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Armidale N. S. W.

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My Dear father & Mother
& Brother also

It with profound gratitude and pleasure
I acknowledge the receipt of your last
letter bearing the news of my sister's
marriage as it was the last news I
expected to hear picture to your self
my astonishment more over I
am proud to hear it for which I
will explain to you, no doubt you
have learned by my last letter the
step I intended to take by promoting
her happiness & creating your misery
as I pictured to myself.
I was well aware of what the
consequences would be it would

Be the means of sending you both to
 untimely grave were the only person who
 part from you perhaps forever who
 would soothe and nurse you in your
 dying day, as fervently pray the
 almighty will spare her so long
 therefore you will send her my warm
 est thanks and best wishes as I highly
 approve of the step she has taken
 not only for her own happiness but
 she has connected me & brother
 Pat & uncle Terence nearer in relation
 to our worthy and esteemed friends
 Mr & Mrs Higgins, I trust I shall
 be as highly pleased with my brother
 Mrs's marriage as I suppose it will be
 the first news of any importance I
 shall hear and when he does I
 beseech him to remember the fourth
 commandment if otherwise never
 shall I take my pen to address him

My Dearest Father & Mother you will
 accept this little sum of £20 from
 me and Brother Pat as a token of
 our love and respect for you This a
 Bank draught on the Bank of ^{Ireland} ~~England~~
 therefore you will have no difficulty in
 getting it cashed. I suppose you are
 well aware of our views with regard
 to Brother Tho's future welfare the
 fact is I am given to understand
 by an able and well worded letter
 I've read from him lately that he
 has sufficient learning to carry him
 through the world therefore myself
 and Pat have come to the conclusion
 that you ought to send ^{him} to his trade at
 the earliest convenience by doing so
 I have no hesitation in saying that
 he will become a man among the
 St. Hugh's yet that is if he is as
 intelligent as he was when a child

which I have no doubt - he is I would
recommend him to the Glattys in team
as they are the only General Trades Men
in that locality. Permit me in this
short Epistle to congratulate my
Beloved cousin Kate Burke in her
happiness and not forgetting Catherine
Lyons with whom I have great hopes
to have along personal Interview
with before many months, to tell
you the candid truth I was over
joyed when I learned from uncle
Terrence what he had done towards
taking her from Slavery as I had
pledged my word to do so before my
departure from home but Terrence
would not approve of it, and if I
am not mistaken Father the last
words you imparted to me was to
obey how could I do otherwise

I suppose Dear Sister I must
 abandon all hopes of ever seeing
 you ~~in~~ now therefore I fervently pray
 that the Almighty may bestow his
 Blessings on you both through life
 I assure you the week I received the
 news of your Marriage I was going to
 communicate with the Agent General
^{convenient} & forward you a passage certificate
 which you have often asked for
 But I supposed it was not to be
 This an old saying which Collected can't
 be Blotted, and so you have shown
 a young man whom I always had
 entertained a high respect for
 I have a good mind to ask the old
 couple's permission this time myself
 But I think I'll defer it for another
 while as his Mama says she is young
 I must conclude in wishing you Joy and
 and Happiness in abundance

From your fond Bro. J. M. Hush

To Mr. Moore
 & The Ladies

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as I am getting near the end you
 will give my best wishes to all
 my parents & good Cousins & uncles
 and not for getting Mr. Flattery and his
 Mother & family and John Henegham
 Brothers and Sister and ^{all} inquiring
 friends and neighbours will be most
 happy to know that I am enjoying the
 blessing of God as I trust you are
 at present as I must conclude for
 the present in bidding you all a
 good adieu from your good
 and faithful
 Son J. McHugh

To Mr. John McHugh
 Cartown P. O.
 Milltown
 via train
 Co. Galway
 Ireland

Adm. as usual
 J. McHugh