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Wheatland 2 January 1850

My dear Sir /

Finding that I would not have the money myself I went to Town to day & arranged your business. Your note for \$1000 has been indorsed by William Mather & will be discounted at the Farmers Bank of Lancaster on Tuesday next, rendering it necessary for me to alter the date from the 7th to the 8th. The proceeds will be placed to your credit & Mr. Mather will write to you.

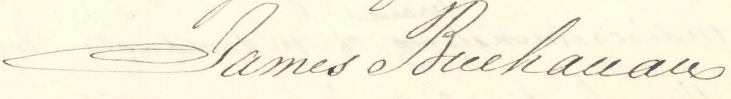
I selected the Farmers Bank because I repose the utmost confidence in the friendship & discretion of Christopher Hager its President & Gerardus Clarkson the Cashier. No other persons except them & Mather will know that I have guaranteed its payment. According to the terms of the loan you are to pay \$200 at every renewal; so that your next note at the end of nine weeks will be for \$800. - I will pay all the discounts most cheerfully.

I laid down the Pennsylvanian with disgust the other day upon reading the ridiculously extravagant panegyric on Judge Kane, which I knew to be altogether undeserved. It only wanted one more of Torrey's finishing touches. He ought to have said there was no man in America so competent to be the successor of Chief Justice Taney. One great fault of the Pennsylvanian is its indiscriminate ^{praise} of individuals rendering it of no account in the particular, however meritorious in all other respects.

My anxiety about Forney has become painful. The suspense
will I trust be ended tomorrow.

Best has left the party & such traitors ought to be denounced
by the Public Press.

I have sold my house in Lancaster but all on credit to
W. John F. Heintzsch. I had a policy of ^{respective of} insurance upon it
for \$4000. The premium paid was \$80. W. Heintzsch
desires to take a transfer of this Policy, ~~for~~ he intends to
open a fancy store ~~but~~ will keep none of the articles enumerated
in the policy requiring a higher rate of premium. But he
intends to make repairs to fit it for his business in the lower
story & some alterations in the second. Some week or ten days
ago, I ^{& directed the letter} wrote to the Secretary of the Pennsylvania Fire Insurance
Company, not knowing his name but have received no answer.
The letter probably yet remains in the Post office. I want an
answer because W. Heintzsch will insure in some other company
unless they ~~will~~ permit him to make these repairs. It is no
interest of mine as I can withdraw the premium. Please
to attend to this business for me as soon as it may suit
your convenience.

Wishing you many a happy & prosperous New
Year, I remain as ever sincerely & respectfully,
Your friend
A. Boyd Hamilton Esq.  James Buchanan

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I have sold my house in Lancaster but all on credit to Mr. John F. Hernitsh. I had a policy of perpetual Insurance upon it for \$4000. The premium paid was \$80. Mr. Hernitsh desires to take a transfer of this Policy. He intends to open a fancy store & will keep none of the articles enumerated in the policy requiring a higher rate of premium. But he intends to make repairs to fit it for his business in the lower story & some alterations in the second. Some week or ten days ago, I wrote & directed the letter to the Secretary of the Pennsylvania Fire Insurance Company, not knowing his name but have received no answer. The letter probably yet remains in the Post office. I want an answer because Mr. Hernitsh will insure in some other Company unless they shall permit him to make these repairs. It is no interest of mine as I can withdraw the premium. Please to attend to this business for me as soon as it may suit your convenience.

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