Belgian March 1870

Dear Sir,

After spring elections
in the county have recently taken place the results on the whole is most gratifying to the cause of the democracy. In our own county we have for the first time in seven years elected our ticket on sound party grounds, with one exception, with a larger vote than ever before. The majority against us last year does nearly 200. Many of the adjoining towns have done the same. All this is but an earnest of what our votes are in the face of the national convention we give to the right man for our presidential breau. I do not believe I am constrained in saying that with you for our nominee we can carry our county and I think the state. I know the maps are for you and I am expecting your nomination. But if the politicians surprise succeed in defeating you it would be like a rock thrust in their expectations.
I learn that George Rose of your Supreme Court
will supply the place of Mr. Roberts on our delegation.
He is a gentleman of high character & a strong
friend of yours. Mr. Fisher acts now election as
opposed to you has a considerable advantage over
his being more separable from the majority of the delegation.
If so there can be but little doubt that you can obtain
the same in a free and fair election.

Napier soon to have the pleasure of meeting
you at Washington. I am
Very truly yours,

W. H. Darroux.
Mr. H. Burwell
Belfast, Maine
March 15, 1860

If Judge D. is nominated, the state will go for Democracy; if not nominated, a wave will be thrown over their enthusiasm, and the state cannot be carried. Farly, opposition delegates of large will go for Judge D. Maine will vote as a unit.
Now S. A. Douglas
My dear Sir,

March 18th 1860

By a recall of former days you will remember me as one of your first acquaintance in Winchester, Illinois. I have watched with great interest your successive steps up to this from that until the present times and at no period with more anxiety and pleasure than during your Just Struggle and Triumphant Verification of the true principles of Democracy—against the evil new forces of Northern Fanatics and Southern Dictators. Arrogantly urged by their leaders Resisting Partition to self-aggrandizement.

But enough of this. I send enclosed a copy of the Atchison Union which explains the why and request you as a favor to send me any document at your command which will clearly define your position on the Whirlwind Priwate and all other subjects likely to be discussed during the coming campaign. There are many here who are very anxious to hear the opinions of officers elected under the constitution and the Whirlwind we have battled every day—But at the same time your
have many warm friends and supporters. Amongst whom I may mention Mr. G. O. Clark of the union. Mr. G. O. Clark friendship of this kind, I believe you remember. I should be glad at any time to receive from you a line for old acquaintances and the way of Auld, Lang, Syne. The last time we met I believe it was at the house of Mr. Vas O'Farrell. I'm Verdale Brown and this hope in to hear from you, Love I am
Respectfully Thos.
Your Friend
W. A. C. former

P.S. When I speak of the last will and I mean that your actions and words are all subjects mentioned and the most lasting subject of Nigerology will come up and what I want is to show a perfect chain of consistency and good part.
This I leave claim for you and
Pleasure myself to sustain what
I know there.
SHELL KANSAS APPOINT Delegate.

Some two months since the Douglas appointees, with the exception of three dele-
gates from Kansas to the Charleston Con-
vention, were appointed by the State chair-
man, and after many months have passed
since that time, it is still silent as to the
representatives of Kansas at the Charleston
Convention.

On the 15th of last month, the Herald also
suggested that it would be good news from
Charleston if Kansas had its representation
at the Charleston Convention. Now, now, at
the suggestion of the Chicago Union editor,
or of the Abolition Union, who is chairman
of the Committee on the Kansas Ap-
ddressed letter to the members of that com-
mittee, desiring their consent to the ap-
nointee. The letter was read at the Con-
vocation to convene at Charleston in April.

However, as the approves or disapproves
the appointment of the committee by the
majority of the Democratic members of
the State Legislature, and from that point
on.

The nomination is the composition of
the committee. It is interesting to note that
the recipients of Federal pay, or even a
name of a Democrat, to be nominated for
the office at the convention of Senator
Douglas, and there would be no difficulty
in selecting his friends from being selected.
This would not suit the committee and to
choose a nominee who would be re-elected.

We copy the entire from the Douglas
for the purpose of sending delegates from
the committee in which our party has been unani-
mously led.

As is correctly stated by the Douglas,
that the Committee on the Kansas Appoint-
Committee addressed letters to all in the
members thereof, whose post-office address
was known to him, asking their advice in
regard to the appointment of delegates
for the purpose of sending dele-
gates to Charleston. In all these letters
the Chairman stubbornly avoided any ex-
pression of opinion as to the appropri-
ateness of such a movement, in order
that he might obtain the fair and unbiased
opinion of his fellow members. The re-
sult of this action was that his letters were
directly stated by the Douglas. As he had
sought the advice of the Committee, and
as the opinion of the members was to be
unanimous in the proceedings of sending
the nominees to the convention was
pledged to respectfully
denying the Convention. Any other
estimate would have been disapproved of by
the Douglas, and as a result of his not
advising the Committee, it could not with
decency take further action in the premises.

Acknowledgments.—We are indebted to
the Department of the Territory, for a copy of the General
Law, passed at the recent session of the Kansas
Legislature. For this kind remem-
berance, we will please accept our thanks.

Our thanks are due to Ohio's Green,
Douglas, and Davis for interesting Congres-
sional Documents and Speeches.

John A. T. Tracy the ever conscientious
Agent of the Pike's Peak Express in this
city, will please accept our thanks for the
"Foundation" of the 11th and 17th which
was published in Salt Lake City.

