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Washington 17 July 1860.

Gentlemen /

I have received, through  
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In them you are pleased to say that the  
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9<sup>th</sup> Instant, when sponsored by the Ratification  
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in this City, "is so clear, paternal & states  
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of disunion" that your association accept

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I am one of the last survivors of a  
race of men who, in their day, were the  
faithful guardians of the Constitution &  
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of ~~the~~ momentous trust. In this view, I  
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of "the National Volunteers," & cordially

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May the kind Providence which has  
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Yours very respectfully

James Buchanan

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