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Dear Father & Mother

I received 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 stg. 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, Bridget, 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 one & all for the kindness & respect which hey showed 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 surprise all the Milltown folks again. I am still lonely more so for 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. Goodbye.

I remain your affectionate son.

Thos McHugh

To John McHugh

Transcribed by Margaret Marlow with some punctuation, spelling and grammar adjustments.

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