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Washington 9 October 1847

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# My dear Sir/

I have received yours of the 24th ultimo; and am sorry to say I have not yet succeeded in obtaining an appointment for Mr. Holcomb though I have done my best. I need not explain to you the reasons. I have just had a conversation with the Secretary of War upon the subject: & he has promised to appointment Holcomb as soon as an opportunity shall offer. These were most probably, I far, be numerous when we shall obtain General Scott's Official Dispatches from Mexico. We have yet had no communication from him since he left Puebla.

We are all in anxious expectation as to the result of the election next Tuesday in Pennsylvania. Governor Shunk will be elected by a large majority should he have fair play. All appearances are in his favor: & he cannot be defeated but by secret & extensive treason in our own ranks. I

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am sorry to say that there is now much heart burning & dissension in he Democratic party of Pennsylvania. Shunk is an excellent man & nothing can be said with truth against him.

I am much indebted to you for a copy of the Constitution of Illinois. I have not yet examined it carefully, as my time is almost exclusively occupied with my official duties.

I rejoice to know that you have been eminently successful in the State of your adoption. Towards the close of his life, I had become intimately & socially acquainted with your excellent father. I saw much of him & entertained the warmest friendship & highest respect for him. I shall ever feel deep interest in the welfare of his family & rejoice that you are a son worthy to bear his name.

In some respects things have sadly changed in Lancaster. Without any cause, personal or political, Colonel Frazer has become my bitter & malignant enemy. Years ago, I got his brother a Cadetship & his father a Judgeship in Wiskonson & since I have been Secretary of State I obtained

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a pursership in the navy for his brother-in-law. It was impossible for me in addition, to obtain the Treasurership of the Mint for his father-in-law; and since my failure, he has been continually poring out torrents of unfavorable abuse against me. This has only done himself harm.

from your friend very respectfully James Buchanan