

Wheatland 22 May 1863

My dear Harriet,

I think you had better write Mrs. Kennedy mentioning Mr. Swarr & reciting his good & useful qualities for the task of advising that the Virginia heirs should sign a paper, directed to the Register of Lancaster County, Penna, requesting his appointment. Mrs. Kennedy's letter to you would not answer the purpose should there be any apposition.

Supposing you would be back at Oxford I sent you several letters there – among the rest one from Mr. Florey (which I opened) seeing the Clear Spring Port mark upon it. He wishes to discharge his Bond & Mortgage to you; but asks you forgive the interest due upon it on account of the hardness of the bargain. I suggested on the envelope of the letter to you what ought to be your answer.

That your brother James was paid in full & you received the Bond from him for its full value: & therefore if a deduction should be made from your Bond the whole would fall upon you & no part on your brother's estate: And if such be the fate, you might state that you had never heard he had a hard bargain.

It might be useful to write to Newton Carter to have such a paper signed by the western heirs as I have suggested in the case of Mrs. Kennedy.

Dr. Lane is I presume under the influence of Parson Rosenmullude. The interests of Taylor Lane's estate would be adverse to those of the other heirs; as the estates of the two executors of your uncle John are responsible to them for a correct settlement of the account.

I wish you would ask James Henry whether the State of New York paid the interest due on its Bonds in April in Gold or in depreciated paper & let me know.

I returned from my farm in Chester County (with which I am much pleased) last night & now write you this morning. I left your letter with Miss Hetty; but she has yet said nothing about Mrs. Henry's coming to Wheatland. In the course of the day, she may say something; & if so I will write. For my own part, I should be very glad to have Mrs. Henry here.

Remember me very kindly to Mrs. Henry & say how truly rejoiced I am at the prospect of her speedy recovery.

Yours affectionately

James Buchanan

Miss Harriet Lane

