

Private & Confidential

Wheatland, near Lancaster, 11 July 1850

My Dear Sir/

I have observed from the Westmoreland County Papers that my good friend McKinney has succeeded in obtaining the nomination for Congress in that county against an individual who has always opposed me. I confess I should be greatly pleased with his success in the other Counties of the District. I should feel greatly indebted to you for aiding him, if you can do this with propriety. Wm. McKinney is a warm-hearted and true friend & possesses considerable abilities. I have no doubt that my opponents will do all they can to defeat his nomination, & hence I have deemed it proper to request you as one of my most valued friends to give him your powerful assistance, should you be able to do this consistently with your sense of justice to others.

I have heard but little of the Bedford Springs this season & feel uncertain as yet whether I shall visit them or go somewhere else. I prefer them greatly to al other watering places; but it is best occasionally to change. Will you be kind enough to inform me what company are there & whether the place is as agreeable as usual.

I regret very much that you did not call to see me either on your way to Philadelphia or on your return.

From Your Friend  
Very Respectfully  
James Buchanan

William P. Schell Esq.

