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[letter addressed to "Mr. Henry Bruce Covington Kentucky"; postmarked "Elizaville Ky Aug 3"]

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My Dear Husband

I recd [received] two letters from you last Saturdy [Saturday] evening which I perused with a greaeal [great deal] of pleasure I was happy to learn that Pauline was getting along so well house keeping, and that you were all well, for I had been very anxious to hear from home, I was also delighted to learn you had found our Cow, and hope Recky will attend to milking her well,

I am happy to inform you that Ma is a greateal [great deal] better, and says she will not consent to let me go home without her Both Doctors Fleming an [and] Lowry says it will be to her advantage to go, I said to her that I thought she had better remain here two or three weeks longer and let me go home and come for her again but she would not hear to it, said she was able to sit up and ride all the way to Maysville, so I have concluded to wait for her 'till to morrow, [tomorrow] you may look for us wednesday morning, we will go on the evening boat Joe Burgefs [Burgess] will accompany us home Nancy Lowry has a very sick babe I am fearful that it will not recover, your mother has moved to William Morgans she seams [seems] satisfied with the Change, Lucinda had a very severe attack of cholic yesterday and is quite sick, tell Pauline to have her Grd Ma' [Grandma's] rooom [room] in rediness The Boys are going to the election and will carry this to the office for me, and as they are redy [ready] I must stop writing Lillie is well, and is anxious to go home

Your Affectionate Wife

Mary E Bruce