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## Letter

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**Description Level:** Item

**Collection:** James Buchanan Family Papers, Part 3 James Buchanan Henry

### Description:

Letter from J. B. Henry to Mary Hagner Nicholson apologizing for the short note; his cold is still with him; visited her sister Emily and she might go to the Douglas's Party; will be at a large dinner tonight and hope to talk to the Scharffs since his office and his wife keep him busy; hopes to open an office in Newark and will stay with the Scharffs in New York; eagerly awaits her Philadelphia letter; the Scharffs attending the Douglas and the Senator Seward Parties; and says he tries to not be too envious at their happiness. Envelope with postmark and removed stamp addressed to Miss Mary H. Nicholson, care John L. McKim, Esq, Baltimore. Washington, D.C.

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**Date Range:** 1859/02/05

**Creator:** Henry, James Buchanan, 1833-1915

**People:** Douglas, Stephen Arnold

Williams, Rose Adele Cutts Douglas

Henry, James Buchanan

Henry, Mary Hagner Nicholson

Scharff, Christian Henry

Seward, William Henry

Magruder, Emily Erving Nicholson

McKim, John

**Subjects:** Personal correspondence

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**Extent:** 2 items, 6 pages to scan, 4.5 x 7 in. and 3 x 5.5 in.

**Object Name:** Letter

**Language:** English

**Condition Notes:** Cross-hatch writing with water damage.

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James Buchanan and Harriet Lane Johnston Papers, Library of Congress,  
<https://www.loc.gov/collections/james-buchanan-and-harriet-lane-johnston-papers/>  
James Buchanan Papers, Historical Society of Pennsylvania,  
<http://www2.hsp.org/collections/manuscripts/b/Buchanan0091.html>  
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Washington  
Friday 5th 59

My darling Mary!

I shall only be able to write you a very short letter today just to tell you that I am thinking of you dearest. I think my cough is a little better today tho' it is not well yet. I received your nice long letter yesterday evening & it was very

welcome indeed & it was doubly acceptable from being so good & long. I saw your sister Emily yesterday evening & she then had some idea of going to Douglas party but whether she shall go finally I have not yet heard. To night we have an large dinner & I hope to have a nice long chat with Schorff for I have not seen much of him for my office & his wife between them & I

ran away with some that we have seen the letter of each other -

Should the reply of your mother be what I think & hope it will be then I shall go to Newark in the second week of March & open an office 'des volente' at once in New York. I have no doubt but that Mr. McKim & Schorff will make me very comfortable at their house tho' I shall be

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always looking "en avant"

I am all impatient, my darling to hear what your mother's letter will say, tho' I feel sure that the good news about that will not come till the end of the month.

Schorff & his wife are at Douglas' party & at a dinner party at Newark Sunday last night - They seem so happy - I try to be philosophic & not look too forward

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