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[letter of Henry Bruce Jr. to his brother George]

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Dr Bro. [Dear Brother]

The enclosed Note was sent to me by Eli. with instructions to hand it to Mr Withers for his edorsement [endorsement]. And then to enclose it to you for yours. the object of which I suppose he has fully explained to you. I see that instead of Mr. W. endorsing it acrofs [across] the back that he has signed under Eli as drawer. You will simply endorse your name acrofs [across] the back. And return it to me by return mail.

We have heard you did not sell your Farm. is it true. And if so why. what, and by whom was the highest bid made &c.

It is 5 years this day since I landed in this city with my little family. And in that time it has pleased God to bereave us of four ~~members~~ of our number. And aged parent. A Dear & beloved little Daughter. and two negro children. ~~but~~ aside from these afflictions of which we will not murmer [sic]. we have been greatly blefsed [blessed]. and have had no cause to regret [regret] the change we made. our time has been pleasantly ~~& we hope profitably~~ spent here. ~~both~~ and we hope profitably both temperally & speretually [temporally & spiritually]. But I would not be understood as advising you to follow our example. it would be very pleasant to us to have you for a neighbor that we might enjoy each others company more. but I see many persons here. As I do where ever I go. that are

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unprospurous [not prosperous] and dissatisfied. (Notwithstanding we are so comfortably fixed & possibly [possibly] this might be the case with you.) indeed I cannot tell what day (if permitted

[permitted] to live.) I may decide it to be to my interest to Sell and give up my citizenship [citizenship] here. It is some how interwoven with my nature to be willing to part with any ~~thing~~ property. with which I have ever been pofsefsed[possessed] when a full and fair consideration or inducement is offerd[offered]. We would be excedingly [exceedingly] pleased to have you to visit us early this spring. wont you do so. and go out ~~with us to~~ and see Eli & Henry. also. besides taking a look at this and other cities & countries. let us here from you on this subject. We are all in tolerable helth [health]. no news of especial interest. present our continued affectionate reagards [regards] to all. While I Remain Very Truly Your Bro. [Brother]

H. Bruce Jr [signature] [Henry Bruce, Jr.]

[this is obviously a first draft copy that was recopied and sent to George]