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James Muchaway

Washington 11 December 1840

My dear Sir/

I have just received yours of the 7th. Instant; and nothing, I can assure you, would afford me greater pleasure than to be able to serve you. Mr. Hood, however is not dead; and I know not how the report of his death should have obtained such general circulation.

Every thing here is quiet: and our true policy is for the present, to leave the Whig party to themselves. This party contains within itself the seeds of its own destruction, if they are permitted to germinate & bring forth their natural fruit.

It seems to be generally understood here that Ewing will be Postmaster General & Crittenden Attorney General; and I rather think from what I can learn that the office of Secretary of State will be offered to Webster.

from your friend very respectfully James Buchanan

Dr. Edward D. Gazzam.

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Washington 14 September 1841

My dear Sir/

I have received your two letters & Mr. Benton & myself both very much regretted that the Pittsburg resolutions could not be offered by Dr. Sturgeon without a violation of the rule & practice of the Senate. For my own part, I should have been very glad of the opportunity of making some remarks on the subject of those resolutions. They could not be presented on account of the personal reflection contained in one of them on Mr. Clay by name. Whether this rule be proper of not, it is well established.

Mr. Webster still holds on to his place. Late last right, we confirmed the following nomination.

Mr. Forward – Secretary of the Treasury. Judge M'Lean (of Ohio) Sec: of war. Judge Upsher (of Va) Sec: of the Navy Mr. Legaré – (of S.C.) Atty Gen: & Charles. A. Wickliffe of Ky - P. M. General.

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Never was there a party so completely used up as the Whigs have been, in so short a time. A Manifesto, it is said, will appear tomorrow from the Whigs in Congress reading John Tyler out of the Whig Church & delivering him over to Satan to be buffeted.

I rejoice in the bright prospects of Democracy in the Keystone State; and should be greatly delighted with your success.

In the midst of preparations to get off this afternoon I remain., in haste, sincerely your friend

James Buchanan

Mr. Edwd. D. Gazzam

Surcaster 11 November 1842. ely dear Sir / Appreciating mosts highly your friendship, your last letter has given me much pain . I regret most sincerely the unkappy state of feeling between Mayor Synch & yourself. But what and I to do . If I were to abandon himi who has over been my quind, I would shew myself, unworthy of your own quenaship which I am proud to believe that I populs. The man who will desert one querid , in his wanning fortunes well derent another & his unworthy of confidence. Termit one to appure you that notwithstanding I am the friend of Major Lynch, I entertain as shows sintements of grateful prendishet for gourself, as if I wave his most better energ. I presume to would be impossible to make you friends of cack other; but one reason why I requet that I could not visit fills burg Thes fall, is, that I might at least have allempted to prevent any acts Maturet of hostelity, against marken at the should so have happened that many of your warmest politicae quander are opposed to me ; but I

Should be exceedingly vous, if me my account, you were to love one of the mamber. I hope this will permit you to thenh defferently from theme wichout offence. I have no cyplanation to make to those Democrates who "are looking lowards Cap, a Calhour on even Wan Buron, for no other reason; but because of the improper influence which Lynch would be likely to exercise over me. If your answer to theme be not sufficient, I have nothing further to day. From the news already received, there is scarcely a doubt but that New york has deeled the Democrateo Candidate for Governor by a large majorety. In that event I presume that Clay will , before long , with draw ; but he well never Suffer Scott to become the Why Candidate. Unlip I am deceased by the sign's of the lines, many of the Whig's already have an idea of adopting a milet L'water Demociat as Their Candidale, in the hope of thus devidering our strength. Ere long, I thank the will be rendered apparent, With sentements of the highest product, I remain sincerely your friends Edward. Q. Gazzam Eg James Muchanang

P.S. I hope you will not fait to inform me of what you might deen Interesting to me in Western Penn. 2 W. Law

Lancaster 11 November 1842

My dear Sir/

Appreciating most highly your friendship, your last letter has given as much pain. I regret most sincerely the unhappy state of feeling between Major Lynch & yourself. But what an I to do? If I were to abandon his who has ever been my friend, I would show myself unworthy of your own friendship which I am proud to believe that I possess. The man who will desert one friend especially in his waning fortunes will desert another & is unworthy of confidence. Permit me to assure you that notwithstanding I an the friend of Major Lynch, I entertain as strong sentiments of grateful friendship for yourself, as if I were his most bitter enemy. I presume it would be impossible to make you friends of each other; but one reason why I regret that I could not visit Pittsburg this fall, is, that I might at least have attempted to prevent any acts of mutual hostility against each other.

I regret that it should have happened that many of your warmest political friends are opposed to me; but I

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should be exceedingly sorry, if on my account, you were to lose one of the number. I hope they will permit you to think differently from then without offence.

I have no explanation to make to those Democrats who are looking towards Cass or Calhoun or even Van Buren, for no other reason; but because of the improper influence which Lynch would be likely to exercise over so. If your answer to them be not sufficient, I have nothing further to say.

From the news already received, there is scarcely a doubt but that Now York has elected the Democratic candidate for Governor by a large majority. In that event I presume that Clay will, before long, withdraw; but he will never suffer Scott to become the Whig candidate. Unless I am deceived by the signs of the times, many of the Whigs already have an idea of adopting a silk & water Democrat as their candidate, in the hope of thus dividing our strength. Ere long, I think this will be rendered apparent.

With sentiments of the highest respect, I remain sincerely

your friend James Buchanan

Edward D. Gazzam Esq

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P. S. I hope you will not fail to inform me of what any thing you might deem interesting to me in Western Penna.