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Document: *Letter from Harriet Lane to Mr. [Charles] Macalester*

Transcription:

Miss Lane [written in another hand]

Executive Mansion

Wednesday, Dec. 28, 1859

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The merry-makings of Xmas must be my apology for not having attended to your kind letter earlier. I now enclose Uncle's check for \$60. --& also his thanks for the 12 dozen of Claret which has arrived all safely. The secession of medical students seems to have created very little stir in the great world generally, although the patriot Wise has made it the theme of one of his great productions. I am delighted to hear that 'Rorty' [Mr. Kortwright] has moved his rooms to such a pleasant locality—what 'objects' do you refer to, as causing the change? For my own part, I rather approve of the Queen sending 'single men' as her representatives here—this policy is generally more conciliatory. I expect to dine with the British Minister today—it will be the beginning of a series of ladies [sic] dinners at his hospitable mansion.

Wishing you a merrie Xmas & happy New Year. Believe me.

Yours very sincerely

H. Lane

[Transcribed by REC, November 2020. Portion of letter in italics was transcribed by the auction house.]

Scope and Content Note:

Letter from Harriet Lane to Mr. [Charles] Macalester in response to a letter received, enclosing a check from James Buchanan, and thanking him for the Claret. She goes on to say "The secession of medical students seems to have created very little stir in the great world generally, although the patriot Wise has made it the theme to one of his great productions. I am delighted to hear that Korty has moved his rooms to such a pleasant locality . . . For my own part, I rather approve of the Queen sending 'single men' as her representatives here . . . I expect to dine with the British Minister today—it will be the beginning of a series of ladies dinners at his hospitable mansion."

