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extraordinary letter

Wheatlands 11 March 1861.

My dear Sir /

Will you be kind enough to direct the Herald to be sent to me ~~directed~~ to Lancaster. I have been quite lost without it.

I am once more settled at this my quiet home; & one of my first impulses is to return you my cordial & grateful thanks for the able & powerful support which you have given me almost universally throughout my stormy & turbulent administration.

Under Heaven's blessing the administration has been eminently successful.

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Whether I have done all I could,
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With my very kindest regards to
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Sincerely & respectfully

Your friend

James Buchanan

James Gordon Bonnet Esquire

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