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#### Dear Sir/

When in Lancaster yesterday I learned the painful news of Judge Coulter's death. The thought, however, flashed upon my mind, that this Providential event had afforded you the opportunity of doing justice to a much injured individual, & carrying into effect the will of more than 176.000 of your Democratic fellow citizens expressed at the Ballot Box. As one of these, I respectfully but earnestly recommend the appointment of Judge Campbell to the vacant Judgeship of which he was fraudulently deprived by disorganisers who have already weakend, & if not effectually put down, will eventually destroy the Democratic party of Pennsylvania.

As your Attorney General, you have enjoyed the best opportunities of knowing his moral & intellectual worth; & how utterly destitute of foundation were the charges against him of want of capacity. I have no doubt he would prove an ornament to the exalted station for which he was nominated by the Judicial Convention.

Yours very respectfully J. B.

His Excellency Wm Bigler &c. &c.

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from your friend very respectfully James Buchanan William L Hirst Esq