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My dear Sir/

I am thus far on my way to New York to attend your mass meeting; but after much reflection & consultation with discreet friends I think I ought not to proceed further. I have for many years been associated in the public councils with the late Mr. Webster; & although uniformly opposed to each other on all important questions of public policy, I owe & I feel great respect for his memory. It, therefore, occurs to me that it would be indelicate, if not improper, for me so soon after his death & whilst he is unburied to leave my own State & make a political speech in New York in which I must necessarily condemn the policy of the administration of which he was a. leading member. Indeed it was my intention to discuss pretty freely in Tammany Hall its foreign policy. This, of course, would now be out of the question.

I an very such disappointed; because I have never raised my voice in that world renowned Hall & I had fully prepared myself to way something which might most the approbation of every good Democrat. Though Mr. Webster was nine years older than myself, yet we may be considered as contemporaries. I shall rely upon you to make my apology I feel conscious that your own sense of propriety will approve my conduct.

> from your friend very respectfully James Buchanan

Daniel E. Sickles Esquire