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It might be well to make a little publication of This kind in the Lancaster Intelligencer, saying nothing about this Excellency.

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Your friend

James L. Regnolds Ey Sumes Suchanan

Clarendon Hotel, Bond Street London, Monday evening 22 August 1853

My dear Sir/

I had intended to spend tomorrow morning in writing letters to my friends by Wednesday's steamer; but I have been summoned to Osborne, in the Isle of Wight to be presented to Her Majesty tomorrow at 2 O'Clock; & Mr. Ingersoll & myself will leave here tomorrow morning at 7, he to have his audience of Leave & I to be presented. On Wednesday, I shall take possession of the Legation, Deo volente. Ingersoll has behaved extremely well.

Every body is now out of Town; & by this they mean the nobility & gentry. It is an ill wind however, that blows nobody good; & this is the very best season to obtain a furnished house, at what they call here a moderate rent. I think I shall be well accommodated; & I am anxious to get into my own house as soon as possible.

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There are a number of Americans here; but they are rapidly taking their flight across the Atlantic, I dined yesterday at Richmond with Slidell, Robb of N. Orleans & Ward of Boston for many years a resident of this City. We visited Hampton Court six miles beyond on the Thames, - the magnificent palace for that age, erected by Cardinal Wolsey & the favorite residence of William the 3d, - the last King of England. The grounds are extensive & fine. The rooms are now appropriated to decayed ladies of quality. The Marchioness of Wellesly occupies a suite of them,

The best mode of directing letters & newspapers & documents to me is to direct them to me at London, care of the U. S. Despatch Agent at New York & pre pay them at the common rate of Postage to that City. Thus; His Excellency James Buchanan, Minister of the U. States at London, care of the U. S. Despatch Agent, New York.- Or Bos Or U. S. Despatch Agent at Boston, as the case may be. He will then put them in the Despatch Bag which is sent by every Steamer.

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Miss Wilcox is a very nice & pretty girl & has made a favorable impression. There is no truth in the rumor about her & Mr. Peabody. He is 58 years of age & gouty or rheumatic at that; but is a fine looking man & I should judge and excellent fellow.

I remember Wheatland & Lancaster with deep regret; but shall endeavor to lose this feeling as soon as possible for my own comfort.

Please to remember me, in the kindest terms, to Kate & your other sisters, to Harriet, should she still be in Lanca at Wheatland,- to Miss Hilly & to Col: Lane & believe me always to be sincerely & respectfully,

Your friend James Buchanan

James L. Reynolds, Esq.

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#### My dear Sir/

We are all hands busy in moving the Legation today; & in the midst of noise & confusion, I address you a few lines to let my friends know that I am still in the land of the living & thank God in the enjoyment of good health. The daily duties of the mission are laborious; & besides these, I am now hard at it with Lord Clarendon. I have never met any person with whom it was more pleasant to transact business; but what may be the end of our conferences, I cannot yet predict.

I attended the great show dinner of the Lord Mayor on Wednesday evening last: & certainly was treated with great consideration, more especially by the Lord Chancellor & Lord Chief Justice Campbell,

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clad ridiculously enough in their appropriate robes with immense, unbecoming wigs. The Lord Chancellor complimented both my Country & myself very highly in his speech; but they do not report the speeches delivered by him on such occasions.

What was probably significant is the remarks of Lord Palmerston, now considered the first man in England. They are not well reported in the Times, a copy of which I now send you; but in his own paper, the Post, they are fully reported. Heretofore, he has been considered rather unfriendly to our Country,

I have been much disappointed, in not having received from any of you a notice of the Lancaster County election. I doubt the policy very much of your having united with the Wooly heads in supporting Mr. Boughter. With all my heart, I desired to see him elected, on account of my personal regard for

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the man, but I dislike the principle. I presume you are now all on billing & cooing terms with the war horse, judging from the Lancaster Examiner; but I do not understand how Brawley ran so far behind, if he played fair.

