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Wheatlands, near Lancaster 5 May 1852

My dear James,

I have received your favor of the 3<sup>rd</sup>.  
Instant & shall anxiously look for the report of your  
standing at the late quarterly examinations. I trust & hope  
it may prove better than the last.

You inform me of the ~~small~~ class meeting recently held;  
but not of the result so far as regards yourself. I should be  
glad to learn that you stood well on the balloting of your class.  
The standing of a student with his class is generally a good  
criterion of his scientific & literary character.

Your next vacation will commence on the last Wednesday  
in June & terminate on the 8<sup>th</sup> August. If you could pass this  
period at Wheatlands, as the season of the year is warm, & apply  
yourself here even moderately to useful study, I should prefer it;  
but still if you know of any healthy place where you could  
take regular lessons on elocution under a capable master, I would  
be willing you should avail yourself of the opportunity which  
the vacation affords. If a student passes a long vacation in  
idleness, his mind loses its tension, his ideas become depopulated  
& feeble & after his return to college it requires some time  
before he can <sup>again</sup> reach the point where he had left off. James  
Buchanan is now passing his vacation in useful study. If  
you know of any <sup>good</sup> school of elocution, please refer me to it.

Harriet returned from Pittsburg ten days ago in good  
health & much pleased with her long visit. She says you  
are kindly remembered there.



I am not acquainted with any local news which would  
interest you. Your relatives in this County are all in the  
enjoyment of their usual health & are all anxious for your prosperity.

W. James B. Henry.

Yours affectionately  
James Buchanan





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