My dear Judge,

I address you a line in order to entreat you to exert your influence both in the House and Senate in order to defeat the personal bill of John C. Calhoun authorizing the seizure of mails entering or leaving from ports in the seceded states. This would be the inception of a policy of coercion which would uniformly be followed by all the horrors of civil war. The passage of such a bill in Congress at this
Moment will it once change the public feeling in Virginia as the other border states or conservative states at present, into uncompromising hostility against the North & the South. I have the soul of the Union in my charge.

20th. — The seceders in Georgia & Louisiana are behaving very badly, and it grieves me to think of them sticking with the Northern men to fight up with the rebels. Proceedings of the recent disregarding of every effort to bring them over the border. Whether the federal government shall or may confidently be looked toward as another policy be adopted or the border states, or they would
undoubtedly in such a case that their fortunes with the Southern states, then complete de-integration of the Union is unavoidable. I do not see how we can escape a bloody war between the sections.

W. E. Channing's bill would also put us in direct antagonism with the commercial interest of France & England will enlist at once right influence in other countries in favor of the Southern Confederacy, before which the sectional sentiment must there will even
To your bill now before your body. Some damage would be done, at all times, to a sense of the commercial prosperity of the country, but it is
for the future it would be actual madness for the North to insist.
All not the material wants of interests of England
France on themselves strong enough to close
free from government into a recognition of
a_status Conference
must on by a return
a protective tariff
made besides unnecessary
embracing by a virtue
repeal of the Warman
system, profit all
the sympathies of the
powerful commercial
clepes. I see
really now believe that
Congress can be so lost
to all sense of what
is due to the best interest
of what still
remain, the epee of our
Court or Country as
to give it sanction to
this bill.
I have sent you to
say 50 Copies of the Leech
containing the addenda
2 resolutions of the
Tamar my Delegation
before it Albany. They
on the same ground as the volunteers before B<br>
the Convention had con<br>
vented, and they are such an uncompro<br>
ising spirit that I don't think it could work. — I will tell you that enough to give etern circulation among my friends in that out<br>
of (or part) — You're very kindly, — I am, S. D. —

To the Honble<br> S. A. Douglas<br> W. - in - to<br> Washington
August Belmont
New York  Feb 15 1861

Against Geo. Cochran, Collector of Internal Revenue, in the District Court of the United States for the Southern District of New York, an action for the recovery of a certain debt due and owing to the defendant, Geo. Cochran, Collector of Internal Revenue, in the said District Court, for a tax levied and imposed under the Act of the Congress of the United States approved the 3rd of March, 1861, entitled "An Act to establish a uniform tariff of duties on Imports and Exports," and being the same tax as mentioned in the within-mentioned action of the said plaintiff against the said defendant, Geo. Cochran, Collector of Internal Revenue, in the District Court of the United States for the Southern District of New York.
East Sandanton, Feb. 11, 1861

Mr. Douglas: Dear Sir,

What is then in the future for us? Are we to have war or peace? Will the calamity which is impending over us be averted or not? Can the Union be preserved or not?

Had our people have listened to the Council of wisdom and patriotism instead of those of madness and fanaticism this dark hour would not have come upon us. I cannot help having fears for my County.
I fear there are many among us who do not fully understand the danger which threatens us.

I would like to have some speeches and documents occasionally if you think proper.

Rt. Blaisdele
East-Sanford, Belknap
C. V. H.
To Blaider
East Harrowton, Bellvile
Co. K. Demp.
Feb 31st 1861

Sincerely,

[Signature]
Lewis Feb 11, 1861

Hon. S. A. Douglas,

Dear Sir,

Will you be so kind as to one of the humble editors of your party, as to send him some "documents" occasionally. I am editing a Democratic paper here, the "Cass County Gazette," and have need of documents from the State Government. Our Representatives at Washington do not notice as democratic "country editors."

Yours, with the highest esteem and respect,

J. H. Brown.
J. C. Brown
Ed. of Cass County Gazette
Levi
Feb 12, 1861
Doc. and Speeches.

Sent
Apple Creek Post Office
Green County, Illinois
February 11, 1861

Hon. T. A. Douglas

Dear Sir,

Any Pub., Sec., or
Speeches, you may have for distribution
will be thankfully received. By
Yours truly

J. Adel Chapman, P.M.
J. Olden Clarke P.M.
Apple Cr. P.O., Green Co.
Illinois. Feb. 11. 1861
Pub. doct., or speakers.
Bloomfield Corn.

