

Wheatland 4 July 1864

My dear Miss Lane,

I have received your favor of the 1st instant. It would be vain to send you a protest for the other heirs to sign. Any one of them by law has a right to due out a writ of portion against the protest of all the rest. Mr. Swarr informs me that Mr. Atlees' (clients of course Dr. Lane included) have instructed him to favor it. I presume Dick Jenkins and the company to which he belongs are anxious to attain the whole. Mr. Swarr says that Col. Fordnes has been employed to conduct the proceedings in partition.. I presume the heirs are nearly all anxious for their money.

There is no mode of presenting the proceedings; but after they are instituted it is probable the object may be defeated. I will talk to you of this before you go to Bedford. It will be quite a round for Mrs. Roosevelt to come this way. She can reach Harrisburg almost as soon as Philadelphia. I was very glad to hear from Mrs. Alexander.

No news, except that Dr. Carpenter gives a party today to [W ?]. I was invited; but shall not go. From his list of expected guests –they are good feeders & drinkers & will have a merry time.

Mr. & Mrs. Heister and Mr. & Mrs. Brinton have been here. The latter regretted much your absence. I asked Mrs. Heister for Miss Clara & the answer was she had gone to Lebanon County.

Father Kienan, Pat McEvoy and the two Miss Dunns have been here. I have had a good deal of company but these compose the list of distinguished visitors.

I ought to except Blanche who happened to be here when the Brintons came & she behaved very prettily-- very lady like.

Yours affectionately
James Buchanan

PS I have not heard from Mr. Schell.

