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# Washington 11 May 1844

Gentlemen /

I have this moment received yours of the 9th Instant, enclosing the proceedings of a Demonative Meeting recently held at the asking Court Home of June Abelliain County? and, in obedience to the second resolution of that meeting, when my opinion in regard to the annequent of Jeyas to the Union.

You may sest assured that it would affect me pleasure to respond to your call, were it, not that my position, as a Senator of member of the Committee or Inexe Melations, renders its proper in my spiness, that I should regrain from any public and produced description of the subject, whils the Society of anneyation is reliably herding before the Senate in Executive, and of course, Secret, Seption. It is true that I have formed a now decided judgment on this grave is impolant question which would most probably coincides with your own; but it well but compate with the rules it practice of the Body of which I am a member, to pronounce it is my vote upon the Steaty. After they shall have been ratified or rejected, I may perhaps present my view at large upon the subject to my fellow alterns.

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Sames. H. Reed, P.D. Lipscomb, very respectfully

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### Washington 11 May 1844

#### Gentlemen/

I have this moment received yours of the 9th. Instant, enclosing the proceedings of a Democratic Meeting recently held at the Court House of Prince William County: and asking in obedience to the second resolution of that meeting, asking my opinion in regard to the annexation of Texas to the Union.

You may rest assured that it would afford me pleasure to respond to your call, were it not that my position, as a Senator & member of the Committee on Foreign Relations, renders it proper, in my opinion, that I should refrain from any public or extended discussion of the subject, whilst the Treaty of annexation is actually pending before the Senate in Executive, and of course, Secret Session. It is true that I have formed a very decided judgement on this grave & important question which will would most probably coincide with your own; but it will best comport with the rules & practice of the Body of which I am a member, to pronounce it by my vote upon the Treaty. After this shall have been ratified or rejected, I may perhaps present my views at large upon the subject to my fellow citizens.

With sentiments of grateful respect & regard, I remain yours

very respectfully James Buchanan

James H. Reed, P. D. Lipscomb, James. B. J. Thornton & Daniel Jasper Esquire, Committee &c. &c.