



Magdalena Bay Oct 2nd 1870

Dear Sister

This is the first opportunity that I have had to write you since I left San Diego and the first time to do any thing of any account for myself as we have been very much sove as to getting arood and getting the machinery shift inland and getting houses built I am in joying very good Health it is a delightful climate and very healthy I enjoy much better health than what I did in San Francisco If I could but make something to pay me for stoping as the time is out the first of next month Whether I shall stop any longer I have not heard and most likley will not till the last moment as every thing is done on the spur of the moment. the main object is to get certecian water which they are at

work at their is plenty of fine Land and
very clear of scrubby but their is not
any water to be had onley when it
rains and that is not very often but
you will send my Letters to Mr Oakley
210 Sacramento Street San Francisco and
I will get them when I arrive or he will
send them down to me should I have
to stop here, their is nothing new
in this part of the world. I have
fallen in with some good acquaintances
down here who are living quite
retired and easy, hoping this
will find you all well my Love
to Sister Elizabeth Charlott & Eliza
and all the Rest, I have work
rather hard of Light but am taking
it more Easy of latter it is rather
warm here in the fore part of the
Day the Thermometer from 85 to 95
the after noons and Evenings more
Cooler Hoping to hear from you
soon Your Affectionat Brother W. Dering