

San Francisco Feb 27 1842

Dear Sister

I received your letter  
the 27<sup>th</sup> was just 30 days coming  
and one from Elizabeth the same  
time that was 15 days, I am well  
but the weather is verry un pleasant  
so much here that it is not verry  
pleasant to be out so one is confined  
to the house more than is needed  
the blockad of snow has put  
evry thing back with us and  
have not been able to do any  
thing with the Company in New York  
have not got any money from them  
yet they owe me 500 Dollars they have  
no one to represent them here and have  
no credit and when they get ready  
to pay they will they owe some  
5 or 10 thousand Dollars here in  
San Francisco De Hay is in New York

and all right I do not care much  
about what is going on here or  
whether a man has any thing to  
eat or ware he has squandered so  
much money a way foolishly that  
they will not let him have any  
more till the Board of Directors  
meet a gain and when they will  
come to gether is hard to say  
Capt Sham is still in the City of Mexico  
had a letter from him a few days  
ago every thing was all wright  
as Regard's the Company there but  
they have let every thing by Defolt  
no one in New York and no one  
in San Francisco nor in Mexico  
to Represent the Company De Kay  
is not the man for any such bussness  
to much of an Army man and  
to bisanary to colonise a Country,  
My Friends here have been very  
kind to me since I arrived

and when they pay me what I hope  
will soon come round will settle up  
with them, but as the old saying is  
Large bodies move slow and when  
they do get, I have not been round  
among the Long Harbor folks much  
as the weather has been so bad  
that I do not vissit much, I have  
had one chance to go back to Lower  
California but did not care much  
about it till I got my money as  
I could do better here than any one  
else towards getting it, bussness  
is very dull the traveling so bad  
that there is nothing going on  
in the Country, I hope this will find  
you all in good health I have not  
been clear of a cold since I have been  
in the City and do not expect to  
us long as this weather Last,  
You must remember me to all  
Friends Love to Sisters Charlott Elizabeth

and Eliza and all the Rest I will  
wights you soon again  
Your affectionat Brother  
Richard Dering