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Dear Sisters

I am in hopes to be away from here before long as I have had the promise of going down to Lower California should thing prove satisfactory to the men that has gone down their and I am in hopes they will be back in the course of Twenty Days or I have heard from them and wish me to remain here till they returned I may get some thing pursuement to do for I have been hanging on long enough by the hopes of some thing to do, every thing is awry dull and money are failing in business and a great many that can do what has got the money to do with will not risk it for their is nothing surten that they can go at, I have got disgusted with doing nothing and get hold of one thing and then an other and all but ready to start in and all at once it is stop by some one backing out or some thing is the matter that they cannot take hold of it I have seen so much of it that I have lost all confidence in most of any one here they cannot place any confidence in one an other and they are all on the make and get out of one an other all they can and they think that they are smart in so doing, I will write you more particular

about it should I get the chance to go I expect  
they will want me to go in the Schooner but I had  
rather stop on shore and tend to shipping off the  
Copper Bar but I shall have to do one or the other  
this coasting is hard work on this coast where there  
is not any good harbors to stop in, It is a long  
time since I have had any letters from you  
and Elizabeth and I shall be able to write you  
oftener than I have long back for I got some  
envelopes with the stamps on the other day  
which I have not had in a long time

Hoping this will find you all in good health  
my love to sister Charlott & Eliza and all the rest  
Your affectionate Brother

Richard Dering

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