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My dear Sir,

I return the deed which I believe to be correct and sufficient. The whole affair was simple & easily understood. It has got into a muddle without the least necessity; but I believe this will be cleared without doing you injustice. I doubt whether a fifty cent stamp will be insufficient.

I enclose the letter of Mrs. Ellis which you will please return. In answering it I informed her you had written her several times during the war; but presumed she had not received any of your letters. Until I hear from Mrs. Ellis which I have not yet done, I shall not determine whether to go to Saratoga or Bedford.

Mr. Schell left us on Friday evening after passing a few days. He evidently enjoyed the society of "young ones" very much. They intend, by virtue of a summons from home to leave here on Thursday next. I have told Bessie I had no doubt Mr. Johnston would meet her at the Depot in Baltimore & conduct her to the Steam Boat. Edward will write to him or to you & inform you of the time she will leave Philadelphia.

Jessica's manners are graceful & lady like, her carriage is erect & she is a fine looking girl without being beautiful & on the whole she is quite attractive. She is but a few weeks past seventeen; but has the appearance of a twenty that weighs 141 pounds. She has much of the simplicity of a child about her; but will make a very fine woman under the instruction of her mother who is well calculated to bring her up properly. She is unaffected. She was very anxious to see & know her cousins the Lanes; but will not have the opportunity. She saw them on Sunday at church & was introduced to them. Mrs. Lane though unbounded in her demonstrations to me when I meet her, has never visited nor sent her sons to visit any of the girls.

James Buchanan left here last night for Tionesta after passing a day with us.

The Nevins are kind & sociable as ever. James believes that matters are in a promising condition between Harriet & the embryo Bishop. They begin to look fair between Cecil & Harriet etc. etc. etc.].

Yours affectionately

James Buchanan

Mrs. Harriet Lane

P.S. You will of course remember me very kindly to Mr. Johnston.

Miss Hetty has been devoted to the girls, has enjoyed herself with them & they can see & do any thing with her they please.

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