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Dear Sir/

In compliance with my promise & your own suggestion, I have the pleasure of informing you that my father, James Buchanan, was a native of the County Donegal, in the Kingdom of Ireland. He emigrated from that country before the date of the definitive Treaty of peace with Great Britain, having sailed from Londonderry, in the Brig. Providence bound for Philadelphia, on the 4th July 1783. Soon after landing, he made his way to the County of Franklin in the State of Pennsylvania where he ever afterward resided until his death in the month of June 1820, in the 60th year of his age. He came to this country in humble circumstances but with a good English education; and long before his death, he had acquired a competence of the good things of this world. He was highly respected by all who knew him.

I was born in the County of Franklin on the 23rd of April 1791. I am proud that Ireland is the land of my forefathers. Centuries of oppression have not destroyed the manly independence of her national character, nor been able to subdue the brave & generous spirit of her sons. May the day of her emancipation soon dawn!

Yours very respectfully

James Buchanan

W. E. Robinson, Esq.

P.S. I regret that I am unable to procure for you a copy of the message & Documents. Your request came too late.

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