

Lancaster 16 April 1841

Gentlemen,

I feel myself honored by your invitation to lecture before the Mercantile Library Company of Philadelphia and regret that I cannot promise, so long in advance, to comply with your request. Besides, from causes purely accidental, it has so happened that I have never either lectured or heard a lecture; and it is now almost too late to begin.

With sentiments of great respect, I remain yours sincerely.

James Buchanan

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