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Beauford Springs 7 August 1844.

My dear Sir!

"Should auld acquaintance be forgot." None between you & me. I write merely to keep the chain bright, not that I have any thing particular to say, except that I shall ever gratefully remember all that you have done for me. I rejoice that I am your debtor; - not your mine. If this were the case, my experience would teach me to fear. Yet I shall gladly run all risks & ~~run~~ pay what I owe the very first opportunity that offers. I observed by the Newspapers some time since that your daughter has married A. Gilmore Esq. I trust & hope that the match may prove fortunate. I entertain an excellent opinion of him. He is a man both of heart & talent; and under your prudent guidance he will succeed in life, under the blessing of Providence.

I enclose you a Globe containing my Texas Speech; and my remarks on Rail Road Iron which may be of some service in ~~Franklin~~. The Whigs every where in this State seem to have abandoned all the other issues & are devoting themselves to the Tariff of 1842 alone. I am glad that you are in the field on this question. Polk's letter to Kane was admirably timely & well expressed. I do not believe that they will be able seriously to penetrate our ranks with their <sup>Tariff</sup> weapon. Indeed from all the information I receive I cannot doubt the safety of the State for Muhlenberg, Polk & Dallas.

I received a letter yesterday from Judge Calton of Nashville of such a character, that had it been possible for me to reach that place in time for their great meeting, I should have bundled up & started. Col. Polk was very anxious, it seems, that I should attend. Had I <sup>in time</sup> been in Lancaster the letter would have reached me on Friday last &

Please to remember me to my kind friends in Franklin. I expect to leave here on Friday or Monday; and it is my intention about the beginning of September to visit the Northern Counties.

Yours truly,  
Hon. Arnold Plumer.

Ever your friend very  
respectfully  
James Buchanan