My Dear Sir,

I enclose my check of the am^t [sic] of yr [sic]charge (\$50), & will today enclose one to Mr Curtis for \$75, wh [sic] will be the final one to him. In my final & very particular examination of my accounts, I found that I had made a mistake against myself of \$200; wh [sic] made me a debtor to the Fund of between 1 & 2 hundred dollars, instead of having such an amount over in my hands. I determined therefore (in order that Mr [sic] Curtis might not be disappointed in his expectation of rec^g [sic] something additional out of a balance, & that I might pay yr [sic] charge, & provide for the expense of filing an acc^t [sic] that I wd[sic] charge for expenses, &, in addition, make the contribution wh [sic] you will notice, I have made of \$114.45.

Mr Curtis, as you will perceive, has rec^d \$1221.50 more than he was entitled to. He applied to me from time to time on various pretexts, for help, & I was quite disposed to comply with his requests. I, lately, moreover, out of my own Funds, sent him \$50 for his services in connexion [sic]to the Boston Herald libel. He had written to me suggesting that the Executors shd[sic] send \$25 to his nephew in Boston for what he had done in the case. This suggestion I took as verbally on suggestion that he himself shd [sic] receive some compensation; whereupon I concluded, in addition to the \$25 sent to his nephew, to send him my chk [sic] for \$50, letting him know that they were both personal contributions; there being no funds whatever remaining in the hands of the Executors. He informed me the last time I was in N York about a fortnight ago, that he had heard nothing from Mr [sic] or Mrs [sic] Johnston since their return. I think between ourselves, that he expected somethg [sic] from them in connexion [sic] with the B Herald business.

Please, put my account in proper shape for filing, & oblige,

Yrs, Very Truly, EYBuchanan

I have rec^{ts} for nearly all of the payments made, & especially for those made to Mr Curtis & the Insurance Co.

