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To His Excellency Jas. Buchanan

With thanks, in reply to your dispatch of the fourth inst, I regret to state, that my health not fully restored, after a long residence in Africa, will not permit me to accept the Agency in Liberia.

T. J. Bowen

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[On back: Messrs Gurly & Lambert/ Please [?] on the President as soon as possible. President Mettiger]

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