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Dear Brother

Just a short epistle to excuse myself in not writing to you ere this as I promised sometime ago. I am forwarding a little sum to you for mother to get her little warm comfort for the winter. I hope yourself Mrs & family are enjoying the best of health.

Kindly remember me to Sister Honour, Tom & family. I wish I could speak to you for a few hours. I could tell you a lot of news. Australia is not the country it has been some years ago.

I very often see Lizzie Martin she is in good health & wishes to be kindly remembered to you all. In conclusion I will say farewell for the present.

I remain your fond and affectionate brother.

John McHugh

My Dear Mother

It's near time I penned you a few lines. I have no excuse to offer but downright neglect.

I fervently hope you are in the best of health & happy you will find enclosed a small £5 remittance as token of love.

I may be neglectful in my letters but never in my thoughts. You will be pleased to hear I am fairly well in health. I was very pleased to hear in a former letter, Brother Patt's children write to you & I presume you are in constant communication with Brother Thomas. I'm sure to be the black sheep in the mob, but dear Mam I know you will forgive me for my past errors.

Goodbye & God bless you in the prayers of your neglectful son.

John

Wishing you all a merry Xmas.

A happy & prosperous New Year.

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