

San Francisco Feb 18th 1866

Dear Sister

It is some time since I have had a letter from you and as I have not any money to send you and nothing to write about it is hard worke for me to make out a letter and as I have not had any thing to write that would be of interest to me as there is not any thing doing here every thing is very dull there has been a small rush to Montana and them that has got any thing to go with and can close out with out to much loss is leaving a great many is going East I was up to Capt Nichols a few evenings ago and she talkt very strong of going East but it would be rather hard for him to leave for any length of time, I wish that I had the means to get out of this City I think I should have to be paid well

to get me back here again I have
had a chance offered me to go to Montana
but I have not got the means so it being
a long distance to travel and in an
Indian Country and nothing to start
with I could not go, It is a long time
that that never turns and it has been
so with me for some time I may
get a chance to go down to Lower
California but they will have to pay
me for it, for they most of them would
have a man work for nothing and
find him self what they want
is for me to go to a copper mine that
is their and bring some of it up
and as I no where it is and they
do not, I have got tired of beating
the Bush and others catching
the Birds, I have done enough
with out getting paid for it,
So Dear write as often as you
can I hope this will find you

all well My Love to Sister Frances
Charlott & Eliza and all the Rest
If you should see Jacob Baron
Do tell him to write me and give
my best respects to him I heard
of him the other day as being at
Sag Harbor,

I remain Your affectionate
Brother

Richard Dering