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My Dear Sir,

I came into town this mornng [sic] to get the copy of the Agreemt [sic] sent to Mrs Johnston, & wh [sic] she returned without her signature; but I have not succeeded in finding it in my box. When I go home I will make another search for it there. Meanwhile I send you herewith the other two agreements & a copy of my Pamphlet. Should I find the other, I will send it tomorrow.

I suppose the Johnstons are the only ones that will make depositions on Saturday. We, as far as I can understand matters, have no need to make any.

Mr [sic] Preston paid me a visit yesterday. He brought with him strong letters from Mr [sic] Capen, G S Hillard, Judge Payne, & Col. Greene (of the Boston Post). He seems very willing to undertake the work. On another occasion, I will give you my impressions & views in regard to him. I have also another person in view, H B Dawson, the Editor of the N York Historical Magazine, who has already I have discovered written some very able articles, ~~partly in defense of~~ in wh [sic] he has manfully sustained my brother's course in '60 & '61. I do not know however as yet, that he would entertain the proposition to write the life of my brother.

I feel curious to hear, whether Mr [sic] or Mrs [sic] Johnston will swear to the assertion, that she offered to contribute double what Mr Henry & I would, or the other, equally false one, that the Executors have done nothing to procure a biographer, but, on the other hand, have only embarrassed her etc etc. I shall be very glad if you will write me at once what they have sworn to.

Very Truly,  
Yrs etc  
E Y Buchanan

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