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[Letter from George to Henry Bruce, Jr., Sept. 1857; letter addressed to "H. Bruce Esqr Covington Ky."; postmarked "CARLISLE KY SEP 22"]

Carlisle Ky. [Kentucky] Sept 21st 1857 [September 21, 1857]

H Bruce [Henry Bruce] Esqr [Esquire]

Covington Ky} [Kentucky]

Dear Bro. [Brother]

Yours of the 18th Inst. is recd [received] and I send you John Dougherty's check on Deposite Bk. [Deposit Bank] Paris for the amount you request (\$251 84/100 dolls. [dollars]

I had hoped not to be called on for any funds to pay on my Bk [Bank] stock until all was exhausted thas [sic] is now in your hands, and had made no arrangement to meet such a call, and came very near experiencing difficulty in raising the amount— Had made some effort to borrow it this morning without any success, and expected to have to go to Fleming before I could get it, as all our money lenders about here appear to be strapt [strapped]— But fortunately, a man came to me to day [today], and paid me an amount he was owing me, which enables me to send it without straining me— I hope you may be able to realize on some of my paper in your hands so as to be able to meet the calls without calling on me for any more as long as that will last— But if you if you call, I must stir round and try to raise it, though my funds are scattered and may not at all times be come at able, but if not, I must try to borrow— Pleas [Please] let me hear from you more frequently. I had expected to have been down ere

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this, but have not made it out yet, though hope it may not be long, but have no time set. I have a feeling of great desire to to come and see you and family, and that feeling is heightened when I reflect upon the many pleasant hours I have enjoyed with you and your family at your house,

around your own cheerful fire side-- We have a great desire too, that you should give us a visit-- It gives me pleasure now, to think of the enjoyment it afforded to see you come to our house-- I hope you may find it convenient to let us enjoy that pleasure again before long-- You may plead as excuse that your business engagements stand in the way-- Well, if I have to excuse you on that ground, I can but wish that your business might grow less, and if you cant come at all yourself, send your wife and Pauline and if you cant [can't] find it convenient to send them both, I think you might send Pauline any how-- I want to see her very much, tell her if I knew what day she would meet Lizzie in Paris, I would send her and Will up to meet her there--

Write me soon, and tell me all about the Bk [Bank] and what time the next call will probably be, and give me the names of all the stock holders, and who are the directors, cashier, clerk, teller &c

I think it probable Bro [Brother] James has sold his farm but am not certain-- All Well

Affectionately Yours

G. S. Bruce [George S. Bruce]