

San Francisco Dec 29th / 1866

Dear Sister

Yours of Nov 24th came Duley at hand the Day after Christmas and I got your Ten Dollars as a Christmas Present and I shall get me a New Pair of Pants as I have not had such a thing in over a 12 Month, I sent you a few Lines by Capt French Lonley had a chance to see him but a short time as he was here onley a few Days and had a great to call on and it was nothing but Rane over head and Mud under Foot which made it berry bad for aney one to go about, I wish that I could have had a chance to had a good Long Talk with him about Sag Harbor and all the Old Residence, that is Living, Mr L D Cook has Departed from a Mung you; What has ever become of Capt Jeffery Fordham Do give my best Respect to him if he is Living in Sag Harbor, You Enquired about Samuel Cook I have not heard from him in a long while the last I heard from him he was Living in Marysvill that was sum time Shortley I came up from Mexico he may be Living there yet, I Donot hear from him onley when sum one mention him and others that is here, I Do not see much of any of them onley when I hapen to meet them on the Street, and that is not berry often as I do not go out much more than I can help and onley when I have

to go and then I am obliged there is not much pleasure
in going about the Streets of San Francisco at any time
especially this time of Year for it has rained the Last 20 Days
more or less and the Streets is Mud from one End to the
other. Tho the weather has not been very Cold but there is
time enough for that yet, I Dred it full as much as I do
the wet which is very disagreeable to one that is not
prepared to go about in it; I am in good health and
hope this will find you all the same. My Love to
Sister Elizabeth Charlot & Eliza and all the Rest
I shall write Elizabeth next Steamer should do it now was
it not that I am writing in an office and I do not like
to stop so long at a time and you will hear from me
by her as well

Your affectionate Brother
Richard Dering

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