

Isabella St-  
Waverley Sydney  
N. S. W.  
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My Dear Brother Michael  
words of mine  
which written cannot  
express to you my sincere  
thanks for your kind &  
welcome letter of a recent  
date more-over when I see  
By It- that you are one &  
all in the Best Health  
which is the greatest  
treasure the almighty can  
bestow on us. Candidly  
speaking I am quite ashamed

of myself for neglecting  
to write home ere this  
see By your letter that  
my two younger Brothers did  
not neglect to write to you  
& I must confess that  
I highly deserve Censure  
in not fulfilling that  
Obligation which I owe  
to my aged father & mother  
I have had several letters  
from them & of course he  
always told me you were  
in the best of health  
I only wish I was as near  
to milltown as he is I would  
also pay you a visit it  
must be a source of

great Joy & poor Mother  
whin Thomas arrived home  
I know It would Be my  
Highest ambition see you  
all one more But  
unfortunately I meet Banish  
such Ideas out of my mind  
for the present & hope that  
Providence may shine on me  
one more we had my share  
of misfortunes & I may tell  
you I am not the only one in  
this Country hundreds who were  
Independant are now trying  
to get adays work to keep Body  
& Soul together I dont Infer  
that I am one of those god  
forbid I have plenty to meet  
my wants

as I told you in a former  
letter I have what you  
may call at home Post-  
Cars in the City &c.

My family consists of a  
Boy and girl the House  
Keeps for me and keeps it  
like a palace I am pleased  
to know that your self  
& sister Harriet is not  
going to let the M'Hugh  
family die but tell her  
that I am going to write  
to her soon Bridget Augher  
or Gannon I have not seen  
for some time I think she  
has 3 in family P. Burke  
has 8 in family the two oldest  
Boys are smart  
scholars

uncle Lewis I have  
 not heard from since  
 he left Sydney 7 years  
 ago a few year ago I  
 was informed that he  
 had a government situation  
 in Tasmania Better known  
 at home as vandimons  
 land I have not heard  
 from Pat for 18 months  
 or Martin Dallery But I  
 am told they are well  
 Lizzie Martin writes to me  
 very often she paid me  
 a visit last year I read  
 in a home Paper about  
 Seymour selling out his  
 estate you have something

To look forward to now  
times must have altered very  
much since I left and I think  
eventually it will be all for the  
better give my fond love  
to my father & mother  
& Honor Love & Family  
of your wife & child  
and accept the same  
your Dear self from  
your aff<sup>l</sup> Brother  
John McHugh

P. S. Kindly remember  
me to Miss Burke and  
Mary. and all the Coole  
Cousins & not forgetting  
the milltown ~~town~~  
our sister, all & numerous  
to mention Johnny &  
Honor Wingham  
& family

I am very sorry to hear  
of uncle to m. sad  
Benevolent

you can tell aunt Nelly  
in Melick that I have  
lately come across a Miss  
Flattery he is a Cousin of  
our relations he is married  
here in Sydney with 5 or 6  
in family

tell Tom godwin  
from me that I think  
It is useless for him  
to write to Higgins  
as I think he is too  
careless or would be  
to answer it. If he should  
write to write to his  
sister

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