

Bracebridge
July 13th 1877

My Darling Wife:

Your anxious letter recd this morning & I can assure you that I am now all right and feel not the slightest inconvenience from the long, hot and dusty ride. I also beg that I was amply paid for the trip. So well satisfied am I of the fact that I am only too anxious to repeat it ~~the trip~~ and will do so as soon as business will permit.

I was in town to day. As an evidence of the dulness

of the Times, the whole town
was out on the commons
to witness a game of Bow
Ball.

I have mailed you a
copy of the Southerner
containing an account of
an assault on Dr Eagles
by a maniac negro, that
was taken up here on Monday
last. I had the same statement
from the doctors own lips &
know that it is not over
drawn - His face is worse
scratched up than any
one I ever saw. He will
be scold for life but
as his fortune is made (or
nearly so), it makes but little
difference.

A letter from Bruce to
day saying my cotton was
sold at $12\frac{1}{8}$ basis of mid
my luck - today's telegram
announces an advance -

The crop continues to improve
and I hope yet to get a
good yield. Am rigging
up my thrasher and will
get out my wheat the first
show day - As yet I am
too busy with my team to
stop - The flower garden
is in nice condition, the
cats are sleek, the chickens
are doing tolerable, eight
or ten young ducks and
one poor little turtle out.

Miss J. Bird shall have
attention -

Do with love and kisses
for you all and a longing
desire to repeat my delicious
visit soon

I am your aff
Husband



Mrs Elias Leard,
Wassentown,
N.C.