

2 March 48 Dr Foltz [written in different handwriting]

Harrisburg 2nd March
11 oclock P.M.

My dear Sir,

This evening the first caucus of your friends was held in Col. Stambaugh's room – about 30 of the leading and most experienced of the delegates attended. Several propositions were placed before the meeting. One of them was to permit the delegates from each district to name the delegates for the Baltimore convention and to require each delegate to give a written pledge that he would continue to vote for James Buchanan until two thirds of the delegates had resolved to change for some other candidate. This was voted down, and the following resolution unanimously adopted, i.e. a general ticket –

“Resolved” that a committee consisting of one delegate from each Congressional district of this state be appointed to select and report, for the confirmation of this convention, twenty four delegates to represent the Democratic party of Pennsylvania as reflected by the choice of this convention, in the nomination just made, in the democratic national convention to be held in Baltimore on the 4th Monday of May next – and that the same committee shall also report for the consideration of this convention the names of 24 electors to be supported by the democratic party of Penna at the next Presidential election.

There was a strong but determined spirit manifest among all present – They will treat all opposed to your nomination with the greatest consideration and courtesy, but if necessary, they are prepared to put them down by force. Long speeches will be prevented by the previous question, and all questions at once voted down. I believe you will have 100 of the delegates to vote for you. Frazer will endeavor to be troublesome, but they are prepared for him at all points. McCandless was compelled to go on to Pittsburgh- Your friends Plummer, Lynch, Gilmore, or [?] and Stambaugh have so far, in my opinion been the most active men. The last I am a little afraid of but I think he will be sent to B. – as he appears to have gained much influence here.

Tomorrow there will be another meeting and on Saturday they will go into the convention with all the proceedings fully arranged prepared and digested for immediate action.

I have just parted with J. M. Porter & Jesse & Miller to whom I spoke freely in relation to you, but they have no confidence in my politics

Professionally however they are more kind and in the morng [morning] I am to accompany Miller to see Gov Shenk and prescribe for him at the at the Gov's request. After I have somewhat advanced into the Govs acquaintance I will give him a dose of politics, which I think he stands in need of – I am really astonished to learn how many Whigs will support you- The Grubs and Bryans say they will vote for you in preference to Genl. Taylor – Forney is hard at work and so are McKinley and Hutter. I will drop you a note by tomorrow mail should anything important turn up – It is late. I write in a room filled with loud talkers.

If your pain still returns at night do try the pills of Hyoscyamus which I left.

Your obd. [obedient] servant

J. M. Foltz

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