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You say, you shall rely upon myself <u>alone</u> to make your strong claims known to General Pierce. In this, you are certainly wrong. An appointment to a full mission; & this among the best of them has ever been considered almost as much in the light of a State appointment as that of a Cabinet Minister. In order to succeed, you must bring strength which I know you can do from Virginia. Without this, what would the influence of a private citizen avail, (& I expect to be nothing else) living in the interior of Pennsylvania, in favor of a friend in another State?

With every disposition to serve-you which you could desire, I remain very respectfully

Your friend James Buchanan

Hon: J. M. H. Beale