

Wheatland, near Lancaster
28 March 1865

Gentlemen/

I enclose a check on the Chemical Bank of New York for \$1151.44. This is the ~~balance~~ sum of \$1553.83 on the Leonard note ~~balance~~ due on your account stated after deducting ~~this from~~ \$402.39 the balance ~~deposited in my favor~~ as you inform me, in my favor on my general Bank account. With this sum you will charge on & close the account.

I hope ~~that~~ Mr. Riggs ~~will~~ ~~may~~ will still continue to represent me in the Leonard business, at least until May, when if Mr. Bowie shall not have the sale confirmed, I may probably send a special agent & employ an attorney to ~~look into~~ take the necessary proceedings in the matter. [in the original letter there is a line in this paragraph connecting the paragraph to the last paragraph.]

I have too long delayed to pay you, for the reason that I have had still been expecting to make the money out of Leonard's property.

I need scarcely add that if Leonard should pay what is due to me, which I do not anticipate, you will be kind enough to receive the money & place it to my credit. With many thank I remain

Yours very respectfully
James Buchanan

Messers. Riggs & Co

