

Wheatland, near Lancaster 29 December 1852

Dear Sir/

I have received your favor of the 21st Instant soliciting my aid to secure the re-appointment of your worthy and respectable father as Navy agent for Boston. This, I regret to say, I cannot give. I am now a private citizen in the interior of Pennsylvania, where I expect to remain; & in this situation I do not think it would be proper for me to interfere in Massachusetts appointments. Indeed I shall interfere but in few cases even in regard to appointment in Pennsylvania. General Pierce is, I doubt not, personally well acquainted with the claims of your father; & any additional aid which he may require ought to come from Massachusetts.

It always pains me to deny any request proceeding from so respectable a source, but I much act toward your father as I have done to all friends residing in remote states.

Yours very respectfully

James Buchanan

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