

Wheatland, near Lancaster 28 November 1862

Gentlemen/

Perceiving from the Patriot & Union that Col M'Dowell is no longer a member of the Firm & ~~as I~~ have for some time past ^{at my advanced age} have engaged in settling up my worldly affairs, I trust you will pardon me for reminding you of your indebtedness to me. In July 1860, I advanced to Governor Bigler \$1000 to enable you to relieve yourselves from the claims of Mr. Haldeman then pressing on the Patriot & Union. I some time since received your note for the amount from the Governor dated on the 16 July, 1860, & payable fifteen months after date. In this is not included the \$500 which I advanced to Col: M'Dowell at Washington on the 6th February 1860. This was intended as a contribution to relieve the then pressing necessities of the paper ^{as appeared from the statement of the Colonel;} & although ~~the Colonel~~ he declared he should ~~consider~~ it accept this only as a loan, I ~~shall neither ask nor accept that repayment~~ do not so consider it.

I shall be glad to learn ~~that it~~ how soon it will be convenient for you to pay the note for \$1000. ~~It is now a considerable time since it became due &~~ Indeed I had expected 'ere this to hear from you on the subject.

Yours very respectfully
James Buchanan

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