Washington city. 26 July 1860.

How I A. Douglass.

Dear Sir: I hope you will be good enough to recognize the right, every American citizen has, to address public men in relation to public matters. In view of the approaching presidential election I desire to be myself in a position to do my duty in such a way as shall have a great influence on my own affirmation. I was bred without the fear of the democratic party. But when I became a man I espoused the Jeffersonian democracy. And for forty years have invariably voted the regular party democratic tickets. Success or defeat has had but little influence on my feelings. Our revolution has been mine, I have approved of my own conduct and I am happy in the reflection that I have never been partial or disave of my faith. If I have acted to force and know what I ought to do I should be faced much anxiety, which is now daily, weighing me down. Why I should feel particularly interested I know not, I am not anxious when I feel a strong attachment to my country than others. Nor am I certain that I do, that my sleep is disturbed and I am painfully anxious for the future of one of our country. I have much confidence in the sagacity of the assembled democracy of delegates to the U.S. Convention. It has been, and is now, the policy of the democratic party to select candidates of great sagacity and fine principles. And so far their efforts, have been favored by God and success. My vote will be given to the nominee of the Charleston Convention. You will be the choice of the delegates from my state and I am satisfied to select the candidate. In view of your many qualifications I could cheerfully designate you. But my doubts have taught me that my words are not my convictions.
and that my connection are seldom broken. When Iam
prosecuted against Vice Burr I knew the Democrats would defeat
and I knew then we ought to secure Calhoun when Cadman
1 knew he would be lost. Buchanan could have beaten
Tyler. Again we have come to a crisis. Lewis Lane can
be elected and he is the only man of the Democratic party
can. If you should be nominated Governor of Maryland
you would be against you and you. If Martin or Buchanan
be nominated Secretary can beat either of them. I have been
by a friend of yours (indirectly, not a person) intended to be in (Constraining)
thing not my purpose. That I intended to be by the nomination of Martin
so as to let the Democratics he broken that was Dovin the
To think of and be satisfied that I am not aware of the choice, Martin
and I know that I am the man of the convention you have given that
Martin I have no idea it is intended to be anything but the cases.
You desire to be the head of the U.S. you only seek the
satisfaction to do and that to in a way that would render you
the most popular president that can be in the position I will
do the former. I am not a single vote to be cast for your
take the side with one and one will elect Lane for a certainty,
the Constitution. We are in the direction of the Senate a
becoming the President of Washington
of Arkansas and the Senate in this a matter of death and the plan
quitted the way over in 1847. I am nominated by the Democratic party by
friend and I believe a unanimous vote. You the way Burr may
put the Secretary with a purpose to enable to come out and word
or swell your day acting blessings to God country and vanity grant your own
and not prevent but your school in 1843 was,ansom to the city of Baltimore.
But if my course shall not prevail and you shall be
brought out as the candidate I shall support you. But I am
true we shall be defeated If you cause the nomination of Hunter
Buchanan with a view to their defeat. You will prevail
in the White House. If you have not indulged the thought of such
policy you will wish the election of the man my candidate
I sincerely not. If I have not been most taken that chance
ever will let me 4 years from now. Was such or possible
every chance. It is true from now certain. In my mind
only for thirteen however should be brought out to beat Lane,
and succeed. Some says you saw the foreign power of the Democrats
bring you in through to the throne. I am not sketching
a any picture I have none of the society of my forefathers. And I expect
to tire your consecration.

I do not withhold my signatures from this communication
because I am convinced of it to because I fear the worth of my parents
But I am an old man to the humble Unions of life now
we do not wish to become conspicuous in public or otherwise
But somewhat the head writing on the review may be
as easily represented as if presented by a corner a house with paper
John Ray 306th of 1st Ohio Vol. 1st War

the Humbert
Anonymous
Feb 16, 1860

Recommanding Judge D to stand aside as presidential candidate for Emil Lane.
Webster City, 16th Feb 1860

How do I hear from you? 

I enclose 200 and want you to send me the best "Dauglass" paper published at the Capitol. Direct it to Webster City, Kansas. Co Law. 

Why don't you hear from friends? 

We live in a live nest of Republicans. 

