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Hon: J. W. Sickens

Washington 6 June 1845

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I was pleased with the tone of your letter of the 27 ultimo & gladly presented it to the President. It was in good taste & good keeping with your character. I was personally disappointed at your refusal to accept the English mission; but you were the best judge, You do not mistake my feelings towards you. Your friendship for me has ever been warmly & respectfully reciprocated. I shall always rejoice to hear of your health & prosperity.

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from your friend very respectfully James Buchanan

Hon: F. W. Pickens