

spirit which unites them in sending forth the sword of the spirit, all the powers of the world dare not, though united, unheath the accursed sword of war and destruction.

Your gift of the sword obtained by your son has called forth these reflections, and raised feelings I did not anticipate. Permit me to add, sir, that I accept it with sentiments of sincere respect, and beg to assure you, that I regard the compliment the more highly as coming from a gentleman to me a perfect stranger.

I remain your obedient and faithful servant,

JAMES BUCHANAN.

To ALBERT VEDDER, Esq.

The following letter from Ex-Chancellor Kent, will be regarded by all as a testimonial of no ordinary value

NEW YORK, March 31, 1843.

MY DEAR SIR:—I signed, with great pleasure, an address to you engrossed on parchment, and which was shown to me at the Custom House. But this is not enough for me, and I cannot deny myself the pleasure, of writing a personal and private line to you, to assure you of my great respect and esteem, and of my regret, that this city is soon to lose the pleasure and benefit of your society.

Your conduct, while Consul in this city, has been so full of urbanity and kindness, so conciliatory to the interests and feeling of the two Nations, and so distinguished for moderation, integrity, candor and christian charity, zeal and benevolence, that my attachment and affections have been warmly exerted in your favor.

I hope the evening of your life may be serene and happy, and I shall always think of you with the tenderest regard. Mrs. Kent joins me in the sincerest respect and regard to Mrs. Buchanan, and in the strongest wishes for your welfare.

Yours truly and affectionately,

JAMES KENT.

JAMES BUCHANAN, Esq.

1ST APRIL, 1843.

Never in the course of my life, my dearly esteemed and venerable friend, did I feel more anxious to find suitable words to express the feelings of my heart and of my aged wife, for such a testimonial as your note received this day conveys. It is regarded as a truly valuable document to be handed down to my latest posterity—as one, which all who have the happiness and honor of knowing you, will bear testimony, such could not be acquired by money nor obtained by solicitation.

I bless God, that in his providence, I became known to you, as one whom all men feel honored in knowing, and that I should have so conducted myself as to be so highly favored by your approval, while without any affected humility, I feel I come far, far short of the estimate by which you have viewed my actions. I shall conclude this effort to convey the grateful feelings of my heart, in which I am joined by my wife, praying that you and your estimable lady, may be blessed with all that is essential to your present and eternal happiness. With all my family deeply impressed with esteem and gratitude,

I remain, my dear Sir, your sincerely devoted friend,

JAMES BUCHANAN.

To Chancellor KENT.

The following is the address from the Irish Catholic residents of New York:—

To JAMES BUCHANAN, ESQ.—SIR—Having been informed that the British Government has acceded to your request, and permitted you to retire from the Consulate of this city, the duties annexed to which responsible office you have discharged for a long series of years, with not less fidelity to the government of which you have approved yourself so efficient a representative, than with entire satisfaction to the constituted authorities of this country, renders your retirement a suitable occasion to convey to you an expression of feeling on the part of the Irish residents in this city, to a fellow countryman who has never forgotten the land of his birth, and ever manifested a considerate sympathy for the exiles from Erin in this country, when they had wrongs to redress, or necessities that required relief.

It is, sir, not less gratifying to our feelings to render acceptable to you this unsolicited testimony of regret at your approaching departure from amongst us, than we trust it shall be to your own, to carry with you to your place of retirement an assurance of our most cordial wishes, that the remaining years of your life may be passed in unruffled tranquillity, in that calm and peaceful serenity which a consciousness of the zealous discharge of duty should ever insure to the man who has so well performed his allotted part during a long career of public usefulness.