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Dear Sister

This is the first time that I have had a chance to send a letter by any one sence I have been here this time Capten Sweeney called to see me the other Day and offered to take any thing for me I had to send as he was oing to Bridon Hampton I thought I would send you a few Lines as I have nothing more it is hard worke forme to write you and Sister Frances as I have not any money to send you and when I shall be able to get any at the rate of things in this City it is hard to say the more and the longer on stores here the worse he is off their is more Idle men here than in any other City that ever I was in and men that has got good Trades nothing to do and nothing doing I hope you had a pleasant Christmas and New Years I suppose it was so here but it was all the same with me I never left the house for all Day and good Reason which I had not any where to go, so I was contented in staying indores most of the time; I got all Ready to start up as well as I could to go to Capten Nichols Silver Wedding as he and his wife both gave me an invitation started but I got most their and thought that I did not Look well enough for the occasion so I did not go I saw Printer Mulford a few Days after and he said they had a fine Time as their was not any one their but those

that belonged to Sag Harbor I was sorry after Words I did not go
as she is a verres kind and gives me all the Sag Harbor News, I should
have written you a long Letter but the Capten goes sooner than what
he expected the first chance that I get I shall leave here when
I can see a chance to better Myself I cannot do much worse
than what I am doing and I have been all ways sorry that
I left Sonora to come this way I had bet'er have gon up to Araxona
I could have got a living their that is more than is to be got here
You must Remember me to all Enquiring friends My love to sister
Charlott Eliza and all the Rest I have neve had any thing sence I
have been here, I would write Plannet Mast if I knew what to write
about that would enter tain Sur but as I am not over stact with
News that is berry entertaining to any one I have
am more and more disgusted with this City and should I ever get
enough or even a chance to get out of it I will take good Cair that
it will be some thing to pay me well that will get me here again
hoping this will find you all well

Your affectionat Brother
M. Derings