

Wheatland, near Lancaster 25 August 1851.

My dear Sir /

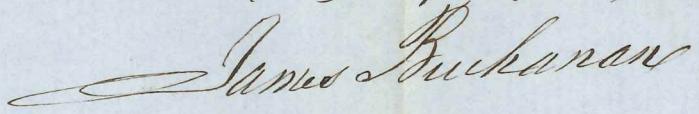
Absence from home has alone prevented me from sooner acknowledging the receipt of your favor of the 20th instant & returning you Mr. Reid's letter.

General Cameron is a tyrant at heart & is so selfish that he will never befriend any independent man who refuses to become his instrument. As a politician he is now "on his last legs", confided in by none & distrusted by all. I most deeply regret that you should have been made the victim of his vengeance; I trust, as it often happens in life, that this disappointment may eventuate in ultimate good to yourself.

I should write at greater length, but for the accumulation of letters during my absence.

from your friend

very respectfully

James Buchanan

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