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My dear Eskridge /

I have received your favor of the 8<sup>th</sup> Instant together with your accounts which I have no doubt I shall find to be all correct when I understand them. They are in loose sheets & in confusion & I have not yet found time to unravel them.

I do not observe in the list of charges against yourselves the January dividend on 130 shares of stock in the Planters Bank of Tennessee. I have no doubt a dividend was made. Mr. Reynolds informed me in his letter written without date; but I presume about the 20<sup>th</sup>. February that you had not then received this dividend; but does not intimate that none such ~~was~~ had been made.

It does not appear that you have yet finally settled with my brother Edward, delivered over to him the four Penn<sup>a</sup>. R.R. Bonds & lifted my bond for \$8000. I wish you would attend to this.

I shall draw upon Riggs & Co for £200, relying that you will have deposited \$1000 in their hands on or before the 1 May according to my request to Mr. Reynolds; & this I have no doubt will be quite sufficient to carry me home.

I have no doubt your settlement with Piper is all right.

I thank you for the local news contained in your letter. I like to hear every thing about Lancaster.

I have no news to give you from this side of much interest. Harriet is nearly restored to her usual good health after a long & severe cough.

Sir Henry Holland, the great physician of London with whom & whose family we are on terms of social intimacy, assures me that the cough does not proceed from her breast, but from her stomach. It is now gradually disappearing. Another winter in this climate, though remarkably healthy except for those inclined to breast or bronchital [sic] affections [sic], would be very dangerous for Harriet. It was mainly for this reason I was so anxious she should return home last Fall; but the thing seemed impossible.

Mr. Tyson will be here in the Baltic on Monday or Tuesday next. I have repeatedly told Harriet I shall neither influence her one way nor the other; but shall be quite satisfied with her determination whatever this may be. One thing, however, I have required from her & that is that she shall decide – which she has promised. This matter has been on hand quite long enough. Should she determine not to marry Mr. Tyson, she will return home in June; - otherwise I presume they will be married here & then travel on the Continent.

I know not what her determination will be; ~~but am~~ though rather inclined to believe she favors Mr. Tyson, but his only from the fact that she does not encourage any other person.

All this is strictly Confidential. Pray keep it from Patty.

Please to remember me kindly to Mr. Reynolds & all our other friends & believe me to be yours.

Affectionately  
James Buchanan

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