

Wheatland 29 October 1867.

My dear Sir,

I have received your favor favor [sic] of the 26th & am sorry to say I cannot answer it without much bodily pain. About ten days ago I was stung in the left hand at night by what I suppose to be a Mosquito; but it must have been a very venomous spider. It swelled up & became very painful. The remedies of the little Doctor were doing much good, when yesterday decided symptoms of Rheumatic Gout appeared in the wrist & arm & I suffered much during the last night. I have not yet seen the Doctor this morning.

Aunt Annie is still here & I think her health appears much better. She was to have left this morning; but the day is so unfavorable I would not permit her to go. She is a skillful and handy nurse. Mother Nevin has never called to see her though the rest of the family are as usual. The Doctor called immediately after his return evidently pleased with the attentions you paid him.

The Misses Pleasanton have been here for a week & I hope they may pay me a good long visit, though they talk of leaving next week. I have derived much pleasure from their conversation and Clemmie is still a fine looking woman. I have had scores of visitors.

In response to the Coal Lands, I can give no advice. There is one tract I do not recollect the name of it but Harriet must know which it would be convenient for you to have. I would have bought it myself; but am now too old to enter into any speculations. It is not likely I think you can purchase these lands at any thing the price you suggest.

Mr. & Mrs. Keiser (formerly Stover[?]) were here this morning with Mr. Hurst the celebrate lawyer of Philadelphia & caught me in a very unsentimental condition. She was very minute in her inquiries for Mrs. Johnston & the Baby all of which I could satisfactorily answer.

Give my kindest love to Harriet & tell her to accept this as an answer to her last

Very respectfully

Your Friend

James Buchanan

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