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[Letter by Henry W. Bruce to his sister]

Dear Sister Warrenton Geo [Georgia] Feby 9th 1868 [February 9, 1868]

I Reced [Received] Your Letter Last November was Glad to Get a Letter from you I Had thought you Had entirely forgotten me it is very Seldom I Receive any Letters from Relations nowadays I would Have answered you Before now But my whole Study Has Been in where i should Get a Home for this Year i Have finally succeeded in Getting one 4 1/2 miles Below Warrenton in the piney woods and we Have Removed to it But i am afraid we will Starve this year Before we can make a crop provisions are so High and we Have every thing to Buy and very Little to Buy with it is Hard times in this Country at this time i can tell you such as i never Expected to see in this once happy Country Every thing unsettled Just think of it a free people ~~se~~ Governed By Bayonets and negroes if we Have stock or poltray [poultry] of any kind it is not safe unlefs [unless] it is Locked up. it is a deplorable state of Things when you write again Let me Know what Has Become of William. and Leander Lowry i should Like to Know whether they are Dead or alive I am Getting old and infirm and am unable to Labour [Labor] Hard now as i once did my wife wishes you to send photographs of yourself and family you can send them By Mr Jacob A Allen the Bearer of this Letter

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My family wishes to Be Remembered By yourself and family write me as soon as yo [you]

Receive this i will write you a Longer letter the next time i write

I am your Brother H W Bruce [Henry W. Bruce]

I intended to send

this By Mr Allen

But the Creeks

Between us and
warrenton [Warrenton, Georgia] were so
High i could not
Get it there in
time i shall therefore
send it By Mail
Mr Allen will call
on you Before he

Leaves Likely