All is quiet in Montgomery—now and
then when some irritable Gentle-
NEW JERSEY CONVENTION.

Trenton, N. J., March 8th.

The Opposition State Convention met yesterday, and the Judge of the State was present.

The resolutions are strongly Republican in sentiment, and the administration of President Buchanan is denounced. The conclusion of the meeting is that it is a coup de main and a bonnet carre.

Twenty-eight delegates were appointed to change and eight, the sneer at four, and instead of delegating the four, they were reinstated.

The following are the State delegates: James T. Stewart, John J. Hall, Theodore Litle, Ethan March, E. C. Thomson, and S. B. Rogers.

NEW YORK, March 9th.

The Tribune's correspondent states that the bill reported from the Post-office Committee of the House, for an Overland Mail to the Pacific, contemplates one main line, which will pass through the Mississippi Valley, but the Postmaster General and Senator for Oregon are against it.

The present cost of this service is $1,000 per mile, and a reliable western line can be made for less than one million.

FRAGMENTS OF WASHINGTON ADVICE FROM HAVANA.

Washington, March 8th.

A furious occurrence yesterday between Col. Landen of Massachusetts, Superintendent of an Overland Mail in Oregon, and Mr. Murray of Missouri, who accompanied him in the last expedition. The latter pulled a pistol, when Landen drew a sword to cut him down with it, when the latter drew his sword by the bayonet, and the sword was used.

The matter resulted in a fine received in Havana, and the American consul urged that Mr. Douglass was not the person to be called upon for help.

The Convention of the Pennsylvania Democratic State Convention says:

"The loyal citizens of the State have a right to demand that their delegates in the National Convention shall be chosen by the people from their county of residence."

No. 39. 8th: Missouri, and Col. Douglass, the two of the first are Douglas, the third is Mr. Douglass, and the last is Mr. Douglass. The Convention must be taken for the candidate for Governor, a man of reputation, a man of ability, a man of education, and an able politician. The Convention must be taken for the candidate of Pennsylvania, for Mr. Douglass.

A delegate on one of the Convention's behalf has been fixed $360 for travel expenses, and his destination and his destination.

The most that Mr. Douglass would ever say was that he would stand as a right.

Dr. W. F. Smith of New York, alone for his feats of strength, is pushing forward the idea. He says the Treasury, he left his house last night and last night, and quite significant that within twenty days he will be able to raise with one, 150 votes for him, and 150 votes for him, and this will be enough to elect him. We will make the choice of the Convention of Pennsylvania.
Democratic Territorial Convention.

TERRITORIAL EXECUTIVE COM. ROOMS. 
March 7th, 1860.

The Democratic party of the several counties of the Territory of Kansas, are requested to select Delegates to attend a Territorial Convention of the party, to be held at Atchison, on Tuesday the 27th day of March, ensuing: To take into consideration the propriety of sending Delegates to the National Convention, at Charleston, and to transact other business of importance to the party. A full attendance is desired.

The counties are entitled to the following number of Delegates:

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G. W. PURKINS, Ch'n. T. E. C., D. P.

SAMUEL A. STINSON, Secretary.
Religion, like its votaries, while it exists on earth, must have a body as well as a soul. A religion purely spiritual, might suit a being as pure, but men are compound animals; and the body too of a lord it over the mind.

Secrecy has been well trained the soul of all great designs; perhaps more has been effected by concealing our own intentions than by discovering those of our enemy. But great men succeed in both.

Always look at those whom you are talking to, never at those you are talking of.

There are some truths, the force and validity of which we readily admit, in abstract cases except our own; and there are other truths so self-evident that we dare not deny them, but so dreadful that we dare not believe them.

Many speak the truth when they say that they despise riches and prefer poverty, but they mean the riches and preferment possessed by other men.

There are prating coxcombs in the world, who would rather talk than listen to the whole of the subject himself over the world.
W. A. Cochran
Atchison, Kansas 59
March 18 - 1860

Friendly notices of K. I. and asking for document defining the Judges position on the Militia Provision. It on the subject likely to be discussed during the coming campaign.

Enclose a printed clip which states that the Demo Central Committee are formally for Douglas, and another clip for a call for a Convention.
Williams College,
Williamsburg, Mass.
March 18, 1860.

Hon. S.A. Douglas,

Dear Sir,

Will you have the goodness to send me your first speech on Popular Sovereignty, or the one in which you first gave issue with the present Administration on the question of Slavery in the Territories. The Ordinance of '57 is continually thrown in the face of your admirers and supporters here, and if you have
Anything touching on that point particularly, whatever you may send shall be disseminated throughout the community.

Respet. J. O. L. S.

Sidney M. Cooper.
Sir: M. Cooper,

William College, Williamsburg,

March 15, 1863

asks for first draft of
draft, as to slavery in

the South, the

opposition

of the

or from 1863.
Newport, Louisiana, Nov. 13, 1864

Hon. Stephen A. Douglas

Dear Sir,

If not inconvenient, please send me your speech upon the invasion of Texas, and any other of the speeches you have delivered in Congress during the present session. You have many warm friends in this section of Louisiana.

