider my opinion, for or against, anywise material to you or your antagonist, but because a report of a committee, composed by outsiders, has been adopted by the U. S. Res. of this Territory, derogatory of the rights of the people wherever they may be found, and that report is given forth as an expression of the people of S. Mexico; whereas I do not think one man in a hundred of the native population, has given the subject a moment’s consideration. Those who are here styled “Americans,” (to distinguish them from natives,) are divided in
opinions; those holding office under, or expect-
ing favors from, the present administra-
tion, either side with the old line, or are ne-
tant.

I do not consider it presumption of any
as a younger member of the legal profession,
to advert to the fact, that the old line ap-
ppears to have entirely forgotten the iparad-
articles of the Amendments of the constitu-
tion of the U. States. According to my view,
Popular Sovereignty, is the most important
rights "retained by," or "reserved to the people."

With great respect,
I have the honor to be,
your obdt servt

Regd. at Home.
Hezekiah S. Johnson
Albuquerque, New Mexico
"Feb. 13th 1868"

The native citizens here not understand the American and generally afford to the anti-fugitive laws. Resolutions of legislature of New Mexico.
Hon. Stephen A. Douglas

Dear Sir,

The Democratic State Convention of Missouri for the nomination of candidates for State offices and the appointment of delegates to the Charleston Convention, as you may be aware, will take place on the 9th of April. Delegates are now being appointed by the different Counties through the State, and it is important to you and your friends in Missouri that the delegates attending our State Convention should go there as a proper State of messengers to this end. It should be plain that every delegate should have an opportunity of reading your speech of the 2d of December before going to Jefferson. An effort will be made to circulate the delegates against you, and...
many speeches recently delivered in the Senate are being distributed over the state to aid in this money, and I have recently been told that you favor such a movement. If you consent with me in the propriety of distributing your speech among the deputations, I have suggested, I will send you a number with my frank for your perusal. I am sure that they are properly directed to a limited audience.

I do not know that the benefit of my family will permit me to attend the state or national conventions but certainly whatever I can do for your behalf will be done with cheerfulness and great pleasure. If it is the Democracy now are for you.

Please remember me to Mrs. Mather and for yourself accept my best wishes for your personal and political welfare.

Very truly yours,

[Signature]
Hon. A. W. Lamb
Hannibal Mo.
Febry 13, 1860

Mr. Dowen's Office

Ann Feb 26, 1860.
How: Stephen A. Douglas

Sir,

Much admiring the manly conduct you have pursued in your political career, I take the liberty to appeal to your generosity. Intending to publish works on zoology and ornithology at some future time, I am much in want of some works published by the Government. Among those I have long wished to possess the 9th and 10th volumes of the Pacific R. R. Report. If you would furnish me with these and similar works I should feel under lasting obligations to you and would feel happy indeed to reciprocate this favor at an early day.

Yours truly,

W. H. McCracken

Toledo Febr. 13 1860.
W. H. Mackay
Toledo, Ohio
Feb 13, 1860.
Solicits P.O. R. R. Reports
Yon step A. Douglas

Sir,

Regarding you as the exponent of the true principles of Democracy, I would just say that you have the sympathies of the Democracy of Central Pennsylvania. If you could snatch from the many cares of your position, time to write a communication; however short, I shall consider it an honor, as I should like to be in possession of your autograph.

Yours Respectfully,

Sattuck Keziah
Blair Co. Pa.
Feb 13, 1860

R. K. Morrow

[Jul 13, 1860]
New York, Feb. 13, 1860

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

Dear Sir,

During the past few days, I have seen several statements to the effect that a large number of copies of your recent Senate speech were printed and ready for circulation; and, being desirous of procuring a copy, I take the liberty to express my wish by writing this note.

If you should feel disposed to send me a copy, I should be very glad to receive it; and, should at any time be happy to receive any of your printed speeches.

Yours truly,

[Signature]

[Address]

Sent to

[Signature]
J. Curtis Morse
Shrewsbury, Mass.,
Feb. 13, 1860

Asks for a copy of recent speech.

