

Wheatland 12 March 1867

My dear Niece/

I have received yours of the 6th Instant.

Mrs. Shunk left us on Saturday last. For this I am truly sorry as she is a most agreeable & intelligent companion. She told me to be sure to inform you that she weighed 132 ½ pounds a gain of 13 or 17 pounds (I have forgotten which) since she came to Wheatland. She intends to pass a fortnight with her husband[']s relatives, the Findlays & the Van Leers, near Williamsport, Md & then go to her father[']s in Washington. Mr. Shunk has been in Philadelphia for some weeks and has made no great progress in the Book and I doubt whether he ever will.

Thomas and Rosana will leave on the 1 April and I am not sorry for it. She is a good cook except in bread baking & a pleasant servant but he is intolerable. We shall part in peace.

I have invited Annie to pay me a visit and to bring Alice with her to remain until the weather shall become pleasant when I propose to visit Philadelphia. I have not yet received her answer.

Robert Nevin paid me a very brief visit on the eve before his departure. I ought to say that Wilberforce has not yet left. Whether any thing has occurred to interrupt or defeat his arrangement with Forney I do not know.

I hope that ere this the baby is profiting by its wet nurse. I anticipate, with much pleasure, the time when you & it [sic] can pay me a visit. I shall be very glad to see you.

Governor Porter is dangerously ill and in not expected to recover. I deeply sympathize with him & shall surely feel his loss.

I saw Mrs. Lane a week ago; but she gave me no particular news except that Mrs. George W Franklin had been delivered of a son.

I am so unselfish as to be rejoiced to learn that the fair Judith is to be married to Mr. Richard Culling. I am sorry to learn that his income is only \$30.000 a trifling sum in New York.

Mr. Schall has told James Henry that he intends to pay me a visit when the weather becomes good.

Miss Hetty received your letter & was much pleased with it.

I believe ~~that~~ I have nothing more to say except that I remain always your affectionate Uncle.

James Buchanan

Mrs. Henry E Johnston

Please remember me kindly to Mr. Johnston

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