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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 understanding why she will not write letters on Sunday; will accompany Harriet Lane from New York to Philadelphia and return to same day to be at work; could not see her Uncle Peter; was part of an agreeable party arranged by Harriet Lane on the U.S. Revenue cutter H. Lane to West Point; Miss Mason, on the trip, says she is not engaged to Mr. Wright; an old friend Lieut. Saxton to accompany him back to New York; hopes she is having a great visit with Misses Mary and Margie; Mr. Stoeckl brought "the Malachites" jewelry to him; and asks her to visit West Point with him, if she is well enough; business is slow just now. Envelope with stamp removed and New-York postmark addressed to Miss Mary H. Nicholson, care Col. Nicholson, Annapolis, Maryland. 142 Broadway, [New York], NY, Wednesday.

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**Date Range:** No date

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

**People:** Henry, James Buchanan  
Johnston, Harriet Lane  
Mason, Miss  
Henry, Mary Hagner Nicholson  
Hagner, Peter Valentine  
Saxton, Rufus  
Stoeckl, Eduard de, baron  
Wright, Mr.  
Nicholson, Joseph Hopper

**Subjects:** Personal correspondence  
Letters

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

**Extent:** 2 items, 6 pages to scan, 5.25 x 8.25 in. and 3.5 x 5.5 in.

**Object Name:** Letter  
**Language:** English  
**Condition Notes:** Water-stained.  
**Accession Number:** JBMS1996.363a-b  
**Object ID:** JBFP 3.1.1.039  
**Parent Object ID:** JBFP Part 3 Series 1  
**Other Number:** JBFP Part 3, Series 1, Subseries 1, Folder 39  
**Location:** LancasterHistory, Lancaster, PA  
**Room:** Archives South  
**Container:** JBFP Part 3, Box 1  
**Associated Material:** James Buchanan Papers, Dickinson College Archives & Special Collections,  
<http://archives.dickinson.edu/collection-descriptions/james-buchanan-papers>  
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,  
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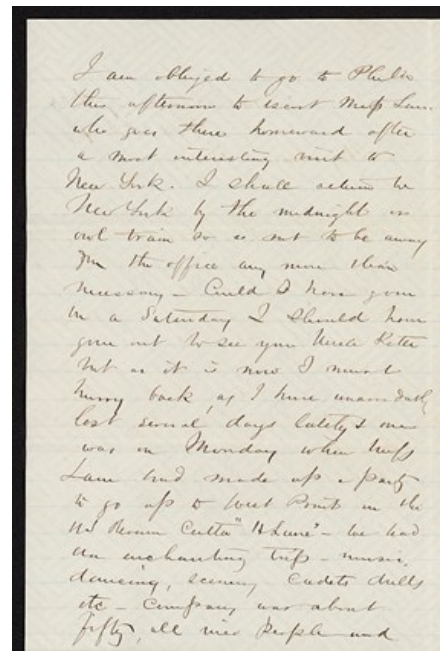
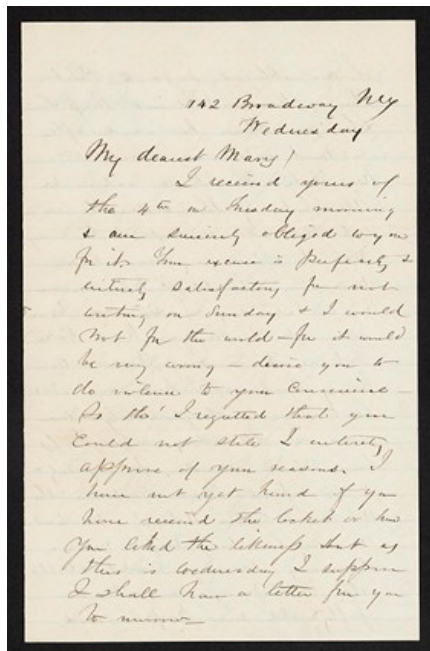
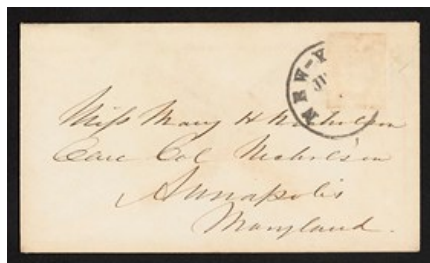
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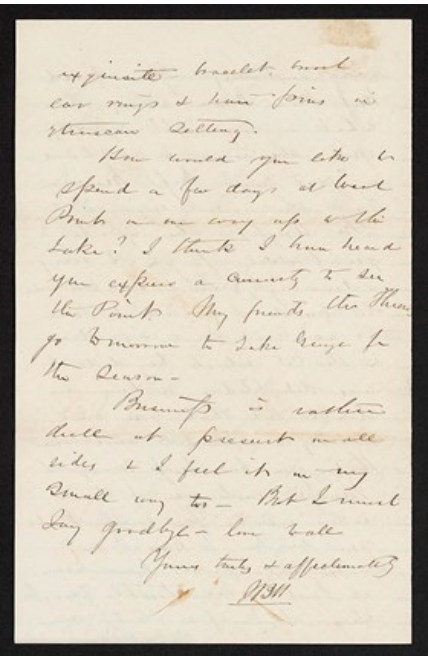
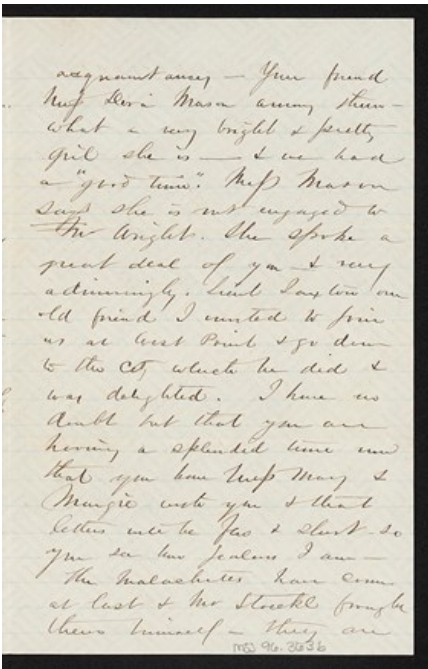
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**Description:**

