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STOCKS AND BONDS BOUGHT AND  
SOLD ON COMMISSION.  
MONEY LOANED ON COLLATERALS.

JOHNSTON BROTHERS & CO.  
BANKERS  
BALTIMORE JULY 6 1880.

Mr H. B. Swarr  
Lancaster  
Pa.

DEAR SIR:

I would refer you to recent correspondence; particularly to my letter of Janr 8 1878 in explanation of my object in exacting the specified form of receipt. You have already returned one improper charge of \$39. but others remain unsatisfied and without explanation. These "errors", (as you termed the \$30.) are too small to justify the annoyance of judicial investigation, and the present form of receipt is required as a means of protection against future "errors", arising from "defective vision", or otherwise.

In this connection, let me remind you, for your memory seems to be as defective as your eyesight, that you solemnly promised Mrs. Johnston in my presence, that Mr. Buchanan's a/c Book / a little leather covered mem<sup>a</sup> book, in which he kept a record of his investments, interest & cr/ should be handed to her, as a memento for her son, as soon as the estate was closed. Have you forgotten this promise? How much better it would have been for your conscience, if you had obliged your own instincts, and listened to the voice of your better self, as uttered in the beginning of the settlement of the estate, indeed, of making an alliance "offensive, and defensive" against the interests of a lady to protect whom you were morally pledged to your great benefactor, during his life.

It was not intended, to bring up this subject again, but it is naturally recalled by your reluctant compliance with my demand for a more formal receipt.

Your obedient servant  
Henry E. Johnston

I sent Mr. Curtis as you are aware, the papers at Wheatland about which Judge Black acted as our counsel some years ago--please let me know if you do not think all these papers -- Rev E. Y. Buchanan or those in his possession as well as those he owns, had better be retained together, in some place to be designated, until the book appears.

It seems to me that after the book is published the papers should be equitably divided. Mr. Curtis has asked our wishes about the papers rec<sup>d</sup> from us & I am quite willing that all should remain in charge of the executors -- if that be deemed best -- or I am willing to take charge of all, if preferred but I do not think there should be two depositories.

Yours respy  
H. E. Johnston

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