Yours Truly,

[Signature]
G. B. Alden,
Webster, Iowa
July 16, 1860,

Enclosed 24 for a Douglas, Dapa in Washington

Hundred Dollars to "State of Union" July 27, 1860.
Huntsville, Alabama
Feb. 16, 1860
Hon. Stephen A. Douglas
Washington, D.C.

I send you by this mail a Huntsville Democrat of 15th inst. Containing an editorial assault on your position in regard to the
Territorial question — and the “Wilmot Proviso.”
Your prospects have brightened very much in North Ala,
the last 30 days, and if you should receive the nomination
at Charleston we will carry Senator Clay’s own Native
Country by 15,000 Majority.
The ever-living-breathing-standing, and squallling
Principles that underlie all Republic — the right
of the People to govern themselves — will move
a Mill Stone - around the neck of Senator Clay, and
Many other. The Democrats have been jubilant - for last 20 days - in the face of the state - and the "Pure Eaters" newspaper (much defaced) and the Editorial in the Democrat of 18th inst. is intended to throw a damper on your friends here, and causing a prejudice against you; I want some one of your friends, to write an answer to the Editorial - with the facts (proof in case tend) and it to Mr. T. McClelland or some other Congressman from
I will have it published either in the Democrat or the paper that is with us
The Huntsville Advocate,
I want to see Mr. Thomas Clay.

The Hon. D.C. Humphreys's will be out in a letter to Mr. Thomas Clay in the Kent Advocate, in which Humphreys, take a bold stand for you. I want the request I make in this letter attended to as early as possible. You are fully aware of the position of your friends in the midst of class. Your friends, this own home. I am a delegate to the Charleston Convention - and am now afraid the "Pure Eaters will not be in - we staid 18 Conservatives and 18 ultra's
You can ascertain the new Col. and Geo. S. Houston. Mr. C. W. H. Senator. If you know who D.C. Humphreys's lawyer are.

Yours truly,

Josiah R. B. Bradley
I also send a slip containing a letter from Arch Davis at Bellefonte, dated 17th July 1863.
Eldora, Hardin Co., Iowa,
Feb. 16, 1860.

Dear Sir:—Since I had the honor and pleasure of an interview with you at your house in Nov. last, I have come to this state, and am about to "turn one gun" of the enemy in your favor, i.e. I am about buying it and making it a Democratic paper. I have read your speech with infinite pleasure, and should like a few copies, and any other documents for distribution, as I am chairman of the County Central Committee. We are sanguine of carrying this state, if you are the National Standard bearer. While we expect no promises from you, we are satisfied you will never have a "cold shoulder," and will make a good President and will not forget your friends or trade them off after you are elected.

I have the honor to be, Sir,
Very Respectfully, Yours.

C. B. Cotton,

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Very Respectfully, Yours,

M. S. Lenate.
I would like a copy of your correspondence with Judge Black—and this complete.

Please remember your "Constitution" here, this winter.

Be so good as to remember me to Gov. Biglan.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

[Postmark: Feb. 16, 1860]
Concord, N.H.
Feb. 16, 1864.

Hon. A. A. Douglas,

Dear Sir,

I am getting a collection of autographs of the prominent men throughout the country. Will you please favor me with yours, upon the paper sheet which I enclose.

And believe,

Yours Obv. Serv.

[Signature]
Memphis, Tennessee
Feb 16, 1860

Dear Mr. Stephen A. Douglas

I am pleased to have it in my power to write you that you have many strong and active friends in this section of country, who look forward to your nomination with great interest. The article sent, may serve to check some expression of sentiment from a certain quarter, and a respondent may prove beneficial, which I shall hold myself in readiness to make.

Hoping that you may be in as good health, as when I met you at Washington in January last, and that I may hear from you soon, I remain with high regard your friend very truly, [Signature]

P.S. Remember me to [Name] when you can see him.
William S. Green
Memphis, Tenn.
Feb. 16, 1860

Enclosed an article from "Memphis Appeal"

Mrs. Maria Clay

Feb 16th 1860
PORTLAND, March 29. (Special cable from Boston, March 30.)—The House has passed the bill providing for the salary of the President. The bill receives the signature of the President, and will go to the Senate.