Letter from J. B. Henry to Mary Hagner Nicholson apologizing again for his comments about Mrs. Bright and has apologized to her and hopes she will spread no more rumors; regrets their long separation and hopes to see her soon; asks after the McKims; is thinking of having Lieutenant Saxton as his groomsman and must have Bob Magraw and General Ward at the wedding; Mr. Scharff is much happier after marriage than before and James Buchanan Henry looks forward to the same fate; mentions the Misses McKim, Miss Emily, and Dr. Raines, who has just been granted the ferry lines in Rio, which should result in a tidy fortune for him. Envelope with postmark and stamp addressed to Miss Mary H. Nicholson, Care Col. Nicholson, Annapolis, Maryland. 142 Broadway, [New York], NY.

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**Date Range:** 1859/06/15

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

**People:** Bright, Mrs.  
Henry, James Buchanan  
Magraw, Robert M.  
McKim, John  
Henry, Mary Hagner Nicholson  
Raines, Charles Byron  
Saxton, Rufus  
Scharff, Christian Henry  
Ward, General  
Nicholson, Joseph Hopper

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**Language:** English

**Condition Notes:** Cross-hatch writing.

**Accession Number:** JBMS1996.399a-b

**Object ID:** JBFP 3.1.1.058

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**Other Number:** JBFP Part 3, Series 1, Subseries 1, Folder 58

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**Room:** Archives South

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

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Mrs Mary W. Maholton  
 Care Col. Maholton  
 Annapolis  
 Maryland

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112 Broadway NY  
 15<sup>th</sup> June 1859  
 My own sweetest darling!  
 I greet you most affectionately & tenderly today & hope you are well tonight and happy notwithstanding the hot weather which is quite shocking here today. It is so pleasant to think that you are writing to me today tho' I shall not receive it I fear before Friday - I wrote to Miss Lane yesterday and as per usual my dear reports that she should have told Mr. Wright who is a great gossip, & inadvertently revealed her in future to discourage any

rumor as to time & so to tell no one & I have no doubt she will be very careful in the future - Do my dearest to Mamma I have done & will try to do all I can to amend the matter, for you my dear & dear child I reserve more than I can I fear do to repair the damage by your goodness even in the matter. I hope darling that as time elapses you do not find yourself caring less for me for you seem at the present I desire to me by the long separation - Just think on Saturday it will be four weeks since we have seen each other - it almost seems to me like a bright dream & that now I have awakened up &

found it all a dream but think bid it a bit so & my own darling is a real true substantial & living fact! How do you feel about it dearest? How long are the months to wait you yet? What do you say to my asking kind sister who is one of my former ones he is a nice fellow & great admirer of yours - let me know what you think of it. I do not think it will be necessary to say anything more to her word about it for I scarcely think he expects to come & I shall say no more about it. I must have Mr. Maynard however he has been such a true friend of mine tho' he is a widower I think one ought to have his

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but you know I am sure that you are a good girl & I am sure you will be very careful in the future - Do my dearest to Mamma I have done & will try to do all I can to amend the matter, for you my dear & dear child I reserve more than I can I fear do to repair the damage by your goodness even in the matter. I hope darling that as time elapses you do not find yourself caring less for me for you seem at the present I desire to me by the long separation - Just think on Saturday it will be four weeks since we have seen each other - it almost seems to me like a bright dream & that now I have awakened up &

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