Yours truly,

[Signature]

F. Pinckney Harris
J. Pinckney Harris
Shreveport, Louisiana
March 18, 1860

Asks for speech on
Invasion of State, rather
speech of Judge D.
SWMILLE, Ky.
Nov. 18th, 1860

My dear sir,

I see that there is some probability that the National Demo.
Can. may change the place of meeting for the convention from Charleston to Balt. I really hope it may be done. There are plenty of reasons for the change and I hope no serious obstacle to it. I have not seen any other delegates from Ky. on this subject but I am sure that there can be but one opinion on this subject. What can we do in the name of the party, you may be sure that we in the state in the union will have a voice unequaled except that in Indiana. The people of the other states are unwilling for your nomination. What reply may be made to some of the delegates I cannot say, but I do not believe it can affect a vote.

Yours truly,

Mr. Jno. McR. Hunking.
E. M. Huntington
Corinville, Ky.
March 15th, 1860

Anger changes
place of meeting
of North-Connexian
Endeavor Association
undivided, etc.
Post Office Warren's Hotel 11

Mr. Stephen A. Douglas
Washington, Dec. 14, N.D.

I hope you will excuse my boldness in writing to you, I am endeavoring to get a Buchanan Post Office, but can assure you that I am not a Buchanan Democrat or else I was for it shall have the pleasure of casting my first vote for Captain A. O. Herndon of that county as a man who has always our best interest, been long in this House at least. I have reason to know, but it doesn't agree with the law of the territory. I told Senator Douglas. But say he should have it held for him. I can't do better. Douglas is all right in this neighborhood, and I think he will have it voted for him. My business in writing you this letter is to request you, if you have time to send me what 10 or 15 of your sheets on the Invasion of State also some in reply to my letter. There has been a few that have not been sufficient to satisfy the demand and I have been asked for them of the 4th & 5th to distribute to a good advantage. I am a good friend of Mr. Berry at the P.M. Hotel. Whose I have in the office for over three years. When your mail, the Judge sent them to P. O. Berry as they will prevent any hard feeling between myself & Mr. Berry. I shall put them & distribute them to the men as a good democratic
Stephen E. Lee
Hannibal, Missouri
March 18, 1860

asking that 100 copies
of speech on invasion
of State may be sent
for distribution to
J. O. Berry
Hannibal
Missouri.
Hartford, March 15, 1860
Hon. L. A. Douglas—Dear Sir

During the last week I have visited Eastern Connecticut, and expected to say, that from all I could gather or observe in that portion of the State, there is very little to give us hope of carrying this State this Spring. What is the strong hold of the Republicans, and from any interviews with leading Democrats there about, I am satisfied they do not expect to give us any great gains, and in some instances express a doubt of our doing as well as we did last year. The nearer we approach our election the more gratified I am that you did not consent to come into the State in other parts of the State it looks better—we shall make handsome gains in this County—also in New Haven Co.—but in Bishop's District, I do not he—
lieve we shall do any better than last year — but all we gain in this and New Haven Center, I believe will be more than counterbalanced in the Eastern portion of the State. However we will keep up good pluck even though we know that defeat awaits us. While in New London, I called upon Andrew C. OFFITTS, one of our delegates at large to Charleston, and almost the first inquiry he made of me was whether you could find time to answer all the correspondence that was addressed to you. I informed him that in my opinion it was impossible for one to do so, as your correspondence amounted to several hundred letters each day. He then informed me that he had addressed a letter to you some time since, and was in hope of hearing from you, but presumed there was a reasonable excuse in the fact of your receiving so many letters. There is an effort being made among the eliges of our State to
prevent it possible the first vote of this State at Charleston, being
given to yourself, and for this reason, if for no other, I wish
you would give Mr. Lippitt a friendly recognition—not
that I have any fear of his being persuaded from your
support, but rather to make him stronger in the faith. He,
Lippitt, is one of the leading members of the bar in Eastern Conne-
ticut, and goes to Charleston with probity, and strongly in
your favor. I know that friendly recognition from yourself
is very gratifying to him, even though it might be very brief.

His address is Andrew C. Lippitt, New London, Connecticut

Your reply to Seward, of which I prevailed the State Central
Committee to order an edition of 50,000 copies has been in part
issued 10 or 12,000 copies — handed over to that committee for dis-
tribution. I will send you a few copies that you may see the
style adopted, "By order,"

J. M. Scofield

[Signature]
S. W. Scofield
of Hartford Daily Post.
Hartford, Conn.
March 18, 1860

Connt. will go Republican, notwithstanding every effort to the contrary by the Democrats. Ask the Judge to unite to
Andrew C. Difftett
New-London, Conn.
Oberlin, March 18th, 1866

S. A. Douglas—Sir,

As I am a citizen of the State of Ohio, but am here for the summer, I desire to post myself on political questions, and as I intend to return home in the fall I thought it proper to request of you such documents as you may deem most proper to send to this place. Yours truly,

G. T. Smith
Geo. A. Smith
Oberlin, Ohio
March 18, 1860

asks for nut. oak.
March 18th 1860

Hon. Stephen A. Douglas sir, please send me the book of patents of 1856 and 1859 and any other Congressional documents will be thankfully received please direct to Isaac Watman, Wgree, Belmont County Ohio.

Yours with respect
Isaac Watman
Isaac W. Watman
Magee, Belmont Co., Ohio
March 18, 1860


Dear Mr. Douglas,

Dear Sir— I am the neighbor of Governor Biddle, at his home in Pennsylvania, who are the brother-in-law of your friend, T. Stearns of Toledo. I speak of these circumstances, that you may know me, having no hope of your collecting me personally.

