



San Francisco Jan 28th 1866

Dear Sister

I am still in this miserable City and have not had any chance to get out that is that will pay me to go I could leave most any time but it would be on uncertainty there is the most idle men in this City that ever I see in any one before I know of more than 20 of my own acquaintances that is out of employe and one of them told me the other day it was so with a great many that he was acquainted with that was out of employe and looking round for some thing to do, in your letter you mentioned Mr Richard Ingham he is here in the City at work at his Trade is married and keeping house I go up verry often evenings to see him, you mentioned about sending your letters to the care of Mr V B Fordham as I am here you might as well direct them to me all though Mr Fordham is verry good about letting me know when there is one for me but I must all ways go there and to the Post office when the Steamer arrives. I got a letter from Capten Ingham last Steamer he has great faith that he may do some thing with his Mexican affairs that will bring him out all right but from all accounts from Mexico and what is going on in this City I have not much faith for it is all on the french side as they have the money and money will do any thing here the French send down all the guns and Powder they want by paying the United States officers for keeping out of site and saying nothing

about it but if a Mexican or an American undertakes to do any thing
of that kind they are at once stoped because they don't pay the officers
for keeping out of the way and not see it that is Mr Edwards' neutrality and
they will keep it up as long as the United States Government will allow them
the people will soon go at work filibustering and making Raides into Mexico
and that will be wours for the French, I had a letter from Guaymas
the other day from an American by the name of Rodgers that has
lived there the last Twelve Years things is in an offel condition on the
ninth of December there was seven of the Liberals taken out and
shot Condemnd at 10 in the morning and shot at Three in the afternoon
and 40 more imprisned for defending their own homes fifteen of the
40 most likely to be shot they was taken by the French at Ramosillo
he mentioned some of the names that was shot as he new that I
was well acquainted with them the French has hoisted the
Black flag and goes in for exterminating all that is not in their
Favour; You enquire if I was not to Cap Nichol's Silver Wedding
I had an invitation from Hur and from him I got all ready
as well as I could and started but I thought that my Dress would
not compair with the Occasion so I con cluded not to go they had
a verry fine time by all accounts Printis Mulford gave me all the
particulars of it there was not any one there but those from Sag Harbor
and every thing went off verry fine: I was glad to hear that You
enjoyed Your selfe thanks giving day as for me it went off and
so has Cristmas and New Years the same as any other day

I should not have none the difference had it not been that
business was all stoped and Every body out a visiting and enjoy them
selfes but I stoped in Doves most of the day as I had not any
where to make calls inparticular, I have been to see Stephen Hand Capt
Forrest Hand's son He is married and his wife is a verry Pleasant woman
he is a verry wise young man and doing well that is he has got
stidy employment but not verry high wages but if a man is
employed attall here is doing well whether he gets half paid
for it or not, I am in hopes that some thing will turne up
before long that will give me some employment if nothing
more than to make a comfortable living for it is a long time
sence I have dun any thing that I could pay my way at.
I may send this letter by Capt Sweeney as he is going on
the steamer that leaves first he goes to Bridge Hampton I have
not seen him before in a great many years before the other day
he came from Washington Territory where he has been fore some
years, I think that he will come back this way by his Falk
what has be come of Henry P Edward I think some time I will
muster courage and send them a letter but what to write them
unless I tell them of sum of my travels in the State of Anova
which I think would not be verry Entertaining to them as it
was not verry profitable to me and so I do not think it verry
Entertaining all though I must say I learned more of Clear Humane
nature than You would in this City in a life time as bad as

they are represented to be. I shall try to write Elizabeth
this steamer you must remember me to all my love
to sister Charlott Eliza and all the Rest it is rather hard
for me to write as I am not doing any thing and
nothing to write about and every thing is very dull
here, it has been very rainy for the last two weeks
and the streets has been so bad that it is most imposibel
to get across with out going two or three blocks it
has closed up the last three days over head but how
long it will remain so hard to say I hear not any thing
more to write about that I can think of

I remain Your affectionat
Brother M. Dering

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