I am getting more & more reconciled to my situation here; though my heart is still with you all in Lancaster. When I see the difficulties & strife in the party at home, I sometimes felicitate myself that I am removed from the scene.

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Then first as reguards business;- I as entirely satisfied with your purchase of the Camden & Amboy Bond & consider it a perfectly safe security. Indeed, I entertain full confidence that Eskridge & yourself will do quite as well for me as I could

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do for myself. What I desire, during my absence is <u>safe</u> not speculative investments. My calculation is that I shall get along with my outfit & salary for the first year & that I shall have, during the second, to draw upon you for a considerable sum.

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among the "Big Wigs" is 8 O'clock & for parties about 11. This was not the fashion of my neighbours Johnny Baer, Mr. Herr or of myself. The Duke of Somerset is 80 years of age & in feeble health. In a note from the Duchess inviting me to dinner for to day she makes many me an apology for dining at an earlier hour 1/2 past 6 & says, "The Dear Duke's delicate state of health obliges us to dine at that early hour"!

When you pass the Magic line which hedges in the higher classes of Society in this Country, you find simple & unpretending manners without the slightest affectation of airs & grace. Thus far I have been very kindly treated by them & have not dined at a single table house with one exception, to which where the post of honor hat not been assigned to me of leading the lady of the Mansion to table: & with this exception, no other foreign minister has been present. If

there had been, they could not thus have distinguished me because being the latest comer, I am the lowest in rank of the same grade.

All this may change, should I have serious difficulties about my Court dress. These I do not now anticipate, though I am not yet out of the woods. I begin to be attached to the Circular. It is surely not becoming in the Representative of a Republican to wear a coat stiff

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with gold lace & embroidery, not to speak of other ridiculous & grotesque appendages. Besides, thank Heaven! he could not wear have his coat emblazoned with the Stars & orders of the Representatives of Royalty, & as for diamonds, but few American Ministers could afford to wear them unless hired for the occasion. My absence from the opening of Parliament has unexpectedly to myself brought out the English Press generally in favor of my conduct & not one of them so far as I know, against it: & I have had great difficulty in preventing the incident from being brought before the House of Commons. Still if I had time & space to explain all the antecedents to you, it would appear pretty clearly, that the printed Circular which was doubtless sent by the Master of Ceremonies to all the other Ministers could not have been intended as an indignity to my Country & or myself: & I trust this view of the matter will be taken in the United States. It is not my purpose to wear a black coat & pantaloons with a white waistooat & Cravat at Court; because this being the precise dress of the Court Servants, it would render me ridiculous, besides as well as offensive. My purpose is to wear a plain blue coat just such as I wore in Lancaster except the color, & as they are desirous I should have some badge about me of my official character, I may, instead of plain gilt buttons wear a common United States button with the impression of the Eagle.

I have not time before the closing of the Despatch Bag to write you more; though I have much more to say. Remember me most kindly to all our particular friends. With my best regards to your sisters,

I remain as ever yr friend, James Buchanan

## James L. Reynolds Esq

P. S. I should be sorry to learn that our friend Sanderson had taken charge of the Pennsylvanian on any other terms than of a fixed salary well secured. Pecuniarily it is far from being prosperous.

U.S. Legaliono, London 2 May 1854. ells de ar Sir / Some week or len daze ago, I received the enclosed letter from J. J. Fox Alden of Ittsburg, with the enclosed Bile which will Sufficiently explain themselves. I also, send you a copy of my answer to M. Fox, - logether with a copy of a letter to M. Hamilton. I disine that zin should have the. whole matter before your I do the best you can to Secure the debt enter in whole or in part. I am somewhat disappointed in not having heard from Eshude or yourself since the first of April. We have our letters & papers from New York the widnesday 19 th Afine.

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U.S. Legations, London 2 May 1854.

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Poor Mathiots death, I cannot get over. I think of him every day.