But what I desire most to say is that here I am urging one amending a host of your friends, now as in the case of all over Pennsylvania the democratic heart beat with you! The recent Convention at Reading has been carried for you in the case, and if your friends had known their strength in time it would have been done! It may mean the effort, and if I had not been upon the bench of my hands politically tied that effort would have been made. As it is you will receive more than half of the delegations from this State, and I hope more! Indeed there is a fair prospect of your receiving all but about five.

May I hope you will have a majority of the delegations at Charleston and can control the Convention? I beg of you do not yield to any expediency or temporizing policy.
Be not afraid. The people are extremely anxious for the election to certain if you can, before the people can be taken without a platform.  As other it would be natural, to you it is of no consequence; you have already made your platform.  You need but the whole forty and your present indications, I thank you, you will receive it.

Let the Constitution of Charles, the simple, say that "Slavery goes when the Constitution carries it; and that it 'leaves a captive in a vacuum.' Not a legislative question." On such a platform we can stand and stretch you as a candidate. The democratic party must triumph in at least 27 States in Nov. next.

Hoping for your success, and with the assurance of the warmest personal and political friendship in the old Keystone State, I am,

Yours truly,

G. B. Barrett.
Judge I. P. Barnett
Cleavland, Pennsylvania
March 19, 1860

A fair prospect of a good delegation at fair going for Judge D. Mr. strength with the people beyond South or North must not yield an inch at Charleston. If Judge D. is nominated, no flesh from is required; he could carry 27 States.

Let the Convention merely declare that "Slavery goes when the Constitution carries it, and it limit or extend it judicially, is not legislation."

Very truly yours,

[Signature]
77, Nat. Hotel,
Monday Afternoon

Dear Sir:

Not meeting you at the Senate Chamber this morning, and being committed to an engagement in Va. which leaves me without time to call upon you, I write to express the hope that Circumstances may better favor my purposes, on my way home, on Thursday or Friday.

Meanwhile, "the tendency of things," to which I alluded in a note from home, becomes more and more manifest & general. With great respect,

Your friend & servant,

James H. Birch.

Judge Douglas.
Bueno, Ramon For Rel.
19th March 1860
The regular weekly meeting of the Committee on Foreign Relations will take place on Tuesday, 20th March 1860 (tomorrow).

Wm M. Burwell
Colk Corr

Hon. J. A. Douglas
Mr. W. Burwell,
Clerk Committee on Foreign Relations.
March 19, 1860.

Stating that the regular weekly meeting of the Committee would take to-morrow the 20th inst.
H. R. Black. March 1960

Judge Douglas
Dr. Sir,

Please lend a copy of your speech on Inauguration (or request if you have them to spare) to [Minor McQueen Fallsburg] Tickning Co.

And much other.

Your friend

J. L. Cox
Minor McQueen
Fallstung, Licking Co.
Ohio.
March 1860

asking for speech on
"Invasion of States."

Request made this
Nov. 6, J. S. Cox
Toledo O. Marshall Feb 26
Hon. S. A. Douglas
Washington City.

Sir:

I am bound to inform your Honor that my cash expenses in propagating for your Honor's nomination overreach my pecuniary power, and I dare not hesitate to ask for momentary and moderate support.

General Stettman here knows my circumstances.
Your Honor will please to
agree with my request &
believe me truly & most
respectfully.

Your obedient servant,
C. M. Oglesby Jr.
C. W. Dengler, M.D.
Toledo, Ohio
March 19, 1860

asking for monetary
graduate support for
propagandizing nomination.
Detroit March 19, 1860

S. A. Douglas
Washington

My Dear Sir,

I have today had a long interview with one of our most prominent Catholics of this state. He is decidedly of the opinion that if Mr. Lincoln is nominated you cannot be re-elected. It will be impossible to run the Catholic vote—other votes may qualify to judge on of the same opinion. Your nomination will put it to rest— you will receive this vote entirely.

Every day brings me additional witness from the interior of our state that we can carry it if you are nominated. Our home matters now sit us materially at our spring town Elections & we have shown five gains.

Very truly yours,

A.D. Smith
Clinton.

S. D. Edward.

Detroit, Michigan

March 19, 1860

The Catholic vote in the State will go for Judge D. but if any one else is nominated, both will go for Edward. Michigan will be decided with Judge D. as the result.
Jordan, Illinois
March 17th, 1840

Hon. J.A. Douglas, Sir:

I have taken the liberty of sending to you the petition of the citizens of Jordan, attached to the Post Master General, with hope that you, as a friend, and resident of the State interested in our behalf, you will find over one hundred names in said petition, all of which are sincerely interested, asking for the extension of mail route No. 11576, from Danville, Ill., North Fork, to Jordan, 8 miles further, the above makes application for a Post Office at Jordan, County of Vermilion and State of Illinois, as I said before, the travel on said route will be increased over 8 miles. The business that the new office can't help but delay all the extra expense of said route, as it will be shown hereafter in the want here, is not an office nearer than North Fork, South there is no one within 25 miles, the Jordan Office when I was appointed Post Master March 1846, amounted to about $6 dollars per year, and last October, when I resigned, the proceeds of said office amounted to a boy 15 per cent. Therefore, it can't help being an office of paths almost, and one in a short time that will defray its own expense.
I hope that you will call the attention of the Post Master General immediately to the kind of the Happens of Stede. I am sure and Obey the Orders of Vermont. But many friends.

