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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 Mary Hagner Nicholson to J. B. Henry expressing sorrow over his sickness and will come if needed; vehemently asks that he now invite James Buchanan to Bucky's christening since James Buchanan was so opposed to the marriage that none of her family want to see him; the McKims want to stop by; and will leave the matter in his hands. Envelope with stamp and postmark addressed to J. Buchanan Henry, Esq, 14 Wall St., New York. [1860] Year from context.

**Custodial History:** The James Buchanan Family Papers were collected by the James Buchanan Foundation for the Preservation of Wheatland. This collection was relocated from the Wheatland mansion to the LancasterHistory archives in the Spring of 2009. Digitization of the James Buchanan Family Papers was funded by the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission, PHMC Appl ID # 201808013051, 2019-2020.

**Date Range:** 1860  
**Creator:** Henry, Mary Hagner Nicholson, 1837-1865  
**People:** Buchanan, James  
Henry, Buchanan  
Henry, Mary Hagner Nicholson  
Henry, James Buchanan  
McKim, John

**Subjects:** Personal correspondence  
Letters

**Search Terms:** Correspondence  
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James Buchanan Presidential Library

**Extent:** 2 items, 8 pages to scan, 12.5 x 20.4 cm. and 7.4 x 12.9 cm.

**Object Name:** Letter  
**Language:** English  
**Accession Number:** JBMS1996.354  
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**Room:** Archives South  
**Container:** JBFP Part 3, Box 4

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J. Buchanan Perry Esq  
14 Wall St  
New York

BALTIMORE R.R.

MS. 96. 354a

My Darling Husband,  
Some time after came on  
Saturday evening & I was  
determined to see if you  
sickness & being obliged to  
stay at home is really  
I I have felt great  
anxiety ever since I could  
conceive myself when that  
morning that long time  
had been from you. I determined  
if I did not hear you soon  
better to pack up what I could  
take & make a dash for it to  
New York at once, but it  
seems foolish to purchase the  
fare when it may be I  
found it is only a part of  
the fare. I wish you would  
I would love if you did  
feel well I'd love to see  
MS. 96. 354b

early go & visit I have  
not the smallest fear in  
going alone. I could not  
possibly if you are not well  
enough to come as you feel  
determined if you feel entirely  
come at once for it may do  
you good. I have been thinking  
myself for a long time in a  
business pursuit my darling  
to say & then you would have  
been with me when you  
were sick.  
About the Providence meeting  
I should be most decidedly  
wished that you would should  
not on any account be  
visited. I have seen every one  
knows it now I do not know  
how far why you are so  
should be attended because the  
chances to come to see the  
first season. We will require

But we ought not to care  
for that, but I thought I'd better  
to you so thank, & you see it  
is not so you are entirely  
quite this thing. I have it  
entirely by sending in from hand  
you understand it all I must  
believe than I do & you must  
be just what you think right,  
but if you should ever hear  
word mention the end of all  
of us but any more than if  
you had no wife & as it is  
you see as on a whole  
God bless darling, I will never  
leave you again & believe I'm  
if only get you safe this time  
Yours ever  
Mary -

MS. 96. 354c

Dear my dear husband  
I believe you & I have to be  
make our plans to see you  
& if we think proper to take  
any notice of you then do as  
you think best. I say do exactly  
as you think best.

has being here so completely &  
 he has more by experience in  
 the world & let it make no  
 difference in any way. If it is  
 more convenient baptize the  
 body on that day & if not on  
 Thursday evening, you can decide  
 upon when you come. The great  
 reason I should be obliged to be  
 polite to him if ever circumstances  
 make it necessary I should see  
 him, but here in my Father's  
 house we are totally independent  
 of him in any way, if I had seen  
 some person of bad character &  
 have married to you the whole  
 congregation would be more con-  
 sidered than I should be by him than  
 the Law & the very circumstance of  
 his position has made it  
 a pleasure to the whole world  
 at least, can the world do I  
 would think we are bound to

themselves so far as to  
 ask to be our body baptized.  
 The B. King would be very glad  
 to stop here for a day, if  
 you choose we might stay  
 Friday Evening & arrive the  
 White Plains, through the  
 the Royal Point it would  
 look well to see away &  
 does not wish to be so.  
 I am afraid I feel too lately  
 about the time I had to  
 think I should see but now when  
 I see how badly justified they  
 all have been in Washington for  
 evidence by the ill National things  
 which have been said about them  
 has looked up and that to be  
 about it & seem to feel it very  
 much, but it has done at  
 the heart of me & I can't help  
 feeling it. God bless you & may  
 every thing else has been so bright

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