

Washington 25th October 1848

My dear Sir /

I feel much indebted to you for your attention to the appraisalment of the matting. I am entirely content with the price fixed by Mr. Hager.

I think you have acted wisely in not purchasing the house. It would take too much capital from your business. I hope you may be able to purchase a house to suite you; because I should be sorry you would go to boarding. I shall not for the present offer it for sale publickly [sic], as I trust I may be able to pass a few days in Lancaster after the election. What rent would you be disposed to give for it after the 1st April, in case you should not be able to purchase a house?

With my love to all, I remain yours, in haste,

Affectionately

James Buchanan

James B Lane Esq



Copy of a Letter to
Uncle James

Lancaster Octr 30 1848

Dear Uncle;

Your Letter of the 25th Inst has been received~ For the reasons assigned in my last Letter I should not like to remain at housekeeping longer than 1st April next, unless I can, I think, make such arrangements for boarding as will render my family very comfortable and pleasant which I much prefer to renting and furnishing any house~

Mr. Fordney desires me to request you to inform Mr. Meredith that you will not want any of the furniture at Wheatland except the matting~ Fordney says Mr. M has written to [?] what you do not want sent to Phila but he wants you first to inform Mr. M of your intentions~

We are all well, and write in love to you and regards to Miss Hetty~

Your Affect Nephew
James B. Lane



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