

January 9th 1872

Dear Sister

Yours of the 21st of Dec^r came to hand on the 8 and was very glad to hear from you and to hear that all the famelby was well, Oing to the snow you had not got my letter that i sent sence I have arrived here and it has been a storm most of the time sence I landed in San Francisco and I have been in the House most of the time Lade up witte a bad Cold and it settled in my Left side and has bothered me verry much but is getting much better The weather has been verry bad han Raind for over three Weeks and sum time of it verry hard and it has not been fit wedther for well Peopel to go out lett a lone Sick ones, I made out to go and see a few of the Sag Harbor

Folks on New Years Day and have
mett dem of them on the Street, but have
not been a visiting much on account of
the bad weather, I have often wisht
myself back in Lower California
and have been sorry that I ever came
up and would not had it not been
more to accomodate others than myself
and no thanks for it, and that is the
way with the most of the Folks out here
git there one turn served and they
carr nothing about others, I have not seen
Marian Nicholls but have mett him on
the Street several times she is verry well,
I am in hopes to get away from this before
long that is by the last of February but
the company moves verry slow and
I think it is a freeze out game as it is
with most Large Companies as it does
not make much differenc to them wheather
it comes round this this year or next
and those that is to wait for their
move ments has all to loose and nothing

to gain, they will now have to wait
for the United States Government to
move for them the Company have been
driven out by a few Mexicans and
a company of Ecuadorens that have
come in to Magdalener Bay for the
purpose of gathering Ochilo which
is a moss that grows around the
neighborhood of the bay used for
the coloring of Purple and other
colors, I wish they never had been
a loud to come in the Bay and go
to work. it has put the Company
back more than they ever did it good
and it will be some time before they
ever git established again. if ever
they do for the U States may take the
country from them for debt,
the Farmers is in verry good speretts
throughout the hole of California on account
of so much raine having fallen more
than has fallen in any other winter
since California has belongd to the

United States, Hoping this will find
you all well My Love to them all
I will write Francis soon there is
nothing New worth writing about
that would interest you as I now of

Remain Your affectionat
Brother Richard Dering

After Carrying this in My Pocket for
Three Days I have made out to raise
Money to Buy some Stamps to Put on
it and one for Francis
C. Dering