Sir,

I have commenced a collection of autographs, will you do me the favor to allow me to add yours to the list.

You are very respectfully,

Master Great Alley

Page of New Senate

Hon. Stephen A. Douglas
Springfield, Illinois, Dec 20, 1860

Mr. S. A. Douglas,

Dear Sir,

(You know something perhaps of my history in Ohio, Illinois, and Tennessee. A Whig of the old Clay School - a Conservative Republican and supporter of Mr. Lincoln, my political opinions & principles have run in a different channel from yours. But you called attention to Mr. Buchanan's Kansas policy - your bold & manly declaration at Annapolis commanded my admiration and excited approval, which I did not fail publicly before thousands of Republicans in many occasions during the past campaign to express.

I rejoice not less to see the noble stand you are now taking in the Senate. There are not times for lovers of the Union to stand aloof from each other, however much we may have differed I give you my hand. I am of the same party as every true patriot who in this hour of peril will be found for defense, moderation but in all firmness stands by the Union as it is.

I shall be in Illinois in two weeks I will be glad to have your speeches if you have time a letter from you directed to this place.
And in the mean time
With much esteem regard
Your friend

Mr. A. Lincoln

Springfield, Ill.
Dec. 20, 1860

Confidentially, etc.
Connersville, Indiana,
Feb. 20, 1860.

Hon. L. M. Douglas:—

Sir: Will you have the kindness to send me copies of your speeches of last session of Jan. 23d, also of May 15 & 16th, and any others you may have published. You will thus oblige me.

Any documents for this session will be very acceptable.

Respectfully,

Joseph L. Brady.
Joseph Brady
Connersville, Indiana
Dec. 20th 1860

Speech of Jan. 23d 1860

" " May 15th 1866

" any speeches that Judge D. may deliver the affair.
SIR:

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

[Signature]

[Address]

[Date]
The territory the late Scott decision
notwithstanding,
now I continue that
the People have elected in the last
election against any act by Congress
that will give any more protection
c. Encouraged to the institution of
slavery than the Constitution now gives
Therefore of Congress, those
who are in favor or: make or companies
of which slavery is given any further
advantages, when in such cases it
will be a violation of the known laws
of the people.
Therefore I say let the South
have all the advantages, she is entitled
to under the Constitution
and the Northern
more than that
So I say stand up for the Constitution of half the
States know
but if that is clear in
good honest faith that is no change
of any kind
Dr. sin your most obedient

A. B. Allin
A. B. Drinker
Illinois
Dec. 20, 1860
In preference for owner's
of claims in the Territory
of the U.S., &c.
Plymouth, Ill., Dec 20, 1860

To the Hon. Steven A. Douglas
US S. Washington, DC

Dear Sir,

John Cleveland our late postmaster died about a month ago. We sent a petition immediately to the Post Office Department requesting the appointment of H. J. Will as postmaster. We have heard nothing from it since. I wish you would go & see to it as it is a matter we wish attended to. You will oblige many of us in so doing.

Well I would like that you would send me some at least of the most prominent speeches that is made at what Ever Else may be of interest. The feeling on the subject of a re-election of this fair once the plan is freely discussed among us & if we had the President's name to run again tomorrow we would give you Illinois by forty thousand majority & I conscientiously believe this to be no exaggeration. You can see by reference to the Evening Herald what feeling prevails the minds of the people of this place.
We held a meeting on the evening of the 14th. The resolutions we sent was prepared to the 'Evening Herald' last Monday for publication.

Your most respectfully,

[Signature]

Thomas Leham

Pymouth, Ill. Dec. 25th, 1836
Dec 20 1860

Hon. A. Douglas & i

There have been several bound volumes of The Globe and Appendix
franked to different Republicans at this office by Republicans
member of Congress.
Now if they can
be had for nothing
I wish you to send me volumes of the last congress
or if you cannot send
them to me let me know
how and where I can
get them.

Direct Woodford Woodford
County Illinois

Yours J. W. Jordan
J. W. Jordan
Woodford, Woodford Co.
Illinois
Dec 20, 1860

Congregational Globe.
Germantown Dec. 20th 1860

Hon. S. A. Douglas.

My Sir,

I trust you will excuse the liberty I take in addressing you upon matters of personal interest, when your time and attention are so largely taxed with affairs of weightier moment.

Judge Lott informs me that he did not speak to you as was his purpose when in Washington, respecting his wishes. Therefore I do so now. (and I confess it is without his knowledge) that I may learn if it will be possible for you to give such attention to his interest, as will secure to him, some suitable position
that may relieve present embarrassment and give a prospect of future advantage. I cannot write as definitely as Judge Scott would have spoken to you as to what situation he would most desire, but some place either in California or elsewhere would be acceptable to you. His character and ability are too well known to render it necessary for me to be more particular than to remind you that he has filled both civil and editorial positions with gratifying success. And only the long continued depredation of his health could have rendered this appeal necessary. Now he is in such health as will permit him to give diligent attention to business.

