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Washington 18 January 1830

Dear Sir/

I feel myself much indebted to you for the likeness of the late General Wayne, which you have done me the honor to send me. I shall ever prize it, not only on account of the pride which, as a Pennsylvanian, I feel in the character of the father; but of the high respect & warm friendship which I entertain for the son.

I have often thought of writing to you during the present session; but I have been so pressed by a mass of business of different kinds that I have hitherto neglected it: and in truth I had nothing of importance to communicate. We have yet been proceeding without much party excitement in the House. There is a storm brewing I think on the Indian question; and from what I can learn, the friends of the late administration in the Senate into to make a vigorous opposition to the confirmation of some of the nominations.

The old General is in good health. There are dissentions among the members of his cabinet, as you may have seen from the newspapers; but I am not sufficiently acquainted with their character, to give you such information as you ought to rely upon & I feel certain you would not be entertained by the idle gossip of this City.

from your friend with great respect

James Buchanan

Colonel Isaac Wayne

Dear Sie 1 L'askington 19 debruary 1830 I have received yours of the 14. 4 15 Instants & delines the letter inclosed in the latter to General Annison. He sums to be un fine health & spinle. In regard to the appointment of young M. Buith as midshipman, I arguet to say it is out of the question for the present. It Adams immediately before his asterement from office appointed such a mumber of that no appointments can now be made. It Branch has been inflexible upon this subject & has refused all applications no matter from what some they may have proceeded. It Leifer who had the special charge of M. Smith application, in conjunction with General's Barnard & Evrens of and have done every thing in our power; but in vain. I feel geatified that my remarks on the Sudiciary Bill have met your approbalion; as I have always felt proud of popularing your In regard to the expect of political affairs here, I can give you no certain information. Whether General Jackson well again be gandedate

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Dear Sir/

I have received yours of the 14th. & 15 Instant and delivered the letter enclosed in the latter to General Harrison. He seems to be in fine health and spirits.

In regard to the appointment of young Mr. Smith as midshipman, I regret to say it is out of the question for the present. Mr. Adams immediately before his retirement from office appointed such a number of midshipmen that no new appointments can now be made. Mr. Branch has been inflexible upon this subject and has refused <u>all</u> applications no matter from what source they may have proceeded. Mr. Leiper who had the special charge of Mr. Smith's application, in conjunction with Generals Barnard and Evans and myself have done every thing in our power: but in vain.

I feel gratified that my remarks on the Judiciary Bill have met your approbation; as I have always felt proud of possessing your good opinion.

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I do not know. My own impression is that he will not, and I have come to this conclusion, simply because I think he loves retirement, and because Calhoun and Van Buren and their friends seem to be acting under the opinion, the he will retire at the end of his present Term.

I believe the rumor to be true that the cabinet are divided. Whilst, it is said Messrs Ingham, Branch & perhaps Buren favor the pretensions of Calhoun, Mssrs Barry and Eaton are the friends of Van Buren. What is of more importance, it is supposed that the old chief himself leans to the New York rather than the South Carolina candidate.

For my own part, I shall remain perfectly neutral until I can ascertain what are the views of General Jackson in regard to a re election.

In the Senate, as you have seen from the papers the party war is violent. Many of the nominations will be resisted with a great determination. Our house has hitherto been remarkably dull. We have had no party question to disturb our calm. I do not think this will long be the case. The elements of strife are beginning to get into motion.

General Jacksons health is much better than it was last spring; still it cannot be considered robust. He is constantly occupied and I believe sincerely, has nothing but the good of the country in view.

from your friend with much respect James Buchanan

Colonel Isaac Wayne

My political speculations in regard to Calhoun & Van Buren are confidential.