

I wish you a happy New Year
and all of Mr Seawards family, !!!!!

Jan 1st 1857

Dear Brother

After waiting untill I was all out
of Patience and given up looking ~~up~~ for
a letter from you, Hussey brought
one down the other night I was glad
to hear from you for I did not know
~~to~~
but you was sick or dead, I was down
home thanksgiving day and staid
almost a fortnight although I did not
intend to ^{more} than a week But you know it
was stormy the week after and the stage did
not go up to Limerick.

I am out of a boarding place and dont
know but I shall have to go home