I cannot imagine how the report came to prevail in the United States that I had made a Treaty with the British Government concerning our neutral rights. No such thing ever was attempted; but perhaps I may say I was chiefly instrumental in getting them to adopt the principle "free ships, free goods". They did it with

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great reluctance & hesitation. It is a curious fact, that whilst the Supreme Court of the United States have followed the British Admiralty Courts & decided that under the law of nations\* a belligerent has the right to capture the goods of his enemy on board the vessel of a friend our Executive Government have always been opposed to this principle & have been endeavoring to establish "free ships free goods". The law of nations is construed differently by Russia, France, Prussia., Sweden, Denmark, Holland., Belgium &c &c. Quere- Suppose the United States were at war, could the President do what Queen Victoria has done & relax the law of nations as decided by Courts in favor of neutrals? Without an Act of Congress, could the President prohibit our Cruisers & Privateers from capturing the goods of an enemy on the vessel of a friend?

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I have expressed no opinion to any person on the Nebraska Bill. I have thought that in a foreign land & with a desire to part from public life in peace with all my friends, I might be justified in my silence.

Please to remember me in the kindest terms to Sanderson, Swar, Eskridge, alas! that I cannot say Marthiot. Remember me affectionately to Kate & your sister & believe me always to be

Sincerely yr. friend James Buchanan

Jas. L. Reynolds Esq

Legation of The United States.

London 4 September 1854.

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Co, that we have arrived safely.

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The sums mentioned by you as not having been included in the statement sent by Eshreage to me, I find, are accombined in it.

I wrote to Espreage by the last Sleamer & informed him that I desired the sale of the property which I purchased for brother Edward.

In regard to the Lucenda estate, I thought I had written you fully in my letter of the 14. July though I have relained no copy. I shall do nothing we this
on violate the wishes
matter which can prejudice the interest of the children of my friend. M. Evans may, therefore, remain for another year. Ly months before its lermination, God willing, I Shall be at home & then we can make some find an argument satisfactors to all purties in regard to the property. I have a good openion of it. you may inform ell. Evans, to use your own languages that the present arrangement is to continue for another year I am glad that you are having a business like Statement made of the lands sold by ell Evans Vite. I shall set out lomorrow with Mus Harriet on a flying visit to Scotland accompanied by M. Malac Gregor M. I for Glaszow & of the Rendred of Rob Roy. I have been much confinia during the part year; & thought

I would have this month to myself I be able to spend Some line at the By Houres" of the nobelity of gently we North Brelain; but the administration have thought proper to send Col: Sichles to Paris & Madred whom the purest well Goose Chase that can be unagened. I save him permission to so home on his own private basiness; I not for any public Object whatevar. I do not intena to be alsont longa than until Salurday week, - + not that long should we mid elv. I ell. Gelpen at Glaszow who would lake Harried in Tow. It is a matter wholly immalined to me whether the House at Whealland be printed this bulume or neyl Spring. after consulting elless Heth, adopt the one course on the other as may be deemed best. I desire that her wishes Should be consulted as she will have the responsibility of Seeing that the work is will done. Most heartily do I wish Kale health, prosperity & happenis in her marriage with all. Lander. He has Secured a prize LI but he may prove himself worthy

of to. I am hule glad to learn from you that he is so far as you know uney capilconaste & have no doubt will desure her happenes. Please to remember me to her in the Kindest manner & sive my best regards to your sisters & Samuels. I am song to learn that a bound when is to be selled for Lancaster County. They were prove to be a new hook for the whis barre after it had begun to face un pieces. I have much to do to day preparatory to my departure of must, therefore, cut my letter shows. Mean to remember me to Eshrede, Sandaron, Swan, 14. M. Reigant Kauty & ale the next & believe mo to be always but your friend. James Suchairaup James L Regnolds Eg

Legation of the United States. London 4 September 1854

My dear Sir/

I have received from Messrs Gaw, Macalester & Co a Bill for £400 Sterling, drawn by Messrs Bevins & Bowen on Messrs Brown, Shipley & Co. Liverpool, at 60 days after sight, For this I thank you, & believe it will be sufficient to carry me to the end of the two years when added to my other resources. Perhaps you had better inform Messrs Gaw & Macalester & Co. that it has arrived safely.

