

Philadelphia 23<sup>rd</sup> Novr 47

My dear Sir,

Your kind letter reached me at Lancaster. I was glad to hear that you breathed freely, the obstruction which occurs in blowing strongly is not owing to the existence of a tumor, but to induration [sic] & thickening of the membranes which can readily be removed by caustic.

After writing to you from Lancaster I had several interviews with Champney. The only “sins” which he can urge against you is the support of Cameron & that you are not sufficiently democratic!! He as well as F. say they will sustain you if nominated which they will labour hard to prevent. At this moment they are exercising all their influence with Govr Shenk. Last night Forney had some 50 or 60 of the strongest democrats, upon whose he could rely, at his house – where he read your letter and made a most excellent speech. I was surprised at so strong an organization of your friends in this city the home of Dallas. A few friends like Forney & Genl Klein in this state would make clean work of it. Fordney at Lancaster is not worth his salt; yet after an election, he will be the one to cry the loudest.

I believe that Stambaugh & Judge Lewis will both be your friends when they know your strength out of Pennsylvania.

Yesterday I dined [sic] with Dr Tucker, Dallas[‘] son in Law [sic]. Their friends are industrious but not sanguine; but ardent in their hatred to you.

Commodore Stockton is here boiling over with wrath and indignation against Kearney and Capt Emory. I passed an hour with him, he is more democratic than ever and openly and avowedly your friend. Today he addresses a meeting at Trenton – tomorrow he returns and proceeds direct to Washington as a witness on the Court Martial. He says you will be the first person he will call upon. I trust you will be able to quiet him a little as he is just in that condition when the advice of quarrelsome friends would lead to what he calls “burning a thimbleful of gunpowder”. He says from this day he takes the stump for democracy & for you.

Please accept my thanks for your kind invitation to your hospitable house. I shall remain here for some time, disseating [?]; and pay a short visit to New York. My address is always at Lancaster from whence letter will follow me without delay. I am, very Respectfully

your friend & obedient servant

J. M. Foltz

Hon: James Buchanan  
Secretary of State

