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Lancaster 13 March 1843.

My dear Sir /

The pressure of business & the reluctance which I felt to deny your request have prevented me from giving an earlier answer to your kind letter.

I can assure you that I have not, either directly or indirectly, interfered in any appointment since the present administration came into power. This abstinence I thought was due, in my peculiar position, towards an administration which cannot be considered as Democratic & which, therefore, I could not conscientiously support. Besides, I knew that my requests would have but little weight with an administration the head of which was determined to make all the capital he could for himself, especially in Pennsylvania. The person appointed Postmaster in Wilkesbarre will be a Tyler man. Of this you may rest assured, or I am more mistaken than I have ever been. It is too important an office to be given to a ^{Semi}Democrat.

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Tyler has determined to be the next President if he can; and he will use the patronage of the Government to accomplish this object. He is surrounded by an atmosphere of flattery through which the truth never penetrates. I most cordially reciprocate your friendly feelings towards myself & remain very respectfully your friend.

James Buchanan

Harrison Wright Esq