

U.S. Legation
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My dear Harriet,

Mr. C. L. Perkins has been here this morning to inform me that Mr. Hamilton of the firm of Brown, Shepley & Co has told him that the bench which he had been able to reserve for you was not comfortable nor was it in good position & proposed a change.

Mrs. Patterson, the widow of Dr. Patterson of the Mint, & the sister in law of Judge Kane is now in Paris with her daughter & a Miss Norris of Philadelphia who may be known to you are now in Paris. The lady with whom Miss. Norris was to share her State Room in the best part of the Atlantic has determined to remain some time longer in Europe. This creates a vacancy, & both Mr. Hamilton & Mr. Perkins are anxious that it should be reserved for you. Mr. P. says that Mrs. N. is a young & agreeable widow & would be a pleasant companion. The state room is immediately opposite to that of Mrs. Patterson & her daughter. The ladies are expected in London on Wednesday next. What say you?

Sir William Ouseley was here yesterday & I informed him that you would remain at Black Gang Chene until Monday next, & that after your return it was probable we might pass a week or ten days at the Star & Garter. It is my present purpose to go out to Richmond on Saturday next & engage rooms. This, however, is altogether as you please. Perhaps, you would prefer to remain in London & visit Hampton Court, Miss Gamble & Lady Charles & Windsor Castle in the carriage. Decide for yourself & you will please me.

Mr. M'Lanahan has just left me. He, his lady & son returned to London last night. They go to Ireland for a fortnight; & after visiting England & Scotland will pass the winter in Paris.

With my kindest & regards to all, I remain, yours affectionately,
James Buchanan

Miss Lane

