[May 18, 1860]

[Dear Sir or Madam,]

I hope this letter finds you well. I am enclosing a copy of your letter for your signature and another for my use. I would like to be able to give these an extensive circulation in our state.

Truly yours,

[Signature]

Providence, R.I.

May 18th, 1860
To Hon. Stephen A. Douglas

U.S. Senator

Sir,

Will you have the goodness to send me by return mail your speech in reply to Senator Davis delivered the 15th & 16th of this month?

and oblige me much

Very truly yours,

A. Armstrong

Buffalo No.

To Hon. Stephen A. Douglas

Washington

Buffalo May 18th, 1860
A. Armstrong
Buffalo, New York
May 18, 1860

Copy of Late Speech
Greenfield, Mass.
May 18, 1860

Dear Stephen A. Douglas,

Please send to keep address a few copies of your late address. They will be of great service to us.

Very truly,
Geo. W. Baerrett
Geo. W. Bartlett
Greenfield, Mass.
May 18, 1860

A few copies of late speech.
Confidential

Plymouth Mass May 18/60

Hon. D. A. Douglas

My Dear Sir

I met Gov. Richardson in New York on Tuesday, since which I have canvassed a part of this State. Our State Committee will be in session next Wednesday relative to a State Convention. But as a member of that committee I fear to press the convention. Surf. Whitney, Butter did have the money and the public offices, and they will leave no stone unturned to get the control of the convention, and if they do they will turn the tables upon us and instruct Stevens and Davis to vote with Lathrop and Whitney. You will have observed that the Boston Post was finally taken ground against you which it would not have done had not
Scream, suppose he have a majority with him. Under all these circumstances would it not be hazardous to risk a state convention?

There is now every possible effort making to break once lines in New Hampshire and Maine, and I am a little fearful of the Granite State, though perhaps my fears are groundless. The Concord N. H. Patriot, Frank Pierce’s paper is doing service boldly and manfully. But Burke and all the Administration journals are out denouncing himself in their daily work. I am more than ever satisfied that the fight must be made at Baltimore even to the breaking up of the convention. To retreat is bad politics indeed.

Yours truly,

[Signature]
Moses Bates
Plymouth, Mass.
May 18, 1860
Political
My dear Judge,

From your magnificent speech in the Senate, I fear the country is about to be electrified. Your speech has set the seal of approval on the nomination of Senator Belknap. All we want in order to strengthen some of the Southern states to defeat the Legislature men amongst us, is some additional evidence of your strength at the ballot, gratifying symptoms of which are reaching us daily. Sincerely, letter to the circulation of your
Dear [Name],

Which you fancy will look to are sure to give me Southern votes enough at Baltimore to secure your nomination.

God Richardson is still here. I have seen a good deal of him & his presence among us is of great service. Fowle's place in the Delegation will be filled by a reliable man & I am trying to get also a place for our friend West. Cagge, write one that the Delegation will all sound - we shall vote at Baltimore a sixth

The decision of the seeing delegates I only, they should be duly selected by the rep. State Commissioners.

In any event I trust that we shall not change the order of proceedings but before we left off without addressing any material, for additional celebrations before a nomination is made.

After we have got through with that important part of our business some consideration might be made to the South if you have friends.
I think well of it. The resolutions were agreed upon by a committee from Virginia, Kentucky, and New York, or the last day of the Charleston Convention. I fear my next term of

see any harm of

if they adopt them, they may give us strength of the South — We are going to have a large meeting of the Co. INST. All on Tuesday evening. I hope that Christmas may be introduced to come on to address us properly. F.B. Cutting will provide levery thing will be done in order.
I make it a business

to improve our

condition.

With all this, I
cannot quite overcome
my apprehensions about
the Seymour feeling
which I fear creates
with some of our
deleterious from the
Interior — upon which
the Administration
of your southern anti-
gomists will undoubtedly
work with combined
activity — my fears
may be exaggerated
and nothing can be
lost by mutual friends
I hope you will find
means between now to the 18th of June to receive some additional direct influence upon Richmond two or three or sometimes leading men from the Interior.

