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Washington 28th January 1847.

My dear Madam!

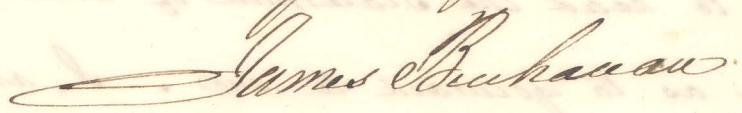
The Despatches by the Hibernia did not arrive here until yesterday morning; & I have since been so busy in preparing ^{return} my Despatches, that I have not had time to read the "Statesman of America" which you were so kind as to forward to me. I anticipate great pleasure from its perusal which I shall commence ^{its perusal} this evening after the last mail shall have closed by which I can transmit Despatches to Boston in time for the departure of the Hibernia. I have now only time to thank 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 ~~bring~~ subject you to the charge of making private letters public. In either case, the consequences would be unpleasant.

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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

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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