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[addressed to Miss M. [Mary] Bruce, Sparta, Georgia]

Charleston S.C. [South Carolina] Apl. 19th 1835 [April 19, 1835]

Tuesday

My D. Cosin [Cousin]

This silent messenger will inform you that I am well and got on to this place. (after leaving you at Spart [Sparta, Georgia]) without any difficulty or accident, I spent several days in Augusta, and from thare [there] I took the Railroad & Stage to Columbia in this State. At which place I also spent several days very pleasantly as I thare [there] met a good many old acquaintenses [acquaintances], And from thare [there] I came to this City whare [where] I arrived an the 2nd Inst. and in a few days after had the pleasure of receiving A letter from Home. In which to my great surprise I learn that My Sister Elizabeth Bruce has Married Mr. W. B. Morgan Brother to John S. Morgan who married Eleanor Bruce I only have to say that I hope she will make him a good Companion. And that each may be a blefsing [blessing] to each other, they boath [both] possefs [possess] very fine disposition, and I say succefs [success] to the brave, He is a poor young many. But you know that is no crime. never does any one enjoy wealth so much, as when making it by thare [there] own exercions [exertions] I hope he will take the best care of her for I do know that she deserves it, so you see that they are fulfilling [fulfilling] the Comandment [Commandment] which was obligatery [obligatory] upon them. And my Dear Cosin [Cousin] it is now time that you was thinking of doing the same thing, And I fancy that it

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will not be long, (if you will ever consent to do so atall) before that day will arrive, for I shall be able to start to Kentucky much sooner than I expected when I last saw you, And if you will go

with me, I have but little doubt that you and Lewis H. Can make a match, And my opinion is that it will be a good one. he I know to be a young man of uncomon [uncommon] fine disposition And Maners [Manners], And possesses A money making talant. [talent] And as I look upon you as one of undoubted merit, and the most amiable of your sex. I cannot but think you would make each other hapey, [happy] in this life, I hope if ever I am so forchunate [fortunate] as to get a Girl to say yes, that she may befirst like yourself, I would not ask more, But as I have told you I fear I shall never Marry, because of my difidence, But enough of that for the presant, [present] And something upon the subject of my buisnefs [business], And getting [getting] of to Kenty [Kentucky] The first Shipment of my Bacon has been procrastinated by the ice in the Ohio river consequently it will not arrive hear [here] quite so soo as I had anticipated, But as it is alreedy [already] sold I shall be able to get off immediately after it is deliverd [delivered], which I think will not be later than the middle of May. if not sooner. And I therefore wish you and Eleanor to hold yourselves

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in redinefs [rediness], I will however write you again when I shall be able to set some desisive [decisive] time I shal [shall] purchase a Baroush [Barouche], as that will be the most comfortable way of traveling though it is pleasant at that season of year to travell [travel] in any way to me. And more especialy [especially] to have the pleasure as your company. And Sister, please write immediately on the rect. [receipt] of this and let me know as what time you may be reddy [ready] to start & Give my respect to the family. And tell Aunt that I have just returney [returned] from Church, But you need not tell hir [her] that I went exprefsly [expressly] to see what sort of Ladys thare [there] was in Charleston. Thare [There] is not th [text missing] exquiset [exquisite] beauty about them gen[erally {text missing}] that I have saw elsewhere, [elsewhere] though [text missing] highley [highly] unadorned with finery, But [text missing] so adorned is much the mast [text missing] else at presant. [present] excuse this, and be sure not to criticise [criticize] on it, as it has been written in haste, And I shall ever be your Friend & Well

Wisher

Miss M. [Mary] Bruce.

H. [Henry] Bruce Jr.

[written vertically across the left hand side of the text appears this]

H. B [Henry Bruce] I did not mail this in Charleston and brot [brought] it on to Augusta whare [where] I arrived yesterday, my first lot of Bacon has arrived, And I shall be in Sparta in a few days, I have purchased a fine Barouch [Barouche] for us to go to Kenty. [Kentucky] in and you must be reddy [ready] to start as soon as I come as I am anxious to get off.

Respectfully Your

Affectionate Cosin [Cousin]

H. [Henry] Bruce Jr.

[the envelope, written in pencil]

letter written by H. [Henry] Bruce Jr. to his cousin Mary E. Bruce relation to her and her sister going to Kentucky to Sparta, Ga. [Georgia] with him to visit his Mother and Father the afterwards [?] his wife.

P.B.A. McLane

It may be that the letter to Grandmother Mary Bruce from Grandfather H.B. [Henry Bruce] is the one describing the carriage he has first in Ky. [Kentucky] so that he could have his cousin Mary & to Ky. [Kentucky] From Sparta.