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[letter of F M Bruce to Henry Bruce Jr.]

Brandenburgh May the 10/64 [May 10, 1864]

Dear Henry

Your kind letter came to hand last evening starting [stating] that you had gave a little black Boy to Henry and you want to know if I would accept of it I woulda [would] like to have it but under the circumstances I can not take him know if I was keeing [keeping] house I would accept of him as I can not you will have to keep him untill [until] I can you must not take him from little Henry becouse [because] I don't [don't] take him know it is not in my power to do so at preasent [present] I will take him when I can Father and Mother can not stand the nois [noise] of a child I would have to keep it in the house with me I have not heard a word from my Dear Will since January I am putennear [sic] out of heart to think he will not write all of our neighbors can get letters from thire [these] friends that are in the army and I can not it look very strange that he don't [don't] write. I have been very uneasy a bout [about] him for some time if I don't [don't] hear or see him soon I will hafter [have to] give up it is hard to think of shuch [such] a thing I cannot make myself contented no way in mind nor body that is the most unhappy feeling ever any one ever expearncce [experienced] If he come to your house before he comes hear [here] tell him to hurry down home.

The little children are well little Henry is admired by all that see him Tell sister Mary I received the money and Ma Potagraph [the photograph?] she sent me and all so [also] answer her letter you must give my love all of the family the little one sends thise [this?] love to you all I must come to a close I remain your friend untill [until] death

~~My~~ write soon and often

F M Bruce