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[letter addressed to "Henry Bruce Eqr Flemingsburg Fleming County Kentucky"; postmarked "WASHINGTON Ga. Nov 4"]

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Friend Bruce

I saw your brother James a few of days since, he gave us a short call with a few of his horses having disposed, of the better part before reaching us. We complained of him for having treated us so badly, in bringing the refuse of his stock to our place. He sold one here. The horses you sold to Irvin has given entire satisfaction and are doing well.

McIntire sold seven or Eight horses here This season and 5 out of the number have run away with vehicles, and are not worth much.

I am pleased to find from a letter James secured from you a few days since That you are preparing for the trip you contemplated when here and I hope you may find it profitable. I cannot offer you much encouragement as regards high prices as our staple commodity is very low 5/2 [?] seems to be the best price for square bales in augusta and square bags always command a better price than the round. You have no doubt learnt [learned] before this that Georgia has gone for the Democrats in our congrefsional [congressional] Election and we fear she will throw her vote for James K Poke if so I shall feel as if a stigma has been placed on her Escutcheose [?] which she will not soon efface

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God forbid that such may be the case yet we are making great efforts to redeem her and hope to do so yet tremble for her. In this section we will sustain ourselves but the fear is from the western & south western part of the state. We have however had cheering news from the latter part and feel quite encouraged and on monday next we will give them a strong & a long pull.

Though Georgia may be last yet I do not feel any doubt of Mr Clays Election. As I said to you when here I wish in selecting your stock you would have an eye to such a pair as I described to you, I shall want a pair then and hope you will be able to furnish me with a pair on good terms. I am not able to give a long price and hope you will be able to get them on such terms as will enable you to give me a good trade. I think I can dispose of two more pair to two of my friends who have requested me to get them for them, and as I am writing will give you an idea of the description required Large active bay horses close built & well broke. Let them be thoroughly broke as they are disegned [designed] for family use & not for show, altogether. I think you had better reach this place not later than the 10th of May & earlier if pofsible [possible] for as soon as the spring sets in thy will be needed. I shall wait to hear from you and I hope

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you will write me & let me know what you have & the time you will certainly get here, this is ~~an~~ important for your interest as others may be coming in also. I feel confident that if you have such horses as will suit I can get clear of three pair including the one I get for my own use & it is unnefsay [unnecessary] for me to say much about the pair for my own use as you know my well such as I like. I like good looking & horses that will show good keeping & gentle at the sametime not sluggish (long heary [hairy] tails) (for all) Uncle stephen has his greys yet thy are excellent horses but the colour is objectionable and if you bring out a fine pair you can put them off on him as he has a fine driver.

We are getting on in our usual way more good [text obscured by sealing wax] market than has been for years and I my m [text obscured by sealing wax] fear some will regret having purchased so freely when it will be two [too] late for it strikes me businefs [business] of every description must flag for sometime. Please present my best respects to your Father, I would be pleased to see the old gentleman in Georgia once more.

Be sure & write me & let me know about your coming &c

Yours very respectfully

E M Burtone