

Oxford Ch Parsonage
Phil^a Jan. 14 '70

My dear Sir,

I this morning return the papers rec^d on Friday last, signed & acknowledged. I could not get them acknowledged before Saturday evening, too late for the mail

I have rec^d a letter from Mr [sic] Shunk, proposing to write the life of my brother, wh I will show you when I see you. Judge Black' [sic] recent statements, false as I believe some of them, in reference to my brother' [sic] course just previous to the end of his administration, are not calculated to dispose one to give the preparation of the biography to any one [sic] who wd probably write under the direction, or at least influence, of the Judge.

Has Mrs [sic] Johnston written any thing [sic] as yet, respecting Mr [sic] Reed on the book? I suppose, before this, you have transmitted to her, her interest on her Trust-funds, or at least part of them, and I hope she is satisfied.

In a week or two more I shall need \$200 more for John Weaver; the second term of his School commencing tomorrow week, & his bill for the term being payable then. Will you please inform me, in what way his money, & also that of the same boys, is invested. If simply retained as yet in our hands, would it not, be well to invest in some of the legally authorized securities, or in Bonds & Mortgages. I recollect that some of it is secured in this latter way.

What surprisingly fine weather we are having. Some of the bushes in our lawn, are almost in leaf.

Very truly,

Yours,

Edw. Y. Buchanan

H. B. Swarr, Esq.

I have not yet seen Mr. Reed but expect to do so tomorrow. I see by the Age this morning, that his property at Chestnut Hill is advertised by the Sheriff to be sold on Monday Feb. 7.

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