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Honored Sir,

Excuse the liberty I am taking, but is it probable that the duties of the coming campaign will prevent your delivering a lecture before the Philadelphia Literary Institute during the spring of 61, or the fall of 60. Very respectfully,

John G. Howard
Box 359, P. O.
Philada.
Philadelphia Literary Institute.

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TO BE HELD AT THE

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N. E. Corner of Tenth and Chestnut Streets.

ON MONDAY EVENING, FEBRUARY 20th, 1860.

At eight o'clock.

PROGRAMME.

ADDRESS..........................By the President,..................JOHN G. HOWARD.

SUBJECT—"Castle Building."

READING OF THE JOURNAL,..............................By the EDITOR.

DEBATE.

{Is Intellectual Greatness more the result of Natural Endowment
than of Education?}

AFFIRMATIVE.

ANDREW M'FARLANE.

Wm. F. Johnson.

NEGATIVE.

C. W. COLEHOWER.

JOHN T. ELLIOT.

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Presidential Inaugural Address

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After the Banquet:

DEPARTURES

Audience

Phila.

Pres.

Sec.

Ins.

Adjourned
Washington City, D.C.
Feb'y 11th, 1860

Sir,

Wishing to collect the arguments, both in favor of, and against, "squatter sovereignty" I would be very obliged if you would send through the City Post Office to my address, your reply to Judge Black pamphlet, and your late speech in the House, on the invasion of Texas. It is but right that I should state that I do not coincide in your views in regard to our Mexican Territory and I ask for those speeches simply that I may read both sides of the question.

Yours Respectfully,

L.G. Jamieson

Hon. A.T. Douglas
U.S. Senate
S. F. Brown.

Nashville, Tenn.

Feb. 16, 1866

asking for copies of replies to Judge Black's request on Feb. 20th.

offered to hot, 20th.

Invasion cont.

Reply to Yule.
Dear Sir,

Believing that you are the most prominent, as well as the most available gentleman in the Democratic Party for the next Presidency, and wishing to inform myself more thoroughly in regard to your views on the protection of Slavery in the States and Colonies, and what is commonly, Sustain Sovereign Try in order that I may represent them more successfully to others. You will confer a favor by transmitting to me a copy of the Speech recently
delivered by yourself in the Senate of the United States, together with such other speeches as will tend to elucidate your views on the above subject. Your recent speech has made you many friends in this section of the state, and your prospects are certainly brightening every day.

Very Respectfully,

Henry Heidel
Hon. Stephen A. Douglas
Washington, D.C.
Office of The Dubuque Herald

Dubuque, Iowa, Feb 16th 1860

Mr. S. A. Douglas

Dear Sir,

I take the liberty of enclosing you a copy of the official proceedings of our County Convention, which was held yesterday. A few of the Administration Clique made a little noise, &c. &c. but we vanquished them.

Some three or four of the delegates are Administration men but they are under the most positive instructions for you, so you will observe by the resolutions we passed.

Yours Truly

Samuel M. Knutt
Associate Editor Herald
Sam McLeatt
Dubuque, Iowa,
Feb'y 16th 1860
Iowa Convention
Hartford, July 16th, 1860.

Sir S. H. Douglas,

My Dear Sir,

Our State Convention is over and you have it, changes.
The Delegates to Charleston have all offered themselves, decidedly in your favor, but Col. Baker and Mr. Bishopp to my certain knowledge.

As to Col. Baker, I hear that he is disposed to favor you, and I doubt not he will do so.

The Convention was composed of fully four Douglas men, and the three Buchanan, Buena Ridge men whose names were proposed were effectively crossed out. (Burr of Hartford, Osborn of New Haven, and A. Cossom of New London, and J. Dobson of Lyme). After Cult Pruitt's defeat in the ballot for Governor, I withdrew entirely as a candidate for Delegate to Charleston in order to place the Gen'l in that position, and he secured every vote. A tremendous effort was made to carry Mr. Burr in this County, but it was a signal failure and his friends fell so...
The Resolution accepted do not come up to my expectations, but now come.

There are some strange developments here that quite astonish me.

