

James K. Polk,

President of the United States of America.

To all who shall see these presents Greeting:

Know ye, that reposing special trust and confidence in the patriotism, Integrity and Abilities of James Buchanan of Pennsylvania, I have nominated, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, do appoint him Secretary of State of the United States; and do authorize and empower him to execute and fulfil [sic] the duties of that Office according to law and to have and to hold the said Office with all the powers privileges and emoluments to the same of right appertaining, unto him the said James Buchanan, during the pleasure of the President of the United States for the time being.

In testimony whereof, I have caused these Letters to be made Patent and the seal of the United States to be hereunto affixed. Given under my hand at the City of Washington the sixth day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fiftyfive [sic] and of the Independence of the United Sates of American the sixtyninth [sic]

By the President

James K. Polk

J. C. Calhoun

Secretary of State

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