

Oxford Church, Phila
Dec. 13 70.

My Dear Sir,

Your favor of the 9th inst [sic] (enclosing a letter from Judge Black to you, & your reply) was duly recd [sic]. Please, accept for it, my thanks.

I was somewhat surprised to find that Judge B [sic] was not yet prepared to make answer to our Bill. I was at the same time however pleased to find that you had taken the ground, that there must be an answer, if at all within two weeks from the date of your letter to him (the 9th inst [sic]). I hope, my dear Sir, that you will inflexibly adhere to this resolution. Considering all things, they have had quite as much indulgence as there was any reason they should have. If they should not answer within that time, please get a decree "pro confesso," with as little delay as possible. My impression is, that they will make no answer.

Yours, Very Truly
Edw Y. Buchanan

Isaac E. Hiester Esq.

From some things that have recently come to my knowledge, I think it possible, that, instead of an answer to our Bill, there may come some further propositions or communications on the subject. If there should, I beg you not to allow them to interfere with your insisting on an answer within the allotted time. Nothing must now be allowed to interfere with our getting a decision in some way as soon as possible of the question as to the rightful custody of the papers.

Should any further communications come, I should be glad if you would transmit them, or copies of them, to me, and it might be well for you to do so, before replying to them.

I return Judge B.'[sic] letter, as thinking you might like to have it. I retain a copy of it.

