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FROM IRELAND!

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Dear Son

Your last letter  
I would have answered  
before now but your  
mother was very bad at  
the time we got it and  
we thought better to wait  
to let you know the  
result of her troubles  
she departed this life  
on the 15<sup>th</sup> of the  
present month and let  
us hope and pray

she is with the  
Blest in heaven as  
she suffered her  
share in the troubles  
of this life.

Your sister Mary is  
greatly grieved after  
her and often takes  
a fit of crying to ease  
her mind. Gerald is  
all the winter at home  
with me idle. For want  
of funds the Captain  
is unable to keep