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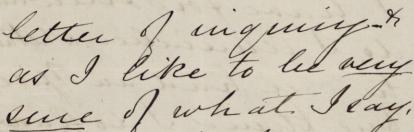
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Dear Judge Black

Mr Curtis has written the enclosed letter of inquiry- & as I like to be <u>very sure</u> of what I say, I send it to you in the hope that you may have some <u>certain</u> recollection on the subject. There is at Wheatland a short life of my dear Uncle, which I have always considered as having been written during the campaign. The name of the author I have forgotten- nor do I remember whether he ever had an office. One thing I <u>do know</u> that <u>if</u> he had an office, it was <u>not</u> given to him as "a reward" for having written a "campaign biography of Mr. Buchanan." <u>Those</u> were not the motives which prompted my Uncle's distribution of offices- but the motives which did prompt him are so far beyond the understanding of men in place now that I am not surprised that the newspapers fall into such errors. We have been hoping to hear from you, or to see you. Buchanan is just recovering from a very severe attack of rheumatism- the dear child has been a great sufferer.

Let me hear from you as soon as possible on this subject, & do not forget to return Mr Curtis' letter, & the scrap of paper. With kind remembrances to Mrs. Black & Mary, believe me always

Yours sincerely Harriet Lane Johnston

1880 Feb. 7 Mrs. Johnston

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