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[A letter dated August 25, 1835 from Eleanor Threlkeld Bruce to Mary E. Bruce is in pieces and is no restorable; letter transcribed with text missing]

August 25th 1835 [August 25, 1835]

My Dear beloved Mary I mourning [morning] recd. [received] a letter from you and your Uncle by Mr Paton which gave me a deal of comfort to receive a letter from my dear ughter [daughter] and to hear that you and the rest of my dear [text missing] and dear relatives were all well for I had been very uneasy for some length of time fearing that you were sick as I had several dream [text missing] and I would rise up in my bed deeply distrefsed [distressed] and [text missing] if pofsible [possible] that my dear Mary and Ellenor [Eleanor] is so far [text missing] and if they are sick I cant get to them and then it wou [would] [text missing] st [most] break my heart until I could pray to the good Lor [Lord] [and] [text missing] put my trust and confidence in him for your heal [?] [text missing] welfare and knowing that you were in the kind hands [text missing] relations but my dear Mary I cant [can't] describe the [text missing] of heart it gives me to be seperated [separated] from you and it [text missing] only the hope of seeing and being with you again that keeps [text missing] up the ladies all around come to see me very often and I go [?] [text missing] about very often. but nothing can comfort me while seperated [separated] from you myself your pa and the rest of the family are in tolerable [intolerable] health I have just recoverd [recovered] from a dreadful fall [text missing] I had when comeing [coming] out of the door from Mrs Scotts [text missing] a go my foot slipt [slipped] and I fell right on the top of my [text missing] head and cut it considerably. you never saw leveled [?] an [and] [text missing] black eyes that I had from the bruise that I had but I [text missing] than [thank] god it did not brake [break] my neck nor my limbs [text missing] other and family are all well

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and Ann has got to ve [very] quite a milener [millener] she works with Mrs. Franklin nearly all the time and Nancy is quite a little woman she can make her frocks nearly all herself the ladies and Gentlemen of [text missing] have lately given Mr Taylor and Mr Monagans Scholars a very splendid party it was held at Mr Monagans academy the ladies and Gentlemen all throwed in and

had every [text missing] nice cooked and caried [carried] up there and a long table set [text missing] the largest room and they all stood up and eat Nancy [text missing] out in stile [style] and enjoyed herself very much they sen [?] [text missing] quantity of elegend [elegant] cake next day they invited me to atten [attend] [text missing] I did not wish to go myself. our camp meeting comes on [text missing] ortnight [fortnight] from now Nancy is a going tent Mrs. Fears [text missing] a quilting a few Saturdays a go [ago] [text missing] had the Mifs [Miss] [text missing] Mitchells and a few more and got quilt out before they [text missing] have to hurry as Mr Paton is going at 10 Oclock [O'clock] and it is no [not] [text missing] after [?] you and Elenor [Eleanor] must go and see Frances and do a [text missing] you can for her given my best love to your Aunt and tell her [to] [text missing] go see Frances for me and be with her when she is confined if she pleases give my tender love to Frances and tell [her] [text missing] I hope the Lord will support her and bring her through [text missing] Eleanor that Mr Alen was day before yesterday and excted [expected] to see her he was in his new brod [broad?] cloth and was elegaly [elegantly] equipted [equipped] and brought a nice Barouche shure [?] text missing] and was sadly disappointed and was sadly ointed [disappointed] [text missing] he has been very sick ever

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since he was here he looks very the [?] [text missing] I am afraid that he will come to Ky [Kentucky] give best love to [text missing] Uncle tell him Mr. Patton was in such haste tha [that] I could write him now tell him everything is very high he [here] except bacon very much lately a great deal of Mr [?]. Join [?] [text missing] spoiled that he got from your cousin give my love to your cousin and tell him I want to see him very much and [text missing] he must not go [text missing] balls but must go to church and be Pi [?] [text missing] now conclude your dear cousins my dea [dear] [text missing] by remaining your aff [?][text missing]