Spier's Farm, May 26, 1860.

Private

Hon. S. A. Douglas
Dear Sir,

Please send me immediately your speech on the Right Protection movement, delivered a few days ago.

Also, a copy of your speech delivered some two years ago on the Do-Compromise Question in which you quoted by way of illustration, from all the leading Southern men to show their position upon it.

In your letter the description is not sufficiently accurate.

Now surely I respect the directions of my party join it! But I hope the people will not be induced to withdraw. I fear however the situation even if it be thereby temporarily, will suit Lincoln. I am myself for "No intervention," so we will have a fierce contest in Georgia. But I think it will be honor, able to the North not satisfactory to the South, to take the Cincinnati Platform with its endorsement of the Dead Scott Case. Is this so? I do not understand you to object to my paper from your H. Magazine article. Am I right?
Please be prompt in sending the speech. Direct them to Millcreek, as I shall be there, or the 4th June. Other help, a delegate to our State Convention.

Yours truly,

H. J. Johnston

Hon. J. A. Douglas
Washington, D.C.
H. V. Johnson
Sparta Turnout, Georgia
May 26, 1860

Reply to Davis and Speech on the Leampton Constitution, delivered two years ago.
Alexandria, Va.
May 26th, 1860.

Hon. S. A. Douglas, Dr. Ir.

Do the kindness to send to my address a copy of your recent speech upon the subject of Secession and territorial policy, and oblige yours,

Most respectfully,

J. B. Johnson M.D.
J. B. Johnson, M.D.
Alexandria, Virginia
May 26, 1860

Reply to Davis,

[Handwritten text not legible]
Rockport Inda May 26th 1860

Hon S. A. Douglas Sir

Send me a few copies of your late speech for distribution. And Oblige your friend

Calvin Jones

My dear... the Rockport Democrat

is too small to publish long speeches. But if I send you

that speech I shall certainly say that speech before my readers.

I have only been a part of it

by telegraph, the great... among the Democracy there

is spine no Douglas and

we are safe.

Yours in haste

C. Jones
Calvin Jones
Rockport, Indiana
May 26, 1860

Copy of reply to
Davis.
He will publish it
in his paper.
The undersigned, Democratic voters of Lancaster, favorable to the nomination of Stephen A. Douglas, for the Presidency, by the National Democratic Convention which will meet in Baltimore, on the 18th of June, present for your serious consideration, the following facts and suggestions, viz:

First—That the Charleston Convention, having by a vote of 165 against 138, re-affirmed the Cincinnati Platform, in reference to the Slavery question in the Territories, has given a clear and emphatic endorsement of the grand principle of Popular Sovereignty, as it is advocated and defended by Stephen A. Douglas.

Second—That in every one of the fifty-seven ballots for the nomination of a candidate for the Presidency by the Charleston Convention, Stephen A. Douglas received a two-thirds vote over any of the other candidates; that in many of them he received a two-thirds majority of the whole number of votes cast; and that in some of them he received a clear majority of the whole electoral vote, notwithstanding fifty Southern Seceders were counted as if they had voted against him.

Third—That Stephen A. Douglas' generosity, which in 1856 gave Lancaster County, "the Home of Buchanan," the honor of naming the President of the United States through the Cincinnati Convention, by telegraphing to his friends to withdraw his name when our venerable fellow-citizen had but a simple majority, deserves, and should receive from us, a grateful reciprocation by a public expression in favor of his nomination at Baltimore, on the 18th of next June.

Fourth—The Black Republican nomination of Lincoln, of Illinois, for the Presidency, makes, in our opinion, the nomination of Stephen A. Douglas, as the National Democratic Candidate, a political necessity.

Realizing the importance of these facts, and deeply impressed with the necessity of speedy action, we invite the Democratic citizens of the City and County of Lancaster, favorable to Stephen A. Douglas, to assemble in Mass Meeting, in the City of Lancaster, at 7½ O'clock, on Thursday Evening, the 7th of June next, to give public and forcible expression to that preference, in order that the Delegates to the National Convention may truly (by their votes) represent the sentiments of this Congressional District in that body.

