

Wheatland, near Lancaster
17 June 1863

Dear Sir,

It is now nearly five years since ~~would remind you~~ the date of the note ~~of the note~~ of (12 July 1858) of Mr. Leonard & yourself got \$5095.21 to Messers Riggs & Co ~~for~~ ~~\$5095.21~~ payable one year after date. This loan I obtained for you from them in order to save your property from ~~sale, under~~ immediate sale under the Deed of Trust, after the most solemn assurances that it should be paid at maturity. From my interference on your behalf, I am held responsible for the amount. There is still due, ~~from you~~ from Mr. Leonard & yourself on the same after deducting ~~the same, after~~ your payment of \$1400 on the 18 July 1859, \$4493.79 with interest from that date. Since that time, on the 28 September 1861, I advanced to them on your account the sum of \$2342.67 leaving a balance due to them of \$2151.12 with interest from that date.

For nearly four years you have paid no attention to this business, & I have never received a line from you on the subject. You ~~leaving me to~~ have left me to bear the responsibility of my own act of disinterested friendship, ~~on behalf of Mr. Leonard & yourself~~ not withstanding all the protestations & promises which both of you made at the time you were relieved.

~~I am now an old man~~ Now at an advanced age I settled up my worldly affairs, with this single exception. Still I desire to be indulgent, ~~and of~~ if, therefore, you will promptly pay to Riggs & Co the balance of \$2151.12 with interest, I shall not direct them to ~~enforce~~ sell your property under the deed of ~~Trust agreement you for~~ the present. Should you fail to do this, you cannot justly complain should this be done ~~I have enforced~~ immediately.

Yours very respectfully,
James Buchanan

Col: John B. Leonard

