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I have received yours of yesterday. There are at present difficulties in the way of appointing a Secretary of Legation to London; & I am wholly uncommitted on the subject. If there were removed, there would still be difficulties in the way of appointing a Secretary from the same State with the minister; & especially from the same State with myself. I may have to abandon a friend whom I have been urging for a consulate for the last three months, should I select a Pennsylvania Secretary of Legation. A number have been urged upon me from the State; but of one thing you may rest assured, that should a Pennsylvanian be appointed, you shall be the individual. Do you feel assured that you would be able to endure the incessant & responsible labor which you would be compelled to undergo on the Legation at London at least for the first six months?

W. H. Welsh Esq

from G. Friend, in haste,
James Buchanan

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