

Clearfield Pa
Sept. 6th 1862

My dear Sir,

In compliance with your request I enclose the note of O Banett & Co. In this matter I promised to do for you whatever I did for myself on a similar claim. I have taken no steps for the security of either. Perhaps this neglect was a wrong on my part; but the only measures I could take were unpleasant and hence the delay – I also enclose a notice of the protest of the note on which I am liable \$600 was paid on this, by them, prior to the protest but not one dollar since and the balance is claimed of me and what is worse it is not all paid _

I have retired to some extent, as you seem to conclude; but I hope I am doing no injustice to my country myself. But who of our school of politicians have not retired to an equal extent. With some it may be choice with others a necessity. I am not, however, neglecting the affairs of the State and am anticipating with some hope the day when you old friends will be again available to the Country, and when your policy will be more fully vindicated – Enough has already occurred to vindicate the course of those who endeavoured [sic] to avoid dissolution and war.

I need not say how deeply I am mortified with present condition of the Country. It seems to me that the events of the last 3 months have not only humiliated but disgraced the government at Washington in the eyes of all Europe. What is to come next God only Knows, but it looks to me as though the confederates were really about to attempt an aggressive [sic] war on the north. This would be a great folly on their part. What they have recently accomplished will set them right in Europe; but if they go farther they will suddenly lose all. Speaking of my retiracy [sic], if the rebels get down about Port Deposit, your best plan will be to retire to Clayfield also. With the highest esteem.

I remain
Your ob.st.
W^m Bigler

Hon. Jas Buchanan

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