

Hornby Castle, York Shire
4 January 1855

My dear Eskridge /

I wrote last week to brother Edward in relation to the payment of his Bond. He is to accept \$4000 of my Penn^a. R.R. Bonds & I am anxious that the remaining \$4000 should be raised for him as cash so as to enable him, in the present depressed state of the market to make a favorable investment. Whatever deficiency there may be of the money in hand, Mr. Reynolds & yourself might supply by a loan from Bank until the first of April. As I had not time to write to you on this subject by the last Steamer, I told Edward he had better send you an extract from my letter, ~~on the subject~~.

Harriet and myself have been here since Saturday last passing a few of the Christmas Holidays with the Duke & Duchess of Leeds. It is rather a fatiguing business for me.

We go tomorrow Friday to Richmond Hill, near Liverpool, the seat of William Brown, member of Parliament, & the leading partner in the great house of Brown, Shipley, & Co, of that place. I expect to return to Lond on Monday or Tuesday next; but will leave Harriet behind. She is to be bridesmaid to Miss Jackson who is to be married on the 17th to a grandson of Mr. Brown. The mother of the bride is the sister, I believe, of Mr. James Coleman.

The violent & unnecessarily abusive articles in what is here believed to be the Government organ at Washington seriously interfere with my negotiations.

With my kindest regards to Mr. Reynolds & all my other friends, I remain yours affectionately,

James Buchanan

Col: Eskridge Lane

