My Dear Sir,

Your favor of the 23d inst, enclosing the Kennedy Bond & Mortgage, was rec^d the next day. And on the following morning (Friday) I went to town to see Mr Macalaster, but was not fortunate enough to see him, as he had gone out of town. I left however a note for him, in wh I enclosed the Bond & Mortgage, that he might see them. This morning I rec^d from him a reply in wh he says he will be prepared to pay the amount on the first proximo Shall I call upon him for it, or do you expect to be down? Will the purchaser of Mr Reed' property be prepared to pay at the same date. If so, shall I call upon him for the amount. This however, I think had better be left till you come down.

Since you were here I have had a conversation with Mr [sic] Saw about our Virginia & Tennessee Bonds. At the time the Virginians were about 73. I took the liberty of saying to him that if they get up to 75, to sell them. Since then they have materially fallen instead of rising. I do not know but what we should authorize him to sell if they get up to 73, or even 72. The Tennessees, I incline to think, should be sold, should they get up to 61 or 62. There seems to be so much uncertainty about affairs in both states, that I think it will be well for us to sell as soon as we can get a reasonably good prices. Quicksilver stock seems to be going down all the while.

The Storm here yesterday, was very severe. The wind was very high & great quantities of rain fell.

I think I will be in Lancaster some day next week, when we can converse on various topics of business. Till then, believe me to be,

Very Truly Yours &c,

Edward Y. Buchanan

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