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elly dear Sir /

Judgers by my last belle from Colone King, it is not probable that I started well consent to leave him & Janes; and after our casual but plugful conversation on the subject, I follow the strong bend of my own inclination in offering you the Chief Clinkship is the Department of Male. I know it is not a place at all profinement to your eminent abilities & survices; and having occupied such expelled positions before your Country, I dane searcely hope that you well accept the Net if its were what it ought to be & what we shall endeavor to make it at the next sepin of Consup; — an apisland. Secretaryship with a competent value, I should think differently. It would then be a most desirable place.

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With sentements of the highest regard, I remain

Hon Caleb Cushing.

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Judging by my last belter from Colone King It is not probable that It Martin will consent to leave him but playful on the subject, I follow the strong bent of my own wichnations in offering you the Chief Clerkship of the Department of State. I know abstitute it is not a place at all proportioned to your eminent tallows I Services; and having occupied such exalled furitumes before your Country, I dane searcely hope that you will accept it. at the most definite of congress scarelangship with a competent salary, I should thenk deferently. It would then be a most described place. your services at the mesent state in aprilia to enduct relations might be of your for advantage to your Country: and it is probably a station from which you would be more likely to rise that if you should remain in retirement. Stelle I am mit authorised to make any promise to this effect and make himself in advance; of the steplean might may be the pursue to another who the pursue doubted. Ale I can say is that I make you this offer with the entere approbation of the Secretarit; and I shall be should get along very fleshants together accept et, I have no doubt we should get along very fleshants together higher regard, I remain your friends

Hon: Caleb Cushing.

## Washington 26 April 1845

My dear Sir/

Judging by my last letter from Colonel King, it is not probable that Dr Martin will consent to leave him & Paris; and after our casual but playful conversation on the subject, I follow the strong bent of my own inclination in offering you the chief clerkship in the Department of State. I know it is not a place at all proportioned to your eminent abilities & services; and having occupied such exalted positions before your country, I dare scarcely hope that you will accept it. yet if it were what it ought to be & what we shall endeavor to make it at the next session of Congress; - an assistant Secretaryship with a competent salary, I should think differently. It would then be a most desirable place.

Your services in this position, at in the present state of our foreign relations might be of much advantage to your country; and it is probably a station from which you would be more likely to rise, than if you should remain in retirement. Still I am not authorised to make my promise to this effect. The President never commits himself in advance. All I can say is that I make you this offer with his entire approbation, and I shall be highly gratified if you should accept it. I have no doubt we should get along very pleasantly together.

With sentiments of the highest regard, I remain

your friend James Buchanan

Hon: Caleb Cushing