I wish with you success fully in the convention at Chatham in next April. You will please notify me on receiving said notice whether you will or not intend to vote. On behalf of 5th Clinton.

Your obsequious,

Edward Haste

Please address G. Foster

Malcolmson

Warren County

Indiana

Hon. J. H. Douglas

Washington

1827
Respectfully referred to the President General, with request that reply be communicated to Judge Douglas.

March 24, 1860.
you would be so kind as any person I...

Your's &c.

And to sea your A'rest

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And to sea your A'rest
W. S. D. Harr
Mill Pond
Mills Point, Sullivan Co.
Tennessee
March 19, 1860

ask for copies of
speeches on "Invasion of
State", & in reply to reward.
Sondegnot March 19, 1860

Dear Sir,

You will please recollect that I was introduced to you in 1857 by one of your Friends at a junction of rail roads at an eating establishment while your wife on her way to an Illinoin State Fair I told you of your address at the Monroe Eco Fair you observed that your Mother lived in our neighborhood I make this long introduction that if your memory had failed it might be an evidence I wish you to send me Congressional Documents of a true Democrat cost R. Johnson Speech or what ever you may please that will affect your Wmiliation at Charleston York, Caleb V. Hobtie
March 19, 1860
Caleb N. Haddin
Ronqueit, Monroe Co.
New York

Asks for votes and support of a Democratic cast.
Pittsburgh, March 17/60

My Dear Sir,

I am under obligations for the documents, I will take the great pleasure in distributing them.

I have just returned from a few days’ visit to Washington County, (my native place) I am very glad to tell you that there is the utmost ease and harmony amongst the Democratic race; in your favor. Even the Postmaster says so. My father, who has lived there all his life has always taken an active part in politics assures me that he don’t know a dozen Democrats in the County who are not earnest for the nomination, that no one need be nominated but yourself or some one who will run on your platform. In this section of country we regard your nomination as one of the foreordained events. I need not say how earnestly I hope that our expectations may be realized.

Very truly yours,

[Signature]

James W. Hopkins
James M. Hopkins
Pittsburgh, Pa.

March 19, 1860

Not a dozen men in the county who are not for Edge D. & Pittsburgh is equally far worse.
Elliot-Depot, Maine
March 19, 1860
Hon. Stephen A. Douglas
Dear Sir:

You will please pardon me for the liberty I have taken to address you. I have read with much gratification your reply to Mr. Seward's attack upon the Democratic party. It is a masterly and triumphant refutation of the contemptible accusations which have frequently been brought against the Democracy by Republican stump speakers, and abolition fanatics. Mr. Seward's attempt to misrepresent facts, was promptly and amply rebuked and the responsibility for the slavering vituperation placed where it belongs upon the republican party and
its prominent leaders, who refused to stand by the Missouri Compromise in 1848, and who refused to abide by and carry out the Compromise of 1850. Mr. Seward, Mr. Wilson, and Mr. Buchanan, speeches have been extensively circulated throughout this section of the country by the Black Republican members of Congress. It is very rare that Democratic speeches are circulated among us. Since this State has been represented in Congress by Black Republicans, Maj. Shaw, will you please send me a quantity or as many Democratic speeches as you can spare from time to time, with franked envelopes, for distribution. I want to circulate them to counteract the influence of the Republican circulars. It appears to be a unanimous desire amongst the active and influential Democracy in this section of Maine, and I believe it is a strong desire throughout the N.E. States, that you should be the nominee for the Presidency at the Charleston Convention. I sincerely hope that you will get the nomination by as large a majority as General Pierce did. If so I think we can give you the electoral vote of this State.

Respectfully yours,

James C. Jenkins
James G. Jenkins
Elliot Depot, Maine
March 19, 1860

Asks for franked copies of speech in reply to Reward, for distribution.
Belfast March 1916

Mr. S. Douglas

writing you I know received a small package of your speeches & journies handed me a package you sent him all of which I have distributed.

They are very much but after the day as much good. The people are learning the object it is wanting if it begins to look like carrying the state they will. If you are one handed be sure the state consultant have just taken Belfast out from under than, Old saying as goes Belfast so goes the state God bless you till intouch
S. T. McClintock
Belfast, Maine
March 19, 1860

The speeches distributed. Belfast caired from the Republicans. Maine will go Democrat if Judge D. is nominated.
Hon. S. A. Douglas, 
Mpls., Minn.

Lynn, Oct. 1966

Dear Sir,

Your document came safely to hand as also the grandeur of speeches sent by Hon. Mr. Fouke. Which I have circulated to some extent. I take this opportunity to inform you that I have resigned my position as Sec. of the Y.M.C.A. Club, owing to a serious illness.