S. A. Wylie, Secretary. Jno. S. Dougherty, President.

Dr. P. Cassidy, S. H. Reynolds, Wm. S. Amweg, Dr. Levi Hull, Dr. Samuel Parker, James Boon. Lancaster, May 26, 1860.

We cordially coincide with the above call, and urge upon our Fellow-Democrats the importance of a full attendance:

Lancaster May 26/60

Hon. P. A. Douglas

Dear Sir,

You will perceive from the above circular that the Home of James Buchanan is about to speak in support of popular Sovereignty.

I think our Delegate North wants only a plausible pretence to vote for your nomination, and we intend to give it to him on the 7th of June. Post Master Swarr, our other Delegate, I learn, says he would rather stay at Baltimore until his bones rotted than vote for your nomination. The outside delegation from here to Baltimore will represent the true Democracy.

I should be happy to receive a copy of your last speech in the Senate. I was in the Senate Chamber the Thursday before you were not present.

Yours fraternal

J.B. Kaufman
J. B. Kaufman
Lancaster, Pa.
May 26, 1860

A mass meeting is to be held at Lancaster on the 7th June. Both, or if either of their delegates, will avail himself of this opportunity of the meeting to meet for Judge D., at Baltm.

Yr.
Copy of reply to ladies.
Greensburg May 26th 1860

Her S A Douglas

If convenient
please send to the following persons your speech made in the 1st inst:

Frank W B Laid
George L. Vierer
Ed. H Gay
J H Wilson
J M Huston
Jr. Hulmo Jr.
J P Fitzgerald
C R Painter
A P Turner
Greensburg Westmoreland
County, Pennsylvania. Also William Laid, Sanders West Co. Po.

Yours very Respectfully
Frank W B Laid
Frank V. B. Said
Ebensburg, Penn.
May 26, 1860

Reply to Davis—For himself & for the list of names given within.
Toledo May 26th 1860

Mr. Douglas Dear sir

Please send me a copy of your speech in the Senate on Mr. Douglas's resolutions. I would like to have a copy distributed. I think it is just right, and I would rather see you right than President of the United States, but I hope to see you.

Yours Truly

John W. Lemon
John K. Lemon
Toledo, Ohio
May 26, 1860
A few copies of reply to Davis.
Landing May 26th 1860

Hon. Stevan A. Douglas
Washington D.C.

Dear Sir,

I presume you will recognize my name as a Quincy friend. I came to this place two years ago and have located in this Republican, abolition hole where negro is all in all in politics.

If it is convenient and agreeable to send me some political documents, by doing so you will confer a favor for which I will be ever grateful.

Respectfully Yours,

D. B. Morgan
W. D. Morgan
Lanesing, Patuac. Ind.
May 26, 1860

Campaign documents.
Augusta 21st May 1866

Honble J A Douglas

Dear Sir,

You will please send me your recent speech in reply to the Honble Davis. Your attention will much oblige an admirer.

Very truly yours,

W J Owens
W. J. Owens
Augusta, Georgia
May 26th 1860

Copy of reply to Paris.
Coedwater May 26, 1860

Hon. S. A. Douglas

My dear sir,

I have just finished reading your speech in reply to Senator Davis, and allow me to congratulate you upon its glorious and perfect a vindication of your political action, and upon having made the strongest and clearest speech upon the subject under consideration ever made in the United States Senate.

I was fearful of the effect of the reply we expected you would make to Davis, but praise God for giving you strength for the effort—

Your speech clearest shown the justice & consistency of the action of the Charleston Convention, and I hope no time will be lost in putting a copy of this speech into the hands of every southern delegate to Baltimore.

Yours, in my mind never a delegate from North Carolina
Late Mr. Humphrey of Richmond was voted with the majority of the N.C. Delegation but was opposed reading that speech. I am satisfied will support you at Baltimore. Mr. all present in which I have kept hopes of success at B. One or two delegations will allow their alternates to go, but on nearer I can learn them from them. Very Truly Yours

M.G. Rushmer
John G. Parkhurst
Coldwater Branch, Mich.
May 26, 1860

Complimentary Re.
a copy of reply to
Darius should be sent
into the hands of Sard
Dr. Humphrey of
Richland, North Carolina.
Chapel Hill, N. Carolina
May 26th, 1864.

