

Barnums  
Friday night

My dear Sir,

I have conversed with a large number of the delegates from all parts of the country. Nearly all have gone on to Washington.

The South to a man have given the choice to the North and Cass, Woodbury and yourself will probably be the only candidates after the first ballot. Should the two thirds rule be adopted of which there is every probability at this time, neither Cass or Woodbury will from present indications be able to secure the necessary number of votes. Mr Woodbury[']s friends tell me that on no account will they vote for Cass and that you will be their second choice. The friends of Cass whom I have conversed with are equally opposed to Woodbury. The result therefore has never been more promising than at this time, provided your friends are industrious and prudent; but there must be no more Harrisburg management.

A strong speech is required in the convention in favour of the claims of Penna. to the Presidency. It should be a resumé [sic] of all the victories in that state of the democratic elections from the time of the first Presidency up to this day. The speech should be statistical and wind up with a demand for a nomination from the keystone state your name should not be mentioned in it, and Judge Thompson would be the best man to deliver it. Forney could do it, but he lives in a whirlwind.

I hope that Kettlewell has been spoken too [sic]— He holds the vote of Maryland in his hands The success of the nomination depends upon the adoption of the two thirds rule and the action of the Penna. delegates.

with great respect  
and esteem your  
old friend & obt sert [obedient servant]  
J. M. Foltz

Hon: J. Buchanan

Written in different handwriting:  
19 May '48 Dr. Foltz

