

Guaymas Dec 10th 1869

Dear Sisters

I have just returned from
an other trip in the mountains some what
tired or used up being in the saddle for
Eight days on a stretch and some part of the
night as one has to Ride a long ways at
a time before he can make the places to
water his horse and to get water for himself
I hope that it will soon be that I shall be
situated in some permanent place and not
have to going back and fourth as the Mining
and holes is very bad in our Indian and Mountain
Country, the Mines that I have been to has
a company formed for them in San Francisco
and I call the Acosta Company I have
a certificate of Three Hundred Shares of an
Assessable stock in them they are good
mines and if the Company manages them
right they will pay well but if the stock
goes up I shall sell out and try to get some

money for I have been living from hand to mouth for the last year and have not only seen a hard living but some hard times but I have enjoyed very good health but such trips as I have been is better for a younger man than for me and the weather is getting some what cold in the nights as much so as it was to warm last summer, I am in hope that before an other year comes round to see the war at an end the secessionists are coming in to Sonora from San Francisco very fast it is getting to be very Belious for them in California and they keepe very quiet in their State as the Mexicans do not like them any the best and as for they ever getting a foot hold in the State of Sonora they never will and never can hold slaves in this part as for the French it is hard to say what they intend doing in Mexico they have never as yet been in to the State of Sonora as yet and it is very doubtful if they do there is an English and American man of war laying in the harbor and

the American Frigate is getting on the borders of this State in Arama which makes the Mexicans very carey and keeps the secessionists very quiet in this State there is a great many in vesting in mines from San Francisco and most of them are putting up some very expensive machinery on their mines and are very sanguine of their mines paying them well but it will be some time before they get their money back as this is rather a slow Country and Roads and Conveance for working is very much to their disadvantage but time will bring them all right, I have not seen nor heard from any one from San Harbor in a long while and I do not when I shall I am some what lone some as I do not have much to say or do with the Mexicans and the Americans are all strangers to me there is a young man by the name of Dexter formerly from Boston say he had an Uncle by the name of Samuel Dexter he is Curon to the one that is living on the Island of Tahiti by the name of

Henry I received four Letters the last
steamer one from Francis Dated October
30 1862 and one from Elizabeth Sept
28th 1863 so you see how Direct we
get Letters Down in this part of the
World and one from Edward and
was very much pleased to see that
he wright such a good hand I will
most wish he was out here with me
but he is better off with his Mother
most to young to leave her yet
I will right him the first opportunity
I have had some several letters to
write to San Francisco, I am in hopes
that my mining stock will turn out
sum thing but this is a very slow Country
and slow way of getting along you must
Remember me to all Enquiring Friends
to Sister Charlott Francis Eliza say
to Hanner I will right her the first
chance that I have

I remain your affectionate
Brother

Richard Henry