Oxford Church, Phil^a. Jan. 11 '76

My Dear Mr. Swarr,

At the time of the receiving of yr [sic] kind note of the 4th inst. sic], I was so unwell that I was under the necessity of getting one of my daughters to acknowledge the receiving of it, & of the check contained in it. For the same reason I forgot to get her to say anything to you in reply to your inquiry as to the progress which Judge C is making with the biography. I therefore now write to say, that I do not think he has as yet written much, but has accomplished as I hope a good deal in the way of making extensive preparation for writing in the way of by gathering materials & arranging & digesting them. I trust he may be able, before any very long time, to get to work at writing. There is no probability however, as I imagine, of his having the book ready for publication during this (the Centennial) year. I had at one time fondly hoped that this might be the case; but have none now. The truth is, the Judge has a great deal of judicial business on his hand, & is not now as well in health as formerly.

We are having just now a visit from my only surviving son (Edward) & his wife & child. He has been living for some years past in California.

With kindest regards for Mrs. Swarr, & hoping to hear from you occasionally, I remain,

Very Truly, Yrs etc, E Y Buchanan

H B Swarr Esq.

(Answd [sic] Jany 14. 1876.)

I have received & answered a letter from W R Bierly of Wmsport [sic], asking for information respecting the early public & private letter [sic] of my brother. He wrote that you had referred him to me. Is he a person who will be likely to produce anything of much value or consequence? I never heard of him before.

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