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Dear Father & Mother I  
received both your letters  
which gave me great pleasure  
to know that ye are all well  
As for me my trip to home  
agreed well with me. some  
of the folks here were  
surprised to see me get so  
fat. I will never be sorry  
for my trip. Although I  
often think of poor mother  
I imagine she thinks I  
have not the love for her

now that I had before I left  
Ireland. well I can tell from  
heart If it was not for her  
old feeble bones & Father  
I would never be seen in Milltown  
Although I know I should  
spend more of my time  
speaking to that grand old  
couple but the little amount  
of pleasure I was having caused  
me to spend my time elsewhere  
but nevertheless I shall never  
see any of you In want while  
I have a Dollar. you will find  
Enclosed here the small  
sum of five pounds etc.  
of which I want you to give  
one pound to Bridget & one to

sister Honour & The remainder  
I want Father & Mother & Brother  
to spend on themselves & Drink  
My Health. As a token of  
Friendship I send this small  
amount I thank you Budge  
very much for your kindness  
& trouble with me while I was  
home. It shall not be forgotten  
I wish to state I had another  
letter from John a few days  
ago. he is well. Patt I have  
not heard from. I hope you  
will excuse me for not  
writing sooner I could not  
leave my work during the  
day to go to the Post office.  
As we are very busy in this shop.

I also thank you over  
all for the kindness & respect  
which they shoud. to me  
during my stay I wish  
to be remembered to all. It  
may happen some day  
in the near future that  
I would accidentally surpris  
all the Milltown folks again  
I am still lonely more  
so than when I first left  
for the nice friends which  
I may never see. I will  
now conclude with love &  
best wishes to All. with  
kisses to poor Mother  
Good Bye.

I remain your Affectionate  
son, Tho<sup>s</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Hugh. To  
John. M<sup>r</sup> Hugh