Dear Sir,

Your note of the 23<sup>rd</sup> Instant requesting an invitation for two of your Kentucky friends to my party was not brought to my notice until this moment. It was mislaid among other papers in the Chief Clerk's room. Had I received it in time, it would have afforded me great pleasure to comply with your request.

Yours very respectfully, James Buchanan

Hon. Mr. Thomasson

P.S. It may have been attended to without my knowledge.

Written on the side of the page: The young gentlemen were John T.[?] Gray Esq. & Mr. Robt [Robert] Ewing. They received tickets and attended. It was a brilliant party –

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