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Description:

Letter from James Buchanan to H. B. Swarr expressing much gratitude for the proceedings of the Lancaster County Convention, hoping in vain that his coming departure from public life would mitigate the "virulence" directed toward him, asking who "young Keenan" is, perhaps Frank Keenan, commenting on the detractors of Senator Douglas, and lamenting that he cannot come home because he has assumed the duties of Mr. Floyd, his former Secretary of War. Washington

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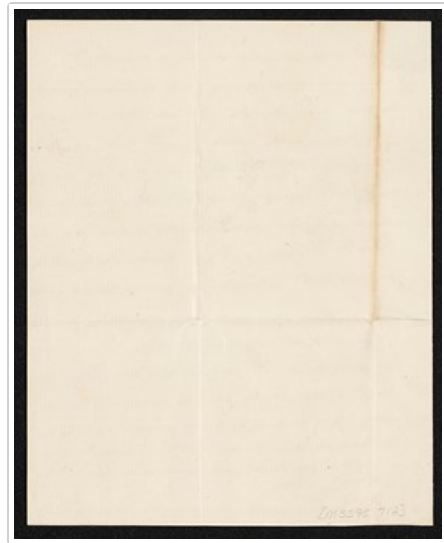
Washington 19 September 1859

My dear Sir,

I have received your favor of the 16th of 9th instants; & am much gratified with the printing of the Lancaster County Convention. I had hoped that my approaching retirement from public life would have prevented the occurrence of the affair in my own County, which has so long borne an excellent name. But I must bear these things as best I may, and especially to satisfy those I think to be all my good & virtuous friends, who have stood by me so long, than to attract my own grateful thanks, for their services. Who is the "young man" to whom you refer? Is it Frank Keenan, the nephew of Father Keenan?

The House of Senate Douglas also have manifested a very favorable regard to his struggle with death, for the year out as long as there may be left. He has not a friend on our side in the South of California to Charleston. On this you may be assured. He has not a friend among the States from Massachusetts. See I know. Indeed, the case is almost of claiming later looking as his friend.

I should have been in Lancaster in this, but that I have had to perform the duties of Justice of the Peace at St. Louis since. I desire to spend a week with you when I come. With my kindest regards to all I love, I remain very respectfully
 your friend
 W. R. Lewis Esq. *Wm. R. Lewis*



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