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[letter of E. R. Phillips to Henry Bruce Jr.]

Maysville [Kentucky] July the 12th 1858 [July 12, 1858]

Dear Brother Bruce I fell in with a darkey preacher from Canada by the name of Mitchel a Baptist who was at Detroit & Windsor when I was there. He came on board the caladonia [Caledonia] at the city and came up to Ripley and you may be assured that I improved the opportunity to gain all the information I could from him as he is well acquainted with the Parties in whom we are interested he informs me that they have moved to Malden and she is still anxious to return and strove hard to persuade him to come but he pleads poverty as his excuse which no dobt [doubt] prevents her from coming alone The opportunity from there would be far more advantageous than from where they were before as there is a daily line of boats from there to Sandusky. and now dear Bro [Brother] I leave the matter with you and only add that this information may be relied on and my services are at your disposal if you require them and farther I would say that if you wish me to go for you if I

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to accomplish our object [objective] I will refund every cent of the money to you and if we succeed I will render you a strict account of her expences [expenses] and require no more at your hand Please write immediately and let me know you [your] mind Until then
Farewell

Give my love to your kind family

and believe me I remain yours

Obliged and sincere friend

E. R. Phillips

[written perpendicular to text in letter]

E.R. Phillips

subject Beth & Gilber [Gilbert?]

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