

Wheatland, near Lancaster, 17 March, 1853

My Dear Sir.

Yours of the 8th inst requesting me to recommend your appointment as Post master at Aaronsburg was duly received.

It is now a number of years since I adopted the rule of not interfering in appointments to local Post Offices, beyond the limits of my own county. Had I not pursued this course I should have involved myself in difficulties with friends in almost every neighborhood of the State. Besides under a Democratic administration the voice of the Democracy in the vicinity who sustain the Post Office, when fairly expressed, has always had and always will have, a preponderating influence in the appointment of their own Post Master. The interference of a "men outsider" like myself would be little regarded. The appointment of Judge Campbell as Postmaster general renders my interference less necessary than ever. He is perfectly acquainted with our State, and will no doubt make judicious selections and do justice to our friends. But for these reasons, I should most cheerfully comply with your request.

Yours very respectfully
James Buchanan

Mr. A. W. Graff
Aaronsburg, Center County

