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Lancaster 18 June 1835.

My dear Sir/

I have received a letter from my friend Wager in Philadelphia urging me to request you to give his son employment. I am very sorry you have not been able to do it heretofore, as there are few situations more irksome both for the young midshipman & his relations than the state of anxiety in which they are placed before he is taken into service. "Hope deferred, you know, maketh the heart sick." Peter Wager has suffered much in the good cause & has never obtained & does not expect to obtain any thing for it except the appointment & employment of his son.

When the Constitution returns from France, if there should be any vacancy, it would afford me sincere pleasure if you would fill it with young Wager.

Confidential. My situation & my feelings alike prevent me from taking any active part in the contest between Wolf & Muhlenberg; though I shall, under all the circumstances, vote for the former. In this respect I have never masked my opinion. Wolf will certainly be supported by a large majority of the Democratic party. I now think it possible he may be

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elected. If Muhlenberg should receive as many anti-masonic votes as his friends anticipate, Wolf will be the successful candidate. Several causes which I need not enumerate have produced the impression more widely than I had supposed that the Administration at Washington have interfered in this contest. These are men prominent in the Wolf party who are in heart opposed to Mr. Van Buren & who would be glad to injure him if they could do so without destroying themselves. The excitement in this State will become very high between this & the election; and permit me to suggest, there should be an entire non-interference in it so far as the people at Washington are concerned. I have been defending little Van on this point every where. Those who know him will feel at once how ridiculous this charge is.-

I through out these hints <u>for yourself</u> to make such use of as you think proper. Many of the finest fellows in the Sates are Muhlenberg men. God forbid that they should be put down! There should, however, be a studied neutrality as Washington.

I am confident in the correctness of the opinion I express in regard to the relative strength of the two candidates so far as the D. Party is concerned. My sources of information are the best. I have no feelings to [one word illegible] my judgment.- In Philadelphia they know nothing about it: at least both sides confess to be equally confident of their strength.

Ever your friend James Buchanan

Hon: Mahlon Dickerson