

Washington 13 August '57

My dear Sir/

I enclose you a letter which I received at the Bedford Springs from Adam Kendig, whom I have well known for many years. On reflection I did not send it, supposing he might have changed his character & conduct; although, whenever I have seen him, he has professed the same friendship for the Democratic party & myself. Having sent for the papers to the Department, I find his original appointment was strongly recommended by yourself & other friends.

There is no letter on file asking for the appointment of Marten; but the following memoranda

“W. Swan says Kendig is an opponent & should be removed.”

“W. Swan Postmaster at Lancaster & Chairman of the Democratic County Committee, called, in person & stated that Kendig is a political opponent & should be removed. He further said that John Marten is a suitable person to appoint.”

Please to return Kendig's letter & inform me how the matter stands. I confess I have had much personal regard for Kendig.

In haste I remain always
Your friend
James Buchanan

H. B. Swarr, Esquire

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