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BROWN'S
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My dear Mother,

We arrived here Yesterday evening after a rapid and very comfortable journey. We met with an accident on the Rail road between Frederick & Baltimore which but for good fortune would have proved calamitous in the extreme. As the train of cars turned a very short curve where the road winds round the base of a hill, with a precipice abruptly commencing within a few feet of the rails the locomotive encountered a bull upset him and without running over him with the wheels, dropped immediately under the passenger cars, all of which ran over & crushed him; and were thrown with violent a shock off the rails; had the loco-motive been thrown off, we should all have gone down a steep descent of 50 yds; as it was however with the exception of 2 hours detention we suffered no injury or inconvenience. Having arrived at this