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Private

My dear Sir:

I was informed by Judge Campbell after your departure from the city, (to whom I conveyed the information of my kind manner you had spoken of him to me,) that he had made my application for the clerkship of the Supreme Court, the subject of conversation with you. I stated to you my intention to ask this place of the Judges, and at the time you spoke of Campbell, you must have supposed no disagreement in affections, by my silence, an ignorance of Campbells [sic] conversation with you upon the subject. I wish to say, that I was not aware at the time of any such conversation, or ever of Judge C^s intention to say anything about it. It was an act of friendly consideration on his part, voluntarily rendered.

Let me now say that there is but one obstacle in my way, & that is Mathiots [sic] candidacy. He is a fine fellow for whom I entertain a hearty esteem, but I am sure he cannot get the place if I were out of the contest. My real opponent is Judge Findlay, a most respectable gentleman but an inoperative. The real question is shall Mathiot defeat my appointment by remaining in the field? He is a younger man than I am I should say & better off in the worlds [sic] goods, while my services in the party's cause, if not more efficient have at heart been of much longer duration.

Will it be comfortable with your feelings or your ideas of propriety to see Mr. Mathiot, or to write to Judge Lewis explicitly on the subject? I am satisfied that the Judge entertains a very friendly consideration for me, and is only withheld from an open expression of preference in my behalf by his relations with Mr. Mathiot.

I hope to have the pleasure of hearing from you as may be convenient, since my present position is neither a pleasant or hospitable one.

Ro: Tyler

Hon. James Buchanan
Wheatland

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