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My Dear Father &
Mother Brother & Sister

It is high time I would
make inquiries as to your

existence I cannot form an
excuse therefore I must beg

of you to forgive me for my
negligence in I suppose if I never

wrote you would be that
independent as not to write &

acquaint me of my brother's

marriage the old problem

you wont answer without you

get one there is very little

done at home but what I can

some thing so I must

offer words in

congratulation of Mr. & Mrs.
Marriage to a young woman
whom I highly esteem both me
and part. when I say this
I mean her father and mother
as I did not have the pleasure
of knowing her in my days
therefore the only thing I can
say is to wish them both
every happiness in life
really I believe I am going
to be an old Bachelor and
perhaps some day be of
some use to some of my little
nephews & nieces. of course I
am aware of being already
an uncle and must be
that I am proud to

And let me here in request
 bring and Honor to bring up
 their family as their father's
 and mother's Aid in the
 fear and love of God. And
 some day they will be rewarded
 for it - My dear father I am
 both in and pass are anxious
 to know how the is doing
 you are aware already of
 what we intended him to be
 If otherwise you can do as
 you like with him I shall
 say no more I suppose he is
 growing up to manhood now
 and know himself best -
 My self & pass are in Sydney
 present - and feel more at
 the Aid as we can

A few of our neighbours here
 Tho: & John Connelly from
 Conaker Martin & Tho: Sleed
 from Cloonagh and Mr:
 Inolony from Carruss we
 also hear through letters
 from our cousins ~~Tho:~~^{out. of} &
 Lizzie Martin so we have
 left the wilderness and come
 among civilization we are
 all enjoying good health at
 present thank god, but poor
 pale Martin which I bitterly
 regret not being near him
 had along sickness after
 landing I assure you that
 I should treat him just the
 same as I would my de
 ar If I was near him

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Perhaps he would think
 or his father or mother
 would entertain a thought
 as to me or just nourishing
 hatred towards him and
 his sister on account of
 the little ill feeling that
 existed between you at home
 so far from it, hoping
 you are all united in friendship
 now I will conclude with fond
 love to my father & mother
 Brother & Sister

& Best wishes to
 all my inquiring friends
 and neighbors and
 Especially Aunt Judy
 & Aunt Mary and
 poor Tom Burke
 Remember me
 to him

I am
 your
 friend
 all
 yours
 J. S. Burke

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Let me know how Johnny Deane & Honor
I suppose the Howe family now I wish Glenn
I would like to know how he is and Christie his
brother. I suppose she is getting full now the
business of women she was not convinced
and also Deut - Sally & aunt May and
family? of Susan at home how I should be in
for alot of weddings all my cousins getting married
and uncle Mary I least is enjoying all the happiness
really work got ruined young!
of life