Mr. Eaton on his return stated definitely that he had a long interview with you, and informed you that your proposed friends in the State were of no account, had no influence, and had done you no harm. Then go on, that you hastily signified your disaffection what he stated, and that he told you of the absurd

The nomination at the present time, the sequel would begin and the whole of the Democracy would wheel into line and do something worthy of your notice. "The trust placed in me, I don't believe.

Mr. Bishop yesterday told Scudder: Lay

"I participate here, that he discovered a plot for foot to hand a list of delegates to Charleston, which

to you, utterly disregarding the claims of Gen. J

Jenney, that he resigned his office and

came home to crush the movement and he

done so." Bishop mustook his man, and put

for his proposed friendship to you he could not

have been elected a delegate. I shall be in Washington in a few days and will convey these things your service.
J.G. Palmer
Hartford Co.
Feb 16, 1860
The Connecticut Convention
Pekin Feb 16th 1860

Hon. Stephen A. Douglas

Dear Sir,

I have the honor to present you the kind regards of the members of Swine at the Ohio Association, and would respectfully solicit the honor of receiving your autograph to add to my collection for preservation.

Very Respectfully Yours,

Owen N. Peck
Cur. Sec.
Kane Greene & Co.
Feb 16th 1860

Hon. Stephen A. Douglas
Dr. Sir

While I know that from the number of your many friends all over this Union, you must be greatly troubled by them at times, yet as one of them, I take the liberty of asking of you, how I can get from Washington two or three red plants of the imported seed. The same number of the foreign grape of an early variety, and also the same number of the pomegranate cuttings. Can they be sent me by mail? are they for free distribution? or shall I have to pay for them.

My desire to get what I have named above, induces me to trouble you thus, knowing at the same time that you are subjected to many annoyances of different kinds.

Very Truly,
Your Friend

N.M. Perry
W.M. Perry,
Kaua'i, H.'s.
FEB 16, 1860

Application for
tea plants,
La.

Hardy grape roots
will be sent later.
Feb. 27, 1860
M.S. Willard

[Signature]
Shortsville, Miss., February 10th
Hon. S. D. Douglas.

Dear Sir,

I have never had the pleasure of an acquaintance personally with you but politically I am familiar with your cause and am much pleased with your cause as a politician but to the point which I wish a favor of you if you can consistently with your feelings as well as your duty to your self and country I wish a favor of you that is when you become President of the U.S. which I have no fears on that point the favor I wish is to get an appointment for my son at West Point, Academy when you are elected in the fall you have the right to the appointment of ten could you consistently grant my request I will be under
many obligations to you I have my claims on what his ancestors have done the only claim I have to offer is merely a great desire to prove by his own acts and worth by actual service should that time ever present itself and him to be found worthy for such an emergency which can be only proved by actual service I am well aware how bad only one road and that is an uphill mark to reach and best the one man reach that point and that by an determination to fuller understand every thing well and before he begins then go a head let nothing hinder though it may seem impossible truth and justice is mitibly and will prevail provided they are of the true material in conclusion I will say to you the only grounds I have is the highest and finest nature being a rural farmer

of limited means and not able to educate all my children to that extent my son R. M. B. Price wishes to receive and I would be pleased to have his wish gratified provided it can be done consistently with your better judgement I will have for you to decide I shall be fully satisfied with your decision for on a against him I am fully satisfied your decision will be correct just and fair I will give you his age and height age 19 next June height 6 ft 1/2 in as for his standing in society as a moral youth you can be fully satisfied if you should desire it of him Yours very truly R. M. B. Price
Dear Sir,

The telegraph gives such alarming accounts of your health that I feel reluctant to trouble you with a letter, and yet hoping that these reports may have been greatly exaggerated, and if not that you may now be much improved, I venture to trouble you, as it is a matter of some importance.

We are making every effort to carry the State for you, and with an encouraging prospect. It seems Senator Wright is anxious to go as a Senatorial delegate, so there are various reports as to his position. There are very strong personal objections to him, not confined to your friends, and if necessary I believe we can defeat him. But if he can be relied on as thoroughly devoted to your interests, we would feel disposed to consent to his appointment. Can
you give me reliable information on this point. Your answer shall be strictly confidential.

