

Copy

Rockville, May 20, 1864

Messrs. Riggs & Co.

Sirs,

Yours of the 18th Inst. is at hand. I will procure a friend here to make the desire bid for you on the Leonard land. After the sale is made it must be reported by me to the Court for ratification. Thereupon the Court will pass an order of ratification nisi the following term. At the following term if no cause to the contrary is shown to the Court the sale will be rectified. If objections to the ratification are filed the Court will set the case down for hearing at the term following the term first after the sale, during which time both parties may take any evidence in relation to the sale they may desire and use it on the hearing of the objections to the sale. On a hearing of the objections to the sale if they are overruled by the Court, the sale will be ratified. So soon as the sale is ratified, possession of the premises will be ordered by the Court, and if not given will be enforced by the Sheriff. The above is the course where a party is through upon due legal proceedings to obtain possession, and takes about a year from the sale as the time of our Circuit Court are now arranged, where there is no contentions possession is usually given so soon as the terms of sale are completed with, without even waiting for the sale to be reported to and ratified by the Court. Whether Leonard will be contentious about the matter or not, I cannot say for he is so queer a being no one can tell anything about him. He has been to see me once since the advertisement, and still says he can and will arrange the matter without a sale: but he was not sure of being able to do so at so short a date and wanted to know if he should have a fair prospect of success: but should need further time to complete the arrangements would I grant it. I told him I would not unless under your special instructions, that I had already permitted him out of more good personal feelings to delay the matter more than any other business ever entrusted to me, and that I must now put an end to it.

Yours & C.

W. Veirs Bouic



Washington 21 May 1864

Hon James Buchanan

Lancaster

Pa.

Dear Sir

We beg to refer to the annexed copy of a letter from Mr. Bouic which explains itself, we are glad to see that he is at last alive to the importance of closing with Leonard. As soon as we hear from him in respect to the sale, we will advise you. In meantime we remain

Yours respt

Riggs & Co.

