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Whitalland, near Lancaster, 16 Novemba 1852.

My dear James,

I have received your favor of the 12th Instant but must give it a brief answer on account of the number of letters which have accumulated during my absence.

I have not yet received your report, but am anxiously looking for it. Should life & health be spared to me, I shall certainly attend your commencement, should your position in the Class be such as I fondly hope & expect.

We shall all ~~be~~ give you a cordial welcome on your return to us at the close of the Session. You may stop with Dr. Gardette, & he can give you a Bill for his professional services, which I shall pay upon sight.

I have no objection that you shall amuse yourself with Chemistry during your vacation; but in regard to painting I say nothing. The law is a jealous mistress & will not brook rivals. We shall, however, talk of this when we meet.

We have no news which would interest you. We expect Clem: Pearsonson & her brother Alfred in a week.

Mr. Baker, Miss Betty & Miss Harriet desire to be very kindly remembered to you. I have told the two latter that you will soon answer their letters.

W. James B. Henry,

Yours affectionately
James Buchanan

Since writing the above I have received your report. Behavior 100.

Average Scholarship 94.5. Rank 8, in a class of 64.
Greek 31 with two others. Natural Philosophy 6. Chemistry 5, with
two others. Absence from prayers 12. Recitation 11 & Room 31.

e) ALS. 2pg. 8" x 10". November 16, 1852. Wheatland. An autograph letter signed "**James Buchanan**" to Henry: "I have received your favor of the 12th Instant but must give it a brief answer on account of the number of letters which have accumulated during my absence. I have not yet received your report; but am

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