

Wheatland, near Lancaster 25 Feb: 1851

My dear Harriet,

I have received your letter & it has afforded me pleasure; but I know not what to say in reply. We have literally no news which would interest you. The course of our life proceeds smoothly & monotonously, but happily. Miss Harriet Parker is with us & I find her quite agreeable. Eskridge was here last Sunday evening & remained till Monday morning. He told Miss Hetty that the baby had at last been baptized on Thursday. I saw Mrs. Baker on the street to day looking as plump as ever. Mr. Fordney told me to day that they had received a letter from James Jenkins which stated that Mr. Baker had given up the practice of the law & left San Francisco for some place in the interior.

I am glad to learn, though from an interested witness, that Mr. Pleasanton approves your conduct. I presume that the gaiety of Washington will now cease as tomorrow will be Ash Wednesday.

Present my kindest regards to Mr. & Mrs. Pleasanton & to Clem & Laura & believe me to be yours affectionately.

Miss Harriet Lane

James Buchanan

P.S. Miss Hetty desires to be kindly remembered to you

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