



San Francisco Feb 18th 1866

Dear Sister

I send You a few Lines
to let You now that I am well and
hope this will find you the same I
met with Mr. William Hanes the other
Day he was rite from Bridg Hampton he
told me all the news and seeme to think
he had mist it in coming out to
California as he had been here but a
few Days and had not got any thing
to do as yet, But he is well acquainted
with the Steam boat men where he use
to work he no dout will get some thing
to do before Long when there is a vakency
I have not got any thing to do as yet
and I think that I shall not here and
as soon as the weather brakes up I may
be able to find some thing by getting out
of San Francisco as there is but few
that I am acquainted with that is

doing any thing for them selves
let alone having any thing for
others to do, I never was so disgusted
with any place as I am with this
I thought the Islands in the Gulph
was a hard place to be on but I had
some thing to do and that keep me
contented but this Idle City is worse
than all, I am in hopes to get out
of it some how or other if I have to
go to sea soon as I can and going
to sea out of this place is rather
hard unless one can get a chance
to go some southern passage

I wish I had never left Conora
I could have stopt their better than
I could here and enough more
comfortable both in climate and
every thing else, you must remember
me to all Enquiring friends
My Love to Sister Frances Charlot & Edna
and all the Rest your affectionate Brother M^r Dering