

Wheatland 24 March 1866

My dear niece,

I did not receive your kind and interesting letter of the 10<sup>th</sup> Inst. until last evening the 23<sup>rd</sup>. I wrote to you on the 8<sup>th</sup> Inst. and have been anxiously expecting to hear from you though we had seen your arrival at Havana announced in the public Papers. As from what you state it is quite probable you will have left Cuba before this will reach you, I shall write but briefly.

The girls left me on the day you left New York and Miss Hetty & myself have been since living quietly & peacefully together. I think (two lines scratched out)

I am sorry to say that Mr. & Mrs. Brenton are about to leave us. They have rented Hardwicke for three years from this 1 April to Mrs. Norris at \$1500 per annum. They will I learn take Lodgings in Lancaster until the 1 June when they will leave for Europe to meet her mother. Mrs. B expressed much regret for not having known you were at Wheatland previous to your departure for Cuba. They will be a great loss to our society.

The Nevins are as usual. Misses Blanche & Martha are not expected home, as the Doctor informs me, until some time in May. I shall send your letter to Alice for perusal. They talk of you very kindly & doubtless would have some messages for you, if they knew I was writing.

My own health is about as usual, though my complaint about which you know is no better. Dr. Carpenter has been out several times to see Ellen & Kitty. They are both now nearly well.

I suppose you know that Hiester Clymer has been nominated for Governor, the best choice which, under the circumstances, could have been made. The Spring elections in the State, though not of much importance in themselves except as in dictations of the future have manifested considerable gains on favor of the democracy.

Miss Hetty sends her love to you.

May a kind Providence protect & bless you & may you return in health to settle down contented & happy in Domestic life.

With my kindest regards to Mr. Johnston, I remain

Yours affectionately,  
James Buchanan

Mrs. Henry E Johnston

