

Wheatland, near Lancaster 19 November 1864

Gentlemen/

I have received yours ~~favor~~ of the 12th Instant. As I have ~~no~~ but little confidence in Mr. Bowie's desire to ^{perform his trust by} dispossessing Col: Leonard in execution of his trust, I cannot calculate when I shall ~~be able to~~ obtain possession. This once accomplished I should ~~have but~~ believe my debt ~~was~~ to be secure, though it little suits me ~~little apprehension for the safety of my debt~~ to have a farm at such a distance from home.

As the property was struck off to Mr. Riggs I should wish the whole business to be transacted in his name, ~~For obvious reasons I would not wish to appear in it for the present~~ though the agency must doubtless be disagreeable to him.

As to the debt which I owe you ~~discharge the debt I owe you~~, I am willing to pay ~~you the amount for which you re liable you have to pay for the property over the sum to~~ discharge it at any moment, but ~~you have already received at any time;~~

I should rather you ~~would~~ should not draw upon one ~~though it would not be convenient for me for it to save the amount~~ until the 1st April. Still, if you want it at once, it shall be forthcoming.

Yours very respectfully
James Buchanan

Messrs. Riggs & Co.

[on side of letter: 19 April '64 Copy to Riggs & Co.]