Hon. S. A. Douglas, 4th Feb 11, 1861

Without flattering, you will permit me, to say that I look upon your late speech, under the circumstances to be the greatest production on record. If you had informed Mr. Buchanan and his Southern friends, that it was their course on Leopold and at Charleston that has caused the election of Lincoln. It would have been true and your friends would have sustained you. But your course proves to me that your patriotism, overcame every symptom of self, but certainly your friends cannot forgive you. If you do not give the fire eating South, a tender thrashing, over that man Mason, if they do not accept your offers of peace, if I were in your place I would show them, that the Democracy of the North have defended their rights even to death (Boston) that they had for
Years beaten back abolitionism. That they had in political battles fallen upon the right of the left, fighting for Southern rights, that they never could have been beaten but for Lecompton, and the Charleston Convention, that still after their ill usage from the South, that they are now playing the hands of abolitionism, their refusing to become the South. But the Klemensay of the North have gone as far for the South as they can go. That their property in the South, mintsable must be restored, and the South must be willing to a fair compromise, or be whipped like dark will, that the Klemensay of the North, will be the commerce upon the South, make preparation to support all Southerners who may be robbed by the South to aid their unholy purposes, proclaiming homes for them in the North if the wish to come North, show them that the non Slave holder in the South will when he has time to reflect, come to the conclusion that he is giving his life and fortune to protect his neighbor, in his right to a species of property that he the non Slave holder, cannot or will not own, that it is unreasonable to suppose that such men will risk their lives and property to go into battle, & leave their wives, mothers, daughters, & sisters to the mercy of the unけて of the war, and brutal Negro. If I had the means and education you have, I would read them such a life as that would arouse crying such as they are, you of course will not look upon this as a duty, but is it for the good of my blind bought country, I am a Kentuckian and until Lecompton all my sympathies were with the South. I am under obligation for your speeches yours.

A. Lincoln.
H. Dunbar
Bloomfield, Iowa
Feb 9th, 1861

Complimentary &

Yours truly,

Wm. Mason

[Handwritten text]
Phila
da
Feb 11/61

My dear Sir,

Would you be kind enough to send me a copy of your "Union Speech" I am not aware a copy at Phila.

Very truly,

G. E. Galore

C. E. Galore
500 Market St.

P.S. If you could spare 3 1/2 copies you have plenty of friends in my neighborhood who would be grateful to have a copy.

G. E. Galore
G. E. Galen
500 Market St., Phil.
Feb'y 11, 1861

Six copies of Union Speech.
Des Moines, Iowa, Feb. 11, 1861

Hon. S. A. Douglas,

Sir: Having been one of your warm democratic supporters, without being hostile to a boxer, I take the liberty of soliciting some— as many as you please— of your late speech for circulation. There are not enough of them in this country. Here was enough of your speeches here— we are too poor to buy them. The nearest Bluffs Byske publishes them— whence I got them; but our paper at this place has not room.

Babbit is strongly with you, but cannot send his paper gratis all over the State. Any speeches or documents for circulation from you will be attended to. And as you are not now a Candidate, it’s not presumption to say I wish all you will send and will attend to them. I expect to do what little I can to sustain you in your position at this time of hardship, and distress on all.

Truly yours,

[Signature]

Charles Sturgis
Barlow Granger
Des Moines - Iowa
Feb 11, 1861

Copies of Judge B's speeches for circulation.
Big Springs, Kansas
Feb 11th 1861

My Dear Sir,

Please send me some congress documents. I am living out here where there is nothing but bluffs and prairies. I would like to have some democracy to speak.

Direct C. W. Harper
Big Springs, Kansas

and oblige yours,

C. W. Harper

To S. A. Douglas
C. W. Harper
Big Spring, Douglas Co.
Kansas — Feb. 11, 1861

Speeches
Peoria ILLS Feb 11th 1861
Hon S A Douglas

Dear Sir allow me to trouble you a little
I want one copy of
The Times of the W 3
I one copy for Dr. James Sperry of this county
Senator Johnsons Speech
of Tennessee has won him a host of friends near
the rings of the mighty
mette I am li Jaccy
Friend & humble ser.

John C Hoyt

Mr. C. Hoyt
John C. Keyl
Peoria, Illinois
Feb. 11, 1864

Census Compendium,
& Senator Johnson’s Speech.
Pot. May 11/61

Dear Sir,

I am, as I have said, until my patience are exhausted and seeing no prospect of adjustment and take the liberty of calling your attention to the fact that our million of sixty hundred thousand American citizens selected you as the candidate in the present contest and are waiting for you to help on to the presidency by the Republican party to save our common country. They have raised the storm and now are unable to control it. The swelling current, the Senate is characteristic of the mean the prospects to be anything nothing. Buchanan is useless, and with your commanding talent over a million of freemen are waiting for you to make or do something to avert the dreadful calamity which seems inevitable in the name of God and humanity come out and compel the Republicans to assume a position that can be understood. To what the first was born into power in the revolution of 1776 made Napoleon the 3 and our own immortal Washington in 76 we are in or near a revolution that will make a hero and a man desiring a position of which you are well qualified and of which there is such urgent need. It is only your silence that gives them the ascendency. The nation of the Democratic party would be saved. Demonic is to permit you will not be sly heaven of France, remember the traditions of America you know the order your political friends.

