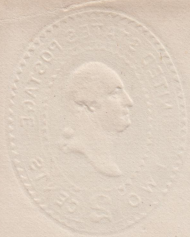




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Below on this page I give you an exact copy of a letter I have just rec^d to-day from Dr. Buchanan - Now you must not say one word about this letter. If the appointments are made when he says (10th May) or any time in May - it is just as I wish it to be. The other party in this County to all appearances are not doing anything, while my friends are quietly working all the time. The flurry on the part of the other party originated in expectation of an Extra Session of the Legislature. I shall have many persons in my behalf to ~~be~~ laid before the Board. Have several ready now - Affectionately yr Papa
W. E. Duncan

Exact Copy of Dr. B's letter

Richmond, July 23rd 1889

Supt. W. E. Duncan
Hales Ford Va.

Dear Sir: -

Your letter of the 20th reached this Office this morning. In reply I have to say that the Board of Education has not yet fixed upon any definite time for consideration of the matter of appointment of Supts. of Schools. I think it likely ^{however} that appointments will not be made before May first. Applications, and such Testimonials as Applicants may desire to submit to the Board of Education, can be forwarded to this Office any time between this and that time. All such papers will be duly filed, and will be laid before the Board at the proper time.

Very Truly yours,
Geo. L. Buchanan,
Supt. Public Instr.

I am very particular about having any thing said about this letter. I am certain that the opposite party in this County would cause up to renewed exertions if they had any idea that the appointments would be made between this & 1st July. I really believe that the opinion of that party & his friends, is that it will be next Fall before the appointments are made, and I really want them to continue of that opinion. Should you not come up on Friday. Let me hear from you
W. E. D.

Shoud the appointments be made in accordance with the views of Dr. Buchanan
the members of the Legislature since not have much to with the matter. unless they
volunteer to interfere with it - I think Sanders & myself both are of the
opinion that I will hold our office the Legislature meet - I hope the ap-
pointments may be made during the coming summer. - You had better burn this letter
as soon as possible.

These
written
to Ned.
Coraline
but line
and no
answer
yet -
I have
kind letter
from Ned.
about the
Comm. of Ag.
also one
from father
Holladay.
Dear Lee, Yours V.
Feb. 27. 189.
Your letter without date put to
hand. I am just about to leave home, and
must write hurriedly as I have much to do.
This leaves us tolerably well, I am at home
for a few days only and then away among the
schools. I do not expect to get back home until
Saturday (2^d March), and will have to go to Court on
Monday 4th. Have so much to do at Court, that I
wish to go up on Sunday, if possible. Shall make
arrangements, before leaving for Mr. Pagans to
go for you should you wish that you wish to
come home. Of course you must be the judge of the
time to come. I do not see the necessity now unless
you wish to be at Court - but you may see it.
I don't know what to say about Billy's coming to
Denville. You know I wish him to be with you,
but don't see how I can spare him for a week
or two - I expect to have to be from home
all next week. Wish to begin my school on
the 18th March and teach 4 months. I have a
great deal to do. You cannot see it as I do. Also
Lula is sick and I have promised to try to get
her home last of next week. She has decided
positively to close her school at that time and
I was there at Capt. Lees last of last week, and
we made the arrangement for her to close at
that time. I think I shall have a very good school
in numbers. I shall have to try to get the money
for Lula's board by last of next week.
I hardly know what to do. Times seem to be harder
here than I have ever known - one