

Washington Dec 12<sup>th</sup> 1848

A Herr Smith Esq

Lancaster Pa

On the receipt of your letter of the 25<sup>th</sup> ult, I sent one of my clerks up to the Pension Office with a special request that he would take up and act on the case of Mrs. Johnston without delay. Col. Edwards promised that in a day or two, at farthest, the case should be taken up; but though repeatedly called on, such has been the pressure of business in his office, that he has not found time to give his attention to the subject until to day [sic]. He now reports that the papers cannot be found without a more particular description of them than I have been able to give. He wants the date when, and the post office from which the papers were forwarded. He also wants the name of the person who enclosed them to him. If you will send on this information, I have now no doubt but that he will act on the case as soon as he receives it.

I am Sir very respectfully

Your Obr [Sevt?]  
James Buchanan

Dec 13<sup>th</sup> '48 Wrote to I. R. Snowden for the information within referred to.

A. H. S.

Dec 16<sup>th</sup> 1848 Wrote to let Buchanan and enclosed Mr. Snowden's letter of the 15<sup>th</sup> inst.

A. H. S.

On leaf four: James Buchanan/ Dec 13<sup>th</sup> 48. Ans<sup>nd</sup>/ Ann Johnston's business.

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