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## Washington 28th January 1847

My dear Madam/

The Dispatches by the Hibernia did not arrive here until yesterday morning; & I have since been so busy in preparing my return Dispatches, that I have not had time to read the "Statesmen of America" which you were so kind as to forward to me. I anticipate great pleasure from its perusal which I shall commence its perusal this evening after the last mail shall have closed by which I can transmit Dispatches to Boston in time for the departure of the Hibernia. I have no only time to think you cordially for the book.

Upon reflection I have come to the conclusion that you had better not publish my two private letters to yourself. If in their publication, you should state that this was done by my permission, it would look like a preconcerted effort to bring my name before the Public with your commendation. If you should not make this statement, it would suggest subject you to the charge of making private letters public. In either case, the consequences would be unpleasant.

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My friend Mrs. Hite is now honoring my Bachelor's abode with her presence & she has given it a cheerful aspect. After my return from the office this evening I calculate upon the pleasure of hearing her read the book aloud to me.

In great haste, I remain sincerely & respectfully
Your friend
James Buchanan

Mrs. William Maury