Your friend.

John Q. Douglas
St. Louis
Feb 21, 1861

To Mr. S. Lewis
Levine Station, D.C.

A million of dollars
belong to Judge D. as
the umpire, I hope, he
will settle the
real trouble.
Dearfield, N.H. Feb 11th, 1861.

Honor S. A. Douglas.

Dear Sir,

Will you please send me a copy of your late speech, also one of your speeches in the Senate last May.

In so doing I will be greatly obliged to you.

I remain yours,

Charles E. Marsh.
Charles E. Marston
Deerfield, New Hampshire
Feb 11, 1861

Copy of late speech
v of may Cast.
Montgomery, Iowa, Feb'y 1863

Hon. Stephen A. Douglas,

Dear Sir,

Not having heard or seen anything of any of your speeches in the present Congress, your friends have requested me to take this method of informing you, and also to request you to send them your late speech or any other document you deem necessary. They are very desirous to see your position on the present crisis.

Send to R. B. Oglesby,
Peter Morgan, W. Haselden,
J. M. Wilson, J. W. Fernow, J. D. Mickel, Otto Bier, D. Willey,
John McElhine, L. Rees Larkin, R. W. Bateham, John C. Allred, and one to your humble servant,

P. C. Morgan.
Sohom J. Huber.
Hon S. A. Douglas.
To Sir Dear,
Send me your speeches so I can distribute them.
I am humble servant.

Direct your to
Whom it may concern.
S. Patterson
Nokomis, Illinois
Feb 31st 1861

Copy of speech of Jan 3rd.
Apple Creek P.O., Green County, Ill
February 11th, 1861


Could the regret of our unhappy and distressed people, as we now are, as a nation (been anticipated truly) all the legitimate fruits of this sectional Republican Party.

Our impression is the verdict of our people would have been very different. As it is, then must be some backing down of this fake sectional party, without which there can be no compromise. The Douglas Democracy feels bound to find themselves occupying the position they have the middle and Conservative ground before which, if compromise is had (will be made)

Your speech in the Senate was glorious and truly appreciated by all. Your strength is strengthening. The future will result in the consummation of the ancient desires of your heart of friends.

Our particular object in unity you now that you would send to our P.O. Office (a new one) Congressional Documents for distribution. Ours is a Democratic...
Community

Hoping to be Remembered by you in the above distribution and that an Early Mutual and Amicable Settlement of our difficulties as a Nation will be had. I submit myself Your very humble servant

Hon. A.H. Douglas
U.S. Secretary
Washington City

I am bound over to you in my own Name

Wm H. Reed
Mr. H. Reed
Apple Cr. P.O. Greene Co.
Illinois — Feb. 21st, 1864

Complimentary to,
Send speeches for
Distribution.
Post Office
Mechanic Falls, Maine
Feb 11th 1861

Hon S. A. Douglas

Will you please send one or more copies of your last great Union Speech or any other public document you please to a Postmaster who dared to bare a Douglas Bonnet and uniform with the clean grits through the last campaign. I sir took a bold stand for the little Giant and went thirty six miles to see and hear the Champion of popular government when your Hon was in Portland and as things are turning I feel to day prouder of my battle cost for self government than any other vote I ever cast though I never cost other than a Democratic vote, though we die now we shall live a gain. Truth crushed to Earth will rise again.

Very Respectfully,

C. H. Smith P. M.
C. K. Smith, H. M.
Mechanic Falls, Maine
Feb 3rd, 1861

Speech of Judge D.
Rather doct.

Bear a Douglas banner
Wear a Douglas uniform
During late campaign.
Cornwall Feb 11th 1861

Mr. Longfellow

Dear Sir,

As I am the only democrat in this town I cannot get much that is fine. I have been accustomed to receiving documents from friends in Washington but I have not had anything in a long time. I wish that you would be so kind as to send to me any documents or speeches of interest which you may have from time to time.

Sincerely yours,

Addressment: Cornwall Ct. F. P. Wright

L. L. Reid
L. L. Wright
Cornwall, Vermont
Feb. 11, 1861

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