

Georges Islands Nov 22nd 1861

Dear Sisters

Having an other opportunity
to write you as a Schooner has stop
here for a load of Guano bound to some
Francisco, I am here quite a lone only
3 white men and 8 Indians which makes
the work come rather hard on me but
as it is but a small cargo I shall soon
git through with it, the ship Ashland
that we loaded here belongs to New Orleans
and I see by the San Francisco Papers
that the Men of War are in hot pursuit
of her if they should happen to take
her and not let her proceed on her
voyage it will put Capt Asham
back a good deal so you see that
the troubles between the North & South
affects the small Islands of Georges
if they could ship more Guano they
would have more men employed
here in getting it out as it is so verry
dusty that it soon blows a way after
it is got out and to bag it all would
be verry Expensive I am en hopes

They will get through with their
troubles before long then I shall
see some chance of getting off of this Island
but as it is I may be here this seven or eight
months it is no desirable situation
to be placed in as I do not know when
an other vessel will be here if any
comes at all I have one whale boat and
the main land is some twelve miles
off and the nearest settled part is 60 miles
from here which is a hard road to walk
and but very little water on the way
I hope I shall never have to travel it
as it is through an Indian country and
they are not very friendly but it
is hard telling who your friends is in
these days, I did not get any letter
from either of you by the ship Ashland
from San Francisco. Whether Fortham &
Pennings new any thing or not but her
coming down I do not now but I expect
not as she come away in some what of
a hurry afraid of being stop all together,
I hope they will find sale for some of
the Quina in San Francisco.
I hope you get your money I have not
heard from San Francisco since May
only by news papers and very few

of them not a letter from you or any
one so you see that I am cut off
from all communication this letter will
be a month or six weeks getting to
San Francisco and how long it will be
getting to you is more than I can say
if it ever dies, do write me often
I may by chance get now and then
one I do not but what they will
reach me but when is more than I
can tell you must give my love
to Sister Charlott and Eliza and all
Enguring Friends say to Henry and
Edward they must write to me and
send me now and then a Long Harbor
News paper for I have not seen one this
many a year, I suppose all the
young male portion of your village
have you to the seat of war to gain
their renown, dear sisters do let me hear
from you often as you can,
I remain your affectionate

Brother Richard Dering