

Duplicate) Bristol, Bucks, Co. Pa.

Gentlemen.

I regret that other engagements deny me the pleasure of being present on the occasion of your proposed celebration of the appearance of the South of July in Independence Square and I can only return you my best thanks for your kind invitation. Your meeting will occur under circumstances of peculiar propriety both as regards Time & Place. There is no National Party in the country except the National Democratic Party. If some that the Fundamental Law of the Union have become insupportable to all other political organizations. It would really appear even that a majority of the People of the U. States had become dissatisfied with our plan of Government. It is quite certain that immense masses of our yellow-skinned are bent on converting the Government into a National & Social Democracy by frustrating the laws of the land & the plainest principles of the Constitution & by repudiating all national sentiment as unworthy modern Statesmanship. In the midst of such a dreadful confusion & perversion of principle, the Democratic Party alone, in its faith & acts, bears the true badge of Nationality.

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proposed meeting.

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had to struggle, in its first year,
with the painful effects of a sudden
& overwhelming financial & business
recession in the Country, for which
of course, it cannot be held in any
way responsible. It has also been
obliged to assume & defend certain
political issues in a manner to
affect in some degree the integrity
of our Party. But the worst, in
these respects, has happily passed
without any serious ill consequences
to the Present & Future and for
of encouragement. The National
question has been happily
& adjusted on a principle which
has rejected all rebellion

respecting & proceeding in the Territory
 & compelled a peaceful & united People
 to enact their resolve of God, not in
 unreasonable contempt of, but in strict
 subordination to, the Laws & Authority
 of the U States. The Utah revolt
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 of the Govt fully restored in that
 Territory, without bloodshed & the
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may make upon him.

Very Respectfully
Yours
D. H. [unclear]

Philadelphia

Letter of Do. Tyler
to the 4th July Comtee
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ation, sang the changes or the triumphs of the administration and Robert Tyler reviewed in like happy strain its successes in a public letter to the Democratic brethren of Philadelphia on July 4th.

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I cannot close without adverting for a moment to the distinguished success which has attended the National Admn. so far in the conduct of public affairs. It is true the Admn. has had to struggle in its first year with the painful effects of a sudden and overwhelming financial and business revulsion for which it cannot be held in any way responsible. It has also been obliged to assume and defend certain political issues in a manner to affect in some degree the integrity of our Party. But the worst in these respects has happily passed without any serious ill consequences and the present and future are full of encouragement. The Kansas question has been happily localized and adjusted on a principle that has subjugated all rebellious associations and proceedings in the territories and compelled a peaceful and united people to enact their resolves of govt., not in treasonable contempt of, but in strict subordination to, the laws and authority of the United States. The Utah revolt has been quelled, and the lost power of the Govt. fully restored in that Territory without bloodshed and the atrocious.....of Mormonism, it is hoped, will be driven out of the U. States. The Posts of the Republic have been closed against fillibustering expeditions to Central

America, while the strong hand of the govt. is busily and effectively engaged in securing and consolidating American interests in that quarter. And last, tho not least, the British Govt., through its recognized organs of their Cabinet and the Parliament, has distinctly affirmed the American principle on the disputed subject of visit and search and has promptly made amplest reparation in all cases.....

.....of Washington in 1842 is now satisfied and confirmed by open Parliamentary and diplomatic declarations, so that this vexed issue between the two govts. may now be regarded as distinctly and finally settled. In all this we have just cause for pleasure....and triumph. Before us too, are questions in connection with Mexico, Cuba, and Central America whose national importance can hardly be measured----questions in the presence of which the narrow disputes of domestic factions ought not to be able to command a moment's attention in their miserable insignificance. I have no doubt that the great patriot and statesman at the head of the govt. will prove himself fully equal to all the demands which the Power, the Honor, and the Commerce of this nation may make upon him.

Very respectfully
Yr. friend, etc.
Robt. Tyler

The summer of 1858 was a difficult time for Buchanan's friends and allies in Pennsylvania and the north. Tyler stood manfully by the guns. Indeed, he wrote Buchanan that only his regard for his father exceeded his respect for Buchanan. Mayor Vaux complained of the lack of party discipline and of the outcry of the Forney clique. Forney, it will be remembered, was now bitterly fighting Buchanan and Tyler through the columns of his "Press" which he had set up in Philadelphia a few months before, and which, due to his course in the Kansas question now had to live without any government printing. In May Tyler wrote that the party's troubles in Philadelphia were not due to national politics. In June Thomas Tyler wrote Wise a very frank letter which gave a clear picture of the political aspects of the governor's attitude in the Kansas question.