Lincoln's nomination must open the eye of the South to the majority of adhering to you, or unless they are determined to bleed to the last moment of the party of the country.

May 15, 1860

Belmont
Resolved that all the citizens of the U. S. have an equal right to settle with their property in the Territories of the U. S. and that under the decision of the Supreme Court of the U. S., which are recognized as a correct exposition of the Constitution of the U. S., neither their right of person or property can be destroyed or impaired by congressional or territorial legislation.
August Belmont
New York City
May 18-1860

The Administration &
the Southern Leaders are
endeavouring to influence
the W. N. Delegation in
favor of Seymour, N.C.
Proposes a resolution
as agreed upon by the W. N.
Kentucky & New York
Delegation on the last
day of the Convention.
Will you please have the kindness to send me a few copies of your last speech in reply to Senator Davis on new instructions in the territories. We have just heard of the nomination at Chicago by the Republicans and it is the general impression here that you will have an easy conquest if nominated at Baltimore in June as there is no doubt you will be. There is a general feeling here in your favor which some confident can be made almost universal among the good and conservative men of all parties, so that the state of New Jersey will give you a triumphant majority in November next.

From your sincere friend,

Charles Rosebury

Governor of New Jersey

Woolsey V. Perley

May 18th, 1860
Levi B. Pope
Hartland, New Jersey
May 18, 1860
ask for copies of late speech.
The nomination of Lincoln will give edge of all the conservative voters in New Jersey will give a large majority.
New York, May 18, 1860

Hon. S. A. Douglas,
My dear Sir,

Having been

through the kindness of the late

T. L. Harris a mutual friend of

us both, introduced to you some

years ago, I have from that fact

assumed the liberty of addressing

you this letter, kindly asking if

you a copy of my speech recently

delivered in reply to the

Rev. J. Davis.

I will here remark that although

since my manhood I have been

a warm admirer of yourself as

well as your political creed, I

must now acknowledge that

your last effort has much incre-

ased my admiration of you per-

sonally. I am more firmly convinced,
The letter which I send one to
The Old Democratic Party.
If you be kind enough
to read one more speech
your earliest convenience,
you will greatly oblige
a warm supporter of your
self and the democratic
party.
I am very respectfully,
J. W. Byrnes

P.S. Please write
J. W. Byrnes
Box (2373) P.O. Office
W. Ind.
Satto May 18\textsuperscript{th} 1870

Sir,

You will confer a favor by sending formal copies of your late speech to the following address:

C.B. Biscoe
Baltimore

At the

G.P. B. Dugan
Washington D.C.
C. B. Briscoe
Balt.e—Maryland
May 18, 1860

Several copies of last speech.
Waterville, Maine,
May 18th, 1860.

Hon. S. A. Douglas,

Sir,

Will you oblige me by sending me a few copies of your speech delivered in the Senate on the 15th and 16th inst.

Yours very respectfully,

L. Butler
L. Butler
Waterville, Maine
May 18-1860

Copy of reply to Davis.
G. H. BUTCHERS
New Haven, Conn.
May 18, 1860

Copy of late speech.

VI, New Haven Conn. May 18th.

Hon. S. C. Douglass:

[Dear Sir] Will you please send me a copy of your last speech in the Senate, if you have it in a printed form. Permit me to return my thanks for your kindness, in sending me a former speech.

Yours respectfully,

G. H. Butchers
O. P. Button
Watertown, New York
May 18, 1860

Copies of reply to Paris.

[Non intervention speech sent May 26, 1860]

May 18th, 1860

Mr. S. A. Douglas
Dear Sir,

If you will send to my address a few copies of your defence of popular sovereignty, I will use them in the best manner to the benefit of the cause.

