

Oxford Ch Parsonage
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My Dear Sir,

I wrote you a few lines on Friday last in Phila, saying that I could not agree to accepting any tomb from Mr. Howell but a solid one; (vis one, made of one solid block, & not cut into pieces) such as we engaged from him.

In thinking of the reasons that may have induced him to have the block sawed into layers it has occurred to me, that, possibly, he found himself unable to work a solid block, on account, probably, of not having the appliances & fixtures for doing so. If so, he ought to throw up the job, refunding the money he has rec [sic] from us, or make arrangements to have it made elsewhere. In any event, I think at present, we had better not make any more advances to him. The marble men in Phila, told me, that by ~~sawing~~ having the block sawed, as he had had, he would save 30 per cent in labor in making the tomb.

I rec [sic] yesterday Mr [sic] Diller' [sic] estimate for the railing. It is considerably higher than what he thought it be [sic] when I saw him in Lancaster. After I left you that day, having an hour or two before car-time, I concluded I would go round & see him. He told me then, the cost of the railing would be about \$2.50 a foot. He now asks (this for a railing a little higher) \$3.25 a foot. When I come up to Lancaster again, we can determine what we shall do about it.

I have rec [sic] a bill from Mr. Pearce for John Weaver's Tuition etc. for the term wh [sic] commenced on the 1st instant. It is in amount, \$187.50.

I have rec [sic] also a bill from Dr. Cardesa, a physician in that neighborhood, for medical attendance on John for \$52. This appeared to me to be such an enormous bill that it could not be paid without more information being communicated to me, as to items, etc. I requested him therefore to get from the Dr., a statement of the number of visits paid, & how much the medicines furnished cost. I have not as yet rec [sic] any answer. Had we better pay his bill now, or let him wait a while? Mr. Pearce ought to be paid within a week or two.



I enclose to you a letter, rec [sic] from Dr. Yates a few days ago. From it you will perceive that a remittance of a few hundred or a thousand dollars ~~will be~~ to Mrs. Dunham, will be very acceptable and opportune. I had written to her on the same day that the Dr. wrote to me, telling her that we would make a remittance to her, if she desired it, & also about the Bond. I shall no doubt hear in a few days how much she wants & will let you know. As to her uncle's not intending to charge her interest on her bond, I suppose, unless she has letters which clearly show this intention, we shall have to charge her interest on it.

If it would not be too much trouble, I would be very glad if you would send me a copy of Judge Black' [sic] opinion, as contained in Mr. Johnston' [sic] letter respecting the papers. Indeed, I should like to see the whole letter; but as there may be things in it, which you would not think it well that I should see, I will not ask to see it. Do you intend to give him in his book, a record of all our proceedings? It by appears to me, that it would be well to be cautious about his. He certainly has no right to demand it.

Yours Truly,
Edw Y. Buchanan

H.B. Swarr, Esq

Please say to Mr. Diller that I will see him when I come up to L again.

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