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[letter of Nancy T. Bruce to Henry Bruce Jr. and Mary E. Bruce]

Dec 4th 1851 [December 4, 1851]

at Home at Doctr [Doctor] Lowrys Fleming cty [County, Kentucky]

Dear Mary & Henry as Mr Wells will start home in the morning I sit down to try to write you a few lines to let you know how we are all getting [getting] a long [along]. well I will comment about my self I have had one of my old spells of cold for some 3 or 4 weeks but got so that I can go about the house a little and I ventured over to Brothers last week aunt N sent a good old gentle horse & Hager for me but it has thrown me back so much that I do not think I shall be able to travel for some time yet but I want to try to come when Elizabeth goes down. She is very smart herself but her little babe is very delicate and has not been in good health since it was born though it is much better than it has been William is the proudest man that ever you saw of his fine daughter he does Nothing but Nurse it & Kifs [Kiss] it & Elizabeth nearly all the time but you know that is a matter of course with the first the Doctr [Doctor] dont [don't] like to be called grand Father at all he says it makes him feel too old Nancy is very much pleased to be called grand Ma and I feel right proud myself of my nice little great grand daughter. this has become a house famous for fine little daughters our young grand Ma has one of the finest & prettiest that has ever been born here yet so she says it is as round as a butter ball fair as a lilly and smooth as marble & eyes like--diamonds. how does my poor little sick Frank come on I hope she is now a great deal better I am truly sorry that I was not able to come home to help nurse her I have seen a great many uneasy hours about her & Paulines illnefs kifs [illness Kiss] them both for me & tell them I hope to be spared to see them again Kifs [Kiss] my little Nannie and Retta for me & tell him I want to see him very much Nancy sends her love to you all & says Mary must come up & bring the children and spend christmas with her says she has plenty of Turkys [Turkeys] & nice celery for her & if the weather is moderate and her health

& the childrens will permit it will help them all I cant see to write any longer my head & eyes is
so bad off but remain your affectionate Mother

N T Bruce [Nancy T. Bruce]

[vertically along the left edge]

write as soon as pofsible [possible] & let me know how you all are