I have not learned who is to be my successor. You will probably learn soon. Yours, G. H. Martin.
S. H. Martin

March 19, 1860

Acknowledging receipt of speeches.
New Haven, March 10, 1840

Sir,

I address you as a political friend, as a democrat myself from my youth up to fifty-six, six years of age, I have watched your course with great satisfaction, and without any flattering you, you are my first choice for the presidency. Was your work by the great mass of the democracy in the three states, appearances indicated their will be a great effort made to defeat you at Charleston, will be it so, let them put in nomination any other candidate and we are beaten, as I think, but I hope I may be mistaken, I say to you as a friend Biddle your time will come in four years hence if not now, and in the meantime you occupy a position to make yourself heard towards being in shaping the legislation of the country. This is the two favors I ask of you if you should ever reach the presidency for the better of the democratic party, never appoint
an Editor of a Newspaper to office, it has been a great cause of embarrassment to the party, another cause is retaining men in office terms after terms until it even compare them to nothing else than an Eleb Musket Heavy Iron Back Burnt. It has had affect on the party because we believe our principles. Rotation in office, they want to be a general clearing out from Maine to California and I think you were the man that has got the place to do it in regard to Connecticut. Election close at hand, we mean to carry the state if possible but candidly & based on my clothes of it, the truth is New England is completely abolition in political parties have done the work for this section of the union, the rank & file of the Democracy would be glad to see you in this state whenever you can make it convenient.

Yours Truly

Hon B. A. Douglas

As B. Merrill
Asa B. Merrill
New Haven, Conn.
March 19, 1860

Unless Judge B. is nominated, the Democracy are whipped.

When President, the President should be appointed to office by the rotation principle, which should be adopted.
Charleston, March 1790

Hon. Stephen J. Douglas

After noticing an error in the Baltimore

Fair of your able and

Wray at your disposal, I think

that, a few of your speeches

would be heavily cherished

by myself, as well as other

of this neighborhood.

You will design your

many friends by sending

a number of the issues with your

signature.

Samuel Michael
Lebanon, Ills.
March 15, 1860

Mr. A. Michelet
Lebanon, Illinois
March 15, 1860

Asks for speeches in Congress, & during Southern tour.

To: Hon. J. A. Douglas,

Dear Sir:

I am aware that your health is annoyed by afflictions from causes of your speeches, but as the campaign is fast approaching and your health requires that you be prepared for it, I would like to get a copy of each of your speeches his Congress as well as on your Southern tour. If you have any of your reporters or any one for a serviceable copy, yours, yours.

Your truly,

[Signature]

[Name] Michael
Milestown, Hillmony County, N.C.
March 19th, 1863

My dear Sir,

I feel must allow me to congratulate you on the fact that we have carried St. Mary's county by a very large majority. The people have given their home loyalty with a right hand that will never waver. I have to inform you of a violent cold and snow storm suffering with an internal fever. But the state and congressional delegate, one for three, and the state delegation, are both yours truly,

O. Miles.
O. Miles
Milestown, Ch. Mary's Co.
March 19, 1860

Mr. Mary's Co. has sent 2 Douglas delegates. The State & District delegates will be for Judge D. He expects to head the State delegation.
Went to jail, 17th.
No. 3.

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Please do us the favor to send us copies of Mr. Sessions' speech in reply to Mr. Swenon. It is published from which we have extracted them.

F. G. J.
Mr. L. Miller
Mr. R.

Freeman, Fayette Co., Ind.
John C. Miller

Mr Kerr P. M.

Everton, Fayette Co. Ind.

March 19, 1860

asking for copies of

Speech in reply to and.
March 19th 1820.
A few Speeches, and
Pub. Documents to your hum-
ble Servant. If you Please
Henry Nelson

To, Hon S. A. Douglas.
Henry Nelson

Keokuk, Marshall Co., Illinois
March 19, 1860

Asks for spectacles and

doctors.
Hon. A. Douglas

Dear Sir,

I should like to investigate your master chain of argument as set forth in your speeches and Pamplets. More closely than I have ever done before. If you have any more copies of speeches delivered on other subjects please send and oblige your political friend. Let me say in conclusion that in Old St Clair and Madison Counties that Popular Sovereignty is fast going ground, the Old line Whigs are falling into ranks. Old Joe Gillippee hasn't taken the stump denouncing you as a "weather cock Politician." The cause and essence of all the trouble which now dots the country" Popular Sovereignty a humbug etc., but he does not take even the old line Whigs hinted his obscure language.
and still more absurd ideas. The old farmers generally reply to old Joe and they show up his state policy to his utter confusion. The Democracy are beginning to awake and prepare for the coming contest. Democratic Meetings and Broad, Speeches are now being made from Chicago to here. While the Democracy expects to support the nominee of the Charleston Convention, they will be disappointed if you do not receive the nomination for your are the first last and only choice of the whole North, if you are not nominated we expect to support the nominee though he cannot be our choice.

Ill.

Sincerely M. Olden

To Hon. A. Douglas, United States Senator
Lucius M. Olden  
Lebanon, Illinois  
March 19, 1860

Asks for other speakers.  
The old line Whigs are  
failing into the Douglas  
kanks.

If Edward is not  
nominated, the Illinois  
democracy will vote for  
the nominee, but  
without hope of success.

[Signature]
Dear Stephen A. Douglas,

Dear Sir,

This knapsack but have last came to the King dam for such a time as this — look at the Book of Esther and you may see your position and if you have not time to read it, get your nose to read it to you in the Earl of the evening when the world is shut out, then you can listen calmly to a human’s advice. 

For the gold crossing an equal value throughout the United States. Each cent of deposit in gold or silver Treasury and then the Currency will be regulated.

