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[Telegram from Henry Bruce, Jr. to H. C. Bruce, Aug. 1878]

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THE WESTERN UNION TELEGRAPH COMPANY

ALL MESSAGES TAKEN BY THIS COMPANY SUBJECT TO THE FOLLOWING
TERMS:

To guard against mistake or delays, the sender of a message should order it REPEATED; that is, telegraphed back to the originating office for comparison. For this, one half the regular rate is charged in addition. It is agreed between the sender of the following message and this Company, that said Company shall not be liable for mistakes or delays in the transmission or delivery, or for non-delivery, of an UNREPEATED message, whether happening by negligence of its servants or otherwise, beyond the amount received for sending the same; nor for mistakes or delays in the transmission or delivery, or for non-delivery, of any repeated message beyond fifty times the sum received for sending the same, unless specially insured; nor in any case for delays arising from unavoidable interruption in the working of its lines, or for errors in cipher obscure messages. And this Company is hereby made the agents of the sender, without liability, to forward any message over the lines of any other Company when necessary to reach its destination. Correctness in the transmission of a message to any point on the lines of this Company, can be insured by contract in writing, stating agreed amount in risk, and payment of premium thereon at the following rates, in addition to the usual charge for repeated messages, viz: one per cent for any distance not exceeding 1,000 miles, and two per cent for any greater distance. No employee of the Company is authorized to vary the foregoing. The company will not be liable for damages in any case where the claim is not presented in writing within sixty days after sending the message.

A.R. BREWER, Secretary

(ANSON STAGER, Vice pres't [president], Chicago)

WILLIAM ORTON, President

Agst 20 1878 [August 20, 1878]

Send the following message to the above terms which are agreed to.

To H.C. Bruce [Henry C. Bruce]

Bruce Shinkle + Linfoot

Cincinnati O. [Ohio]

Have no sermon, but have the botom [bottom] of the grave bricked and sawed
stone to cover the coffen [coffin]

[bottom reads as follows: "READ THE NOTICE AND AGREEMENT AT THE TOP"]