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~~Mr. Buchanan's~~ + Lord (then Post) Buchanan.

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Wheallana, near Lancaster,

23^d May, 1865.

To ~~Mr. George~~ ^{To the} Editor of the New York Tribune;

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~~Dear~~ Sir: In courtesy, I ought to thank you, as I do

sincerely, for your offered use of the Tribune for "any explanation, comment or disclaimer" of the acts of my administration during the last six months of its existence.

This kind offer should be cordially accepted; but admonished by advancing years, of which you give me warning, I,

some time since compiled a history of it during this period;

chiefly from the proceedings of Congress + other official

~~transcripts~~ + ~~reliable~~ documents, too long for publication in the

Tribune. This has not been published hitherto, because

of my reluctance, for several reasons, to obtrude myself

upon public attention during the prosecution of the war,

now happily terminated in the suppression of the rebellion.

Whence this radical change ~~of the facts~~; if not to
bring home to Mr. Buchanan a complicity in the
infamous pledge which the ~~late~~ article falsely, but
in express terms, attributes to Judge Black. Had
on the authority of the Editor of the Post,
the facts stated in this article, remained without
contradiction, they would have been taken for granted
by the public, to the lasting & serious injury of the
reputation
character both of Judge Black & Mr. Buchanan.

It is but justice to the memory of a brave &
Cameronian officer to repeat that, in his ardent & impassioned
remarks before the Convention, ^{and} ~~widely~~ ^{with} ~~previous~~ ^{previous} preparation,
there is not the least color for attributing to ~~him~~ ^{Colonel Black}
a pledge which would have been a serious imputation
upon the fair fame of a man without fear &

without reproach.

Yours very respectfully,

May 23, 1865

Wheatland, near Lancaster,
Penn. (ind)

James Buchanan

[As Mr. Buchanan has declined to ~~reappear~~
for ~~to~~ comment on the ^{new} points made in our former
article, we deem it but fair to say no more. Ed.]

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Wheatland, near Lancaster.
23d May, 1865:

To ~~Horace Greeley Esq,~~ To The Editor of the New York Tribune:

Sir/

Sir: In courtesy, I ought to thank you, as I do sincerely, for your offered use of the Tribune for "any explanation, comment or disclaimer" of the acts of my administration during the last six months of its existence. This kind offer should be cordially accepted; but admonished by advancing years of which you give me warning, I some time since compiled a history of it during this period; chiefly from the proceedings of Congress & other official & ~~reliable~~ trustworthy documents; too long for publication in The Tribune. This has not been published hitherto, because of my reluctance for several reasons, to obtrude myself upon public attention during the prosecution of the war, now happily terminated in the suppression of the rebellion.

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Whence this radical charge ~~of the fact~~; if not to bring home to Mr. Buchanan a complicity in the infamous pledge which the last article falsely, but in express terms, attributes to Judge Black. Had the facts stated in this article on the authority of the Editor of The Post, remained without contradictions, they would have been taken for granted by the public, to the lasting & serious injury of the ~~character~~ reputation both of Judge Black and Mr. Buchanan.

It is but justice to the memory of a brave & lamented officer to repeat that, in his ardent & impassioned remarks before the Convention, evidently without previous preparation, there is not the least color for attributing to ~~Colonel~~ Black ~~him~~ a pledge which would have been a serious imputation upon the fair fame of a man without fear & without reproach.

Yours very respectfully,
James Buchanan

May 23, 1865
Wheatland, near Lancaster

[As Mr. Buchanan has ~~declined to~~ not seen fit to comment on the news points made in our former article, we deem it but fair to say he [one word illegible]. Ed. J.]

[The majority of the corrections, and all those that appear before the body and after the closing of the letter, are in the hand of Horace Greeley.]