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[letter of Saul H. Clay to Henry Bruce Jr.]

Jan. 29th 1863 [January 29, 1863]

Mr Bruce

Dear Sir

I have received Yours of the 26th, & now hasten to return an answer, I would have written to you ere this, but owing to the promise I made Mr Duke of trying to rent the Howerton farm, I thought it best to defer, until I could make the proper enquiry having done so I now write you word to tell Mr Duke, that I do not think that there is any chance of renting the place; And in regard to you [your] enquiry about the Negros I would say to you that they are all well, & doing well; I do not think that thy need further articles of clothing, I would also say that, the young negro woman that you bought of me, I hired out until fall, I did not think that you would succeed in getting a place, & I let one of my neighbors have her, she seems well please with the family, & they with her, If therefore you could let her stay until fall, I should consider it a favor, but if you cannot why we will make some arrangements, the younger one is still at my house; Charles is well pleased, & says that owing to the permifsion [permission] given in your letter, he would prefer staying with me this year,

Respectfully

S. H. Clay [Saul H. Clay].

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