5 each
Bellemont (Whitehead, P.) Kansas
February 13, 1860

Hon. Stephen A. Douglas
U. S. Senate

Dear Sir,

I am authorized by the membership of the Bellemont Lyceum to solicit at your hands such contribution of public documents as you may see fit to present to its Library. And let me assure you that whatever in this request may look like taking a liberty is prompted by political regard for yourself, and they trust in the opportunity they may have to testify to the fact in the future. For myself I refer you to W. S. Dodge of Washington City and G. M. Bebee of Troy, N.Y.

I have the honor to be very respectfully,
Your obedient servant,

Thomas O'Brien
President Bellemont Lyceum.
Thos M. Borean
Whitehead, Kans
Feb'y 13, 1860
Said, Probs. for Lyceum
Detroit, March 13th, 1860

Hon. Stephen A. Douglas
Washington

Sir, your friend in this city, and in the State am using their best endeavors to have the Delegates instructed to vote for you in the Charleston Convention. If flatter myself we shall succeed. So sanguine are we here that you will receive the nomination that we are beginning to look around to see who from this place shall convey the same for you. If the Democracy of this State could elect you, I have no doubt, that you would be the next President.

I suppose that a man who can truly subscribe himself your political friend need not apologize. Truly yours, Political friend

Van Buren
Dear Friend,

Detroit, Mich.

Feb 13, 1860

Michigan Politics
Stewartsville, Warren Co., Miss. April 30th

Mr. Harper & Bros.,


Unmistaken in Dana's (Feb. 25) for which you will please send me copies of Judge Douglas pamphlets. I should like to get pamphlet copies of his reply to Judge Black. In a short time we will want about 2,000 to distribute. 

Yours,

G. Price

P.S. If you have copies of Douglas reply to Black, please send me one of each as I only want those as specimens, intending to order a supply in course of 2 or 3 weeks.

P.S.

Has Col. Levesay any copies of the reply to Judge Black?

W. L. B.
Office Baltimore, February 13, 1860

Dear Mr. A. Douglas,

Senator of...

Dr. Sir,

Knowing that your views upon all important questions are sought for with great avidity, making it necessary for you to send out large editions of your speeches, it has occurred to me that it might be made useful to yourself as well as of service to me to have your speeches printed in this city. I can print them more promptly and in better style than they are done at Washington and could circulate from the office and with my weekly paper a great many through the State.
a copy of The Globe with the corrected edition be sent me I can in a brief period but up and strike off any number you may desire, guar antecy to put them up better than they are at Washington and at no higher price — Senator Green is now having an edition printed with us which prompts me to make the suggestion — If you approve of the suggestion I shall be pleased to hear from you.

Very Respectfully,

[Signature]

[Address]

[Signature]
W. H. Richardson
"Baltimore Republican"
Democratic Paper
Feb 3, 13 - 1860

Makes it print Judge D.G.'s speeches, & will aid in their circulation.

July 13, 1860

If the speech which you delivered recently in the Senate upon the resolutions offered by you for the suppression of slavery like the Declaration of Virginia has been printed in a form suitable for circulation you will oblige me by sending me a copy when you have obtained it. I wish to purchase a number of copies for distribution in this region. If you have any other documents you would like to see in the hands of the people I will be pleased to receive them from you.

The only notice I have in the matter to obtain the documents for circulation is that you may have said they play no part in the approaching contest for the presidency.

Please excuse me for troubling you with this note with high respect. May the best wishes for your success. I remain respectfully your friend.

Hon. C. A. Douglas

Mr. Rutherford

in haste

Washington
Thomas Rutterford
Charlestown
May 13, 1860

Wish to distribute doke to known
where they can be purchased.
70 Beaver Street
New York Feb. 16, 1863

My dear sir: I received the enclosed from the Harpers this morning. They have filled the first part of the gentleman's order; the second they have turned over to me, and I transfer it to you, not having any of the enclosed documents.

Mr. Price is evidently a man of science, and I desire to be encouraged.

