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[letter of G. [George] G. Lowry to Henry Bruce Jr.]

Fleming Cty [County, Kentucky] June 24th 1857 [June 24, 1857]

Mr H. Bruce [Henry Bruce] Dear Sir

Yours of June the 18th duly recd. [received] and concur with you my opinion as to the purchase of \$5 hogs, notwithstanding I have full faith to believe, that this price will be freely given for early delivery. Yet if the crop of corn should be good throughout the west, there is no telling ~~there is no telling~~ the number that will be brought into market by next March, hence the uncertainty of next years prices for the product. The number of hogs for the November market in my humble opinion, will fall greatly short. = I presume your Shawnee town man, will find himself mistaken in buying at \$5. Wt. [?] I would be willing to risque [risk] half my little estate for good hogs at that price on the river. Please let me hear from time to time, your views on the subject.

But I suspect this St Louis trip, has absorbed all your speculative aspirations, as I discover you are in one of your Commifision [Commission] house, Iron Furnace ways about it. "but laying all jokes aside' I have much curiosity to know? how far this 200 acre tract lies from the city. and the price asked per acre, and is it vacant or improved land.

I could sell my land here allmost [almost] any time, I had a very good purchaser last week at \$65. I now as \$70-- and think my man was strongly disposed to give that price, as he had just sold his at \$80. can you sell yours at high figures quick.

Such a prospect for heavy crops of small grains of every kinds, you never saw, tho. [though] failures may yet occur, with the wheat crop, as it will not be ripe before the 10th of July, the field opposite your old house was in corn last year, and now in wheat, and is fully six foot high all over, and verry [very] thick on the ground, and this is only a sample of the crop generally around. Corn verry [very] small over

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and uneven for the time of year, owing to the wet and cool weather. You have doubtless [doubtless] heard that we have another little daughter. Nancy continues very feeble, and her cough quite troublesome.

Say to your wife that I have news for her. Old man Lewis Summers is resolved to keep his Ma up here, he has been over every other day now for some days, and tells the old woman that he cannot live alone much longer, and I seriously believe [believe] the old lady is well pleased with his attention, she has thrown [sic] by her cane, puts on her clean cap every day, and fidgets about like a girl, and I think with the least encouragement we would soon have a wedding the old man was anxious to send his carriage for her to day to pay him a visit, but Nancy and Lucyann burst out in a loud laugh, that caused the old woman to refuse. Ask your wife what she thinks of it. Tell her she has got to put her vote on it soon, or it may be too late. I am inclined to think that my wife, sorter [sort of] winks at the arrangement, so that she can have her Ma close by. Whilst I am writing the old lady comes in a fine humor, and says please don't [don't] write to Covington about Mr. Summers.

I now think if nothing happens to prevent after harvest I will go down to your city and see how you look, and try a little foretaste of city life, before we emigrate to St. Louis

Write soon and answer my interrogatory's

Very [Very] truly Yours

Geo. [George] G. Lowry

Tell your wife to come up and see if I don't [don't] beat her Dutch gardner [gardener], we have now in the yard 20 select variety's of the Monthly [?] Hybrid rose, all full bloom--one with six clusters of five large roses in each, lilack [lilac] color.