

A. T. BRUCE & CO.  
COMMISSION MERCHANTS  
FOR THE SALE OF  
Cotton and Southern Produce,  
66 PINE ST.

New York May 27<sup>th</sup> 1885

Eliza Carr Esq

Dear

I regret much that the infirmity of Mr B  
will from present appearances prevent my usual Spring visit  
to Carolina, she at times looks better in the face & tries to be  
smart, but requires my aid to get up stairs, under the  
circumstances I do not feel justified in leaving home, I  
apologize you it is a disappointment to me as now I have  
so little to do I could have time to be with you longer  
than heretofore, I was up to see Bill last week  
he is in any thing but a good state of health, suffers  
with what is called Rheumatism, but I incline to the  
belief it is more the result of Early Golly, he feels blue  
for my sake write him a cheerful letter, he would  
as well as all of us be delighted to have you with us  
some time during the summer - when last night speaking  
of you & Mr C, my little wife said "when you write give my  
love to Mr C and the two little wives"

I was at the Bank a few days since they had the  
letter written by Parker and were much pleased at the  
plain honest manner of it, I said all you could  
wish to place them & you on the best footing - Banking  
here is not done on Southern style which I could verily

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letter Explain, I judge from what the Cash said  
the Boys will be placed on a good footing - you  
know I don't forget old friends & in case, almost  
any time, if you require \$5000 or more to facilitate  
their operations let me know - & it will be had

How comes on E L M, has he good prospects  
How are Cobs generally, we get so few letters  
How a frequent one from you will be appreciated  
by

Yours truly  
J. T. Bruce