

Private

Wheatland, near Lancaster 9 Dec 1851

My dear sir,

I have thought of writing to you for some time; but the mass of my correspondence over the Union is now so great, that I cannot keep up with it.

Information from different quarters of the Union, as well as from Washington since the commencement of the Session of Congress, induces me to believe that my prospects are very fair for obtaining the nomination. The only drawback is the divisions in my native State which are however I believe more apparent than real as the 4th March Convention will most probably demonstrate. Under these circumstances I feel naturally anxious to learn the state of public opinion in Union County, & to whom can I refer for this information with greater propriety than to my good friend Col: Eyer.

In other States, they consider the honor of furnishing a President to the Union so great, that the prospect of it heals all divisions in the ranks of the Democracy. In Pennsylvania, however, one of the old thirteen which has never yet furnished a President this circumstance exasperates my enemies & calls forth greater exertions. A line from you in answer to this will be considered a personal favor.

From your friend

Col: Henry C Eyer

Very respectfully

James Buchanan

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