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My Dear Sister

By this you will see that I have at last made out to git a way from San Francisco whether I shall better my self or not it is hard to say but one thing the Clomet will agree with me better, I have stopt here for a day or two in a Schooner I am with Coll Drake DeKey and Isham and a bout 40 others bound down to Magdalena Bay to bore Artesian Wells and dig way the Countrey about the bay they having been sent out by a New York Company for that purpos if they git water they will make a berry good thing of it, I came a way from San Francisco in a verry great hurry not

knowing that I was going to leave
so quick I had so much running
about to do that when night
came I was so tired that I did
not feel much like writing
and since I have got out from
there I feel much better all though
we have had a very fine time
of it and out of the 40 on board
not one of them was ever in the
bay of Magdalena excepting me
We shall be gone from 3 to 5 months
and I may stay longer my
pay is not much larger than at
war in San Francisco but being
found will make some difference
and I do not have to worke so
hard in fact I have not any
worke but to see that others do
the worke, we leave here to
morow having stopt in for a
few thing that was forgotten
to get in San Francisco

I shall be able to write you
when we get down as we
will have communication with
the Steamers as they pass
You will direct my letters
to the Care of J. E. Buckley
2-10 Sacramento St as he
will forward them to me
Should I have to stop longer
than what the vessel should
my time is short and I have
a good deal to look after
My love to Sisters Charlott
Elizabeth and Eliza all the
Best

Your affectionate Brother

Richard Dering