

Washington 30 March 1847

My dear Sir /

Very much to my regret, I find it impossible to be in Lancaster on the 1<sup>st</sup> of April, although I hope to be there in the course of the next week.

My brother Edward is to receive the sum due to him from Mr. Henderson & will deposit \$4500 to my credit in the Lancaster Bank. I would thank you to attend to this.

I enclose a statement which will show the interest due to me from different persons. This interest & the whole or any part of the principal which the different persons may pay you can receive & give them receipts as my agent. You can deliver the bonds to those who pay the whole & I will enter satisfaction when I go to Lancaster. I presume that the whole or a part will be paid by James M. Hopkins. I would thank you to write to me by Mondays mail.

I have to pay \$10 000 here on the 10<sup>th</sup> April, & should be glad to receive as much as I can before that day: still I do not wish any of my creditors to be pressed. If any of them object to taking your receipts, I will send you receipts for them immediately on being informed of their payments.

It is exceedingly embarrassing that I cannot be in Lancaster on Saturday.

You may tell Mr. Reynolds that his son John will be breveted.

Harriet & James are well.

Give my love to Patty & Mary & believe me to be

Yours affectionately

James Buchanan

James B. Lane Esq.

P.S. I know that Mr Bachman will render you all the assistance in his power.