This is a good prospect that the can send two reliable delegates from our congressional district, and if Dr. Ripp could visit Paterson and Morrisville, in the event of his friends in Morris County, and through them make such arrangements as he can make, I think we can secure the district and aid materially in securing the four sectional delegates.

I would be glad if you would speak to him on this subject; if he will make his arrangements so as to meet me or some of my friends in Trenton on Tuesday evening the 28th, it will be in time.

From recent indications, I am confirmed in my first impression, that the decline of a Republican Speaker has improved your prospects, and will continue to do so. There will now be such committees of investigation as to convince all intelligent politicians that the administration or actions, as to such it is unsafe to nominate any one at all connected with it. But no investigation can damage you, but rather the reverse, from the fact that the corruption was mainly out of the attempt to curry favor to your friends. This thing is working well in N.J. While any county (except) will give you from 1800 to 2000 majority, no one else can be sure of such a vote, and should you not be nominated, the Republicans in that district in their nomination & platform, it may give them a majority.

Those who are looking only to turn out for the sake of the spoils, now realize that the late Bremerton Rules of N.J. are in earnest, and they fear to face the storm that will surely arise. If you are not nominated, I talk very plainly to them.

Yours very truly,

[Signature]

Samuel J. Day

Martin Ryerson
Martin Ryerson
Newton N.J.
Feb'y 16, 1860
New Jersey
politics.

Write 19th October
To come on 20
Mackay's Ferry,

Feb'y 16, 1860

G. A. Douglas

Sirs,

I take the liberty of addressing you these few lines, allowing you to hear of something that has been any thing done toward appointing delegates to the district convention for the purpose of appointing delegates to attend the National Convention. It seems they have been concocting the New that Bragg, who is in Washington, as you are well aware; that portion of the Democrats who are opposed to you, after hearing from the New South, say they will support you if you are the nominee as Bragg informed them that you would go in the convention stronger than any...
other man. And it was for
him upon you would be elected
if you were nominated, and
that the delegates of the state
would give you their support.
You have a great many warm
friends in the county who will
probably support you. Many
persons I hope the few hundred
who have denounced you here,
will ask yourselves if
nominated for they are very
few both rosey,

I am very much
obliged to you for this service.
You have been kind,

P.S. I hope for
the honor
Washington City
D.C.
Ambrose Spencer
Washington City
Feb'y 16, 1860

Requesting an interview.

Williams - Feb'y 16, 1860

S. R. A. Douglas

Dear Sir,

If it be possible for you to spare the formality of a note, but having thought that you can ill, I could not call on your residence as I am on my way to New York, and will leave on Saturday morning. I should like a personal interview with you, Judge. I go, if possible to you. I have very much to say to you, of a personal interest to you, and do not wish to leave the city without seeing you.

If you will signify any time, I will do my best to see you.

Believe me, very truly yours,

[Signature]
New Hampshire

Portsmouth, Feb. 16th, 1860

Friend Douglas,

I wrote you some time since on political matters here abouts. I will say further, your prospects here are excellent. The whole party here are in favour of your being our candidate for the presidency of the U.S. at the next election believing that you will be elected, and New Hampshire, our own beloved Granite State will cast her vote for you, while it cannot be done for any other man of our party. The office holders & some of their dependants here begin to tremble. They have been active and abusive against you. They show their hands freely in choosing delegates in this part of the county; particularly in the York district. Maine bordering on this state. Mr. Appleton, the assistant secretary of state came home from Washington and issued his mandate that he must be chosen delegate to Charleston. Staid at Portland some two weeks managing but it was no go. In Wintery. Me where the Wary Yard is situated & other towns in the vicinity.
To the present, the presidency was restored to the free states yesterday by your friends near the place where your name was hung in effigy about four years ago when the nation but open at that time amid the loud thumpings of the black abolitionists to be then told them if you lived you would soon be president of the U.S. One of them remarked to me yesterday when we was hasting the play he remembered what I then said & he reconed I was about right.

