

Lancaster 28 March 1835

My dear Sir,

It is generally believed, with what truth I know not, that Judge Barnes will not be reappointed President of the District Court of Philadelphia. In that event, I could earnestly recommend the appointment of Mr. Kittera as his successor. I know not whether he would accept the office; but from circumstances I believe he would, though he is one of that class of men who will never apply for it.

I have known Mr. K. long & known him well. So far as my opinion is entitled to any weight, I believe he would make as able a Judge as any lawyer in Philadelphia not excepting either Mr. Benning or Mr. Sergeant. His practice is now very extensive & very lucrative: and this is always the best evidence of the merits of a lawyer. Besides he is one of the most amiable, honorable & kind hearted men I have ever known, & I believe his appointment would give universal satisfaction. But I believe you are well acquainted with him.

In his politicks he has always been firm & decided, though never violent or proscriptive. To my knowledge he has been a uniform friend of the general & State administrations & has always spoken of you in the terms which your friends could have deserved. Indeed I feel very anxious that this appointment should be offered to him.

I have ~~anxious for some time to pay you a visit~~ been intending to pay Harrisburg a visit for some time & ~~believe I shall~~ hope to be able to do so immediately after the first of April, if not sooner. ~~I hope you will be able to give me a room.~~

From your friend with great respect
~~Ever your friend,~~

His Excellency George Wolf
~~Henry Buchler, Esquire~~

James Buchanan



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My dear Sir,

I received yours of yesterday this afternoon & immediately addressed a letter to the Governor of which the foregoing is a copy. What may be the effect I do not know. I have not thought it proper to become an active partisan in the present unhappy conflict between His Excellency & Mr. Muhlenberg which is now agulating [sic] the D. Party of Pennsylvania though under all the circumstances I was favorable to the re-nomination & re-election of the former. I hope you may succeed as I am certain you ought.

Ever your friend

Thomas Kittera Esquire

James Buchanan

P.S. I first thought of writing to Mr. Buchler but afterwards determined to go to the fountains head.



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