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Sancaster 9 August 1827.

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Dear Sir/

Ere this can reach you - you will have seen General Jacksons letter to the Public in which he has given up my name. It will at once strike you to be a most extraordinary production so far as I am concerned. My statement will appear in the Lancaster Journal tomorrow, which I shall send you, I have not suffered my feelings to get the better of my judgment but have stated the truth in a calm & temperate manners. If General Jackson - & our editors should act with discretion the storm may blow over without injury. Should they on the contrary force me to the wall & make it absolutely necessary for the preservation of my own character to defend myself I know not what may be the consequence.

I have stated the conversation between Markley & myself in as strong terms as the truth would justify; but no stronger. It is in your power to do much to give this matter a proper direction. Indeed I would suggest to you the propriety of an immediate visit to Philadelphia for that purpose. My friends here are very indignant but I believe I can keep them right.

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From your sincere friend James Buchanan

Samuel D. Ingham Esqr

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The Hon: Jamuel . D. Ingham

James Buchanan

Lancaster 29 August 1827,

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I have received yours of the 22 Instant & thank you for the trouble which you have taken in my behalf. In this County & in York County & indeed in all the Counties with which I am well acquainted the letters have done no harm but rather the reverse. The Jackson papers generally have managed the subject very discreetly. I saw a letter yesterday from Baldwin, or rather heard it read, which states that the friends of Jackson in the West are perfectly satisfied with my letter & believe it confirms all the material facts stated by the General. He evidently writes in high spirits.

I have not a single apprehension upon the subject unless the General or Major Eaton should render it necessary for me again to appear before the Public. This I can scarcely anticipate. Nothing but absolute necessity shall compel me to adopt this course.

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Whilst a dull speech "is being" made in the Senate, I avail myself of the opportunity of acknowledging the receipt of your letter. I am much gratified that you approve my M'Leod speeches. Laws est a te laudari. The decision of the Supreme Court of New York will go far to prescribe the National honor & save the Country from war. Our right to try him will be vindicated & he will doubtless be acquitted. Daniel Webster is unfit for his present situation. He wants moral firmness, he wants practical knowledge & above all personal independence.

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Bye the bye, Tyler, has on Saturday last, manifested a symptom of independence. Huntingdon, the new Commissioner of the Land Office with the approbation of Ewing gave thirteen of this clerks notices to quit. Tyler heard of it, sent for Huntingdon, assisted the proceeding & directed nine of them to be restored. The rumor is that Ewing threatens to resign; but the news is too good to be true.

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[Samuel D. Ingham]

P. S. I shall attend to the rags, if need be.