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Wheatland, near Lancaster 2 July 1865

Gentlemen/

I have received your kind invitation to unite with "the Democrats of Harrisburg & its vicinity" in celebrating the approaching Anniversary of our National Independence: and regret that to say I shall not be able to enjoy this privilege.

On this hollowed Anniversary, let us rejoice, that, through the intervention of Divine Providence, peace has once more returned to bless our land. Our joy, however, will be tinged with a cloud of

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of sorrow for the loss of our kind hearted & distinguished President by a diabolical crime: and this too, at the very moment, when, by wise clemency, he was about to convince the world that peace has its triumphs as wall as war.

I am gratified to observe that every where throughout the State, the old Democratic party in renewing the energies of former years. It can never die whilst the Constitution & the Union shall live. It will be a bright & glorious day for the people of the Country, and thus will surely come though at my advanced age I may not live to see it, when the well tried & time honored principles of Democracy, as expounded by Jefferson & Jackson, shall regain the ascendancy

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Yours very respectfully, James Buchanan

D. D. Boas John A. Bigler George T. Weaver Peter H. Brenner & William H. Miller Esquires &c &c