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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 worrying because he had not received a letter; neither have liked his letters lately; is provoked now because he is unable to visit her on the weekend because he must escort Mrs. Craig to a party planned by Count Sartiges; rants because he is not his own master; Miss Nina [Nord's or Woods] married Mr. Boyce at 7:00 a.m. and are going to Havana; Miss Mary Bright's engagement to Mr. Lawrason Riggs, a widower and brother of George Riggs of Riggs & Co., is a good one; heard Piccolomini sing, liked her personality but had an ordinary voice; and is looking forward to meeting her friends. Envelope with stamp and postmark addressed to Miss Mary H. Nicholson, Care of John L. McKim, Esq. Baltimore. Washington, D.C.

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Date Range: 1859/01/21
Creator: Henry, James Buchanan, 1833-1915
People: Boyce, Mr.
Riggs, Mary Turpin Bright
Craig, Elizabeth Church
Henry, James Buchanan
Henry, Mary Hagner Nicholson
Piccolomini, Marietta
Riggs, George Washington
Riggs, Lawrason
Sartiges, Eugene de
McKim, John

Subjects: Personal correspondence
Letters

Search Terms: Correspondence
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<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>
James Buchanan Papers, Penn State University Libraries,
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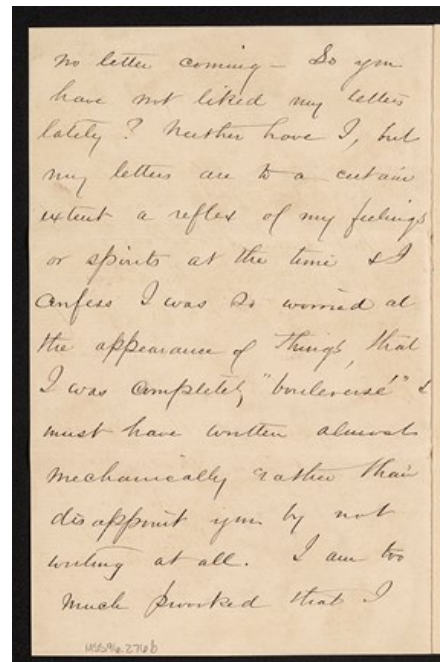
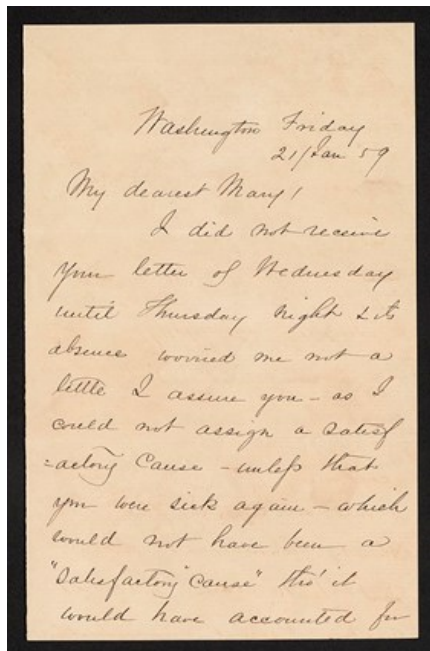
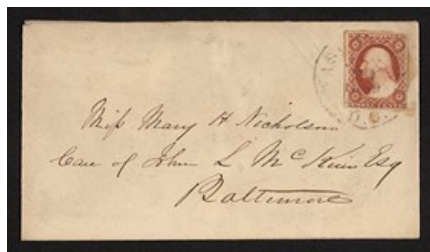
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5/ They go at once to the
Harbor for his health. I
have another piece of news to
tell & that is that my
Jolly friend Miss Mary Bright
is engaged to Mr Lammerton
Riggs, a widower & brother
of George Riggs of Riggs Co
He will get a very fine
wife as she is a good
amiable girl with enough
character to make fine
woman. I was at the
Piccolomini Concert last

night & enjoyed it greatly.
She is certainly charming
as a woman if not as
great a contralto - her
voice is not extraordinary.
She is coming to see the
President on Monday.

You must not forget
to tell me if you are going
with your friends to the
next Baltimore Assembly.

I have just received
your letter & I feel like
giving you a right

good scolding for the
first part of your letter
- could you not have
imagined that the hard
facts & conclusions in
that "last long letter" would
have had some effect upon
me?

That newspaper
abstract is certainly very
funny -

I hope soon to
have the pleasure of being
presented to your friends
the young ladies - they

certainly do not seem
to me as strangers & I
trust that they will
not look upon me as
such. I present my respectful
compliments to them - if I
may take the liberty on so
infrequent a acquaintance

But I must close
dearest.

Your affectionate
Wm

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wife not be able to go to
see you on Saturday & I will
tell you the cause - Count
Sartys has gotten up a
dinner which he says was
for Miss Lane & Mrs Craig a
Saturday night - Miss Lane
cannot go, so Mrs Craig of
course has to go & I have
to go as her escort as she
is a guest at this house -
I saw at once that there
was no escape for me &
that I had better yield
up to as good a game as

possible at once - this is
a specimen of the sort of
life I have here - I am
now my own master. I
will either have to wait
until to-morrow a week or
else if you prefer it Darling
I can run over some evening
& stay 'til next morning
which would be perfectly
short. I suppose you
have heard of all the news
of Miss Nina Wood's marriage
to Mr Pryce yesterday morning
at 7 o'clock!!

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