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Lexington Ky July 15 1856
Dear Sir

I have recd your letter of the 25th ult, in which you refer to some correspondence between us in 1854, when you desired some office in the meet, and when, as you quote my words, I expressed a willingness to take you, if I could do so consistently with obligations to others. And you now wish a pledge from me to assist you in obtaining some diplomatic appointment, in consideration of your expending your time and talents in the present cause.

I would have been happy to promote your wishes in 1854 — but in my opinion it would not be proper for me to give the pledge you desire, and I am quite sure that upon reflection, you will come to the same conclusion. I am very clear that it would be highly improper for me, under any circumstances, to take under pledge of this character, (even if I had the power to receive them) while I am a candidate for office; but I do not mean to intimate that you regard your suggestion as improper.

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Yours very Respectfully
John C. Breckinridge

J. C. Bruchman
V. President
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