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Bulla Rat Gold clifpins 25 March 1850

Dear Father & Mother

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Once more I have the pleasure of writing you few lines from this part of the world in hope that you are all well and happy as I am at present. Thank God for his kindness I stop in Melbourne 9 days from Melbourne to Geelong in steamer 4 hours sailing Morton Lish Evans and son of Kings Head Bethesda we were then start for the clifpins all mates (partners) our passage was 12/6 each things £2.0/0 we arrived at Geelong 12 clock then we had from 40 to 70 miles to go up the clifpins we took up with us 8 hundred weight bread sugar tea bread & lettuce only, got one sack of cloze and tent tools we paid 15/0 for cart for take our things up and work all the way ourself we went up in four days there was three bullock dray start together with two horse & bullock in two and two in the other we use to set the tent at night to sleep but the first night we lost the dray no house within 20 miles to get nothing to eat nor drink we slept that night near place call muddy water holes under some earf and it was heavy rain then we found the dray came up very comfortable when we rich the journey end we pitch our tent among others and sleep mess and work together for some time 5 or 6 weeks we every little gold I found myself done more work than the other three and I join another two men when I left them we had 2 oz of gold piece worth then £3.10 or you £3.17 to £4 I begin to work with these new mates one is from Cornwall and one from London latter is married got his wife here with him she is washing and cooking for us and we are very comfortable got good bread and clean cloze we did sink one hole 50 foot deep got nothing then went about 12 miles off I sink hole myself 9 foot deep got 10-pound weight of gold in it after we wash all what we have we will expect to have 7 pound weight of gold each that is 21 pounds between us we have and I don't think that Morton & Co got 2 oz since I left them but they might be lucky again there was close to me four in party found myself 148 lb weight of pure gold they said that the best clifpins is done there is great many here doing very bad it is the same as my mind Paris some get copper and other don't but still people are coming up they won't stop in town to work for 15/ to 20/ per day there is plenty of work to be got and good for wages

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There is not many farmer about here I never saw one field of corn since I am
 in the colony every thing is very dear up here flour is £4.10 to £5 for 200 lb we paid
 last week for 4 Bushel of oats for the mare £4 that is one pound for one Bushel (claw for horse)
 I wish if I could get 200 g^s from there I could sell it all at 7 or 8 p^r g^s but the
 river is too wide and I don't intend to stop long here next Christmas I intend to make
 start home if god almighty will spare my life I don't intend to go to town before then
 or else I would send you some money I could not send any from here and it will cost
 me ten pounds in going to town and back I did not sell any of my gold yet and I
 don't intend to sell much of before I came home with I hope that won't be long
 I have seen few wellmen here I have seen the son of my father's former neighbor
 Goyland the Capt and crew of that small vessel that came from Holyhead they
 are fine close to us I have not seen any from Glamorgan, nor party, nor they are
 in the other digging 100 mile from I have seen 2 daughters of Gwynedd's they are
 house in Melbourn keep lookers and sojourn I have not been there my last four
 month we are living in the middle of the bush nothing to be seen only trees and
 all kind of furts plenty of grass for the horses for nothing we have good
 and cost £15 the mare cost 45 cart 20 harness 10£ The whole concern is
 worth there £150 I expect to have about 20 weight of gold by next year
 when I hope that I shall see you all happy and doing well I mean
 you all not one please to give my best respect to my dear sister Jane
 Catherine you know is the I must conclude because I intend
 to be there with you soon

I am your Son & Brother

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Attest
Notary Public March 1893

My dear brother

I arrived home.
safe last night and found
a letter from brother William
which I have send you.
it came here last.

Thursday please to
it back when you
done with it

Yours sincere, Bessy Long

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