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[letter addressed to "Mrs. Nancy. T Bruce Mayslick Kentucky"]

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My Dear, Mother

I expect you are getting out of all manner of patience with me for not writing to you ere this time but hope you will excuse my negligence, when I tell you that I hav'nt [haven't] had anything very interesting, to communicate Covington [Kentucky] has been quite dull ever since you left, there has been a great eal [deal] of socknefs [sickness], confined principally to children there were as many as 5 children intered [interred] at the Babtist [Baptist] Cemetery Tusday [Tuesday] before last perhaps there were as many more at the other burying grounds Mrs. McGill has lost her babe I have not heard of any new cases of Cholera for several days I am in hopes that it will soon be healthy here again We have had several little brashes in our family but nothing serious I know you would laugh or cry one or the other ~~since~~ if you could see me this morning my face is so badly swollen the effects of the toothache I look so frightful that little Henrie [Henry] is afraid to come to me the she calls me the old man Nannie and Henrie [Henry] frequently ask for you, Nannie is till [still] partial to your room and the blanket, Well how have you enjoyed yourself since you left I hope you may have a pleasant visit and enjoy yourself finely you have left in time to escape those terable [terrible] tormentors called Musketoos and I do assure you that you ought to rejoice at your good luck for they are the greatest pagues [plagues] I have ever met with it is said that

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they are worse this month than any other time give my love to Elen [Ellen] and tell her to make haste and get well enough for you to come home so that I may be able to make her a visit before cold weather for I dislike to leave the family unlefs [unless] you were here, We have purchased a

very fine Cow, that is for her milking qualities I think we will be able to get 5 gallons of milk from her per day when the Calf is weaned so you see we are not so bad off for milk and butter as when you left I have made 6 gallons of Cucumber pickles since you left as good as I ever had I have also made several Gallons of black berry Cordials I have not made as much jelly as I want but intend doing so as soon as I can, Remember me to Martha and tell her that I have'nt as yet had the pleasure of reading an aswer [answer] to my letter but still live in hopes I would like to have a description from herself of that fine boy provided her whole time, thoughts and attention is not occupied in nurseing [nursing] I suppose Annah is cast aside now since the Lord of creation has made his appearance,

Give my love to Sister Bell and Lowry tell them I shall expect both or one of them to visit me this fall tell Lizzy the boys and girls are all regretting her early departure, and says she must come back this ~~evening~~ fall and finish her broad give my love to all the Friends Mrs Temple sends her love to you

Your Affectionate

Daughter Mary

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you must be certain to write what day you will be at home so that Henry can meet you at the boat