

San Francisco Aug 17th 1865

Dear Sister

I have not made any progress in getting my pay as Tent has been gone from the City and has just returned but the settlement is to come off on Monday next the 21st and as I was not doing any thing and could not get any chance for any thing to do and nothing to stay here with I went a few days up to Paper with a Friend of mine and stop with him Captain Isham is still here and will leave here for home on the third of next month if he had any money he would pay me at once but he is as bad off as I am the other Party is in Debt to him and he cannot get a settle ment with them I have put it in a Lawyer's hands and whether he can make them come to terms with out a Law suite it is hard to say but next Monday has been appointed for a settlement, I wish I could get some thing to do in the time that I am waiting here I have had a chance offered me to go Down in Arizona when the steamer arrives from the States should the parties come that is expected whether it will amount to any thing it is hard to say but I shall have to run the Risk things is berry dull and but

Little doing here and but very few that I am
acquainted with there is a great many going
from here to the Atlantic States more than is
coming out I may have to go back to Guaymas
but I do not think I should gain much I do not
like the French enough they are ten times worse
than the Mexicans the climate is much better than
what it is here for I have been half child ever since
I have been in San Francisco the few days that
I was up at Mexico I felt quite warm, after being
down in a warm climate and clear mounting
air these cold fogs is very unpleasant;

there is nothing of any account in the News line
some of the Shannandoo's captures leaves for the East
today, Hoping this will find you all in good
health my Love to Sister Charlott Eliza and Family
and all Enquiring Friends

I remain your Affectionate
Brother Richard Dering