Mr. Stephen A. Douglas—
Sir,

I now will please send me three copies of your speech in reply to Senator Davis.

Very Respectfully,

H. Hill Patterson.
A. H. Patterson

Chapel Hill, North Carol.

May 26, 1860

Three copies of reply to Paris.
University of Va.
May 25th 1860

How S. A. Douglas
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

You will place me under very many obligations to you, by sending me copies of the speeches which have been, of late, delivered on the Davis Resolutions—especially yours. Very sincerely,

Yours,

T. Horace Shaw
J. Horace Shaw
University of Virginia
May 26, 1860

Copies of reply to Paris.
Office of the Calvert Iron and Nail Works,
Baltimore, May 26, 1860.

Hon. Stephen A. Douglas

Dear Sir:

I beg leave to call your attention to the 7th Section of the new Tariff bill, assessing the duties upon Bar Iron, and I wish to show that it will operate unequally and very oppressively upon some large and important interests in this country.

Lines 4 to 10 of the printed bill specify certain sizes, which shall pay a duty of fifteen dollars per ton—say Flat Iron not less than one inch by \( \frac{1}{4} \) inch and not over 6 inches by one inch, and Round and Square Iron not less than \( \frac{3}{8} \) inch or more than 3 inches. All other sizes of Bar Iron—see lines 21 and 22—pay one dollar per 100 pounds.

The writer, with many others, import for their special manufactures, none of the sizes included in the above list, but many thousands of tons of Bar Iron over 6 inches wide and less than \( \frac{3}{8} \) inch Round and Square, for the manufacture of Rail Road Spikes and joint plates, and other Railway track fastenings. It costs to make, no more than other sizes, and yet by this bill they will have to pay $7.40 per ton more duty, which amounts to a prohibition. The bill, if passed in this shape, will destroy a large amount of capital and enterprise invested in this country.

It seems eminently just that the bill should contain no arbitrary discrimination of sizes, to benefit one class of people to the injury or ruin of another, but that the clause embracing the sizes should be stricken out—and the bill then read: “On Bar Iron Rolled or Hammered” — — — with the lines 1 to 10 omitted.

This is the simple construction of the existing Tariff.

Yours very respectfully,

[Signature]

(Turn over.)
My own opinion of the section on Iron, derived from many years dealing in American and Foreign Metals, is that the proposed duties are excessive, and will defeat the objects of Revenue.

The present duty paid on Rail Road Iron is about $7.50 per ton, and Bar Iron $8.50 per ton. The average rate of duty paid during the past ten years is about the same. The proposed duty on Rails is $12 per ton, and on Bar Iron $15 per ton, an increase of over 60 per cent. On some articles the duty is assessed at over 100 per cent. The bill enumerates a great variety of Iron and manufacturers of Iron, and each with a different rate of duty. I need not say how much this will embarrass and complicate the collection of the Revenue, and multiply opportunities for fraudulent practices.

The existing tariff levies an uniform rate of duty upon all kinds of Iron and manufacturers of Iron. It has been found simple in operation and less liable to misunderstanding or evasion than any ever in operation.
J. Hopkins Smith
Baltimore
May 26, 1860
offering that part of
the Tariff Rule, taxing
Per Iron etc.
DeKalb Center May 26 1860
Hon S A Douglas

Dear Sir,

Please send me for distribution as many of your last speeches as you can. We out here want Douglas Documents.

Your Respectfully,

J W Small P. M.
I. W. Small, P. M.
DeKalb Centre, DeKalb Co., Illinois
May 26, 1862

Copies of reply to Davis for distribution.
Marshall Mo. May 26th

Col. Vaughn

Dear Sir I am
Happy to inform you that
Vaughn's Stock is still rising
in Mo. and it is admitted
by all that he is BOTH brave
& Sagacious. I say that you are the only
man that can defeat the
Black Republicans & capture
the State. I send this for your
consideration to that you will not permit
your friends in the Baltimore
convention to give one inch
when Black Democrats & negroes
are on the Com. Mutual
The Majority to hold on until
the 4th day of July or forever.
You have the Masses with
you but the Strickler &
the abolitionists to all his pets.
against you and that will make it more glorious.

