

[May 1848]

Dear Sir /

Harriet will be of age on the 9th May & standing in relation she does to me it is my duty to regulate her expenses by her income so far as this can be done & to take charge of her affairs. I would, therefore, thank you when convenient to make out her account stating the balance which may be due to her from her father's estate. I intend to place what I owe her in a 7 per cent secure stock so as to increase her income as much as possible. It is high time she should know her true condition.

I feel quite confident your uncle will not claim his debt; but in stating your account against Harriet, you can make an allowance for her share of this for the present

Yours very respectfully
James Buchanan

Mr. James B. Lane

[Date derived from the age of majority, for HL 1930-1903]

