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[letter of Anthony Kilgore to Henry Bruce Jr.]

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My Dear Friend

A Rebel acquaintance [acquaintance] has just reached here who has been in Confederate Service since Sept [September] 1861-- he speaks with great confidence as to the present posture of affairs in "Dixie" he says her Army is in better condition than at any previous time, food and clothing abundant [abundant] and the whole in fine spirits and much encouraged. and bouyant and full of confidence The Rebel Navy of Iron Clads will be in Yankee waters by Apl 1st [April 1] at the farthest. he thinks will first visit Boston Harbor and wake up Yankeedom generally He spent a month at Richmond lately and speaks knowingly of the Confederate War debt as represented by their Scrips [?] It will

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be gratifying to you to hear that it does not exceed 275 Millions all told The contrast in economy with ours is very striking indeed. Every man seems to be imbued he says with the idea that their Government [Government] will meet all liabilities and come out of the War able to pay every Dollar My friend gives me the first word I have had from Moorehead & Tarvin. He saw them both at Abingdon Va [Virginia] was with them two days. and got the particulars of their trip out. They met with no casualty or obstruction whatever. He afterwards met them at Knoxville Tennessee [Tennessee] where he parted with them in good health. He knows nothing further as to their movements He did not see Estep nor did he learn from them any thing in regard to him The Sheriff of this County sold on 3 Months time with interest the Slaves of Mansfield Calvert on Monday last The public has been taken so much

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by surprise by the extraordinary prices obtained and knowing that you feel an interest in such matters is the immediate cause of my present letter I subjoin the prices

I feel interested to hear from Mr D. how is his health and has he yet reached Covington

[Kentucky]

My wife has been confined to her room and bed for Six weeks past and this leaves her slowly improving Our babe is seriously ill at this writing. I have not been away from home during her confinement Have you heard from Moorehead or Tarvin and if so what have you learned of them. Did Walker ever buy his Rebel Money? I see the Butternut Ticket wont [won't] do yet in Kentucky. it was worse beaten in Maysville [Kentucky] than your City My family send their regards to you and yours.

Yours

Anthony Killgore

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Man 30 years \$830

Man 35 yrs \$800

Boy 18. (yellow) \$800

Boy 12 yrs -- \$525

Boy 10 yrs -- \$400

Woman 22 yrs (2 children) \$890

Woman 18 1 child -- \$525

1 Girl private sale 17 ys. 395\$

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