I have not seen you for some fifteen years. The I was at your home for a year ever since I moved from Geo Town.

My three year ago this week I was one of the first to speak in favor of the nomination of the Hon. President from his last elevation to the last. I was much disappointed in your not getting the nomination at Charleston, but in the end it will work out yet. I have published 6 thousand copies of the Convention that you would be nominated. But there was but one taken that an inconsiderable amount. Now I am well nothing on you.

I made a bet to day that Mr. Howard Todd will be the next president of the United States. He is a long nomination or no nomination. But I got two to one. I have nothing to risk. But you have nothing to risk. I was a delegate to the Convention and opposed Geo. West for the honor of putting before the Convention the name of Geo. West. For the honor of Geo.

The hon. Geo. Peabody District 1. It is a gentleman.
of fine ability & the best
Darby man on earth
Wine for God sake hold
up to all we home got
& let us Monday move as
possible Never disturb your
friendly to make any Compro-
mise if the Democratic
party is broken up let
that balance fall or
One side Book to his followers
Whose head will home to
Bare the fag that may
Follow me I Elling me for
addressing you this letter &
Elling all errors But I feel
More Exicted about this Than
Any man I Know of you
have worn friendly Dear
yours Most ob at Sult
Peter C Snell
Rall. P. Snell

Marshall, Missouri

May 26, 1860

Douglas stocks still going up. Bet two to one that Judge D. will be the next Post. Read or alive, nomin -

ated at Salfe or not. Notes that friends will stand firm &c.
Philad. May 26, 1862


Dear Sir,

I am writing you this day and solicit a copy of your recent speech, on the Vermont institutions, and have not received in answer your kind forgiveness of my error, as the multiplicity of other matters has important. I am thus compelled to renew my request.

Very truly,

C.R. Riggle.
E. R. Taggart
Phila. Penn.
May 26, 1860
Reply to Davis.
Franklin College
Athens Ga. May 26th /60

Hon. S. N. Douglas,

Dear Sir,

I have had the pleasure of receiving several of your able speeches, y will again take the liberty of writing for a copy of your late speech, delivered about two months ago. Asking to receive it in a few days, as I'm anxious to read it, I close.

Remaining Yours Most Respectfully etc.

John H. Thomas
John H. Thomas
Franklin College
Athens, Georgia
May 26, 1860

Copy of reply to Davis.
Mr. Douglass, sir,

If you please I wish that you would send me a few of those speeches of yours made in the Senate May 15th as I have a few friends that I wish to distribute them among and convert them over to the right side if you will frank me a few your will greatly oblige a Douglass mechanic

yours William Warner
William Warner
East Bridgeport, Conn.
May 26, 1860

a few copies of reply to Davis.
Weto 10 May 26 1866

Hon. S. A. Douglas
Senator

Please be kind enough to send one or two copies of your speech as it is to the Senate.

I have read a telegraph report of it. I formerly voted the "Platte Anger, (of this city)"

an old Democratic paper.

I am of the Slater right school, but it appears that it is necessary to remain

matters a little. I wish to talk with Mr. Ry Walker

when he was out here.

I understand him as his

enemy against Col. "Alley"

R. J. Wisch
Bot 37 Weston Mo.
A Mass Meeting will be
held on 1st Monday Oct 27th.
Col. Claitson
and after one speech
will speak for you.

G. T. Moore
Mr. Col. Ingram: I mean it. Will you please send a copy of your speeches for distribution. There has been quite an ardent inquiry after them at our office.

Yours, C. C. Breed

S. A. Wylie
Inquirer office
Lancaster, Penna
May, 1860

Copies of reply to Davis - a great saving to pest's copies of that speech.