

Lancaster, July 20th, 1874

Dear Madame,

Mr [sic] Reed informs me that he has given you a copy of ~~his~~ a letter addressed ~~to~~
~~the Executors~~ to the Executors of ~~Ex-President Buchanan~~ your late uncle expressing a
willingness to resume the preparation of the biography &c. Since the declination of Mr.
Welling every effort ~~have~~ has been made to secure the services of a competent person,
various names have been suggested, but no one secured, even [?] time Mr [sic] Capen is
strongly recommending Mr [sic] Preston of Boston . Would you please state how you
regard ~~him~~ the proposition of ~~again having~~ restoring to Mr [sic] Reed ~~employed to~~
~~complete~~ the duty assigned to him by ~~your the Ex-President Buchanan~~ your late Uncle.

Very Respectfully

H B Swarr

One of the Ex of JB. dec.

To/

Mrs. Harriet Lane Johnston

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