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Whealland, near Lancaster 4 April 1853.

My dear Sir /

I have received your kind letter, & from information obtained since I last wrote to you, I shall defer the execution of my purpose ^{& writing to you} for a day or two.

No sooner said than done. I shall now ask you to do me a favor: & if Mr. Miller should grant my only request, I shall feel myself under personal obligations to him which will not be forgotten.

Franklin K. Curran of Marietta in this County was one of the Delegates elected to the State Convention to be held at Harrisburg to nominate a President in 1848. Mr. Frazer had him elected in the belief that he would oppose me. He acted, however, on that occasion a most manly part & he was a member of the last State Convention ever since acted thus; He is an intelligent man for his opportunities; & as faithful friend & true as any man living. He writes ~~me~~ a very good hand & would to Mr. Miller be a grateful friend on whom he might rely in any emergency. He is comparatively young & very active. Now, I should esteem it a great favor, if Mr. Miller would provide him a place: & might be thus, that he would ~~immediately~~ as soon as may be convenient, let you know his decision.

With sentiments of warm regard, I remain as ever

Your friend

To J. L. Exner.

James Buchanan



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James Buchanan

(1791 - 1868)

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April 4, 1853. Wheatland, PA.

Interesting Buchanan political letter about his nomination as President, written to President John Tyler's son, Robert.

Fifteenth President (1857-1861). Buchanan served during the War of 1812. He was a Pennsylvania Congressman, Minister to Russia, Senator, Secretary of State under Polk and Minister to Great Britain. He defeated Republican John Fremont in 1856 by promising continued stability between the North and South. During his administration, he ignored victims of the economic Panic of 1857 and left the secession of the Southern states to Lincoln.

The letter reads in full: "My dear Sir> I have received your kind letter; & from information obtained since I last wrote to you, I shall defer the execution of my purpose of writing to you for a day or two.> No sooner said than done. I shall now ask you to do me a favor: & if Mr. Miller should grant my only request, I shall feel myself under personal obligations to him which will not be forgotten.> Franklin K. Curran of Marietta in this County was one of the delegates elected to the State Convention to be held at Harrisburg to nominate a President in 1848. Mr. Frazer had him elected in the belief that he would oppose me. He acted, however, on that occasion a more manly part & has ever since acted thus. He was a member of the last State Convention. He is an intelligent man for his opportunities; & as faithful firm & true as any man living. He writes a very good hand & would to W. Miller be a grateful friend on whom he might rely in any emergency. He is comparatively young & very active. Now, I should esteem it a great favor, if Mr. Miller would provide him a place: & next to this, that he would as soon as may be convenient let you know his decision.> With sentiments of warm regard, I remain as ever,>Your friend,>James Buchanan> Robert Tyler Esquire". The letter is dark and readable, yet has been silked on the reverse and has some minor loss at left, affecting only three words and only one letter in each word. The item would present very nicely.