Washington 2 June 1857.

My dear Sir,

I enclose checks for the cost of the carriage, harness & whip. I have not yet seen the harness & have not determined that I shall ever use it. I am old fashioned & do not think it becoming in me "to sport" a harness costing \$550. But it is my own fault. I ought to have apprised you of my peculiar views. I owe you many obligations for the trouble you have taken about all this matter.

With my affectionate regards to Mrs & Miss Van Dyke & to Miss Snyder, I remain always

James C Van Dyke Esq

Your friend James Buchanan

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