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Dear Father & Mother

I hope ye will excuse me for not writing sooner. I received Michael's very nice letter also Honour which gave me great pleasure to know that ye are still enjoying health & happiness & also to know that I was a credit as you say to all my relations. I hope I shall never be the cause of giving a shameful blush to any of my friends. I would like very much if I was home for Xmas. What a good time I would have with the pretty girls of Milltown. I am sorry I did not give the wedding while I was there but I guess I am going to be an old bachelor.

Mother, you will find enclosed here the small sum of three pounds stg. Give ten shillings to Bro. Michael & ten to Tom Godwin for them to drink my health with the boys at Xmas & buy a good bottle of wine for my Aunt Mary in remembrance of her kindness to me when I was home & I trust you will spend the rest with yourself. Poor old couple, I often think ye were not pleased with me when I did not spend more time speaking to ye but my heart & thoughts are as good as if I was flattering all the time. I trust ye will remember me to all my well-wishers as they are too numerous to mention. I am very happy that I seen all my old acquaintances once more. I am also much better in health. I weigh more now than I ever did. All my American friends said that I must have drank plenty of Guinness stout which you know I did but some day I expect to drink again in Milltown.

I would think no more of crossing the Atlantic than eating my dinner. I have seen some very fine sceneries in my travels as I took different routes through the states. I am going for a few days at Xmas to a country town some 100 miles from here with a friend that wants out to his home, so I expect to enjoy myself. I hear from John often. He is well. As I am very busy at the present time, we have frost & snow here for the last three weeks, you will excuse my short letter. I will now conclude with love & best wishes to ye all.

From your affectionate son.

Thos McHugh

To John McHugh

Goodbye, Bridget & Mother, take a good glass from me Xmas night.

Tell Mrs Daly I have not seen her son. He moved from his old address.

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

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