Yours truly,

O. P. Button
Watertown
P. Lagger  
Albany, New York  
May 18, 1860  
The N. Y. delegation will be equally firm at Baltimore as at Charleston, both in regard to platform & candidates.  
Was Richmond been written to?

Albany May 18, 1860  
Hon. S. A. Douglas.  
My Dear Sir.  
You give me more credit in your letters of the 8th. than I deserve or am justly entitled to. In what I done at Charleston I simply carried out the views and wishes of almost every democrat in the district I represented and I can add the almost unanimous views and wishes of the democrats of the state and of thousands of thousands outside of our organization. My own views & wishes were...
in sympathy with theirs. The course which I pursued at Charleston will be followed with equal decision and firmness at Baltimore and will be sustained by the delegation. We will adjourn to the change made in the party form a of the Candidate. The vacancy in the delegation created by the flight of Mr. Hower, will be filled by his successor Judge Crippen of Otsego County, a warm and decided friend of Yours. You had no doubt observed the change in the tone of the Atlas & Argus since the return of Cassil. Richmond & myself join.

the South. Have I in written to Richmond since his return? If not, I think it would be well to do so and express your great favor at the unanimous support which he gave you at the Convention.

Very truly Yours, C. Cagger.
Louisville, Georgia
May 18th, 1860

Hon. S.A. Douglas
Washington City

Sir,

If it is convenient, please furnish me with a copy of your late speech in the Senate on the "Davis Senatorial Bill", and as it is a matter of interest to your friends in the South to fully understand your position on all questions of National interest, I would be glad to have you send me any other document expressing your sentiments.

Respectfully,

J.G. Cain
P. S. Cain
Louisville, Georgia
May 18, 1860

Copy of reply to Davis,
many other doct. el-
illustration of Judge
25 views.
Montgomery, Alabama, May 18th, 1860

Mr. Stephen A. Douglas

Dear Sir,

Since I last saw you from Mississippi, some important political events have transpired and your friends failed to secure you nomination at the Charleston Convention. Now the time has come for us to act in accordance with the great and vital interests of the Democratic Party. They will be successful at the Baltimore Convention, having the upper hand all through the South. Adorning the crown furnished by the proceeds of the Charleston Convention. And a new set of Democratic will be sent to the Baltimore Convention, who will not be divided and packed off, but by your patriotic friends, who will express the wish of the people, and who will be independent in their action.

I have recently traveled through the state of Alabama, and I am sorry to say that if you had visited all the counties of your State, you would have seen both of the state, and at all of the counties. The people of Alabama are becoming alarmed by the local demonstrations against them of the South, and are endeavoring to avoid the violation of their Conventions by calling them to the Constitutional Party. This plan now is to nominate Mr. Sills and Mr. Bright. But I have no opinion that Mr. Bright can carry this our State. Maria has been nominated. I should like to see Mr. Bright return home from Boston.
and counsel Indiana against him and the ticket.

I judge that the adoptions of the Charleston plan

You was not made to a time when the war at Richmond,

as I think your nomination a sad and would have

strengthned us. So I have & good many Southerners

wished that “although opposed to your principles still

they would take you for the Head you been nominated”.

But I trust that you will be nominated at Washn.,

and we will pass the final political battle of our

Country against the Emancipation of the Negroes.

And this place to be the hot-bed of eclectism.

I believe you have many friends & you and all they

people is an opportunity to vote for me. I saw that was

a “four cornered” & just it self the principle will apply

to the Southern States and the Conservatssion of the

people to nothing but evil availing from the crying

appressed by the assassins. I saw the Union and the

informed me that nothing would separate & I am

taking all with them & the unavenged blood of millions

of their view. I shall pass through all of the Southern

States in my way to the North by the time of the Southern

Convention.

May Reaford safely come

J.B. Chapman

Phil.
J. H. Canfield
(of Phila.)
Montgomery, Alabama
May 18, 1860

Political - in regard to Mississippi, Ala., & ten other Southern States.
E. Z. Carpenter
Schenectady, N. Y.
May 18, 1860

Copy of reply to Davis.

