

Bendigo Feb 13<sup>th</sup> 1851

Dear Mother

I intend starting Down from here tomorrow  
for Melbourne. I have for the last few weeks  
been trying to get in a few Dollars which were  
owing to me but without success & I really be-  
lieve that what they allege is true & that  
the majority are really unable to make a living  
in consequence of the diggers being worked  
out. I would have wrote before but  
I felt I could not without my Ideas to  
write in a ~~short~~ <sup>short</sup> had certainly wrote such  
had weather as we have had lately it  
is so depressing to suffer from cold &  
wet & expecting the snow to come Down  
about your ears every moment I am  
glad to hear you enjoy such good  
health. I have been suffering much  
from cold lately for it is impossible

to get rid of it as long as the heat  
remains damp - but as the weather has  
cleared up, or at least promises to do so  
I hope to get rid of it on the road I  
heard of Edward & his wife being in  
Melbourne through a person who had  
seen them. He said they were living  
very gay & he believed he was not  
going to return to the Galambie but  
to live somewhere in the neighbourhood  
of Melbourne. I feel I shall be glad  
to leave the Dyngs. I never stopped on  
from Grah at the time I was on  
them - nor yet had a drink of pure  
water except during the heavy rains  
when they caught a fish full and  
every morning it was positively tasteless  
to drink it was so spoiled by

The Business - You may hope to see me  
very shortly as I have packed up my  
things - I had not many traps to sell off  
as nearly every thing was destroyed when I was  
flooded out, and I could not afford to  
replace them afterwards -

I long soon to see you & find you  
all in good health

I remain

Your affectionate son

L. J. Lusk

Mr. J. L. ...

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