

Wheatland 3 May 1866

My dear niece,

Before I read your letter of the 30 ultimo, I said to myself this will contain a glowing history of the ceremonies of inauguration in the new Palace; but I was disappointed. This will come soon I trust.

Mrs. Schell is to be here to day or tomorrow. Had I known this before the departure of Miss Snyder I should have detained her. I miss her very much. We are in the worst possible condition to receive Mrs. Schell without necessary servants & in the midst of house cleaning. All topsy turvy.

Thomas Gordon & his wife Mr. Brentons servants will I expect be here on Tuesday next: and as I write I learn the Chamber Maid has arrived. But how long will they stay? That is the question. I doubt whether Miss Hetty is pleased with the arrangement, though our housekeeping is nearly played out.

I intended to write at some length; but I must leave my office for a cleansing.

When I see Miss Blanche I shall deliver to her your message, communicating the important circumstance that the fan was brought all the way from Cuba.

Ever yours affectionately

James Buchanan

Mrs. Henry E Johnston