I have received your favor of the 21st. ultimo. The sums mentioned by you as not having been included in the Statement sent by Eskridge to me, I find, are all embraced in it.

I wrote to Eskridge by the last Steamer & informed him that I desired the sale of the property which I purchased for brother Edward.

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In regard to the Lucinda estate, I thought I had written you fully in my letter of the 14th. July, though I have retained no copy. I shall do nothing in this matter which can prejudice the interest or violate the wishes of the children of my friend. Mrs. Evans, may, therefore, remain for another year. Six months before its termination, God willing, I shall be at home & then we can make some final arrangement satisfactory to all parties in regard to the property. I have a good opinion of it. You may inform Mr. Evans, to use your own language that "the present arrangement is to continue for another year"

I am glad that you are having a business like Statement made of the lands sold by Mr. Evans & &c.

I shall set out tomorrow with Miss Harriet on a flying visit to Scotland accompanied by Mr. MacGregor M. P for Glasgow & of the Kindred of Rob Roy. I have been much confined during the past year; & thought

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I would have this month to myself & be able to spend some time at the "Big Houses" of the nobility.& gentry in North Britain; but the administration have thought proper to send Col: Sickles to Paris & Madrid upon the purest wild Goose chase that can be imagined. I gave him permission to go home on his own pressing private business; & not for any public object whatever. I do not intend to be absent longer than until Saturday week,- & not that long should we meet Mr. & Mrs. Gilpin at Glasgow who would take Harriet in tow.

It is a matter wholly immaterial to me whether the House at Wheatland be painted this Autumn or next Spring. After consulting Miss Hetty, adopt the one course or the other as may be deemed best. I desire that her wishes should be consulted as she will have the responsibility of seeing that the work is well done.

Most heartily do I wish Kate health, prosperity & happiness in her marriage with Mr. Landis. He has secured a prize & I trust he may prove himself worthy

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of it. I am truly glad to learn from you that he is so far as you know unexceptionable & have no doubt will secure her happiness. Please to remember me to her in the kindest manner & give my best regards to your sisters & Samuel.

I am sorry to learn that a County ticket is to be settled for Lancaster County. This will prove to be a new hoop for the Whig barrel after it had begun to fall in pieces.

I have much to do to day preparatory to my departure & must, therefore, cut my letter short.

Please to remember me to Eskridge, Sanderson, Swar, H. M. Reigart, Kantz & all the rest & believe me to be always truly your friend.

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Legation of the United States, London 9 March 1855

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"Long looked for come at last" - Yours <u>without date</u> received by the last Steamer was a welcome stranger. And although I have but little time to answer it to day; yet I must not deny it the welcome due to a stranger. I sincerely hope that your anticipations may have been verified by the result & that I may receive by the next Steamer the agreeable news that Cameron has been defeated. I still, however, doubt.

I do not participate in your opinion concerning the Know Nothings. It is impossible that such an organization can long maintain its ascendancy in our free & happy Country. It may

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I have not seen the new Diplomatic & Consular Law; but from what Mr. Appleton tells me of it, I shall be worse by just \$1000 under it than I wuld have been under the old. This arises from the fact that it will not go into operation until the first of July, & for the quarter between that day & the first of Octobers I shall have to pay out of my pocket the contingent expenses of the Mission amounting for the quarter to \$750, whilst deprived of the infit equal to three months salary.

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I would thank you, therefore, on or before the first day of May, to deposit to my credit with Messrs Riggs & Co of Washington City & immediately inform me of it the sum of \$1000. This will be more convenient both for you & myself than to purchase another Bill. I can draw upon them from London & I have already some money in their hands.

I desire to make an inquiry of you, in the strictest confidence, Is there any thing wrong with Eskridge? It is so very long since I have heard from him, that I have become quite uneasy: & upon inquiry I find that his sister has not heard from him since by a letter dated in January.

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