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[letter addressed to "Mrs Ann T. Bruce Near Elizaville Fleming County Kentucky"; postmarked "WARRENTON Ga. Nov 25"]

Warrinton Geo [Warrenton, Georgia] Nov 24, 1844 [November 24, 1844]

Dear Mother I now Adrefs [Address] You in answer To Your letter i lately Received, James Bruce Mailed it in south Carolina, although He Came to warrenton [Georgia] a week in two since he said he did not Expect to Be in warrenton [Georgia] he staid [stayed] only a short time, myself and an irishman By the Name of Rache have gone into Businefs [Business] together here this fall times are so Dull and political Exceitement [Excitement] have now so high here and we Being Democrats and the whigs having the ascendancy [ascendancy] in the County it has injured us in a Great Degree, But thank God we have succeeded in Electing Mr J. K. Polk By a small Majority in Georgia But a Great one in the United States I have [text obscured by sealing wax] um taken up politics so strong as in this last Election Because i Believed with many others that in supporting mr Clay we would Ruin the Country and another Thing i never Can vote for a Modern whig Because there are men Belonging to that party some of whom i know are not willing for a man to Differ with them in opinion it seems to me like They would force a man to vote as they did if they only had the power They will Ever injure a man in his Businefs [Business] operations such men is a curse to any well meaing [meaning] community i Dont [Don't] mean that The whigs are all so of course these are Honorable Exceptions I think it will take at least twenty years to Revive

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Religion the same as it was Before This last Election i have even told professors the same thing, that is provided the Religious [Religious] clafs [Class] have acted the same they Have here I Have Come to the Conclusion That Christianity is nothing more Than a name it is Getting very corrupt at any Rate, The Methodist have Built a new Church here This summer and it was

Dedicated on Thursday last and They are preaching here to Day. If i Can do any thing like a Businefs [Business] There i shall Come out to see you, perhaps next summer if not then the summer after I should like very much to see you all once more old age is creeping on though i Dont [Don't] feel any older than i Did at twenty all the Difference is in my Eye sight i cant see to Read write or work without my spectacles. my Hair has the appearenia [appearance] of a man of seventy yeas [years], it is quite Grey my Chidren [Children] will soon Be Grown up and i am fearful without much Education I Dont [Don't] Know what i should Do if I had more than i have I have Been Building a not [text illegible] of a kithen [kitchen] this week we have Had ~~of~~ all our cooking to Do in the House and it is very Dirty work in a Dwelling House I have Done it all myself not Hiring any one if i had any thing to Do in the shop i would have hired it Done

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I have Got to Be a Jack of all Trades from nicessity [necessity] you see, it has Been very warm and dry have all This fall I havnt [haven't] heard of any pork Coming on as yet But Expect there will Be plenty as usual; we enjoy our Health tolerlly [sic] well Ann is never very well always Complaining Amanda Rivine [?] Married] last winter, two of Anns Sisters Married man who Can neither Read or write. Amanda & Martha are the two, i wish you to keep this to Yourself as they might not like my saying any thing to you about it i nothing more to write in particular Mr & Mrs Rivine and family wishes to Be Remembered By you and family, Ann and the Children S [send] Their Best Respect to all the Relations You Can also Give my Respect to all The family

I Am Your Son. Henry W Bruce

write me as soon as you Receive This