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My dear Robt. - I had no time to answer yours of the 18<sup>th</sup> ult. before I went to Washington, and, being sick, not wishing there, and not since until to-day. - I met Mr. Buchanan and he was very kind and confidential. He heard all and his visit did good. He saw that I was right about the error of some of his proclivities to men. Indiana settled the Bright & Wright contest - Bright & Fitch were recommended for the Senate, Wright for some high appoint. - The conflicts, however, multiplied on various points and he himself became satisfied that time was a precious element in the formation of his Cabinet. The last moment might suggest the best ideas, and he wisely held every conclusion in abeyance and will hold all sub judice until the very latest period. He, therefore, has determined upon no one man for any one place. This is as I desired, and he found that it will not do to listen only to the Fairney clique. This is about all I can say. They pressed Hunter on him & for me to go into the Senate. The latter idea I repelled, the former I made no objection to & would

lent if that be done. Floyd  
his friends will be im-  
placable. I have given my  
advice fully & freely &  
will now abide the result.  
As to yourself - keep on course  
- Be friendly with Glatney  
Jones. Make us wear our  
Hornet. Mr. Buchanan is  
very kind towards you,  
but he is evidently restrained  
or constrained by a Forney  
antagonism. He regrets you  
openly opposed Forney.  
Keep still. I saw John  
He has written another  
very able essay which  
he showed me. Caution  
him to put a restraint  
on himself & he will  
attain an enviable position.  
I am now very unwell  
I must cut short

Your truly  
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