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Voy Harbor Long Island
New York

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Dear Sister

Your letter and Sister Frances
Come to hand the second of Feb I have
Been over to the main after water
since she arrived here which has taken
some time, the letters that was sent
to J. A. Robinson ~~and~~ came all right and
I think it is a good way to send them all
though the letters come the same that
is sent to Fordham & Jennings as there is a
Steamer running monthly between Guaymas
and San Francisco but we do not have
communication with Guaymas very regular
only when they want to send up there
or when we get short of water that is
as often as every 2 or 3 months, I felt very
much grieved in hearing that you had
not received any money from San Francisco
what is the reason is more than I can
say it is not using me right as I have
it due me their and if they intend
to pay me it is as easy for them to do it
monthly as to let it run on so long and
keep you and me out of it so long,
The last time I wrote Fordham & Jennings

I sent up an Order for them to draw on
100 \$ for them to send you I have not
heard whether the order was accepted
or not but I shall send an other for the
same amount to send you if they do
not pay the Order I must as well stop
working here and get at some thing else
where I can get my pay for it is bad
enough to be on such an Island as
this to get well paid for it, I shall write
to Capt. Shum about it as he will most
likely be in San Francisco when my letter
reaches there. He has been very kind to
me and has all ways thought that Storham
I promised was sending you the money
every month or at least drawing it from
Capt Shumwood & Co for he was speaking
to me about it a few days before he
left the Island, he did not intend to
go to San Francisco when he left here but
the Small Pox was very bad there and
he left but did not get clear of it for
he had it on the Steamer before she got
down to Marshalland, We have had very
unpleasant weather the last month
Raney cold and very Windy I have not
seen so cold a weather for a number of years
as it was the first part of January,
I hope this will reach you all safe

but it may be cut off as I see the
letters all go over land, I shall not
have an other chance to write you in 2 or 3
months as there will not be any vessel here
much short of that time but I shall write
every chance and you must do the
same My respects to all Enquiring friends
My love to Sister Frances, Chaslot & Eben
and the Boys, I hope that the North and
South will get through with their troubles
before long as it puts us back on this
little Island as well as elsewhere as much
that we have not had but 5 men at work
the last 3 months we have had more come
down by this vessel and shall go more
back if the weather should be pleasant
I expect that in 2 or 3 months it will be
hot enough to roast eggs in the sun
it is a very unpleasant Island to
be upon I hope that they will give
me more men and let me get through
with it Dear Artie do write me as
often as you can

I remain Your affectionate
Brother
Richard Dering