

Washington 14 July 1859.

My dear Sir/

I send you Miss Lanes' receipt. Her brother James has his own way of doing business. He deposits a Bond with you worth \$870 & asks a receipt from her for \$1000. I consider the sale of the property for \$15"660 a good one: but in business matters things ought always to be stated according to the truth. Please to place the Bond in an envelope & endorse on it the name of Harriet R Lane & give it to Mr. Hager to be kept until called for. Harry Magraw can bring it with him to Washington some time in the course of the summer. I would request you to send it by Mail; but we shall probably leave for Bedford before it could arrive here.

Your delay to answer my letter did me no injury; but was a pecuniary benefit. Nevertheless, I was truly sorry for it. My regard for your father was transferred first to Israel & then to yourself, & I desire to see you always punctual. Without this character there can be no man of business. I have known gentlemen to succeed in business by ability & punctuality; & when they had attained a full flush of it then to relax in the habits by which it was acquired & sink gradually to the positions which they commenced. May this never be your case! I have a right thus to lecture your father[']s son – I ought to add that I have never heard an allegation against you – as a man of business; but much in your favor I judge solely by the little affair between us, of which no person shall ever know anything except ourselves.

from your friend  
very respectfully  
James Buchanan

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