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Washington 4 December 1835

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By the returning mail I shall at all times send what you may deem necessary.

Yours very respectfully James Buchanan

Rev: J. P. Durbin.

P.S. Please to acknowledge the receipt of this.

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Washington 25 May 1836.

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New: J. P. Durbin

James Buchanan

Washington 25 May 1836

Dear Sir/

William Hopkins informs so that he owes but two debts in Carlisle; the one to Mr. Sanguton about \$144 the other to Mr. Charles Ogilby about 2 or 3 dollars. He says the whole amount does not exceed \$17. I feel inclined to pay them. When you think proper you may direct them to furnish you the Bills receipts to me as guardian, provided they do not exceed seventeen or eighteen dollars; & I shall send you a check for the amount.

The articles belonging to Mr. H. you may dispose of at any time you may deem best. Of course those to be sent for are not to be sold.

I am truly sorry to trouble you with these small matters; but I hope it may be in my power on some occasion to serve you in return.

Yours very respectfully James Buchanan

Rev: J. P. Durbin

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[Washington 31 December 1836]

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Yours very respectfully James Buchanan

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