Schenectady, N. Y.
May 18th, 1860

Dear Sir:

Please send me a copy of your late letter to the U. S. Senate in objection to the appropriation of $7,000 to the S. S. Car, Sovereign.

Yours respectfully,
E. Z. Carpenter

Hon. Stephen A. Douglas
Washington, D.C.
March 18th, 1860


A few weeks ago I wrote you a letter informing you that the popular feeling among the masses of the Democratic Party demanded your nomination for the next Presidency of the United States, and that with you as their standard bearer the national democracy would be sure of a glorious triumph. Everything now conspires to strengthen and confirm

the conclusion in the minds of all classes and true friends of democracy and the Union, that this has been a time in the history of our country when our liberties were in greater danger, when it was more important to present for the disfranchisement of the American people a candidate for the office of eminent abilities, reknown in public affairs and
disinterested patriotism can command
the required support of the great Democratic
party of the country. It is necessary for us
to have a candidate for the presidency
with whom we can carry the North
as well as the South and the
West as well as the East. A candidate
of the people, instead of a candidate
of officer holders and disunionists, is
a bond one with whom we can
triumph in this the most important
election ever held by the American
Republic of the Earth. Difficult
corrupt, disunionists at Charleston
will raise a storm of indignation
among the Masons. They will
drive them from the shoff into

The fear of the people is that you are
the choice of the great majority of the Democratic
party of the country is apparent. The
light of the sun at noon is, no other
man can so well unite the party. Nor
as popular with the masses, none raise
such an enthusiasm and can gain
so much confidence in unions. The party
consist of you for your long and tried devotion
in the national councils, for the services
you have made in maintaining the Constitution
and the union, or the rights of the American
people. Those rather than the party of the
Republic of regulating their own affairs,
as designed by the fathers of the Republic.
Your last great speech in the Senate of the U.S.
is conclusive and unanswerable, proving you
as a most favorable position before the Gallery
for the presidency, is impresensible. The answer of
boiling disunionists, with ridicule for your efforts.
You can doubt the result, with the highest assurance
from your ancient friend

Stephen A. C. C.
Seymour W. Case
Hartford, Conn.
May 18, 1860

Political - The cry for Judge D. increasing in intensity - etc.
Frederick Street
May 18th 1869

Dear Sir,

I see you have been delivering a speech defining your position. I wish I had you a copy to have. You would let me have one.

Very respectfully,

F. W. Coleman
T. W. Coleman
Fredericksburg, Virginia
May 18, 1860

Copy of late speech.
17 East 33rd St.
New York, May 18, 1860

My dear Sir,

Of course, Gov. Lincoln's address keeps you booked on the progress of things here. We are gaining ground every hour and with united effort there is no doubt of success. Your late speech is considered by our friends here the best ever delivered in the Senate. It will extinguish the "Fire eaters". Don't fail to send on as many Southern speakers (good ones) for our meeting next week as you possibly can.

Yours truly in haste.

John F. Cowan
Mr. R. C. H. May 21st, 1860

Yours truly

[Signature]
Mr. C. De Witt
Brooklyn, New York
May 18, 1860
Copies of late speech.

Brooklyn May 18th, 1860

Sir,

Will you do me the honor to forward me copies of speeches delivered in the great debate now just concluded between Mr. Davis and yourself?

With sentiments of the highest esteem I am sir,

Your Respectfully,

William C. De Witt

To

Hon. Stephen A. Douglas
[Confidential]

May 18, 1860

Mrs. J. H. Douglas

My dear Sir,

Having understood that the allegations from this district alleged at Charleston that you had the strength, accompanied by a party in this vicinity, I have pressed with the pleasure of the honor of having a acquaintance with you, to come to the allegations. I am led to this by having learned that you had addressed a letter of inquiry with the matter to a Mr. Marshall of this County.

