

Hampstead Jan 7th / 63

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My dear Mother
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of the 10th and was glad
to hear from you and
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well. I am well at present
and hope these few lines
will find you the same.

I have not much news
to write at present. I
am still in the same
situation. I have not
yet received any news
from you since I left
home. I am sure you
are all well and happy.

I must close for this
time. Write soon.
Your affectionate son,
John Smith

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