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[COPY of a letter from Henry Bruce, Sr. to Henry Bruce, Jr., April 1854]

Fleming County [Kentucky] April 20th 1854 [April 20, 1854]

Dear Son,

Your letter by Gilbert informing me of the sale of the House and lot in Covington came safe to hand I think the credit was much too Short to expect the property to brings real value though I acknowledge according to my ~~knowledge of~~ estimate of such property it has exceeded my expectacions [expectations]. Woodson Morgan called to see us on Sunday evening and he thinks that there is a great sacrifice, and that it would have been better to have sold every other species of property in lieu of it to meet the debts, I also received by yesterdays Mail your letter in answer to my last I am well assured that the course you have recommended and pursued in the management of Mister Morgans estate has been what you believed would be ~~un~~ ultimately best for your Sister and Children, and I hope it will turn out to be the case, tho [though] I think if Ellen had taken her Dower in all the land that probably she would realise [realize] more proffits [profits] from the annual incum [income] than to have so much of the Nicholas farm I wish that Farm could be all sold or exchanged for a less one that lay more compactly. I think Ellen would much prefer it too. I am pleased to hear that Henry and George have agreed to take up their Mothers Bond for the Hire of the Negroes last year, the amount appears to me to be very low for all the Slaves

Gilbert expects to start home in the Mornings and I will enclose in this and send by him the balance \$25.25 that Ellen yet owes the estate Mister Porter must know the heavy demand against Mister Morgans estate and I think he ought to at least pay over what he acknowledges he is owing to stop the sale of the Childrens property. I have no doubt that there are various claims against the estate now that never would have been presented if Mister Morgan had lived. I hear

that Doctor McMillin has a claim for his Medical Services [Services] of \$500 every since he has been in Carlisle [Kentucky] I fear something is not right in this matter. Lucinda says she always understood that he was employed by the year for \$20 and when he was once sent for to visit Mister Morgan at Covingson [Covington] he refused to be paid anything when offered

Since you were here last William Morgan handed to your brother James the Article containing the various amounts transferred to him, Lennard Tulley J.S. Morgan and myself by Woodson Morgan on his brothers James and Jerrard to remunerate us at his securities what I paid as security for Woodson was \$1067 exclusive of Interest and I receive ought of what James Morgan owed 922.50

and it appears from the article that J.S. Morgan was bound for \$1048.20 and he had the benefit of \$730.58 that I give him credit for and I suppose you retained out of the last payment \$191.91 which two sums would make as much as I received, there was a bond on Jerrard and James Morgan for upwards of \$700 to draw 10 per cent [percent] for about 8 years which would have amounted to upwards of \$1300

Tulley says all the bonds was deposited with him and J.S. Morgan prevailed on him to hand them over to him, all except the one that he (Tulley) left with you. Tulley says that he remembers that J.S. Morgan paid him \$300 at the time he give [gave] up the Notes which together with what he received otherwise including what you let James have for him that he is fully paid up interest and all you will please look among the papers for Tulleys receipts perhaps Mister Morgan may have paid him more than he recollects I believe he would not make a wrong statement willfully I never got a dollar of the amount of Jerrard Morgan's note and there was one payment made by James Morgan that I got nothing from, I asked Woodson Morgan if he knew how the Note on his brother Jerrard was disposed of and he said he had no knowledg [knowledge] and had supposed that I had got my share, if John S. Morgan had the benefit of all the amount due by Jerrard

Morgan and the payment that was due me from James Morgan he must have received some \$1300 more than he was bound for. I wrote to Woodson Morgan some weeks ago to name this whole circumstance to you but when I saw him last Sunday there was nothing said on the subject. I suppose Woodson is Still Bound to me for what is lacking instead of J.S. Morgans estate though I may not be correct

your Mother has been quite unwell for about 3 days and appears a little better this evening Doctor Fleming gave her a dose of Calomil

your Brother George was hear [here] today I showed him your letter he appears determined to sell, tho [though] says he has not made up his mind when he will go. if I should be able to go to Covington [Kentucky] this Spring or Summer I will try hard to get him along

I am thankfull [thankful] for the fine Venison Ham you sent us it was a great rarity [rarity] I was always more fond of venison than any other Wild meat. Doctor Bell and Lucinda is very attentive to us in our affliction [affliction] he has just begun to lay the foundacion [foundation] of his House write frequently to your devoted Father

Henry Bruce