

Wheatland 9 September 1867

My dear Sir /

I am in my office to day with a fair prospect of recovering from my severe & dangerous illness through the mercy of Almighty God.

I enclose you a letter from Mary Wall our old chambermaid. It appears she was to sail for England on the 7th Inst; but my illness prevented ^{me} from noticing her letter sooner. You know the extent of my promise to her which I have forgotten & I desire to redeem it. I hardly think I promised to pay her whole passage money. She will be very much disappointed on her return to her native Country. Excuse me for not writing at greater length as I am scarcely fit to write at all & believe me to be ever sincerely & gratefully

Your friend
James Buchanan

Dr. John B Blake

P.S. What money you may advance her you may deduct from my little deposit in your Bank. [along left side of letter]

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