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I told General Ramsay in York that I would leave here in the morning of some day this week & dine with you & afterwards go in the evening to Baltimore. That day will be Saturday & I would thank you to tell the General to send his carriage for me on that morning early.

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You have doubtless seen my withdrawal. It had become a matter of absolute necessity & stern duty. Besides, I did not which to lead my friends on a falorn hope or place them longer in a false position.

Ever your friend James Buchanan

Henry Welch Esq

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Lancaster 27 June 1844

My dear Sir/

I agree with you that the case of Major Wentling is a hard one. had there been time, I should have attempted to reverse the vote report of the Committee. The testimony was certainly strong in his favor. W. Jarnigan is very sever in his examination of [one word illegible]; - more so than any other member of that Committee. I certainly cannot advise Major Wentling to abandon his application.

I being to apprehend that the Texas question will not do so much for us in the South as it ought & as we anticipated; but with New York & Pennsylvania, we shall carry Polk & Dallas, without either North Carolina or Tennessee. Of the vote of Pennsylvania I entertain but little doubt, though the Whigs will me the most of the Tariff question.

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Wheatland 13 December 1849.

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I have understood from a shrewd & reliable friend in the West that an effort will be made in the Legislature of our State by some of my old enemies to elect officers hostile to me & then give it out as an evidence of my declining popularity. This, I think, cannot be done if the intrigue, should it exist, be exposed.

I am very anxious that Arnold Plumer should be elected Treasurer. His capacity, his popularity, & the manner in which he was removed by the Whig majority all conspire in favor of his re-election. Besides he is a shrewd, intelligent friend of mine able & willing to discover & counteract the intrigues of Millis & Laporte.

Goodrich of Bradford is to be pressed for the Clerkship of the Senate. He is Wilmot's other self & I have not a more implacable enemy than Wilmot. M'Kinley will be a candidate, with a fair prospect of success. As between him & another good friend I would not interfere; but as against G. I shall do all I can in a quiet way.

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I remain very respectfully your founder.

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Wheatland 1 January 1850.

My dear Sir/

Many thanks to you for your kind letter & for the agreeable information which it contains. I feel truly grateful to you & my other good friends for your exertions to defeat as unprincipled a faction as ever disgraced & endangered the Democratic party of Pennsylvania. I hope you will complete the good work by electing firm true & reliable Democrats to the Reading Convention. The faction are becoming desperate in consequence of my brightening prospects in other States, & I shall not be astonished should they make an attempt at Reading to do me injury. Their policy now is to convince the people of the other States that I am weak at home & thus operate against me. From present appearances Bigler will be nominated almost by acclamation; & at this I heartily rejoice.

The old gentleman at Harrisburg, concerning whom you inquire, has always been decidedly & warmly my friend. His brother Henry was devoted to me; & so are now his sons at the furnace near Columbia. I know but little of J. S. Haldeman; but in the calculations of the friends of Cameron he is expected to vote for him caucus or no caucus. I hope this may prove to be without foundation.

Please to remember me gratefully & kindly to your son, Mr. Small, Mr. Donnell, General Ahl, General Stahle, Mr. Potts, Col: Jameson., Mr. Albright & my other friends. Wishing you many a happy new year

I remain very respectfully your friend

James Buchanan

Henry Welsh Esq

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Wheatland, near Lancaster 26 Dec: 1850

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I did not observe, until last evening, that your Delegate elections in York County will take place on Saturday next. I trust that the County Convention may not pass <u>Cass resolutions</u>. The advices which I receive from Washington, as well as different parts of the South convince me that he is <u>out of the question</u>. My own prospects never were so bright as at the present moment. All depends upon Pennsylvania: & under these circumstances, I should feel greatly mortified if the Democracy of Old York, my neighbouring County where I am so well known, should again repudiate me. Either I shall be nominated or a new man. I will know & justly appreciate your friendship & trust that this may be brought into active exertion to defeat another Cameronian attempt. Had I know sooner of the Delegate elections, I should have written to some friends throughout your County. Gardner Furniss would have taken off his coat for me. – When am I to be gratified with your long expected visit? I should be happy to see you.

from your friend very respectfully, James Buchanan

Henry Welsh Esq

P.S. I open my letter to say that I learned in Philadelphia, that Cameron

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Frazer & Co. will endeavor to have Cass resolutions passed in the Reading Convention. In this they will not succeed, though they may get a number of votes from the fact that several of the delegates, at an early period were elected without any suspicion that such an attempt would be made. Still this will show to other States that there is a division in Pennsylvania & that is their object. I hope good men may be sent from York County.

My dear Sin/ I received your letter of the 21 th on the summe wrote a strong letter to M. Banks in favor of Colonel Bailey. As it was the first & only recommendation with which I have houbled him, I hope it may have some weight. I ded not write to M. Brawley, because I know he was not in Philadelphia; & I neste, have already unfortuned him so much un behalf of GC: Bailey that I dislike to do more. I am, however, exceeding & anyeous for his success 2 if you of M. Glasbronner believe a letter from me would be of any service to him, I shale write one to Harrisburg which he may find there on his arrival from elecadvelle. York has me your long projected wests. Do fug Some das after the middle of myt week I come without reference to our good friend Gorda. He has so much businip & his movements are so uncertain, that no calculation can be made upon theme. We are distinct to have a severe conflict

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[22 April 1851]

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I received your letter of the 21st & on the same day wrote a strong letter to Mr. Banks in favor of Colonel Bailey. As it was the first & only recommendation with which I have troubled him, I hope it may have some weight.

I did not write to Mr. Brawley, because I knew he was not in Philadelphia; & I really have already importuned him so much in behalf of Col: Bailey that I dislike to do more. I am, however, exceedingly anxious for his success & if you & Mr. Glossbrenner believe a letter from me would be of any service to him, I shall write one to Harrisburg which he may find there on his arrival from Meadville.

When will you, and our other friends in York pay ire your long projected visit. Do fix some day after the middle of next week & come without reference to our good friend Gordon. He has so much business & his movements are so uncertain that no calculation can be made upon them.

We are destined to have a severe conflict next Fall. The Whigs will put forth all their

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strength & spend immense sums of money to make a permanent conquest of Pennsylvania. The flag of Scott & Johnston will be at their mast head. In order to secure our success against them, we must not only have Bigler, but a popular & honest candidate for Canal Commissioner an able & esteemed ticket for Supreme Judges. How much the death of poor Beatly is to be regretted! He would, I think, have been nominated.

If Cameron & Co should succeed in getting Scaright nominated, & in passing a Cass resolution rejecting the Lancaster regular delegates & in passing a Cass resolution through the Reading Convention, against the will of a large Majority of the Democrats of the State, I shall fear the result. It will then be Scott Johnston against Cass & Bigler. You may rest assured there are breakers ahead. I have no doubt Cameron is pledged to Cass to carry such a resolution: & the old gentleman, amidst his ruined political fortune, is buoyed up with the hope that Pennsylvania, by leading off in his favor at this early period, will secure him the prize on which he has set his heart.

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Henry Welsh Esq.