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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; Piccolomini 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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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
Piccolomini, Marietta
Riggs, Mary Turpin Bright
Saunders, Miss
Scharff, Christian Henry
McKim, John
Magruder, Emily Erving Nicholson

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Miss Mary H. Nicholson
Care Mrs L Mc Kim Esq
Baltimore



Washington Thursday
4th Feb. 1859.
My own darling Mamma,
I have been looking
long & patiently for your letter
- your mobby letter - I hardly
expected it last night tho' I
when you are at Annapolis it
always arrived the same evening
but I had strong hopes of
seeing it this morning & I
therefore looked anxiously over
the letters to see if your dear
familiar hand was there

but alas no - so I have to
try to wait patiently until
this evening when it will
doubtless be here. What, I
wonder, have you been doing with
yourself since I left - did you
enjoy the party and concert
very much. Piccolomini sings
here in opera next week - I am
sorry it is not in concert for
you know I do not go to the
theatre or opera. I called
to see your sister Emily but
she was out - I left your
messages for her however.

If 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 & 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 sweet
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 says
all bachelors! he does &
thinks them poor forlorn
Creatures! perhaps he is
right who knows?
Bob Magraw returned
to Baltimore yesterday &
before going told me he

were going to come up
 into his delightful home,
 & ask you to take a
 ride - I hope you will
 go if you feel like it.
 The Cobs, & most of
 the people who were on
 the New Cutter expedition have
 called on the Schaffs &
 to-day I will take him
 around to the reception &
 on Friday they dine here at
 our large State dinner - it will
 be an interesting sight for
 them -

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But I must close this
 lengthy epistle - remember
 me most kindly to my
 Belvidere friends -
 your affectionate & devoted
 Whistling

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 this
 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 entertainments
 Monday - Miss Saunders ball
 Tuesday - Harmon concert & Gen. Cas. 1000
 Wednesday - Dinner at Swends, ^{at Gen. Hill} & party
 Thursday - Ball at Temple (not noted)
 Friday - Pres. State dinner - dinner at
 Gen. Louns - Ball at Mrs. Higgin &
 Mrs. Merricks
 Saturday - Morning reception at President

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For this you will see what
 a gay week it has been -
 But I have not stirred out of
 the house & have not ^{yet} 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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