The absence of Mr. Juni, County as a result has had but little information touching the whole of the Anti-Slavery story.
The only Democratic Organ in this County is it has been for the last 8 years in the hands of the Postmaster of this City. You can readily conceive how much that was truly and consistently Democratic in the great contest, would tend also and press. The Editor is a foe of Repeal and has always been duly grateful. Tommy knows him well.

I have respectfully urged upon Mr. Galt and the Delegates from this County to Charleston, Baltimore, the urgent necessity of your nomination to secure the seat of Democratic principle this fall. He is, I think, a grand character and perhaps a pleasant note of inquiry to him don’t might be of use and I am felt great interest in your action. I am with warmest regards.

John W. Douglas
George C. Eaton
Zanesville, Ohio
May 18, 1860

One or more copies
of late speech.

Zanesville, Ohio May 18th, 1860

Hon. S. A. Douglas

Dear Sir,

Will you be so kind as to favor me with one or more copies of your speech in reply to Davis? as soon as the same is published.

Administration Democrats are free in this part of the Buckeye State, while hosts of the people admire and approve of your firmness and consistency in these modern bygone times.

Very Respectfully yours,

Geo. C. Eaton
Portsmouth 9th May 1860

Dear Sir,

Will you be kind enough to send me a copy of your last speech and as many more as you choose, it will give me great pleasure to distribute them to others.

Very Respectfully,
Your Obliged,
Hon. S. A. Douglas, A. W. Edwards
A. U. Senate
Washington
A. W. Edwards
Portsmouth, Virginia
May 18, 1860

Asks for copies of late speech for distribution.
Accra, May 18th 60

Dear Mr. Stephens & Drugsby,

I have the privilege to send you an official copy of the late speech delivered by you in the Senate.

From what I can learn by the condensed telegraphic account, I deem it one of your master efforts. And last that it will be widely demurred upon in the Baltimore Convention.

I am Truly yours,

F. A. Elliott.
T. A. Ellis
Newark, N. Jersey
May 19, 1860
Copies of late speeches.
May 18, 1860

Dear Sir:

Will you be kind enough to send me, when convenient, a copy of your last great speech in the Senate in answer to the Davis Resolution?

With hundreds of other Democrats in this section, we are "Douglas first, last and all the time." Lincoln's nomination falls like lead on the Republican ranks.

Very Respectfully,

[Signature]

[Address]

[Signature]

[Address]
Chas J. Emery
(District Attorney's Office)
May 15, 1860

Copies of late speech.
The nomination of Lincoln fell like a lead upon the Repub. Party of Pa.
Henry Emery
Prop. Mermimack House
Lowell, Mass.
May 15th, 1860

asks for copies of Judge D's speeches.

Mermimack House
Lowell May 18th, 1860

Hon. S. A. Douglas
My Dear Sir

If not asking to mind, will you be kind enough to send me (at Mother Dummer) your speeches and documents such as are intended for distribution.

Respectfully yours,

Henry Emery
Proprietor Mermack House
Portsmouth Va., May 18, 1860

Dear Sir,

I take the liberty of asking of you a copy of your speech, delivered in the Senate of the United States, in reply to the Hon. Jefferson Davis, on the doctrines of Non-interference and Popular Sovereignty. The doctrines that you advocate, the more they are known and understood, the sooner they will be adopted, and prevail all over the land; they are better adapted to give peace and harmony to our distracted Country.

Yours Fraternally,

Wm. Emerson
Im Emmeron
Pohsmouth, Virginia
May 15, 1860

Copy of recent speech.
Frenlon Ohio
May 18, 1860

Mr. M. Douglas
Dear Sir

Will you please favor me with a copy of your last speech in the U.S. Senate?

I am, Sir,

Truly yours,

J. D. Speed
D. D. Evans
Trenton, Ohio
May 18, 1860

Copy of reply to Davis.

[Non intervention speech sent May 26, 1860]