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Dear Sir/

I thank you for your kind letter of the 8th. Instant. I have not for a long time felt so much mortified as when I heard of your defeat at the Harrisburg Convention. If your friends there immediately after the result of the last ballot had been announced had protested against the decision & insisted that you were the choice of a majority of the delegates regularly appointed, perhaps it would have been the proper course. As they acquiesced & pledged themselves to support Wolf, there is no course left but submission. He is now the candidate of the party & as such will be supported. The vote in your favor under all circumstances was highly flattering. It proves your exalted standing in Pennsylvania.

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Please to present my best respects to Mr. & Mrs. Pleasonton & Miss Matilda & believe me to be ever your friend

James Buchanan

The Hon: Isaac D. Barnard.

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I spent Friday night last very pleasantly with Isaac Wayne. He informed me that he had communicated to you the neglect of General Jackson to acknowledge the receipt of a letter enclosing to him a likeness of General Wayne & an autograph letter from him to his mothe wife; & that you had said you would write to General Eaton upon the subject. He wished me to inquire of you whether you had received an answer; & if not I promised to write to General Jackson. Be so good as to inform me whether your letter has been answered.

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circulation concerning yourself; but I think I owe it to the friendship which I have professed & which I ardently feel for you, not to pass them over in silence. If they be true for Gods sake, for your own & that of your numerous friends summon up that resolution which belongs to your character & abandon the practice forever. Very many of us in this County are warmly attached to you. You have been but once disappointed; & this disappointment is the common fate of public men. The Senate of the United States is a theatre as exalted as that to which your friends wished to elevate you. One winters service in that body such as you performed the first session after your election will forever bury in oblivion the report whether true or false now in circulation.

Pardon my frankness & attribute it altogether to kindness.

Let me hear from you soon & may God bless you.

From your friend James Buchanan

General Isaac D. Barnard.