

"There is neither employment nor food"
William Dunne to his nephew John Curtis, April 25, 1846

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Dear John I reed your Kind letter of the 31st of December which gave us all great pleasure to here from you and All friends and I am glad to here of yourself getting your health so well and of your Father and Mother being satisfied with their journey I think they went in a good time for the like of this Kingdom at the present is not to be found I believe there is neither Employment nor food the people is in a starving state and dying in hundreds and the streets of Belfast crowded Every day with people gowing out to America half naked Dear John I wrote to Hannah Lynch when I reed your letter I wrote since and got no answer which kept me from writing to you before this I would have rote by the next packet only weating for her answer I do not know how she could think you could send her money to bring her out and your own family so short with you I think that they aught to be very Comfortable to live having such tread and good work I believe I am sorry about your sister Jane being in a bad state of health but I hope those few lines will find her better than when you were writing and your brother also and all my friends Dear John if you can at all I hope you will still write as it is all the comfort we have now to here from you and friends you will let many know as soon as you can that you herd from me Margret also and all our friends you will let them all know as soon as you can I hope those few lines will find them all well as they have me and all at present your Cousin William was very bad with a buillis fevior we did not Expect him for one Month he is better thank god for all his blessings to us I am in pretty good health myself at present thank god for it your Cousin John dunne is at home at the present we are very hard Let to make it out at the present for there is nothing doing in my way here there is no gentle men here now the times are so bad it has fritened them all they are not keeping a horse at all I do not rite to Timothy yet I will write to him as soon as I here from you again which I hope will be without delay as soon as you can see your aunt and all friends Mabey you Could gether something let it be Ever so little it would be very Receptable at a time like this people that has friends in America about where I am they are sending them help Everyday but let that not hinder you from riting as we will be glad to here from you and all friends you will let me know if you herd from your unkle Thimothy since you rote I hope you will let me know all the particulars how all things are getting on with you since you rote Dear John do not fail but write as we will be weating with patience for your kind letter in receipt of this as the packets sail regular there is no delay your letter came very speedy I think we got it in about three weeks I hope your father and Mother gets their health well and that yours are all well at the present I never here from up the country only when Hannah rites I do not understand what is the reason she has not wrote all this time I do not understand it I was afraid there was something wrong, or she would have wrote as I told her I was going to write to you Dear John as I intend writing to Thimothy I wish to here from you again before I write you will send me his Address Correctly and your aunt Marys and know is it Cullin or Rilculin that is the name of the plase where Dillen is from or what business he is in Dear John I Excuse your hand and gives you credit for how well

you (?) your letter I again with My kind have together with wife and Children sends our kind love to you and all friends Dear

I Remain your Kind and affectionate unkle and family
Direct as before
William Dunne