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My dear Sir/

I have this moment received your kind letter & I shall not attempt to express to you my grateful feelings for your kind, able & efficient friendship. Mr. Plumer who is a most excellent man, "wise as the serpent, but harmless as the dove," has made me fully acquainted, in minute detail, with your successful exertions, in rescuing me from the hands of the Philistines.

I shall be curious to observe the movements at Harrisburg on the arrival of General Cass. I have purposely kept myself aloof from the question of Judge Porter's appointment to the Cabinet; but from rumors on which I rely, I believe he is now in great danger. Whether truly or not, the combination against me here is here attributed to the Governor; and I never believed until the present moment that I had the personal good will of nearly all the

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I am under the impression that it would be better for me to postpone my visit to Harrisburg until after the 4th. March.

Ever your friend James Buchanan

Hon: Benjamin Champneys