

Wheatland, near Lancaster 28 March 1850

To the President & Directors of the Alexandria & Orange
Rail Road Company,

Gentlemen,

The Bearer hereof, Mr
William M Wiley, in connection with Mr. Bernard M'Grann
& Col. Joseph Mosher, informs me that he intends to bid for
a contract on your road; & at his request, I cheerfully state
to you my knowledge of his character. I have been intimately
acquainted with him for many years, & know him to be an active,
intelligent & enterprising man whose moral honesty & integrity
have never been doubted. In case Messrs M'Grann, Mosher &
himself should make such a bid as would be acceptable to you,
I have no doubt the contract would be faithfully & satisfactorily
executed. The character of his two partners as contractors on
public works has been long & well established; & although Mr. Wiley
has not had very much experience in this particular, I have no
doubt he will prove himself to be entirely worthy of your
confidence.

James Buchanan





