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My dear Sir,

Mr. Peter writes me that a kind word from me will aid him in procuring employment in Philadelphia under the new administration; but does not say what employment he desires or expects. If it be in the Customs House; & even if the gentleman whom I recommended, should be appointed, I doubt whether I can interfere with his appointments from the City & County. Amid the very numerous friends there to whom I am under political obligations which I should gladly repay, how am I to select a few of them & refuse to recommend the remainder? Should I recommend all those whom I would gladly serve what would my recommendations be worth? I know that you are capable of appreciating my situation & therefore make these remarks. I have been labouring incessantly, night & day, for several weeks to serve my friends in Washington; & my present inclination is to leave the collectors appointments to the Democracy of the City & County, without my interference.

Thomas Fitzgerald Esq

from your friends
very respectfully,
James Buchanan

Wheatland, near Lancaster

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