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My dear niece,

Mrs. Ellis has been here since Monday morning and is as agreeable as ever. She will leave for Baltimore on Monday morning & will arrive at the Depot at the same hour I arrive. Mr. Johnston will of course meet her. Owing to a change in time on the Rail Road which I need not explain I may have to take her in my carriage to Columbia so as to render it certain she will reach there at 1 o'clock P.M. In that event I will send her trunk by Express directed to Mr. Johnston's care. She is, indeed, charming. She is sensible concerning the ward & has suffered much; she will give you a great deal of information in a most agreeable manner. She & Becky get along agreeably together. I shall return by her the under shirt I found in my baggage & shall, also, send the money for the stockings which will do tolerably well. The feet are sufficiently large; but the legs are not quite wide enough. I have not seen your sister since my return home except yesterday & then only for a moment whilst sitting in Reynold's carriage on the street. Brother Edward told me that Ellie Bowman had informed him it was believed she & Pat Mcvoy would be married and such was her impression from her own observation. They are certainly on terms of great intimacy. I cannot believe & do not believe she would thus degrade herself.

Mr. Shunk is getting along satisfactorily in his work.

With my kind regards to Mr. Johnston I remain yours very affectionately. In haste.

James Buchanan

Mrs. Johnston

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