

Copy of letter to  
Hon James Buchanan

Lancaster Decr 13, 1847

Dear Uncle; After receiving several communications from Jas W. Forney Esq in reference to his purchase of the "Intelligencer & Journal" I deem it ~~best~~ proper to say a few words upon the subject.

When Mr Forney visited here he called upon me and among other matters mentioned that Mr Hutter was very anxious to come here and take charge of the paper, and that you would be much pleased to ~~see~~ have him <sup>at this post.</sup> I at once replied ~~saw~~ I would do anything in my power to accomplish <sup>this desirable</sup> object as I had long thought and do still think <sup>that</sup> your political interests have suffered very much from the manner in which this paper has been conducted, and used by your services. The next day Mr Forney called to say that he had seen Mr May and could purchase the paper for \$3,500, the only obstacle was to raise the money or obtain 30 or 60 days so that Mr Hutter could raise it; I then, upon his most positive assurance that Mr Hutter could and would raise the money, and that under no circumstances should ~~I have~~ my name used <sup>in the matter</sup> for <sup>that I (?)</sup> invest one dollar in any newspaper, consented to endorse his note of 30 days so as to enable him to make the purchase, and to show that such was the understanding the paper was transferred to him, and he was the matter of the note to Mr May.

What I have done I by no means regret, upon contrary I ~~should have been~~ was willing to go any length in the matter (if made ultimately secure) to have seen the paper in the hands of your friends, my object in giving you the details above is to show that Mr Forney is entirely mistaken in supposing to ascertain (if he has done so) that I was the purchaser and promised to furnish the money.

I am happy to be able to inform you that since the receipt of a letter from Forney of the 11<sup>th</sup> inst., containing ~~your~~ an expression of your wishes upon this subject, I have been able to make all the arrangements <sup>necessary</sup> ~~and that~~ for Mr. Hutter to come at once and take charge of the paper ~~forthwith~~. I will see that the paper is paid for at the end of the 30 days and your friend H. E. [ ] has consented to leave the lien appear in his name.

I am extremely sorry you did not communicate with me direct upon this subject, and can yet see no good reason why your wishes (as I can serve you) should be communicated through a third person; for I need scarcely say here that nothing will afford me more pleasure than to serve you in any manner in my power.

My family are all well, our little girl is healthy and growing rapidly she is now at a very interesting age and a source of much amusement to us all. Eskridge is still here but unable to get into any business that would likely turn out profitable. I am extremely anxious to see him at something.

We all beg to be remembered and would be most happy to have you take your Christmas dinner with us, can you not visit us at that time?

Your Affect Nephew  
James B. Lane