Faithfully yours,

[Signature]

H. N. L. Bever, 70 Beaver St.

H. N. A. Douglas.
Will I see you.
New York
Feb'y 10, 1860
Political
South Boston Feb 13th 1860

Dear Sir,

Since writing last week to you I have received several documents for which, please accept thanks. Allow one much interested to congratulate you upon your improved chances for the nomination by the Charleston Convention. We have made our district all right and we feel the popular doctrine of Sovereignty is the only chance against Abolitionists and Fanaticism. Our society is flourishing fine, we organized immediately upon your trouble with the Administration and passed resolutions sustaining your ground. Men of all parties have joined us in opposition to the Custom House clique. All are willing who call themselves National Men to write upon our doctrines as the only
proper Method of adjusting the Slavery question and let the Convention at Charleston repudiate them and you and I am satisfied the Democratic Party have no chance our cause is open every night and our rallying cry is "Douglas". Every vote in New England will be given for our doctrine and for you perhaps not quite all on the first ballot but very soon after. I am personally acquainted with many of the delegates from this state and some from Maine and New Hampshire and they are all we can wish full of zeal and eager to meet the question. We of the Jefferson Club are doing our best to make our doctrine popular. We have with us some of the most influential men in the city of Boston, Hon. Isaac Adams, Samuel L. Ginnemon Esq. and others with a great many members. Though we have the Customs House opposed to us we form by far the greater portion of the party. Our first and last Candidate for the presidency is Hon. Stephen A. Douglas. With him we will whip the "Boliles" and have no fear for the country but without him my opinion is we are certainly defeated. Such is the opinion of most of the New England Democrats who are free from the iron shackles of the Custom House, in the proper fact and management we can carry Maine New Hampshire and New Hampshire and Con. out of the New England list. But pardon me for touching upon what was not my object when I sat down to thank you and acknowledge your kindness in sending your speech for the use of our club. Again please accept many thanks. I have the honor to be

To Hon. A. Douglas, Respectfully Yours

Washington

Edwin B. Spinnery

South Boston

Mass
Edwin B. Fitting
South Boston, Mass.
Feb 13, 1860

Respectfully,
Douglas Club
Patrons thanks for Speech, etc.
Chicagp, Feb. 13, 1860.

Hon. S. W. Douglas,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir,

Though enjoying but a limited acquaintance with you, yet I take the liberty, as one of your "constituents," to write you regarding the passage of an act by Congress entitled a Bankrupt Law, and which has been called to the attention of the Senate by Mr. Toombs. The entire commercial community of this country would be benefited by the passage of an act by which insolvents could be released from liabilities, which they never can pay, many of which they never rec'd any consideration for, and all hanging over them, to their great distress, to the detriment of honest creditors. Could you be instrumental in getting a sound Bankrupt Law passed, one by which the distressed & broken merchants might get relief, you would confer an immense obligation to this community & to the whole country. You would by so doing add to your political strength, and secure thousands of votes, should you get the nomination at Charleston.

Great Britain has an Insolvent Act, so has California, & why should not one be in force throughout this entire country? Hoping this subject will receive your attention, I remain,

Yours truly,

S. M. Staples.
S. M. Staples
Chicago, Ill.
Feb 13, 1860

Ingres passage of Bankrupt Law.
W. Seward, New York City, N.Y.
February 13, 1860.

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

Dear Sir,

I shall not now trouble you with the ceremonious or sentimental letter—but merely suggest to you the propriety of scattering broadcast over the Union the speech recently made by you in the debate of Southern Congressional legislation against Treasury of the Brown B侧重.

If practicable, I also agreeable to your feelings, you will be pleased to forward to the Governor for distribution among my constituents of Illinois about 100 copies of said speech.

I send one, by way of expressing my confidence of Presidental candidate, to adopt the language used by a friend of mine, of Chicago, Mss. in which he says: “I am for Douglas and the world.”

Mr. Seward can tell you who I am, and I was introduced to you once—but I suppose you do not now remember me.

Very respectfully,
Your obd. servt.,
Wm. T. Seward.
Mrs. Tennessee
Columbus, Ohio
Feb'y 13, 1860

= Political =
Evanville, Feb 13th 1860

Rt. Hon. Sir,

Your name was proposed at the last Regular meeting of the Philomathean Literary Society of Dennison University and unanimously received your consent is required in before we can consider you in full study. Please answer.

Mr. S. Williams

So Hon. S. A. Douglas
Washington D.C.
M. Williams
Marinelle, Ohio
Feb. 13, 1860.

Judge D. to propose as member of Philom. Soc.