

Wheatland 5 November 1867.

My dear niece,

I have received your letters of the 17 & 31 October. Until a few days ago I did not observe your allusion in the former to Wheatland. The disposition of it remains just as it was and I do not think I shall change it without your request. I still, however, entertain the opinion I formerly held and doubt whether you can afford to keep a place which will cost you so much interest & can never I think become an agreeable residence for you. Besides, you would be unwilling to sell it, if you should find it would not suit you.

My left hand is slowly recovering from a severe & painful attack of Gout the consequence of the sting of the spider (I think it was). I am not yet quite able to dress myself without the aid of James; but expect soon to be. He is very amiable & willing; but weak in the upper story & I am glad the Misses Pleasanton have remained & I hope to retain them another week. They have been very agreeable Companions. Ann Eliza I parted from with regret. The more I have seen of her the greater has become my attachment to her.

I cannot imagine the reason why Mother Nevin did not call to see Ann Eliza. It may be that she had no reason. According to Robert's letters he is enjoying himself very much with the clergy of the Church of England and is receiving much attention. It may be, that amid so many attractions he may transfer his affections.

I shall send the two volumes of the Maryland Code to Mr. Johnston by Express if a private opportunity should not soon appear. I have obtained all the information from them I desired. This respected the title to my Montgomery County property which is, I believe perfect. The dwelling house upon it burnt down a fortnight ago. I did not want the second volume of the Maryland Code which is entirely local.

The Misses Pleasanton & Miss Hetty desire to be kindly remembered to you. I hope the Baby continues well.

Yours affectionately

James Buchanan

Mrs. Johnston

