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Washington 22 Dec: '38

Dear Sir/

I am about setting out for Philadelphia on some business. The Senate have adjourned until Wednesday. I called to day on M. Waite, but did not get to see him. Even if he had had money for you, I could not have sent you a draft for want of money in Bank in Lancaster. On my return again I shall call again on M. Waite.

I fear you are about to abandon your noble, safe & prudent position without necessity. You will find [one word illegible] difficulty in getting up a convention than probably you may dream of. The House might have continued to meet until the third Tuesday of January; the Speaker might then have qualified the Governor, & all the consequences of a suspension of Legislation would have fallen upon the heads of the conspirators against popular liberty. I doubt not the power of the people to modify & change their Government in any manner they may deem proper; but I exceedingly doubt the policy of making the attempt upon the present occasion.

> Ever your friend in haste James Buchanan

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