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Dr. William

I Recd [Received] Your Letter this morning and I concluded i would answer it forthwith. we are yet in the Land of The living and enjoy only tolerable Health i am still at work at my trade But Dont more than make a support for my family The Businefs [Business] has gone to nothing in this Country, There are so many at it and work so lon [long] that it is impossible to make any thing unlefs [unless] a man had a Large capital and employment for Eight or ten Hands. my Eyesight is Getting very Bad i cant see well to stick Black Leather so i shall Be compelled to Go at some other Businefs [Business] after awhile what it will Be i Dont Know at present But think it will Be faring [farming] i think a man enjoys more independence at farming than at any thing Else Dont [Don't] Know whether i could stand it or not But am willing to try it at any Rate my Children are nearly Grown i have only three of which i Expect you Know the youngest is 11 years old sarah ann is 16 years old and wallace i think is 14 years old so you see they will soon all Be Grown up. my Hair is Getting nearly

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white of which i will send you a sample i think you write me that you have an idea of Going to Texas i think that Country is too far off and too much filled up with sharpus [sic] as yet i think you had Better wait until it is more civilized, suppose you Come out to This state there is places in Georgia where you can Buy Land Resonable [Reasonable] enough and i think a man can make as much at farming in this state as any state in the union say in the south western part if i was in a situation to Remove i would Go in the south western part of the state Land is Cheap out there and

the soil pretty Good so people tell me who live out that way. You were speaking of temperance we have a very fine Division of the sons of Temperance in this place of which i am a member and have Been ever since it was organized. there is also another Division in the County, i think the Cause of temprance [temperance] is Going it pretty rapid all throughh [through] the Country There are upwards of one hundred and sixty Divisions in Georgia and 12.000 members so i heard Judge N. C. Sayers say not long since. i am also a member of the Masonic Fraternity and have Been for a number of Years i have taken i think twelve or fourteen Degrees all of which i am highly Delighted

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with, of the two institutions i like the Masonic the Best i should like very much to see you all once more But i am fearful that will never Be as i cant spare money to travel so far it is Bad very Bad to Be Deprived of this worlds Treasures But should we meet no more on this Earth may we all meet in Heaven where there will Be no necessity for this worlds Treasures, that our word hope is what Brings we up, say to pa and ma it would Render me happy to Be in their Company a short time at Least, in their old age But it is Decreed otherwise. My family wishes to Be Remebered [Remembered] By all the Relations Mrs Riveire wishes also to Be Remembered By The family.. I am Your Brother

H [Henry] W Bruce

PS we had a snow storm on the fifteenth of april Last followed By succefsive [successive] white frosts which Killed Every thing pretty well it Looked very Gloomy for awhile But vegetation [vegetation] Looks very promising now, it Raised the price of Corn and flour at Least 30 per cent which makes it Bad on the poor..

H W B [Henry W. Bruce]

i send you a lock of my Hair so you see i am Getting Quite Grey Excuse Bad writing and Bad Composition i write very seldom

write me soon