We must not rely too much on our own exertions, but like our fathers of the Revolution we must look to God for the assistance of our cause & ask him to bless our exertions, & help us to do right & give us health & strength to overpower the internal enemies of the peace & quietness of our beloved country. May God bless us all & be with us to help & sustain. Through out the contest Respectfully

Yours,

Sam. Shinney

To Hon. Stephen A. Douglas, Washington, D.C.
Samuel Spinnex
Pomham, New Hampshire
Feb 16, 1860

Touching the Maine Con-
vention, Delegates to
Charleston. Appleton
got 21 out of 120
votes. 70 day entered
a flag with Douglas
on it for President on
the day when four
years ago, Judge D.
was hung in effigy.
Sampson Mott Feb 16 1840

Hon'ble S. A. Douglas

Yesterday I attended our Democratic Convention to listen to the delegates to the State Convention. Our people as has been often in the State have always given the delegates to support Davie's. Our State will be seen and decided for Davie. Our Democrats will no longer be seen in the Senate. The Democracy is united, for any man since the days of Andrew Jackson, nor have I seen them more determined to conquer or perish. In the last debate the Democracy one good, we shall support our delegate, he shall be "Davy's Man." Davie do we see them Republicans? Davie for Davie! In ten days Congressmen. Know the ten of our delegate. Wife of the Republicans. God Bless you! May He bless Michigan! With Davie's men conquer this fall.
Oh! if the Chester Committee
will but heed the "Vox Populi", all
is safe all is well do I believe. My
Object more Particularly in Writing now is
(as you will see our Proceedings in the Eagle
Fenyes or he desired News & Public, I
ask you to see Mr. Smith, or get some one
to do so, of N.C. who was supported by
The Hon. John Smith & Mr. If he
was ever the "Amercian" or "Venus valting,"
the Republicans now he was a that he was
a "Fireman" & was in N.C. in 1786.!
If this is not to Mr. Smith, will you
his own hands leave a "W." I trust the
of will help us much Mr. Wentworth &
I was in the "Gern." Did I know Mr. Smith as had been
Corresponded with him. Should have
Wentworth's letters. My object is only
to send you the In Case of Demanding
not I was hoaxed on your letter to
the former this Blotto's seat, which
I have learned so far. I need this
for I am yours in the cause

A. Clinton
A P. Stevens
3 Joseph
Mich.
Feb 16, 1860

Michigan politician
Delegate.
Anderson Co. No. 5, C.

Dear Sir: In the year 1855, at a dinner given to my friend Col. Orr, at this place, such was my estimate of your abilities and services, that I proposed the following sentiment—which was adopted with enthusiasm: "Hon. S. A. Douglas, of Illinois—The Calhoun of the West—in his devotion to Constitution at sight, he knows no North—no South—No East, No West!" A tour through the North West in 1856, contented me to bear all the abuse which that sentiment called forth from the Carolina ultra's.

In common with other Southerners, I strongly looked forward to and desired your elevation to the Presidency; and do you, if your position upon the question of slavery in the Territories, can be satisfactorily cleared of the doubts cast upon it by partisans. Although for a long time Editor of Democratic journals, I have yet to learn that the truth is to be sought—forg at all times, through the garb of that or any other party. Hence I address you personally, and would inquire if your position is not this—non-intervention on the part of Congress and the Territorial legislature in reference to slavery, leave the question of
slavery to the sovereign jurisdiction of a Convention,
charged with the duty of framing a State Constitution,
all questions involving the right of property, in the
meantime, arising within the Territories, to be referred
to the decision of the Supreme Court, and the decis-
ion thus involved shall be binding and conclusive.

District Conventions are being held for the selection
of delegates to the State Convention which convenes in
April. Principles are being advanced, promoting the
interests of various prominent Statesmen. If both district and state
Convention I shall be entitled to a voice, hence
I desire to learn from yourself your true position
so that it may be fairly stated and your claims
freely pressed. If time permits you will oblige
me by an early response, which I assure you shall
be private and confidential. I would like also
to have a copy of your Speech.

Referring you to my friends the Hon. J. D.
Ashmore and Hon. A. W. Boyce,

Believe me Yours Obdmt.

March 10, 1858.
Marvin D. Wicker,
Anderson, S.C.
Feb'y 16, 1860.

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