The favour of an early reply will be most gratefully acknowledged. Please addy me at Germantown, Care of Dr. G. | M. Wilson, or any more agreeable to you, addy Judge Scott or above. With the best wishes for your health and prosperity.

Yours truly,

Hon. J. R. Douglas.

Washington, D.C.
Mrs. Peter Scott

Saratoga, N.Y.

Dec. 20th 1860

[Handwritten text]

[Handwritten text]

[Handwritten text]
San Francisco
DEC. 20. 1861

Dear Judge,

I take pleasure in introducing to you the acquaintance of my friend J.W. Coffroth Esq. of Sacramento.

Mr. Coffroth is a gentleman of eminently able to one of the leaders in the state in maintaining the doctrine of popular sovereignty. His long connection with the legislature of the State as a member of the State Senate & a party leader enables him to assume a leading part in the canvass this year. And for both zeal and ability he has stood second to none among his friends in the State.

I commend my friend Coffroth to you as a true Democrat, a true & earnest friend of the Union and as a gentleman in every respect worthy of consideration. May God bless & favor in their ability to extend to him aid so regarded as extended to Mr. Friend

Mr. J. A. Wiegand
U.S. Senate
J. W. McDougall
San Francisco, Dec 20, 1861
Introducing J. W. Coffroth, Esq.
Baltimore Dec 20th 1860

To Hon. Stephen A. Douglas

Dear Sir,

On the way in the City this afternoon to visit my half-brother I was accosted by a man to whom I asked the privilege of communicating to you - of them be anything in it you can elaborate I make it practical I cannot - we are hoping for the maintenance of this Union and confidence in your allegiance of patriotism - the facts as I understand them are these: there are two parties or factions to be hated - so thoroughly as to be finally extinguished. The Country can never be safe while either exists - They are the Southern Republicans, Mormonites, Whigs, etc. or whatever they may be - the Northern Anti-Republican or Abolitionists. Both factions have succeeded in raising a whirlwind of fanaticism which with the Country must perish. If so the War must be not immediately but the Civil War must be the speedy result - The Republican poli-
Claim now in Congress will not accede to such amendments to the Constitution as will constitute the only present means of availing Secession. This is the actual Status, brought about against all your efforts to prevent it, by having the Constitution as it is administered by the Judges of the Nation. The present has no regard to submission of the people to the Crisis is on us, and the Crisis is, if not as it ought to be handled, is the most. The Crisis is this: as soon as it shall be demonstrated conclusively that Congress will do its duty effectively, and will then you will force such amendments to the Constitution as will be clearly a declaration of the fundamental view which you have long and advanced. I trust that Slavery as an institution belonging to the Slave States is equitable. I trust to this, the Northern States have no right to intermeddle directly or indirectly—have nothing to do, have no right to convictions. Consequentially, because none of their leading, the Constitution which has the condition of free labor, slavery, and the Constitution of the States, no matter which, negroes would undermine the Constitution, with their slavery that they can temporarily suspend in them—have no thing to do with the subjects except only to discharge their obligations, shall you will provide the most stringent penalties, and penalties, in the most effective terms, for every species of infringement of Southern right be absolutely, enforcing them by other penalties, including abolition of debtors, etc. It will not be enough all Constitutional power, or in case of transgression, make nothing of resolutions, in saving the rights of the States, the States, and crushing out abolition. Consequentially, that you will provide these amendments, do close and distinct as to leave no loopholes, no escape to woe for more, and no abolitionists can escape for alleging that his occupation is not wholly gone—viewing his slavery in the Territories a violation to their protection slaves by property, having, Territorial existence...
by providing a sufficient number of Marshals, Commissioners, &c. and if need be by Stationing in every Territory a sufficient Militia force to be subject to the requisition of the Marshal to perfect this protection (They have succeeded in indoctrinating the Southern mind with the idea that there must be protection, and will not execute protection clearly defined by Constitutional provision cansever and leave your position henceforth impregnable?)

And that you will accompany the constitution of these Amendments with a provision to enforce their adoption by inaugurating a Revolution within the limits of the Constitution to form a Government and Carrying on the Revolution until the Northern people can have an opportunity of electing new members of Congress to adopt them, that in the meantime Southern States follow the example to await the result - The form of Revolution to be by the Southern citizens
mining that it will not conform Cabinet
not or any other officers what whatever
Mr. Lincoln's nomination for
would the government can be carried
on sufficiently to preserve its form to
more steps. If that it will infuse
all legislation except of the language
of such appropriation bills as may
be indispensable in fine will cause
the government to stand still until such
time as it can have appearance by the
adoption of some amendments as future
peaceful approach may ensue.

