

Van Francisco June 17<sup>th</sup> 1866

Dear Sister

Yours of May 19<sup>th</sup> came to hand and was very sorry to find you had been laid up so long by sickness but I hope you are all over with it by this time. I have some hopes in leaving Van Francisco before long for Lower California all is waiting to hear from New York and it will not be long before I start should I make up my mind to stop down there for a while at any rate I shall get out of this dull city and have some thing to do to get a living that is more than one can make here; it is uncommon dull and very little doing in any kind of buisness, Maria Kibler went down to Montara a few days ago on a visit how long she is going to stay I have never heard but I sup pose

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not long as her husband did not  
go with her she dur not enjoy verry  
good health so I am told;

You have not had any Letters  
from me this two months it  
is sum thing strange for I have  
written you about evry month  
and some times oftener all  
though I may not have sent  
them by steamer I have not  
miss'd a month sence I have been  
hear I must all ways write when  
I get a chance I shall let you know  
when I start I hope it will be before  
long for I am getting tired and  
disgusted with this place, I hope  
this will find you in better health  
My Love to sister Elizabeth Charlott  
& Anna and all the Rest

I Remain your affectionat  
Brother W. Derney