

Wheatland 26 June 1867

My dear niece,

I was happy to learn from your letter of yesterday to Annie that you are all well including the Baby and that we may expect the pleasure of seeing you in two or three weeks. I had hoped this might have been sooner.

I have received a letter from Brother Edward of the 22<sup>nd</sup> Instant inquiring whether I should be willing to receive his son William for a week or two at Wheatland "after a while", [sic] and after he gets a little stronger. To this I have answered that if he can come immediately it will be very well; if not that he should postpone his visit until after you shall leave here for the Bedford Springs. Whilst you are here, if he should come, then all the chambers in the house would be occupied, without leaving a room for strangers of whom I expect several in the course of the summer. Of course Annie must remain to nurse him. And here it is proper for me to observe that I have not at present the most remote intension of visiting the Bedford Springs during the present summer. Notwithstanding the attraction of your company; and this for good reason which I need not specify.

I beg you and Mr. Johnston to give yourself no further trouble about the Rasors [sic]. I have found an old one which shaves me very well; and the first one sent I can get along with tolerably. So bring no rasors with you.

Dr. Carpenter is certainly to be married to Mrs. Laura Miller and report says on the 10<sup>th</sup> of July. The engagement is opening avowed and he & his family ride out with the bride elect. The remarks upon the subject will have ceased before the marriage day and I hope all will proceed smoothly afterwards. He has a right to marry whom he pleases and his friends ought not and will not turn the cold shoulder on him on that account. I paid a very agreeable visit to Mrs. Lane from Friday afternoon until Monday morning last and am happy to say she now thinks correctly on the subject and treats the Doctor as formerly.

A most agreeable incident occurred whilst I was at Mrs. Lanes. Mrs. Frazer, knowing I was there, came in and we met on cordial terms.

Miss Hetty now goes about on one crutch. Annie and Alice are very well. The latter is not so sprightly and agreeable as her sister; but appears to be a good girl.

Yours affectionately,  
James Buchanan

Mrs. Henry E. Johnston

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