

Wheatland 4 September 1865

My dear Sir/

I did not receive yours of the 1st Instant until Saturday evening & now answer it on Monday morning.

It is both my desire & ~~my~~ purpose to make you the loan you requested but I cannot do this at the present moment. I have a considerable amount loaned on Bond & Mortgage in this County; but no ~~body thinks of paying~~ principal or interest ^{is paid} except on the first of April. As to stocks I could not sell any of them now without loss. I shall certainly receive \$900 ~~interest from them~~ on the first of October, I shall on that day most cheerfully advance you \$1000, and the remainder as soon thereafter as it may be in my power between this & the first of April-the longest term. I hope this may suit your convenience. If you desire it, I could send you a check for \$200, at the present moment. But all this can be arranged when you visit me which I hope will be very soon. Had I received your letter but one week sooner I could have loaned you the \$3000 at once; but we must now do the best we can.

When my Book will be out, I can not say. I fear not till the middle of October. The Appletons send me the proofs but slowly. They offered to print, stereotype, & publish it at their own risk to which I acceded. They are doing it in good style: and it will not I think, exceed three hundred pages. I was grateful to learn from Mr. Glossbrenner that you had consented to review it. I could now give you the half of it in print & you might read the remainder in the manuscript. I should think a trip to the Country in this hot weather would be beneficial both to your health & spirits. If you will inform me of the time you will leave Philadelphia my carriage shall be in waiting ^{for you} at the Lancaster Depot.

from your friend
very respectfully
James Buchanan

Hon: William B. Reed

