Barkerville Cariloo B C Dec the 14 1866

Dier Sir & Friend

I reseived your letter of the 5th of No 1866 With Marys likeness I Was very glad to get them She looks to have growing a good deal Sence I last saw hir I Would a have answarded this your letter befoar but I Was a good long Ways from hear I Was on a new creek al Sumer & have don very Well now I am goin to Winter up hear & I think this time next fal I Will have mony anough to Keep me from Working any moar So there Will be one McCormick free from Work the new creek I Was on Will pay about Sixteen Dollars a Day to the Hand & I have got a claim on Williams Creek Which I refused Twelve hundred Dollars for Tuo Weeke ago & I have got over Three Thousant Dollars in the Bank of B N A I had in the other Bank but I got doutfull of it & took it out I Wished I had Jim out hear I Would make a man of him but I do not like to advise him nor let him now that for if anything happens to him for to die or get sick I Would never forgive myself & then thair is Mary She Would bee left a lone I promised to Send Something in the last letter but I am up in the mountain but Still I hanes not forgoting What I have said but it is to late to go down to Victoria now So you See or hear from me next fall

you can see the kind of stuf wee pick
up give one to Rous it Will make a pin
head & give the other to mary I have plenty
of that but no Way to send it I am very
Sorry to of Henry Farrells Deth & mrs Sulivan
So Mr Tomson you Write me a long letter
if you pleas & let me nou the Whole news
and I Will not trouble you tell next fall
& then you Will hear or see mee if you
Wile Which I hope you Will Direct

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give my respect to all
inquiring frends
yours truly
John McCormick