

Washington 4 May 1848

My dear Sir /

I return the Bonds executed by me. I did not deem a subscribing witness necessary, as every person in Lancaster knows my handwriting. Had I received your letter this time yesterday morning, I could have sent you \$1400; but it is now too late.

I should prefer borrowing the whole money from the Lancaster Bank. I think I can pay it all within sixty days; when the Misses Haldemans Bond will be due. I do not require an endorser. I, therefore send you a note for \$2830.

I am gratified with the purchase. It is just such a house as Mary ought to commence the world in & I like the neighborhood. I was much opposed to her going to boarding.

With my love to Patty & Mary & my kind regards to Eskridge, I remain affectionately your friend in haste.

James Buchanan

James B. Lane Esq

P.S. If you adopt the note you will destroy the Bonds.

