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[letter by Henry Bruce Jr. to his brother James Bruce; on stationary of the Maltby House, 23 Great Jones Street, Fronting Lafayette Place. Under the charge of Henry Bruce, Late Proprietor of the "Southern Hotel."]

New York, June 12 1869 [June 12, 1869]

Dr. [Dear] Bro. [Brother] Jim [James],

The receipt of a very interesting letter from your charming Daughter Anna to my Daughter Nannie on yesterday, which I was permitted [permitted] to read, forcably [forceably] reminded me how long it had been since I last had this pleasure - or been favourd [favored] by you, heavy cares responcebilitites [responsibilities] & poverty have weighed heavily upon me, I have had a hard time. never worked so hard in my life. am now on constant duty 16 to 17 hours every day, have scarcely a leisure moment to

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to devote to my friends. We have a pleasant little House. but 'tis to [too] small to make money. and I begin to feel. that time & insesant labour [incessant labor] is telling upon me, and long for a more quiet life. nothing would suit me now better than a little country home.

have you made up your mind to remain whare [where] you are?, I would be delighted if we could be near neighbours [neighbors] again. Cant [Can't] you make some suggestion, that may accomplish this. What do you now think is to be the future of the South. don't [don't] you think some other place would suit you better.

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my Children are now all grown. they have learned to depend very much on themselves, make all their own clothes-- Bonnets &c &c have become great economists-- make new garments out of old ones. indeed can turn their hands to do anything-- a better set of children I never saw.

They are very anxious that Annie shall visit us them this summer-- or next fall. we all want to see her so much that we must insist upon you to let her come-- if you cant [can't] come with her-- she will have plenty of oppertunities [opportunities] of coming with some of your merchants.

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please write me a long letter on recpt [receipt] of this give me a full acct [account] of your family and country -- your future plans &c.

This leaves us all in excellent health. all send much love to you all, in which I most cordially write.

hoping to hear from you soon I am affectionately

your Bro [Brother] Henry.

let me know how Tom Morgan is doing and what is the general opinion of his gold mining operations [operations] I do hope he will succeed.