

San Francisco June 19th 1866

Dear Sister

I received your letter
a few days ago I have made
up my mind to leave for Lower
California should the party start
down when they get their news
from New York which will be before
long I hope for I have got tired and
dissatisfied of doing nothing and of
San Francisco I hope I shall have a
chance to stop there a while to make
something for myself, Miss Nichol
went down to Monterey a few days
ago on a visit she does not enjoy
very good health, the rest of the
big harbor folks I do not see much
of Prentis Mulford I see now and
then he is much confined to the
paper that he does not get out much
and then he is some ways from

where I am stopping that I do not
see him very often Stephen Hand
I see most every day he has got steady
Employment but I do not think he
gets much pay he is a very nice
young man, you must give my
Love to Sister Frances Charlott & Bro
and all the Rest, it is very dull
here and I suppose it is so with
you, there is more idle men in
this City than there is men Employed
I could have gone down to Mexico
a few days ago had I had any thing
to have gone with their war about
we started and very smart men to
they have gone down to assist the
Liberals to drive out the French
I hope they will meet with good success
they have all of them been officers in
the Federal army and have seen
gun surges and that is what the
Mexicans want some one to head them

the most of the Rebels that I see
down there have got back again here
and air as bad as ever, I think
that the War went down to sudden
it never was half kept out and
they are about ready to start in
again. I see by the Papers that
the Rebels of the City of New Haven
has made Massachusetts a present of
a carriage that cost even two or three
thousand Dollars that looks very well
for New Haven where one would suppose
that they was devilsed by this time
you must write me as often as
you can, I will let you know before
I go should I start

I Remain Your Affectionate
Brother
Richard Dering