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James Buchanan Family Papers, Part 1 Papers of James Buchanan, Series 1

Correspondence

Collection: JBFP Part 1 Series 1

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**Scope and Content Note:** The James Buchanan Family Papers, Part 1, Papers of James Buchanan, Series 1 (Correspondence, 1800-1868) contains letters to James Buchanan and Buchanan's family. The letters were written by James Buchanan, James Buchanan's family, and other individuals. The letters are arranged chronologically, with the earliest letters from 1800 and the latest from 1868. The letters are written in ink on various types of paper, including parchment and paper. The letters are arranged in folders and subfolders. The letters are arranged in folders and subfolders. The letters are arranged in folders and subfolders.

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## Envelope

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**Description Level:** Item  
**Collection:** James Buchanan Family Papers, Part 1 James Buchanan

**Description:**  
Envelope addressed to Hon. Howell Cobb, Washington City. With seal. ("Buchanan" written in a later hand) Lancaster, July 11.

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**Date Range:** July 11  
**Creator:** Buchanan, James, 1791-1868  
**People:** Cobb, Howell  
**Subjects:** Letters  
**Search Terms:** James Buchanan  
Buchanan Collections  
James Buchanan Presidential Library  
**Extent:** 1 item, 2 pages to scan, 3.25 x 5.5 in., wax seal  
**Object Name:** Envelope  
**Language:** English  
**Accession Number:** JBMS1995.035  
**Object ID:** JBFP 1.1.1.242  
**Parent Object ID:** JBFP Part 1 Series 1  
**Other Number:** JBFP Part 1, Series 1, Subseries 1, Folder 242  
**Location:** LancasterHistory, Lancaster, PA  
**Room:** Archives South  
**Container:** JBFP Part 1, Box 3

<b>Associated Material:</b>	<p>James Buchanan Papers, Dickinson College Archives &amp; Special Collections,  <a href="http://archives.dickinson.edu/collection-descriptions/james-buchanan-papers">http://archives.dickinson.edu/collection-descriptions/james-buchanan-papers</a></p> <p>James Buchanan and Harriet Lane Johnston Papers, Library of Congress,  <a href="https://www.loc.gov/collections/james-buchanan-and-harriet-lane-johnston-papers/">https://www.loc.gov/collections/james-buchanan-and-harriet-lane-johnston-papers/</a></p> <p>James Buchanan Papers, Historical Society of Pennsylvania,  <a href="http://www2.hsp.org/collections/manuscripts/b/Buchanan0091.html">http://www2.hsp.org/collections/manuscripts/b/Buchanan0091.html</a></p> <p>James Buchanan Papers, Penn State University Libraries,  <a href="https://libraries.psu.edu/findingaids/1458.htm">https://libraries.psu.edu/findingaids/1458.htm</a></p>
<b>Related Item Notes:</b>	<p>James Buchanan Family Papers</p> <p>MG-96 James Buchanan Collection</p> <p>Historical Society of Pennsylvania microfilm</p> <p>Photograph collections</p> <p>Curatorial collections</p> <p>Wheatland Mansion</p>
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## Letter

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**Description Level:** Item  
**Collection:** James Buchanan Collection  
**Description:**

A letter from R. B. Rhett to James Buchanan regarding the arrival of enslaved persons in Charleston, South Carolina. He is asking to be appointed commissioner and for Buchanan to speak with Hon. Cobb on this subject. Charleston, South Carolina.

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**Date Range:** 1858/08/30  
**Creator:** Rhett, Robert Barnwell, 1800-1876  
**People:** Buchanan, James

Rhett, Robert Barnwell  
Cobb, Howell

**Subjects:** Slaves  
Slavery  
Charleston (S.C.)  
Letters

**Search Terms:** Correspondence  
 Letters  
 Enslaved persons  
 Slavery  
 Charleston, South Carolina  
 James Buchanan  
 Buchanan Collections  
 James Buchanan Presidential Library

**Extent:** 1 item, 4 pages to scan, 24.5 x 20 cm

**Object Name:** Letter

**Language:** English

**Object ID:** MG0096 F014 In01

**Parent Object ID:** MG0096

**Other Number:** MG-0096, Folder 014, Insert 01

**Location:** LancasterHistory, Lancaster, PA

**Room:** Archives South

**Container:** MG-0096, Box 1

**Associated Material:** James Buchanan Papers, Dickinson College Archives & Special Collections,  
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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>  
 James Buchanan Papers, Penn State University Libraries,  
<https://libraries.psu.edu/findingaids/1458.htm>

