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My Dear Sister

Arrived here the other day from Guaymas and which way I shall go now I do not know but must be doing something till the French get drove out of Guaymas and Mexico then I would go back, I think that the climate there is better for me than the cold fogs of California, I am at work trying to get my wages or some of it but I expect it will be hard as Law business is not very profitable I am glad that you have but closed the war but it still wages heavy here among the Whaling fleet the Shannonstone has burnt about all the ships up on the N.W. coast and where he will go next is more than one can say but he will make clean sweep of all the whalers and every other american vessel that comes with in his reach, the Sag Harbor folks air all well I believe I have not been to see many of them as I have not been here but a few days Maria Nicholls is little ailing but that is nothing for her, My respects to all that Enquire and to Sister Charlott and Lexa and Familyes I will Endeavor to answer Hanners letter the first chance that I have and to write Henry

and Edward would like to come home next summer
but I do not like the cold weather that is coming
on soon all though I stood the cold very well
last winter in the mountains in Sonora we had a good
deal of snow and cold weather, but the air was clear
and pure I have got some what thin by hard work
and getting nothing for it when I arrived here I
had one side of Rose and 4 Dollars in my pocket
and if I do not get any of my wages I shall be sorry
that I came up, the mail will soon close and
I must bid you good morning

I remain your affectionate
Brother W. H. Derby