Uxbridge 21 February 1857.

My dear Sir,

It affords me great satisfaction to tender you an appointment in my cabinet. This was almost certainly to be that of Secretary of War, though I cannot at the present moment state with absolute certainty positively on this point. I trust it hopes you may be willing to accept it; if so, you will oblige me by announcing to Washington with as little delay as possible. I need not specify the principles which the administration shall be conducted, these may be found in the resolutions of the Senate Convention to ally enforced by yourself throughout the late President's canvass.

Yours respectfully,

John B. Floyd

James Buchanan