

Cullycapple 26th January 1846

My Dear Daughter,

I received your kind and very affectionate letter on Sunday last and am happy to hear you are blessed with good health and also your two dear Children and am sorry to find that your dear child Elizabeth Jane was deceased, but I trust God almighty has taken her to everlasting happiness. I and my family are well at present, but my dear daughter I had got my leg Broken and was in a very delicate state of health for the last 17 weeks which prevented me of answering your former kind letter like this time: but thanks be to almighty god I am got well again and I hope this will find you in good health and happiness when you read it. Your dear Sister was married on the 10th of July 1844 to James W Quigg of Glenkeen son of Douglasbe Quigg of Glenkean and about 2 months ago she has got a fine daughter, her name is Isabella and she is a beautiful child, she lives with me yet and enjoys good health and sends kind love to you and your children – My dear Anne Jane in a former letter I wrote I gave you an invitation to leave America and come home to me but you thought at that time you could do very well in America but in your last letter I find you are limited in the means of supporting yourself and your dear Children, and if you could return home yet I would be very happy to see you and would assist and support you. But when you receive this letter, send me an answer what your determination is and if you think of coming home you will write to me your mother and sister also myself would be happy to see you again- And if you are not determined to come I will send you some assistance the first opportunity after I receive your Answer. I got no letter from any of your Uncles from Wheeling in America since you were with them – I suppose you will know in America that the one half of the potatoes are defective in Ireland this season and markets are getting very high and great distress and want seem to take place, but for my part I am thank God very good means although my potato crops there half bad. Your Uncles family in County _____ are all in good health and send their kind co_____. My Brother Robert and his family are well ___ their kind love to you and John Gray and _____ W Lees send their kind love to you are a _____ health- My dear daughter I am joined in _____ your friends and acquaintances and my son in ___ W Quigg sends his kind love to you – your _____ very kind love and respects to you and would ___ glad to see you coming home to Ireland, ___ all send our kind respects to to all your well ___ I am and all your friends very _____ you are getting on and if you would sell all that you have if it would bring you home and your children to Ireland - as soon as you receive this send me an answer – I am joined by all your friends with kind respects to you and am my dear daughter yours affectionately till death Andrew Gra__.