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Dear Wool

The Columbia brought me your letter as also both a Lamar's joint epistle, the former announcing officially that you were to be the first of the four off the back door list. I can congratulate you sincerely for I take Longstreet very much, & have a good enough opinion of her to believe that she can content herself with for less than she has been accustomed to. There is spice enough in her to keep you alive when a lower specimen of femality would have suffered you to subside into fogyism. I have written her by this mail, and beg you to apologize for a yellow envelope, the custom house affording no more suitable covering for this sort of correspondence, which in fact made Sam positively did not contain plate. To-day is the fatal one for the Whig office holders and I suppose there are long faces enough in Washington, but I do not anticipate so sudden an outburst for myself as old Adams indulged in when he went away. Still less that he will be reinstated & it may be that my friends may succeed in keeping me in. There will be a strong Anti influence exerted I think. However be the result as it may I shall not disquiet myself and if the mud mines in eastern Oregon turn out as

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