

Magdalena Bay

June 25 1873

Miss E. J. Deering

Dear Madam

Long ere this I should
have written you the
full particulars of the
death of Capt Deering
your brother but I had
a snow on hand
for some two or three
months after his death
he died on the 16th of
March with the Chronic
Dysentery after a sickness
of two months and a half
I was with him for
nearly all the time he
was sick and closed
his eyes we had been

friends for many
years I feel his loss
deeply and truly sympathize
with his friends and
relatives. He and myself
had been in the employ
of the Lower Cal^o Company
together previous to their
troubles here. They
owned a Capt during
about Eight hundred
dols; and I think
that if you write to
the Secretary Col
Drake Lt Ray at
W York you may
be able to get what
was due your brother.
He left nothing here
to speak of but
what he had I will

try and get together
and send to you
through the American
Consul at La Paz
or myself

as soon as
I can do so

Yours
Very truly J Collins