Police Station
Herberton
29th July 1892

Dear Father and mother

by this time you must think I am again falling into the old groove as it is such a length of time since I received your fond letter but such is not the case you will remember in my last letter I promised Phots in my next which has been rather difficult to get which accounts for my not writing sooner. I am forwarding by this mail under seperate cover four phots. myself Lizzie John Patrick Joseph and his little nurse Ruby to whom he is very much attached. you can see she is a Queensland native. and has been with us now two years She was then brought in by one of the Police from the Bush from her Tribe and was as wild as a young Hare as she had seen but few white people previous to her Coming She is now quite civilized and as Cunning as a Fox she is better and more useful than any white girl and a most affectionate Child. John Patrick looks rather stern in order to get him to remain steady the Photographer told him there was a pussy Cat coming out of the Camaras and he was looking intently for it. he is now two and a half years old and getting quiet talk and prays for his Grandfather and Grand mother each night and morning Thos. and Richd McHugh must have the same opinion of me as ye must have as I have written to them for some time but am writing to Thos this mail

I have not heard from John for some time and would like to know if you hear from him or. Terry let me know in your next letter. and am most anxious to hear all the home news trusting you will give me particulars about all my old mates and sweethearts its needless to ask or mention about relations as they can feel certain I am ever anxious to hear of them. Hope Father you did not get a Rheumatic attack ~~this~~ last winter as I believe it has been a very severe one and trust that mother has enjoyed good health since her recovery from her long illness of which we were very sorry to hear. I enclose a Post-office order for £5 five pounds for mother needless to mention what this small amount is for as the mail is about closing I must end for the present am joined by Lizzie an John in sending our fond love to Michael Bridget and children also to Peter Honour Husband and Family I Conclued with many Kind Wishes to you all hoping you will write first mail and ever Remain your affec.t Son

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