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3 Hundred Shares in one  
mine & two hundred in  
another -

Wm & E P Dering

Chas Martin  
Loring Brown



San Francisco Oct 17<sup>th</sup> 1865

Dear Sisters

I have not been in the City the last two weeks past but got your letter the next day after it arrived in San Francisco and was very glad to hear that you was all well I have not got any thing to do that amounts to much and I do not see any chance for getting any thing as yet but may the very next day I have had chances of going to sea on the Coast but it is winter season and very bad weather that is the reason which there is a chance but I don't care any thing about going in that kind of business for it is very bad this time of year, I was in hopes to get something to do this winter with out going down to Mexico but I may have a chance down that way if I do they will have to pay me well for it and not stop long neither all though I like the climate much better than that of California but the French air worse than the Mexicans and I hope they will soon leave for their own Country they have made it very bad for every one that has been down there and for those that have invested their money, and it will be some



time before they will ever see their money back  
all though there is some berry good mines in the State  
of Senalour and Sonora but it will take money to get  
them to working, Some times wish I had never left  
them till I had made some thing on the mines that  
I located for partys here in San Francisco as they will  
never do any thing with them as long as there is so  
much trouble with the French but I could have  
staid down there and had them all in my one  
name and can as yet, should I go down there I  
stell one three hundred shares in one Company and  
two hundred in the other, but as I am hand tide  
and nothing to do with there is not much danger  
in my taking hold of any mines no more than  
to work for some one on them, Robert Gardner  
is here going down to the Sandwich Islands for his  
health I met Printer Wifford in the street the other  
day he was looking berry well and says he enjoys  
berry good health, I do not see many Sag Harbor  
folks but Fordham and Stephen Holm and Nicholls  
you must remember me to Sister Charlot & Eliza and  
all en quering Friends I see Howard Havens now  
and then but he being in a bank so he dur not  
have much chance to go out, so I do not see him

very often they got sturd up here by an Earth quake  
on Sunday the 8<sup>th</sup> I was out of town about 3 miles  
spending the day with Carter Egbert Flowers as he has  
not been in from a Cod fishing voyage long and  
I had not seen him in a long while he has done  
berry well on his voyage, the Earth quake has done  
a grate deal of Damage here to some of the brick  
buildings all though the shock was berry light  
but some parts it was felt more than others  
I hope this will find you all well

I am much the same all though I do not like  
the cold damp weather that they get in S<sup>t</sup> Francis  
it is not like the clear mounting air of Sonora  
write me often I was not here when the last steamer  
left so I did not send you any letter

I remain your affectionat Brother  
Richard Spring