

Wheatland 19 March 1863

My dear Harriet

I enclose a letter.

I returned day before yesterday from a visit to Mr Baker: and I spent the time from Saturday until Tuesday very agreeably though the weather was unfavorable. I transacted all my business satisfactorily in regard to the Farm. On my return home I found Governor Porter awaiting my arrival in Lancaster. He left this morning. We had an agreeable time talking over affairs of the past and the present.

Your letter of yesterday to Miss Hetty arrived this morning. From the endorsement upon it I supposed it might require immediate attention. I opened it because she had just left to accompany Mrs. Wise & her children to the place in Chester County.

I observe that you inquire of her whether I have been invited to the wedding. I answer no. Considering your connection with the family, if you should not be invited, it would be an unmistakable evidence of their desire to alienate you from your Society. I cannot doubt however, that you will receive an invitation.

I did not see or hear from Blanche until yesterday. She and her mother called for a few minutes. She looks nearly as well as she did formerly and does not complain of ill health. She certainly must have greatly improved since you saw her last. Her mother said she did not want Blanche to go to the wedding, but the latter certainly intends to go.

What a strange inquiry you made concerning Lieutenant Belger. In his appearance and manner he is altogether a gentleman with all his natural modesty. He is the aid [sic] of General Revere, an accomplished and well educated officer. Indeed he has greatly improved.

Should you not be invited to the wedding which I do not believe, I think you ought not to return until afterwards. If invited, whether you ought to return or not is a question for your own decision.

Tell Edward I have received his letter of the 16th Instant. I have not yet been informed of Mr. Weaver's marriage, but presume all things went off comme il faut [as it should]. Tell him, also, that I have no disposition to subscribe for Judge Upshun's Essay. At the time it was published, its doctrines, to the extent to which he carried them, were condemned by all but the extreme Calhoun men. Indeed he probably out Calhoun Calhoun himself and went much further than the Democrats of the South. I should not have advised James to be connected with this publication, but would not be willing to see him lose by it.

With love to all I remain.

Yours affectionately
James Buchanan

Miss Harriet R Lane

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