

Mercersburg May 28th 1862

Hon J. Buchanan

Dr Sir

On rect [receipt] of yours directing me to close up the acct of Products of your farm including the wheat – I wrote to the forwarding men in Greencastle to know what they were giving for wheat and they supply 1 5 per bu – at which price I closed yours, which I hope will be satisfactory. Mr. Frick the miller to whom I rented my mill on the first of April was at that time and now is only paying one dollar – I would have then at once sent your statement of your acct, but delay with the hope of being able to close out your Corn. Mr. Trout sold for me to one of his neighbours [sic] a few days ago 30 Barrels, 45 Bu, which I have put in they [sic] acct although not yet paid me -- Their [sic] is still a small lot on hand, say about 30 Bus, which as soon as I can sell, will send you check for the same. I have an offer of 40 cents for it delivered in the mill, but as I succeed in getting 50 cents for what I sold, I have refused to close it out at less. I feel glad to be able to return you so large an increase of the nett [sic] proceeds of your farm, & from the present prospect of the wheat Crop (should prices be fair) the next years [sic] yield will be further increased. The farm is now in good order, and with one more Kiln of Lime, the field will be in good condition for raising wheat or Corn – The fields, now in Clover, are splendidly set.

If you still wish to sell the farm, I think this coming fall will bring purchasers, and at a better price than land has sold at here for some years.

I herewith enclose Draft at ten days sight on J. W. Carson & Co. for four hundred thirty six dollars eighty two cents (\$436 87/100) which your Bank, will cash for you – be so good as acknowledge rect of Same at your convenience.

You speak of your age, well you have exceeded the Psalmist [sic] first limit, and I am not very far behind you, being in my 62nd year since February last, and as we have exceeded far the average of human life, I trust we both have our peace made with God though the atoning sacrifice of our Lord Jesus Christ; and living a life of Faith on him, we shall be prepared for death; and when it comes, receive the wedding garment of Christ, righteousness, and so be fitted to enter in into the marriage supper of the Lamb.

Truly yours

J. O. Carson

