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[letter from Henry Bruce, Sr. to his son Henry Bruce, Jr.]

Wednesday, July 14, 1852

Son Henry on yesterday Ely Metcalf sent a young man expressly to bring your letter directed to me and your brothers enclosing the Blank article for us to sign authorizing Ely M. Bruce to subscribe our names to such bonds as the County Court would require of you as administrator of the estate of J.S. Morgan - Decd [Deceased], Shortly after I received your letter I took it to your brother ~~John~~ George and he did not hesitate but cheerfully subscribed the article and in the evening I called on your Brother James and he very readily subscribed to it, I intended to have mailed it today -- but last night Doctor Bell told me he was going to Covington [Kentucky] on tomorrow, therefore I concluded to wait and send it by him, I am sorry to inform you that on Sunday night last Mister Moseley was attacked with violent cramp on the Bowels and disentry and Doctor O'Connor was called in and had him put in a hot bath which gave him immediate relief from cramp, he is now able to be out though quite feeble yet, and Mister Johnson was attacked with Bowel disease but without pain about the time that Mister Moseley was, and yesterday he appeared to be threatened with fever and yesterday evening James got Doctor Lowry to call and see him, and I was there when he arrived the Doctor, after examining his tongue and feeling his pulse said he must take medesin [medicine] before he would be well and gave him a dose of Calomel combined with some other medicen [medicine] and when I went to see him this morning he said he was some better than last evening, I found Mister Moseley in Bed more from feebleness than sickness, Miss Rebecca rode to our house this morning on horseback and appears to be improving they are all anxious to leave for home soon as circumstances will permit I had written to you last week on the subject of undertaking to settle the Business of Mister J.S. Morgan which letter I presume you will have received before this reaches you, in that letter you will have my views on various subjects. I will not close this until tomorrow Morning and if

anything should transpire I will let you know. We are needing rain badly in this neighborhood though considerable showers have fallen all around us. I need not tell you of the prevalence of Collery in Maysville [Kentucky] as you no doubt hear from there daily, Mrs. Pratt and two sons died at Collery in Flemingsburg [Kentucky] next door to Joseph Dudley. and several others of that Family were attacked though all are recovering your Sister Harriet waited on them night and day while nearly all others except Dudley's family were afraid to go to their assistance She has Mrs. Pratt's young child to take care of -- and the other children is with Dudley's family since her death -- there is no Collery in Flemingsburg [Kentucky] now that I hear or nor anywhere else in this County the doctors say 'tis not contagious, it is at any rate a mistereous [mysterious] and seldom if ever cured in my other letter I stated that I could assign reasons why I thought it would be advisable for you not to have my signature to an administracion [administration] Bond, at that time I concluded not to state any reason till I saw you, but lest you may suppose I did it unwillingly I will hear state why I am of that opinion you know I am fare advanced in life and lest there might be other branches of my family that might need a light favour [favor] that yourself and others too could readily perceive that I ought not to indorse [endorse] for, my refusal might cause disfacticion [dissatification] and especially if they knew I had indorsed [endorsed] for you, but be assured there is nothing too hard for me to do that I can to promote your interest. and were I in your place I would prefer to have a variety of names instead of all Bruces, 'tis probable the court would be better satisfied too as we are all stranger in that County you can erase my name if you may now deam [deem] it best to do so after hearing what I have said but not otherwise

Thursday morning fifteenth we sent to hear how the sick are and hear that all are on the recovery so conclude.

Your affectionate Father Henry Bruce