

Harrisburg 3<sup>rd</sup> March '48  
10 o'clock P.M.

My dear Sir,

There has been another large caucus this eve, about 60 delegates attended and great unanimity and good feelings prevailed. It was resolved that a general committee of one from each district be appointed by the President of the convention on tomorrow, who should take charge & regulate all their proceedings. That the delegates from each district nominate to this committee the name of a member to the Baltimore Convention, and if that nomination be not perfectly satisfactory that the general committee shall have power to substitute such a man as may please them, and in whom they may have full confidence- That the general committee may exact any pledge written or otherwise as they may think new per from each delegate, pledging to support J.B. at the Baltimore convention.

David Lynch will be the temporary President of the convention for the purpose of organization and the President will probably be Judge Thompson or Lainly [?].

I believe nearly all the delegates have arrived. Dr. Hull from Lancaster Co. is not yet here. Frazer has brought Eros Miller from Lancaster here to put in Hull['s] place, but he will not be admitted. Stambaugh, Lightner & Curren are all sound and they will elect some good man.

There will be a strong movement tomorrow on the part of the Dallas men, they will nominate they say moderate men, who will not be violent and such men as the convention will not object to although they are Dallas men- yet your friends have resolved that they will not admit any half way friends- they will not admit any moderate men as Dallas['] men call them- They have resolved to have your known and true friends. The convention will meet at 10 o'clock and you will probably know the results by telegraph before this reaches you. I therefore will say but little. Barton is here and the town is crowded. All say the convention is much the largest ever assembled in this place.

I have seen Govr Shank [Schenk?] this morning, he is very ill, but not in any immediate danger- Chronic irritation of the bowels involving the liver- he has been almost purged to death and he is very feeble, confined to his bed. I prescribed for him, commencing with beef tea & nourishments. Mr. Miller carried me there- the Govr is not opposed to you but Miller is- yet the latter will support you after the Convention. Dr. Humes is here trying to get on the electoral ticket- J.M. Porter is here doing all he can against you, but that is but little. Forney has prepared the address and it is by far the best thing he has ever written. Portions of it are beautiful specimens of composition. There will be an effort made to conclude all the business of the convention on tomorrow, but I have not the least idea that they will succeed. Violence has even been threatened from the other side, but that is all nonsense and I have not a doubt but that by tomorrow night, Frazer will be as mild and as harmless as a sucking dove.

With respect your obt. sert, [obedient servant]

J. M. Foltz

