

Legation of The United States.

London 31 August 1854.

My dear Sir,

I have received your favor of the 3^d Instant & am rejoiced to learn that you are getting along so prosperously in the world. I trust that the current of life may continue to run in your favor.

Although I have been kindly treated here my heart is still at home. I have now been in London more than a year & rejoice in the reflection, that should Heaven spare my life & health, I shall return to my native land by the end of another year, never, never again to leave it. After all it is

the only Country on earth where a man feels himself
to be a man.

I have much faith in Davy Lynch & therefore
indulge ~~in~~ the hope that Governor Poyer may be re-elected.

I should deprecate his defeat by the combination
arrayed against him as disastrous to our party. Although

I have no reason personally to be attached to him,
yet for the sake of the good old cause, I should,

were I at home, exert myself to secure his success.

As for Black & Mott, I am attached to them
both personally & politically.

My ^{life} has been one of labor & very great
responsibility; & I anticipate with heart felt

pleasure the quiet, tranquillity & retirement of Whicalland.

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I hear often from Lancaster & am kept well
informed of all which interests my friends there. I
therefore never could ^{fully} realize the extent of my attachment to
that place, until since my arrival in England.

This is a great, wealthy & powerful country.
Compared with the nations on the Continent, the British
people enjoy ^{much political} ~~great~~ liberty. The Press is free & uses its
freedom, & life, liberty & property are secured by law. The
Judiciary is able, independent & just. - But there is a
governing class ~~of~~ of noble families, - as well as a social
aristocracy which controls, in a very great degree, the
Government; & a poor man without family connections
has ~~but~~ but little chance of rising. Still liberty is
progressive; & from year to year the power & influence
of the people are growing stronger & stronger.

Please to remember me very kindly to all
my friends whom you may meet & believe me to be

very sincerely

Your friend

W. W. M. Wiley

James Buchanan