

Dear Brother I
received your letter and
was glad to hear from
you I want you to tell
the girls that they must
wait with patience and
they will see plenty boys
up there be fore long and
you must wait to ~~try~~
on them and kick their
horses for them wait
on them with politeness
for when I come I will
bother you very much
we cant be there now
James says he was all
most for dat how to
salute a lady now I
expect he will know
Enough to pay his addresses
to Miss Sarah & Brammer
I lissen to hear of you
a getting married but it
seems that you are very
slow about it you said
that the girls had so few
~~boys~~^{braus} that they did not know
how to take it but I think
they always knowed how
Your Brother until
Death

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