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Caledonia Der. 19, 1860

Dear Sir

I had expected to be back before this—But a touch of rheumatism made me halt, expecting Car adjournment for the holidays—If that is not likely to take place please inform me (to Grafenburg); and I shall then return—If likely to take place soon I will stay till New Years—I do not care to be present while the process of humiliation is going on— Buchanan is a very traitor

[Yours] Thaddeus Stevens

Ed. McPherson [Esq]