

Rome, Feb. 24 '73

My Dear Mr Swarr,

I have for some time thought of writing to you; but, in consequence of our frequent removals from place to place & our constant sight-seeings [sic], I have failed to put into executions [sic] my intentions.

Since we left America, we have been in a great variety of places; among the rest, Paris, Geneva, Leghorn, Naples, & finally, the famous city in wh [sic] we now are. In each of the places just mentioned, we stopped for a longer or shorter time; & in each of them we saw much to interest us. We have been in Rome a little over 2 weeks. Here, there is no end to the objects & places of interest. We have been very busy in visiting the principal ones of them. There are multitudes of persons here, like ourselves, on tours of observation. The most of them are either Americans or English. We have met every here & there [sic] with acquaintances, both from America & England. I have not as yet had a sight of the Pope; as I have not sought a presentation to him, & as he does not appear at all on the street, or even in any of the Chs [sic], except his own private Chapel. I got a glimpse of Victor Emanuel yesterday, as he drove past in his carriage. He was dressed plainly, although all his servants in attendance were in very showy livery. That wh [sic] has helped to swell the number of visitors here at present, is the Carnival, wh [sic] is now in progress. I do not understand how so many people can find as much amusement in it as they appear to do. It consists in a lot people, in masks, riding up & down the Corso in carriages, throwing bouquets & other things at people on the street, or in balconies on the houses; those people returning the compliment to the occupants of the carriages. The performance of the afternoon is closed by a ~~race~~ of horse race; the horses running down the Corso without riders, being made to run by some kind of apparatus fastened to them. In addition to all this, they have masqued balls & fairs in the evening; & you see maskers everywhere along the streets. We expect to leave this for Florence tomorrow. From thence we will go, in a week or two, to Venice, & so on to Milan, Paris & England. In England we expect to remain several weeks. We shall get back to America, Providence permitting, some time in June. We all continue pretty well, & all have enjoyed our travels thus far very much. I am sorry to have to add that we have recd [sic] unfavorable accounts of my son Wm' [sic] health in Paris; and I have written to him to come & meet us in Florence. We will probably fix him for a few weeks in Genoa or Pisa, & part of our company may have to remain with him.

Whilst we are having very mild weather in Italy, I see by the papers & by letters, that you are having a dreadful winter in America. The principal thing we have had to complain of in this part of the world has been a great amount of rain. The weather however in this place, ever since we have been here, has been clear, bright & beautiful. If my recollection is right, John Lane was 21 in January; &



you no doubt have paid over to him his money. This leaves but two minors for whom we are trustees. I was glad to learn through letters from home that the Foltz case ended as it did. I always had doubts whether they wd [sic] bring it to a trial. I shd [sic] be very glad to hear from you, in relation, not merely to business, but to any thing [sic] you feel like writing. Is there any word now of Judge Black [sic] writing a history of the administration of my brother, as he appeared to be intending to do. I infer from my not hearing from you, that you have probably concluded, that it is not necessary to file our final account till after my return home. At this conclusion, I shall be glad. When you write, direct to me to "London" "care of J S Morgan & Co, 22 Old Broad Street." Please remember me very kindly to Mrs [sic] Swarr, & to Mrs. Kremer, when you see or write to her; also to Miss Mary & Charles, & believe me to remain Very Sincerely,

Very Sincerely,  
Edw Y. Buchanan

H B Swarr Esq.

Please remember me to Mr [sic] Swift, & Miss Hetty.

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