

San Francisco August 17th 1865

Dear Sister.

I have not done any thing in getting my wages more than putting it in a Lawyers hands as Lent has been absent from the City but next Monday has been appointed for a Day of settlement hoping to get some thing with out my going in to a Law Office for that must detain me some Five or Six months, I have had an offer of going Down in to Arizona should the parties arrive on the next steamer from the East whether it will amount to more than the trip Down and back is more than I can say but that will be better than doing nothing this place is over run and more out of Employment than ever was before and more going to the East than is arriving from there, Capten Pshim is still here but has some thoughts of leaving on the steamer of the Third of September he is in hopes to come out all right with his Mexican affairs if he does I shall be all right he has not got any money if he had he would pay me the others are in debt to him and he cannot get a settlement with them, I have been up to Myffer for a few Days with a Friend of mine as I had nothing to do, the Sag Harbor folks are all well but Maria Micholls she does not enjoy very good health she is up in the

Country on a vessel I have not seen many of them
but shall call on some of them before long
I have not been in visiting mode much since I
have been here, it is a very unpleasant winter
the cold raw fogs keeps one chilly all the time
what makes it worse for me having been in warm
weather and clear mountain air so long there is nothing
new of any account a steamer was lost up the coast
some few days ago with a boat one hundred and
eighty and only fourteen saved.

I hope this will find you all well My Love to
Sister Charlott Eliza and Fannys I must endeavor
to write Hanner a letter when I get some what at
Leisure My Respect to Dr. Day and all Enquiring
Friends

I Remain your Affectionate
Brother Richard Dering