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My Dear Mr Swarr,

A letter recd [sic] on Saturday last from Mr Brown, contained the sad intelligence that you had met with great misfortune of having one of your arms broken. I was truly sorry to hear that & I very sincerely hope that the bone will completely knit, & that you may experience no permanent inconvenience from yr [sic] injury. How liable we are, at every turn, & every moment, to meet with sorrows & even fatal injuries. Nothing but the protecting care of our Father in Heaven, prevents us from oftener experiencing them. To Him, to his undeserved pity & goodness, how much do we continually owe!

I was glad to find by Mr Brown'[sic] letter, that he is willing to undertake the task of examining the files of the Intelligencer & Journal. He proposes to leave the amount of compensation for his trouble to yourself, Judge Cadwalader & myself. Of course this will depend on the amount of his trouble etc. I see no reason why you should not at once engage him. I shall endeavour [sic] to see Judge C in a few days, & will get him to inform Mr B, what, particularly, he wishes him to do. I suppose, he will want some articles copied, & a digest made of the rest.

You will be sorry to hear that my son Wm [sic]is ill – very ill. I fear, he will never get up again. He has had a great number of hemorrhages, & exceedingly prostrated & weak. With kind regards for yr family, I am,

Very Truly, Yrs, E Y Buchanan

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