I cannot enlarge as it was, it is unnecessary. I am an old one of sixty-five years. Dear Sir, I have had large experience in business, and I desire to see any body President of these United States, rather than any member of the Republican Party.

Cultivate Henry Wilson, for he will turn him his jacket at the first Convenient opportunity.

His palate is calloused almost to disease. Who melts the highest in prison to please.

Joshua Colman
An old line Whig; will vote for any body but a Republican; Senator Wilson ready to throw a jacket at the first eminent opportunity &c. &c.
Westerlo, Albany County,
New York State, March 19th, 1860

to the Hon. Stephen A. Douglas,
Senator. Dear Sir: living in a district of country where your Kansas Squatter
Sovereignty are controverted and your motives impinged I should like to receive from you some of your published speeches on that and other subjects, and if you could send the report of the Kansas Investigating Committee you would oblige your friend and well wisher. I claim to be a Democrat and go for the people of the Territory to govern the territories or be drowned under the soil of the territories. Direct to Westerlo, for

Sincerely yours,
Westerlo, 1860

Henry Reynolds
Albany County, New York State
March 19, 1860

Asks for Kansas, Investigating Committee, and speech on pop. conv. & other.

Freinds
Kanza, March 19, 1862

Hon. Stephen A. Douglas
Washington City

Dear Sir,

I have just received a letter from Mr. J. B. K. of Augusta, inviting me to send a delegate at large to the Charleston Convention. He is President of the Southern States, and is the only democrat now on the ballot in the State. His position and ability, and his determination to exercise all his powers to block nomination for the presidency, the favorite choice of Haud, make the selection I have made entirely satisfactory to the democratic party.

I am not able to see you until after the nomination of Charleston, and whether you are nominated or not. I must be allowed to claim that I was the cause of our success in electing delegates favorable to your nomination.

After the Wigglesworth resolution he came home, and after much debates on the democracy of our States he undertook to organize the State officers to make it a to pass the State Convention with delegates unfriendly to your nomination. I was able to meet him in by paying out two thousand dollars and a spending most time. I have been means of electing delegates from this State who will, as I think, act as a brand. It is only possible that two or three may not be inclined to vote for you, but we have good reason to think our entire delegation will be for you.

Having done so small in this matter, I have conclu-
A. W. Roberts
Bangor, Maine
March 19, 1860

A delegate at large from Maine.
Now, Mr. D. Rice, Judge of the Superior Court, will take his place, and I
feel he is of more service than any
man in Maine.

Roberts has spent all his time
with me, in drawing the Maine
Delegation for Judge D. His
exactions are acknowledged by
him, B. L. B. B. in a letter
herewith enclosed.

If Judge D. succeeds, also
Mr. Roberts gains in that he may
be consulted as to appointments
to Maine, as to have just such
influence as again there, as the
Dominion of Maine made him
to have.

A. W. March 25th
New York 19 March 1863

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

Dear Sir,

I have the 1st volume of "Empy Reform of the Mexican Boundary Survey" and I would be very glad to make the work complete. Will it be convenient for you to send me the 2nd volume? Before doing so, you will greatly oblige.

Very respectfully,

Your oblige

Wm. R. Stafford
Box 2836
Mr. B. Stafford
Post R. 2836, New York
March 17, 1860
ask for Vol. 2 of
Mexican Boundary Survey.
Petersburg, March 19, 1866.

Dear Sir:

My object in addressing you this letter is, simply to request of you the favor to send me copies of your speeches made in reply to the invasion of States and your reply to that arch demagogue of Yanitism, Field Leward, who had remained in Europe the balance of his day, than to have returned to his native land, taken his seat in the Senate of the United States, and played the mean part he had in the political drama on the floor of Congress; for it was unworthy a senator and still more so as a citizen of this land of civil liberty to have acted thus.

Allow me to say to you, that notwithstanding the decided attack taken against you last session by Southern Senators and certain members of the press (prying among the bitterest), the South then highly appreciated your efforts for the cause of Democracy and the Union against the combined efforts of the whole of abolitionists in Illinois and other States and the Administration party; and they have had no cause to regret having manifested that friendship for you, but on the contrary, their friendship has rather been strengthened.
be it, and it only awaits the national conven-
tion to nominate you to show their appro-
val of you by rallying to your support in
this hall, and that they will do without fail
you pursuing the cause against and even to-
ger of your way all the time. Rely upon the
people in this section, who, whereas, a thing
appreciate your efforts against that ful
advancement of the Constitution and the lib-
est of the people of this free and enlightened
country (well shielded by New York) and if nom-
minded, which their aims seems to indicate
will be the case, will bring to your sup-
port an overwhelming vote. Despite the
wailing and lamentations of your opponents
at the North, and the wild howls at the
South, particularly the Hunter party in this
state, whose actions in the late state can-
tion clearly proved that they were for
Hunter from their first act, and are now
trying their best to make it appear they
are friendly to you when they are not, you
will have to your support in the convention
too late. In other words, they are trying to see
if they cannot get your friends to split for
Hunter if you be not nominated, even though
they have not the remotest idea of supporting
you if Hunter stands no chance. Whichever
are will pretend to deny. One of the leaders
of the Hunter party boldly proclaimed in the
convention that he would not support
you, namely, Fayette McMillen, they are cer-
tainly a cheek set, during all they can say
press the voice of the majority of the Demo-
crats of Virginia, who are friendly to the Tennessee
compromise, and if the contest was to come
off in this state between the two men, I
would beat by 40,000, they know this to be true,
and hence and Junostᓂe the cause I have
predicted out. Your Colleagues friends or at
least a majority of them will any way
not nominated, but a good many of the
Delegates to Charleston will vote for you
as their second choice, and finding
their choice cannot be nominated will
cheerfully go over to you in order have
harmony in our ranks, which seems to be desired at this time than it has
ever been for many years past.

