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Dear Sister

I am still in the City and have not had a chance to get out nor to do any thing for myself nor for any one else and the rainy season is coming on which will be very disagreeable I was in hopes to have got away from here before it was too weather but as it is I shall have to submit to it and make the best of it let it come as it will let what terms that may, I had no chance to see Capten Swan while he was here and never knew that he was going home till I see he had left among the List of Passenger List, I have seen in the papers that Capten French had lost his ship in the Arctic part of the crew had arrived at Victoria and the rest had gone to the Sandwich Islands how true it is I cannot say but it was in one of the papers as a Telegraph Report from Victoria I believe his ship belonged to Sag Harbor. There is not any Sag Harbor ~~Harbor~~ ships arrived here as yet whether there is any around here that belongs there as I have not had any run of them for a number of years, it must be that they do very well at the price they get for their Oil and Bone, You speak of Mrs Cox saying that Capten Isham as his being so well off I think that she must be mistaken his wife may have some money but when Isham left here he did not have any thing but he had money owing to him by Lent and he has not got any from him as Lent's Property has all been sold and never half paid his debts if Isham gets his Mexican Claim paid for he will have some money but I think he will live to be quite an old man before he ever sees that paid he was offered a number of years ago one hundred thousand dollars by the Mexican Government to settle it but he would not except it or others that was consigned with him would not

it is doubt full wheather they ever see one half of that
after waiting Ten or Twelve Years, If she is as well off
as Mrs Cook says I wish that he would Buy me as he is all
ways saying that he will when ever he get any money as for
the others I now very well that they have got nothing for
I have seen throes and talkt with them that they ow and they
could get nothing out of them so I was not alone,
I hope this will find you all in good Health there is
nothing new here and but very little going on and I off
with me My Love to Sister Elizabeth Charles & Ann and
all the rest

I remain Your affectionate Brother

W^m Richard Dering