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Cynthiana July 21st 1832

Dear Niece

You must attribute to indifference my not writing to you sooner. the distressing situation of our country and my unexpected journey & this must plead some excuse for my apparant neglect. dear Mary Jane you cannot conceive the distress and anxiety of mind I have suffered during the last two months.

It was a long time before I could be prevailed on to leave home the entreaties of my husband and the duty I owe my children together with my infirm health have forced me here. I was in Fort some time before I left home and I should certainly have died had I staid there all summer, which would have been the case had I remained. The country is in a dreadful situation, no business of any kind going on, no crops making, the people all in Garrison, a great many murders perpetrated, and distress of every kind that can be imagined.

I recieved a letter from your Uncle a few day ago he was well, but that he was so seems a miracle, he had been in a battle and at one time engaged hand to hand with an Indian but escaped unhurt. How grateful I feel to God for his kind protection at that dreadful time. the Indians were 11 number and every one killed we had none killed but 3 mortally wounded. I have heard from there since the army was on the march in great numbers and I hope will scare the savages out of the country with out any more bloodshed. I am in daily expectation of letters and papers and shall be unhappy until

I receive them. Remember me kindly to Mother and
tell her I hope she will comply with Mr. Lundy's request and
visit us this fall. Give my love to Jane and my new Brother
to John and his sister and to your Father and Mother, and Mary.
Jane do not need an exchange of letters and answers but
write often for be assured it will gratify me very much.
Tell Mother I will write to her as soon as I hear from
Mr. Bracken for I know her feelings like mine are not
very enviable.

Your Affectionate

Aunt

Sarah Bracken

P.S.

Tell Jane her Sister Martha says she
must make Ann a fashionable frock
and send her.

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Letter written by Sarah Bracken, wife of Charles Bracken, - dated Cyinthiana, July 21, 1832, - to her niece, Miss Mary Jane Mc Kown, of Pittsburgh, Pa. (now Mrs. Mary J. Dzievanowski of Milwaukee), by whom it was presented to the Society May 24, 1886 x

The letter refers to ~~the~~ Charles Bracken's experience in the Battle of Peckatonica, and to the general state of alarm occasioned on the frontier by the Black Hawk war x

Accompanying it are two explanatory letters from Mrs. Dzievanowski to Asst. Cor. Secy. Thwaites x

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