Instead of being the case that because your
first choice, but you being a candidate this
would prompt to this, but I have never
seen any case for this opposition to you
and if the stand that if you are not nomi-
nated, your friends should support him
and your lead your influence therewith; and if
you be nominated, then to his friend to the
same, Principle not men, but these harmony
alliance, and victory is certain.
Please forward me those speeches as soon as possible and accept my best thanks. Do not trouble to disclose anything contained in this to a single person; it is a special request I make. Send copies of your late speeches all over the land; it will have a good effect.

Respectfully Yours,

E. H. Stillman

To

Hon. Stephen A. Douglas,

U.S. Senator.
Christiansburg
March 19, 1863

Hon. Sir:

The next contest for the presidency of our country will likely be one of great interest. The issues, partlyaking more or less of a sectional character, are likely to produce great excitement, especially in the Northern and Southern sections of this Confederacy.

I expect, as an assistant elector to do my part in behalf of an cause, and for the harmony of the Charleston Convention, which, in all probability will be yourself. Will you please furnish me with the debates of Congress, upon the Kansas-Nebraska law, as originally proposed by you? It appears to me, from...
recollection only that our colleague Senate and member of the lower house, at that time received and voted for the bill, with whatever of prejudice or popular diversity, there might in the end be attached to the bill.

I do not desire that you shall incur any expense or trouble in getting and sending me the papers asked for: but, if they are convenient, I would be gratified to receive them.

If you should receive the nomination at Charleston, I think, I hazard nothing in assuming you that Virginia will do her duty for her party.

In haste, your old friend,

[Signature]
James C. Taylor,
Christianburg, Virginia
March 19, 1860

Is an aforesaid Elector of State. Virginia will do her duty, if Judge D. is nominated.

Asks for Debates upon the Kansas, Nebraska bill, in order to show that Southern men not only voted for it — but approved of the Squatter Sovereignty principle — authorized by that bill.
Washington D.C.
March 19 1860

Hon. J. Madison Cutts
& Compl.
Washington D.C.

My Dear Sir,

I conclude you will find a letter from Hon. B. Binford of Carlyle Ills. which will fully explain itself. I hope it will be convenient to comply with his request, and will take it as special personal favor if you will do so.

Your Friend.

Nicholas H. Hadden
Hon. Ben Borden
Carlyle, Ill.
March 12, 1860

Instructions to
Nelson, Indiana

want documents
and libraries
of Nelson, Illinois
to Col. M.S. Brett
Washington, Indiana

—
Hall Union Literary Society

Hon. S. J. Douglas

Dear Sir,

At a former meeting of the above you was proposed and elected an Honorary Member of the Union Literary Soc. Located in St. Clairsville Ohio.

Yours Respectfully,

J. W. Whittington Bonded W. & S. St. Clairsville
Belmont County Ohio

March 19th 1860
J. W. Vermillion
S. Clairsville, Belmont Co., Ohio
March 19, 1860

announcing that Judge D. was elected an honorary member of the Union Literary Society of that place.
Gettysburg, March 19th, 1860

Hon. Stephen A. Douglas,

Dear Sir,

I shall feel my thanks due to you, for a copy of your address, the whole debate between you and Senator Seward, the whole debate on the Franklin privilege, and a copy of the speech of Hon. R. B. Bryon, delivered in the House of Representatives. By complying with the above you will oblige me very much. Yours, Sc,

Address

Harrison Wagner,

Gettysburg, Pa.
Harrison Wagner
Selkirk, Mo.
March 19, 1860

asking for debate between
Judge G. V. Denton
against the repeals
on the speech of Hon.
R. A. Payor.
New York March 19th 1868

Dr Sir,

You will confer a favor by transmitting the Patent Office reports for the year 1858.

Your truly,

W.H. Walker

Walker's Hotel

337 & 339 Spring Street

Hon J.A. Douglas

New York City
W. H. Walker
Walker's Hotel
337 Spring St., New York
March 19, 1860

Asking for Patent Office Reports.
"Bucksnor, Stone County, Miss.
March 17, 1868

Dear S.A. Vaughn, Willsman:

I am at a loss for what to say in acknowledgment of your letter of last week. I believe you will get no answer to this until you have notified the Secretary of War, who will inform the proper authority. You will, I suppose, have to go there yourself. I have heard but little about the Western men, and I would like to do all you can for them. I will not complain if I never hear from you in consideration of the fact that you have tried to do this. It is not my business to praise your conduct in this respect. I am not acquainted with many others. Please send me along, and your letter will then be answered.

Yours respectfully,

O.O. Willsman

Washington City, W.T.
C. H. Williams
Boonboro', Boone Co., Iowa
March 19, 1860

Resolving that it seems
may be sent to his County
and relies upon the well-
known character of
Judge D. to execute him
for the liberty of making
the request.