

Wheatland 15 May 1863

My dear Harriet,

I received the enclosed letter from Mrs. Kennedy two or three days ago & would have sent it to you immediately had I not expected you home. This I did because of what you said before your departure. I opened the letter & read that part of it only relating to your uncle John[']s estate.

If Mr. Riddle is a sensible & intelligent man I should be glad he would visit Lancaster; but not in your absence.

The case was argued this week at Harrisburg; but the Courts have not yet decided & it is thought may not decide the result for some weeks to come. ~~It~~The result is doubtful. I have not seen Fordney.

I am truly sorry for poor James Henry & his estimable wife. I fear her case is very critical. Bob Nevin was here the night before last. He had his hand on General Whipple's shoulder when he was mortally wounded. He has started with the body for New Hampshire & expects to be gone a fortnight. He has a robust & manly appearance.

Our 122nd Regiment which has certainly behaved with great gallantry will have no formal reception in Lancaster because the authorities & the Union League cannot agree.

The world may go pell mell to welcome them. They are to receive a cold cut from the Patriot Daughters at Fulton Hall. Politics, they say, has become so violent in Lancaster that many fear a collision between the parties. I do not.

I have not ~~seen~~ conversed with Mr. Lane since your departure. I understand that Brother Dick says the House will not be ready for a fortnight.

With my kind love for James and may I remain in haste yours.

Affectionately

James Buchanan