That until such time the members of the
Senate House from the Southern States
would withdraw wholly I would then
decline, or that they throw sympathizers
from the Northern States adherent to
pursue all legislation except as above
The remedy, matured by your skill of
knowledge, would be a desperate
one, but not half so desperate as the
circumstances, either gradual or the ap-
proachation by Lincoln by force to make
it which would inevitably light up civil

War. If practicable, it would now be from this to clean up, to leave no trouble behind the slain country, and the blessings upon the storm, amongst them Lincolns, who have made the world a better place. I received your message and read it with a heart that a letter could not put, and I wish you the best of luck in your future work. I have seen the country from the time the Union was established, and I know it is in the hands of the men of the Nation, but I am not ready to see it done any harm. I cannot help but think of the hardships and sufferings of the people at the hands of those who have been unkind. I wish you every success and happiness in your work.

With great respect,

I am very truly yours,

[Signature]

If you will give me time at all, please direct to:

[Address]
Mr. P. Maulsky
Frederick City, Md.
Dec. 30, 1860

Suggestions re as to the present condition of affairs & the remedy.
Sallie Ann Emmett

Dec 16th, 1862

My dear sir,

The sentiment of the humane heart is fast
At least, as it has fallen from one act
At some time or another by a reckless choice
With the object being to do a good combination
That is, how immediate knowledge to the men
Of the public danger, tending to injure
The nation, between the hands of the clergymen
As in the coming years, among the makers
Of the nation, by one affecting, with pride
Of a true and enthusiastic, the whole.

The year that is starting before may
Welcome to you and the safety, through the
Informer, whom

John H. Bull, publisher, Richmond
Apposing to the death, some many of one with
From, that its tendency may be to influence
S. J. Pooley
Liberty Co., Georgia
M. J. Jan 26, 1860

One State of the Country.
New Haven, Conn., Dec. 20, 1860

Hon. T. A. Doolittle, U. S. S.

SIR:—

One year ago when travelling through the Southern & S. Western States I urged my friends & leading political men when I met to adopt the Non-Intervention platform, just as it was represented, & that with their vote would carry the whole country. I told them that any other platform would result in the election of the Republican Candidate.

Now, I make another prediction, & I beg to make it to you. Let the everlasting question of Slavery in the Territories, (and this is the key question) be settled by making the Missouri Compromise Line of 36° 30' the Constitutional dividing Line of Free & Slave Territory. You, my dear Sir, whose efforts to settle the question on another basis have not been endorsed by the Country at large, with your power, (under God) bring about such a consummation. And my prediction is, that there is no other possible. The North & the South differ in opinion here; I differ honestly, differ simply. There is patriotism enough, North & South, to meet in harmony on that Line.
I have long been your friend and I pray that I may be enabled to look with gratitude upon your position again. Perpetuate my bonds in dedicating words to the best of my ability.

In friendship,

E. H. Richardson

Editor of The Star,
Church Record
W. S. Richardson, D.D.
Ed. Am. Tract Society, New Haven

Fremont, Count
Dec 20, 1860

Complimentary, a proposed plan to settle sectarian difficulties.
Kachia La, Dec 20th 1865

Hon. S. A. Douglas

Sir,

I feel under many obligations to you for some of the best speeches that have been delivered during the present session of Congress from yourself and other distinguished senators.

Respectfully yours,

A. B. Spell

C. A. Bullard

Hon. S. A. Douglas Kachia Dessole Parish S.C.

(Washington, D.C.)
A. B. Sped
C. A. Bellard
Rainie, DeSoto Parish
Louisiana Dec 20, 1866

Spec. Res
Chicago Dec 20, 60

Hon S. A. Douglas

Mr. Sit

I see that many of the employees of Government are leaving for the South. It is more than probable that new appointments will be made immediately.

I would like a clerkship in any of the departments and would thank you to aid me to a position.

I can refer to Hon. S. A. and the Hon. Mrs. A. Howard, now in Washington as Representative from Delaware. I have a brother who is elected as Representative from Southern District of Michigan, H. B. Beaman of Adrian, Mich.
and have the assurance that he will aid me to continue my efforts in case I can obtain a place now. I have consulted our political friends here and they advised me to forward my wishes to you assuring me that they will do any thing towards for my advancement.

Truly yours, L.P. Foo
S. P. True
Chicago—Dec. 20/60

Make a clerkship, in place of some one of the southern men, who have lately resigned.