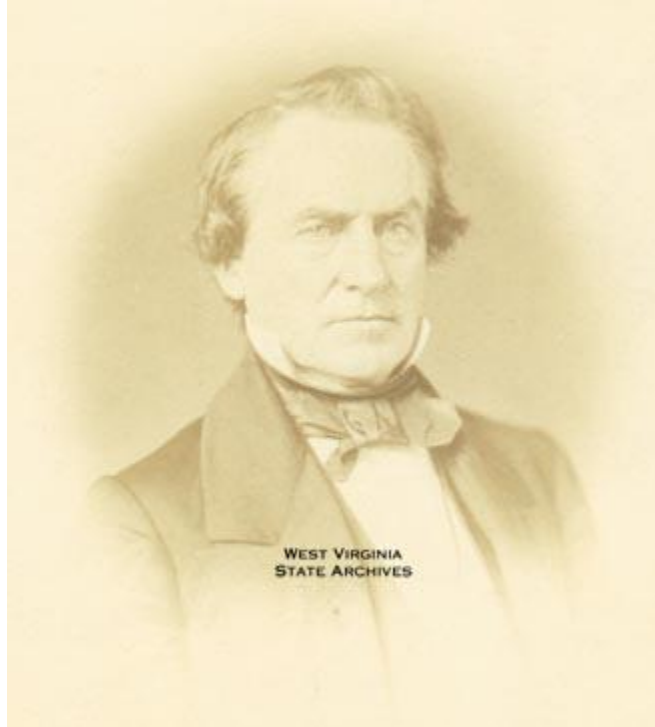


ON THIS DAY IN WEST VIRGINIA HISTORY JANUARY 10



On January 10, 1859, President James Buchanan appointed Democrat Charles Faulkner of Berkeley County as American Minister to France. Faulkner had been recently defeated in the election to retain his seat in the United States House of Representatives.

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Investigate the Document: (Carter/Faulkner Family Collection, Ms2008-100)

1. What (3) specific qualities does President Buchanan state in his letter that he believes Charles Faulkner possessed?
2. Does President Buchanan specify the exact date in which he was writing his letter to Buchanan? If so, cite the specific text from the letter in which he does.

Think Critically: (1) James Buchanan is often considered to be one of the weakest Presidents in U.S. history. Gather information on his presidency, as well as the Dred Scott Ruling, position on slavery and secession. Provide YOUR OWN thesis of his legacy based on your findings. **(2)** Using Faulkner's obituary, what was he arrested for, upon his return to the United States? Is there enough information provided to make a legitimate determination of his guilt? If not, what further information would help you verify his claim that he was treated 'wrong' by the Federal government?

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James Buchanan
President of the United States of America,
To Charles J. Faulkner of Virginia, Acting.

Reposing special trust and confidence in your Integrity, Prudence and Ability, I have nominated and by and with the advice and Consent of the Senate, do appoint you Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to France, Authorizing you, hereby, to do and perform all such matters and things, as to the said place or Office doth appertain, or as may be duly given you in charge hereafter, and the said Office to hold and exercise during the pleasure of the President of the United States for the time being.



In Testimony Whereof, I have
Caused the Seal of the United
States to be hereunto affixed.

Given under my hand, at the City of Washing-
ton, the Sixteenth day of January in the
year of Our Lord one thousand eight
hundred and Sixty, and of the Indepen-
dence of the United States of America
the Eighty-four.

James Buchanan

By the President

Lewis Cass. Secretary of State.