

Washington 24 July 1859

My dear Sir/

I have received yours of yesterday. I have re-examined all the papers in my Tin box & do not find the Koneymacher mortgage. I do not recollect that I ever saw it after it was executed, though this is no proof that I did not. Have you inquired for it at the Recorder's office? If you do not find it there, you might go out to Wheatland & Miss Harriet will give you the key to my desk in the Library. You might see whether it is there or in any of the table drawers. You know that I went to England after the execution of the Mortgage & it may not have been recorded before my departure.

But if the Mortgage should not be found, -- what of that? It has been recorded & can be assigned in a separate paper just as well as by endorsement on the Mortgage.

You can see ~~if~~^{to whom} the Mortgage was delivered by the Recorder in case you should not find it in his office & this will be a clew [sic].

from your friend
very respectfully
James Buchanan

William Carpenter Esquire

P. S. Mr. J. L. Reynolds, who, with poor Eckridge, was my agent when last abroad, as his good father had been when I was in Russia might hopefully know something about it.

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