

Wheatland

11 December 1861

Dear Harriet,

I have this moment received yours of the 9th Instant & in answer I have to say that it is quite agreeable to me you should stay in New York until the 1 January, & as much longer as you please. I do object, however, to your visit to Mrs. Brown on your return from New York not on account of any objection to her but that there you will be exposed to the company of a person. I shall say no more because I cannot speak with Christian temper of that person.

I have not the most remote idea in the world of visiting either Havanna or Nassau. Thank Heaven! My health does not require it & it would be a matter of life not death which would induce me to leave the country under existing circumstances.

I am sorry that I cannot inform you what Harry Magraw proposes to do & it would be a delicate question for me to ask.

Yours is the first information that the Papers are making ready for what they style "the first volume of the history of your administration". I have seen no such notice in any of the papers I receive.

I am glad to be informed that the weather is pleasant in New York. I might, also, say it has been pleasant at Wheatland.

I am glad to hear from Dr. Gwen. You say nothing about Mrs. Gwen for whom I feel a warm regard. I could have sworn that the Doctor would not long be imprisoned.

With my kindest regards to Mr. & Mrs. Roosevelt I remain

Yours affectionately

James Buchanan

Miss Lane

P.S. I wish you would address your letters to Hon: J.B. & not to

Ex President J B. I send enclosed two letters from a crazy [lover] of yours which I opened because I thought I knew his hand. Perhaps I ought to have them resent.

