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Washington 24 Aug: 46

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any knowledge of this matter I cannot imagine, I did not even mention you by name in my letter to the Judge. It might be well, if you can to propitiate Cameron.

I have said all to the Judge in your favor that you could desire. Still I think he is annoyed at Cameron's letter. He says that in answer to all other applications he has informed <sup>the applicants</sup> that the place was promised.

I do not yet know whether I can go to Saratoga. If so, it will probably not be in my power to leave

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Your friend

Sincerely

James Buchanan

George Pitt Esq

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