but about 20 Dolls, which Circumstance has certainly much discouraged me and were it not for the fact that I have great reason to believe that there are many very many families Destitute I should have been in my own native City long ago — The People seem almost determined to give nothing — many yet finding fine the excuses which are given for their not giving to the Cause. on monday week last I was crossing one of those Bottomless marshes so common in this region of country — and before I was aware my horse was up to his hips and full one five minutes must have gone ere he was on terra firma. My heart beat 3 to the 2nd when I found him going down into I had to raise my feet from the stirrups I consider it nothing short of a miraculous escape —. I have made so poor collections that I am disheartened quite so you Bro. C. well knows that it is almost insupportable to flesh and Blood, of a Cold winter's day riding through a lonely bleak and cheerless part of a poor Country and fording marshes Boggs and fens to a small Cabin — where you are overtaken in the night time, and have to ride half frantic and wind in search of a lodging place, Oh Cruse. Oh Cruse. I shall in a week or so send you a detailed account of all my doings from Commencement of this last time to the Them Present

Yours Affectionately

Jno Bruning

Should I not succeed better in my collections. I shall give up on 8 of next month Jonny. for Circumstances will compell me

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