**Related Item Notes:** James Buchanan Family Papers  
 MG-96 James Buchanan Collection  
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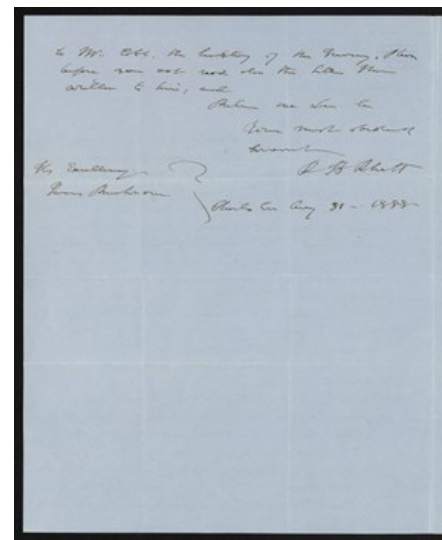
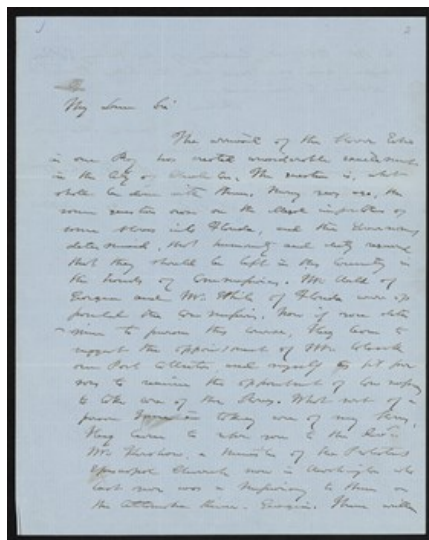
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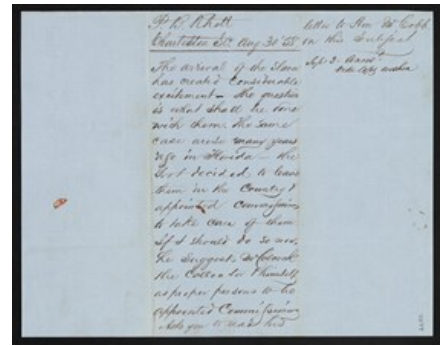
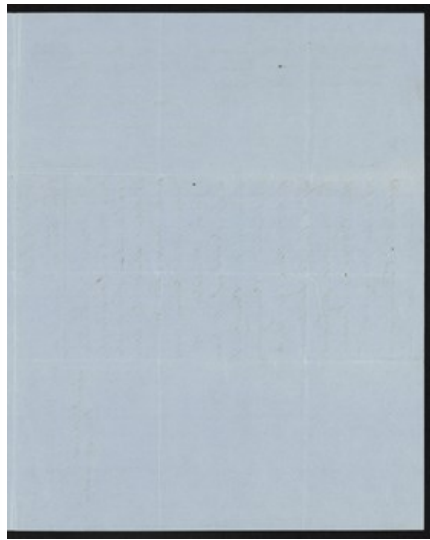
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**Description Level:** Item

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



**Description:**

Letter from J. B. Henry to Mary Hagner Nicholson looking for her next letter; hopes she enjoyed her last party; Picolomini is singing, but he is not going to hear her; visited her sister Emily but she was out; the Ingrahams told him that Mary and Miss Margie were coming to town for a few days; list all the parties he hates to attend including Miss Saunders' ball; General Cass's dinner; the Douglas's ball; Mrs. Riggs' and Mrs. Merricks' ball; and a reception at the President's; still has a cold; infers she is the reason for his appreciating life more; Dr. Dan is flitting about on the social circuit; hopes Dr. Dan will find a "sweet little aunt" at Belvidere; the Scharffs are enjoying married life; Bob Magraw returned to Baltimore; the Cobbs and others on the Rev. Cutter's expeditions dropped in on the Scharffs; and James Buchanan Henry will take to Scharffs to a reception and a large State dinner. 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:** 1859/02/04

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

**People:** Cass, Lewis  
Cobb, Mary Ann Lamar Cobb  
Cobb, Howell  
Cutter, Edward Francis  
Hagner, Daniel Randall  
Douglas, Stephen Arnold  
Williams, Rose Adele Cutts Douglas  
Henry, James Buchanan  
Ingrahams, Duncan Nathaniel  
Magraw, Robert M.  
Merrick, Mrs.  
Henry, Mary Hagner Nicholson  
Picolomini, Marietta  
Riggs, Mary Turpin Bright  
Saunders, Miss  
Scharff, Christian Henry  
McKim, John  
Magruder, Emily Erving Nicholson

**Subjects:** Personal correspondence  
Letters

**Search Terms:** Correspondence  
Correspondence, Personal  
Letters  
Buchanan Collections  
James Buchanan Presidential Library

