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[Henrietta Bruce (with addendum by her mother) to Pauline & Nannie Bruce]

Friday July 63 [July 1863]

Dear Nan [Nannie]

Ma and I have just returned from Cincinnati [Ohio] where [where] we have not been before since you left owing to the great excitement made by John Morgan, who made his appearance in Ohio and frighten the Citizens of Cincinnati so much that martial law was proclaimed in Cin [Cincinnati, Ohio] & Covington [Kentucky]. But all the excitement has ceased and to day [today] we thought, we would go over and make some purchases

Ma received your letter the other day, you said you wanted a peasant [?] waste Ma bought a very pretty [pretty] piece of blue silk. but we could not find the cord & tassel, but found a lacer which I think will do just as well. Miss Gross left us last week but she promised to come back in a few days but has not returned yet Ma will have your dress made as soon as possible. Cousin Henry has been staying with us for several days the other evening we all walked down on front st [street] to hear the band they played untill 9/oclock [9 o'clock] and Cousin Henry said it was to [too] early to go home persuaded us to go around to Mr Lemmons and he treated us to some such nice cream and cake now dont [don't] you wish you had been with us for we had so much fun but I suppose you have had plenty of nice cream

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Have you had black berries? we have had such nice ones.

Cousin Jim Chapple was here last night he was arrested in Cincinnati [Ohio] and taken to the political prison where [where] he was surrounded by a large number of prisoners, and the guard marched them all down the st [street] and when opposite the Burnet house he left the flock of prisoners and sliped [slipped] in at one of the side entrances. We were all so glad that Mr Duke

was not at home, and that he ascaped [escaped] from the employments which may have been engaged. Every thing is gowing [?] on at home in its accustomed way since you left How is dear little Hal I do wante [want] to see him so much you must kiss him for me every day

Your affectionate Sister Henrietta

[in pencil]

My Dear Pauline and Nannie

as Henrietta has left a vacancy in her letter I thought I would write you a few lines. I was delighted to hear of your safe arrival at Miss Dukes and that Nans and Dear little Hallies health had so much improved. you must kifs [kiss] him a hundred times for me, blefs [bless] his dear little heart I do want to see him so much. my dear children I will try and comply with the

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request of you both. I would have had the things all ready to send up to you last Monday but the stores being all Closed and businefs [business] of all kinds suspended, consequently could not make my purchases soon enough to get them made to send up by that time, however will try to have them ready to send up by next tuesday [Tuesday] or wednesday,

Nan [Nannie] I am glad to hear you have not been homesick yet we all miss you very much, I hope ya [you] will be a good girl, always study to make yourself agreeable and pleasant to every one, Pauline remember me kindly to Mr Duche: and tell him I am very much oblijed [obliged] to him for remembering my fondnefs [fondness] for cherry preserves I am preparing to make him some nice cucu pickles. your grand ma rec'd [received] a letter from your Aunt Teal encloseing [enclosing] her picture, it don't [don't] look she bit like her I never would have recognize [recognized] her in the picture she certainly has changed a goodeal [good deal] if the picture is a likeness write soon and often to your dear mother

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Pa grand Ma and children all you me so much love to ya [you] present my kindest regards to all