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[Letter to Eli M. Bruce from Henry Bruce Jr.--not in the latter's handwriting; August 1856]

Covington Ky [Covington, Kentucky] Aug 28/56 [August 28, 1856]

Dr [Dear] Eli

I am truly sorry you still manifest such a dictatorial spirit in regard to the trade of my little interest in the furnace. And should have been glad the unkind feeling you have exhibited towards me had been avoided. But as much as I regret all this I can never recognize your right to deny me the privilege of disposing of any thing I may own, no matter in what shape, or upon what terms, especially if in doing so I do not injure you, An arbitration to settle this matter in ~~what~~ ~~shape~~ I regard as wholly unnescefsary [unnecessary], as either of your able council can satisfy you on this subject, admiting that you have exprefsed [expressed] a wish that I could sell a part or the whole of your interest, it certainly does not follow that I am compelled to do so, or that I have not the right. to sell my interest in part or in whole. I certainly have this right. and since I exercised it. And made known to you the particulars, And learned you thought it a good trade and desired to share it with me, altho [although] I thought differently then I still think you can and will do better with your interest, neverthelefs [nevertheless] feeling disposed as I have always been

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to accomodate [accommodate] you when in my power I made you a proposition which garenteed [guaranteed] to you as much for your interest as I got for mine, and perhaps a goodeal [good deal] more, Worth this it seams [seems] you are not satisfied, but demand that I shall still remain your partner as tho [though] I had agreed to do so for any given time it might suit you to designate, that I should take a joint deed from Resor to you and myself for the Cinti Lot taken in part pay for my interest that it should be held fifty years if necessary or according to your notion, I could not sell my interest in it for fifty years no matter what offer I might have, unlefs [unless] I

could at the same time sell the whole at a satisfactory price to you that I should sell Resors note given to me for the balance of my interest. including \$1.125 on acct [account] of cash advanced by me to the firm which he assumes to pay me. and in which you have no interest. rather than agree to all this I would prefer not makeing [making] the trade I did with Resor hence if you are still unwilling to accept the liberal proposition I made you, and feel disposed to defeat my trade, with no other object than to injure me. for certainly you cannot

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Receive any benefit, by it, if you should succeed I hope you will not delay any longer in makeing [making] known your reasons to Resor, and I hope you can do this and be consistant [consistent] with what you have said to and written him & Linten heretofore It is certainly wrong to hold this trade in suspence [suspense] any longer. As you now have all I have to say upon the subject for the present [present].

Last night Gilbert and Betty concluded to move their quarters to the Queens Dominions all well no knews, present us Affectionately to Mifs [Miss] Sallie

Hastily and truly

H Bruce [Henry Bruce]

Ps. Roebbing [John Roebling] Our Engineer arrived this morning We have considerable material on the ground and will commence the bridge immediately

H B [Henry Bruce]

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