**Extent:** 2 items, 10 pages to scan, 4.5 x 7 in.; 3.5 x 5.5 in.

**Object Name:** Letter

**Language:** English

**Accession Number:** JBMS1996.340a-b

**Object ID:** JBFP 3.1.1.047

**Parent Object ID:** JBFP Part 3 Series 1

**Other Number:** JBFP Part 3, Series 1, Subseries 1, Folder 47

**Location:** LancasterHistory, Lancaster, PA

**Room:** Archives South

**Container:** JBFP Part 3, Box 1

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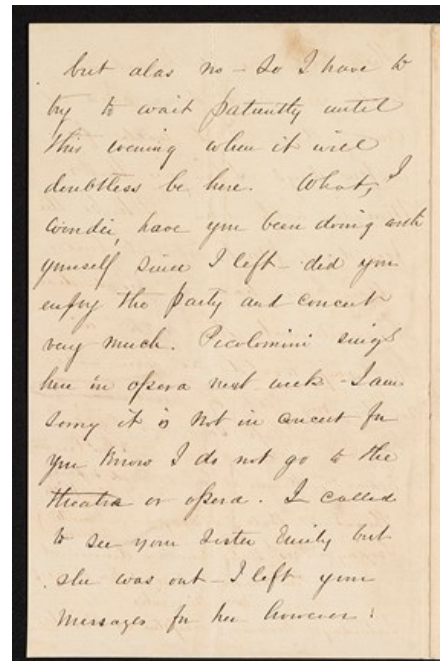
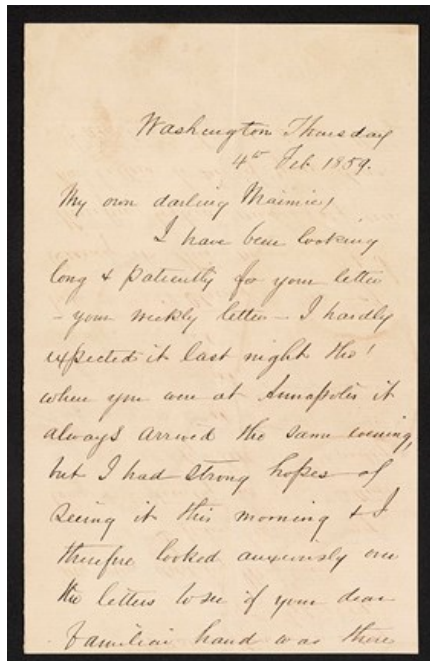
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I have not seen Dr Lane  
since Monday evening when  
I called to get him to  
Prescribe for me - but I  
hear that he is flying  
about at all of the balls &  
parties & is having a gay time.  
An fellow you must try &  
do all you can for him  
while you are at Belvidere  
for I would like very much  
to have such a dear  
little aunt, so be very  
industrious & see what  
can be done -

She might then find  
out what we talk about  
& what it takes us so  
long to tell each other!

The Schaffs are getting  
on very well & are as happy  
as two birds - Schaff pretends  
all bachelors! he does &  
thinks them poor forlorn  
creatures! perhaps he is  
right who knows?

Bob Magraw returned  
to Paltinum yesterday &  
before going told me he

were going to come up  
with his delightful poems,  
& ask you to take a  
ride - I hope you will  
go if you feel like it.

The Cotts, & most of  
the people who were on  
the New Cutler expedition have  
called on the Schaffs &  
today I will take him  
around to the receipts &  
on Friday they dine here at  
our large State dinner - it will  
be an interesting sight for  
them -

But I must close this  
lengthy epistle - remember  
me most kindly to my  
Belvidere friends -

your affectionate & devoted  
Wm. H. W.

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They told me at Inghams  
 that you had some idea of  
 coming down next week for  
 a few days & bringing Miss  
 Margie with you - I hope the  
 few days part is not true.  
 We have had a great deal  
 of excitement this week in  
 the gay world as you will  
 see by my list of amusements  
 Monday - Miss Saunders ball  
 Tuesday - Dinner invitation to Genl Cas. 1899  
 Wednesday - Dinner at Saunders, <sup>at home</sup> & party  
 Thursday - Ball at Douglas (not invited)  
 Friday - Pres<sup>d</sup> State dinner - dinner at  
 Genl Lauson - Ball at Mrs Higgin &  
 Mrs Merricks  
 Saturday - Morning reception at President  
 Monday 21st 9

For this you will see what  
 a gay week it has been -  
 but I have not stirred out of  
 the house & have not <sup>for</sup> & will  
 not go to any of them this  
 week as I want to try and  
 nurse myself out of this  
 cough if I can - so you  
 see what a prudent young  
 man I have lately become -  
 I think I appreciate the  
 value of my life much  
 more than I used to & I  
 "guess" you know the cause  
 better than any one else -

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