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Wheatland, near Lancaster

16 May 1863.

My dear & Rev: Sir,

The perusal of
your favor of the 12th Inst. afforded
me much satisfaction. It recalled
~~to me~~ the memory of other days & our
former friendly expectations. I should be
very glad we could meet again & hope
you may find time to pay me a visit.
You shall receive a most cordial welcome.

I entered my 73rd year on the
23 April last; but thank God! I enjoy
excellent health considering my age.
My spirit is calm & tranquil, & I
would ^{positively} be happy were it not for the
disasters of the Country. These I

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conscience. I would not, if I could,
change any portion of the policy I
pursued in view of the ^{then} approaching
troubles. I have never doubted for a
moment that my Country would get the
more justice.

I am indebted to you for the
40th Report of the Seamen's Union
Bethel & am rejoiced to learn what
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done for the cause of your Master
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in the cause of Christ; & may you
live many years, in health & prosperity
to do his work.

Miss Lane has been in Philadelphia
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shall communicate your kind remembrance
to her.

It would be vain for me to give
you political information. I know
nothing of public affairs except what
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active part in politics. I still
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few friends express my opinions. I
should like very much to have a
long talk with you.

With sentiments of sincere regard,

I remain your old friend

James Buchanan

Rev. Henry Steele D. D.

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