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I have been intimately acquainted with the bearer hereof, Professor S. S. Haldeman from his boyhood. His father was my valued friend: & we resided in the same neighborhood in Pennsylvania.

Professor Haldeman enjoys a high reputation in the Country as a scientific gentleman & his private character is above all exception. He is about to visit the old world from improvement & I cordially commend him to the kindness & attention of all whom he may meet in his travels.

James Buchanan

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