

Lexington January 18th 1843

Dear Ann

As Captain Allen set out for
Louisville in the morning... I take the opportunity
to let you know we are all well -

Henry was kind to Clark for \$130 - and
Betty kind herself to Rosenman for \$20 - which
was a good deal better than I thought she would
do - Old Bill was stolen before Christmas
and was gone several weeks - I had given up
all hopes of getting him again - I found him in
a heavy state in Town - they said he had been
left by a big Irishman - he had been very ill
used, he is still lame -

Betty has learned her A B C - and is now
in her ab acs - she learns very fast - She says
you must bring her a pretty book from Louisville
and you must tell Cousin Julia and Patsy Howard
for her -

They had an election for pastor in your Church

the other day. The friends of Mr Matthews attempted
to muster up all the votes they could for him, in order
to soothe his wounded feelings - for the abrupt manner
in which he had been dismissed by the Saddle -
Davis M^c Colough was Commander in Chief of the Matthews
Party. but pray^d and all they only mustered three
teen votes - Robert Brockensidge was chosen
Mr Rice, ^{Mr} ~~Mr~~ ^{Mr} Davidson, were voted for
by a few members