

James Buchanan to Andrew Jackson, September 21, 1826, from Correspondence of Andrew Jackson. Edited by John Spencer Bassett.

JAMES BUCHANAN TO JACKSON.

Lancaster, September 21, 1826.

. . . . There was a most artful and powerful effort made against you in this State during the last Spring. They did not dare to attack you personally; but levelled all their artillery against Mr. Calhoun, Mr. Randolph, Mr. M'Duffie etc. but principally against the former; and they endeavored to make you answerable for his political offences, as presiding officer of the Senate. They have succeeded, to a considerable extent, in injuring the popularity of Mr. Calhoun; but their arrows have fallen harmless at your feet. Your popularity throughout the State of Pennsylvania is fixed upon sure foundations which your enemies have not nor ever will be able to shake.¹

¹ This patent effort to identify, in Jackson's mind, the causes of Jackson and Calhoun did not succeed. In his reply, Oct. 15, 1826 (see *Works of James Buchanan*, 1. 218), Jackson was very non-committal with respect to Calhoun.

Our society in this City has had a most agreeable addition in Mr. Cheves² and his family. He has purchased a farm within a mile of Lancaster and has taken up his residence amongst us with an intention, as he says, of laying his bones here. His sterling good sense and his agreeable manners have already made him a great favorite. Although he has been and still, I believe, is upon terms of personal friendship with Mr. Clay; yet he disapproves highly of his recent political course and does not hesitate upon all proper occasions to express his opinion. . . .

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2 Langdon Cheves of South Carolina, M. C. 1811–1815, president of the United States Bank 1819–1822, removed from Philadelphia to Lancaster in 1826, but in 1829 returned to South Carolina.