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My dear Sir/

I desire, most respectfully but most earnestly, to recommend the appointment of James C. Van Dyke Esquire, as District Attorney for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania.

I feel a strong personal desire that he should obtain this appointment, having been on terms of intimate friendship with him for a number of years, commencing with his marriage to a grand daughter of our glorious old Democratic Governor, Simon Snyder.

But if such were his only claims, I should not request his appointment. He is a gentleman of fine talents, very well qualified as a lawyer for the place as his testimonials will abundantly prove, & of undisputed and indisputable integrity and honor.

As a politician, he is active, zealous & influential; & perhaps no man of his age in the city and county of Philadelphia has labored harder to secure the triumph of Democratic principles in our last State & Presidential elections. He is & has been a real working man.

I feel confident that our friend Judge Campbell will confirm all I have said in relation to Mr. Van Dyke.

I believe that his testimonials are stronger & more numerous than those of any other candidate; & it would be a source of deep regret to me, should he fail in obtaining the appointment.

Yours very respectfully

James Buchanan

His Excellency

Franklin Pierce.