

Lancaster 25 November 1839

My dear Sir,

Before the receipt of your letter I had recommended Col. McClure for the vacancy to which you refer. For some months past he has been very steady. I do not entertain the slightest idea, however, that he or any other person not a citizen of the territory will be appointed. It is now almost ready to become a state, & is full of enterprising & talented men many of whom, doubtless, would be anxious for the situation. Under such circumstances it has been an almost invariable practice to select from the Territory. Indeed after the first organization of these Territories strangers have been rarely sent to fill these offices. Mr. Salisbury of Bradford has a powerful recommendation from Harrisburg, & there are several other applicants from different parts of the State. Had you first applied to me it would have afforded me great pleasure to recommend you as it would to serve you in any manner in my power.

Yours very respectfully,

James Buchanan

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