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Wheatland, near Lancaster 5 April 1864

My dear Sir/

I learned but a few days ago that neither Col: MacDowell nor yourself now hold any interest in the Patriot & Union. In disposing of it I trust you have made provision for the payment of the note of O. Barrett & Co. for \$1000. Both he and & you will recollect the peculiar character of this debt, contracted through the agency of Governor Bigler, to prevent the paper from passing out of your hands into those of Mr. Haldeman.

The time has now come to close this business & I trust Col: MacDowell & yourself may do it with and much as little delay as may be convenient.

Your friend
Very respectfully
James Buchanan

O. Barrett, Esquire.

P. S. I shall send a copy of this letter to Col: MacDowell.

On back of letter: 5 April 1864. Copy of a letter addressed to O. Barrett & a copy of it sent at the same time to Col: MacDowell. 9 April. Mr. Barrett's answer within.

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