London, Friday
Morning, 27 October

My dear Harriet,

I have just rec'd your note of yesterday.

I gave a dinner to day to Rev Johnston, Captain Strobling & some American friends.- I dined yesterday at Sir William Ousley's. Mr. M^c^Gregor & myself were the only company. I am to dine at Lady Talbot's on Thursday next.

You ought to make out your visit at Paris, as you will not see it again previous to your return to the U.S.

I intend to employ Mr. Moran out of my own pocket after the 1st November next. I must have a laborious man like him who will make it his sole business to do his duty. With him & Col: Lawrence I can get along very well.

It is Mr. Welsh's interest to go home after his return from Paris.

It is my earnest wish that he should do so: & I hope he will do it.

I must have a spare room in the house for strangers. Besides, there may have been something in the caution of Dr. Binny.

Mr. Welsh's ~~0000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000~~

He promised he would go home & that too on his excellent father's suggestion after visiting the continent; & I promised him that his salary should continue during this visit.

I am a little astonished at your remark, when you so fully know my feelings, that, "he would think it unkind to propose leaving out of respect to me."

With my kindest regards to Mr. & Mrs. [Mason] & the family, I remain

Yours affectionately

James Buchanan

Miss Harriet Lane.

P.S. After the full & explicit understanding between Mr. Welsh & myself, I am truly astonished that he has not mentioned his intended departure to the U.S. to any person. I have repeated it often since my return & shall continue to speak of it as a thing perfectly understood.

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