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My dear Sir

Mr. Dawson, the
Firm Pennsylvania, came
to see me yesterday & said
they were all prepared
to move for you if
I said so. But clearly
it is premature to do so
— actually — & it would
only occasion jealousy
in certain quarters. All
the good tonic.

Now you have a
very fine one only to
show. The edging suit
a little. I will sample
unwillingly. I have seen they
rested here beyond
question, if a hundred
in suit without the

Money clause - I think
North & South. I see no
difficulty in their State
to see or you are concerned
provided Mr. Buchanan
will come I stand corrected
The only really hostile clause
to you is the Foreign clause
I that we intended driving
out of the Party.

I need not contest
from the Herald. Please
be much in it. See the
Reynolds case of the
Day as an evidence of
opinion in this matter.
I gave you my opinion
of your messages in
the Saturday Evening
for some reason or
other my brother John
has got a little word
about you. But I

will put him right.
I wrote him a strong
letter the yesterday in
which I assured him
I intended to visit me
in America with you. He
has an idea that I
had promised him nothing,
which is not the fact
as I considered it
accepting you friend

J. D. Tyler

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Phil. Dec. 14, 57

My dear Sir:

Mr. Anderson, the editor of the Pennsylvanian, came to see me yesterday & said they were all prepared to move for you if I said so. But clearly it is premature to do so actively & it would only occasion jealousy in certain quarters. All in good time.

Now you have in my opinion only to stand still, edging

Buchanan Messages and Papers of the President, Vol. V. pp. 450-454.

seen?

South a little. Judge Douglas' remarkable "faux pas" has destroyed him beyond question if a Constitution is sent without the slavery clause estranging North & South. I see no difficulty in this State as far as you are concerned provided Mr. Buchanan will now stand neutral. The only real hostile element to you is this Forney element & that we intend driving out of the party.

I send an article from the Herald. There is much in it. See the Pennsylvanian of today as an index of opinion in this State. I gave you my opinion of your messages in Saturday's Pennsylvanian.

For some reason or other my brother, John, has got a little weak about you. But I will put him right. I wrote him a strong letter yesterday in which I assured him I intended to sink or swim with you. He has an idea that I have been neglected which is not the fact as I consider it.

Respectfully yr. friend,

Rob. Tyler

Gov. Wise.

A letter of ex-President Tyler at this time sets forth with marked ability the Administration point of view and indicated his cordial support of the President in his difficult situation.

Sherwood Forest, Dec. 14, 1857

My dear Robert:

The article on the subject of Kansas from the Pennsylvanian is very able. I presume it is from your pen. Douglas, I see, has taken ground against the Lecompton Convention, and yet nothing is plainer than that. by his own admission, the convention was the creature of the popular will, as far as the voting class could make it so, and that is the only standard to which we can refer. If the anarchists did not choose to vote, that was their own affair. Perhaps a submission of the entire constitution would have been desirable; but no man can say but that the only point of dispute was the slavery clause, and that being submitted would seem to settle the only point in dispute. What if the slavery matter did not exist in the case? Could the failure to submit the constitution to the people form a sufficient ground for rejection in opposition to all the early precedents? Admitting that the constitution as presented is a mere petition, as contended for, because of the absence of the prior authority of Congress, the only question which can arise is, is the petition reasonable and ought its prayer to be granted? And this is decided by the amount of Federal numbers in Kansas, and the inquiry whether the constitution be republican in character. It is idle to look behind these questions into the enquiry

Tyler to Buchanan, Philadelphia, December 16, 1857 H.S.P.
Tyler, Lyon G., Letters and Times of the Tylers, Vol. II. p. 541
Wise to Buchanan, Richmond, December 16, 1857--warns Buchanan not to trust Banks of Virginia in regard to printing patronage.
H.S.P.