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[letter from Mary E. Bruce to her mother Nancy Bruce]

My D [Dear] Mother

I am extremely sorry to say that I have to deny myself the pleasure of dineing [dining] with you

to day. in. consequence of the extremely coldness [coldness] of the weather I hope you will not

think hard of me; nay I am sure that you would be displeased, to see me so imprudent as to

expose myself to the seveity [severity] of the weather. I have written a note to Mrs. Dunlap

which you can see, Nothing ever gives me so much pleasures as to participate in the pleasure of

your ever cheerful fireside and at as early day as possible [possible] I will yet fulfill the

disappointed vist [visit] of to day. May all the pleasures and blefsings [blessings]

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of this)(another Christmas) be enjoyed by you to the fullest extent. is the wishes of

Your Affectionate Daughter

25th Dec 1838 [December 25, 1838]

Mary E. Bruce

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