



San Francisco Jan 28th 1868

Dear Sister

Yours of Dec 18th was handed to me by Mr. Fordham on its arrival. I have had rather a hard time of it for most a month having had a bad cold and it settled all over me. My fingers was so bad that it was hard worke for me to Dreff my self they was all Drawn up and the Cords of my neck was verry sore but I was well every other ways but I could not wright and hardly hold my knife and fork but I am now Enjoying good health. I never new that the Cramps and a cold could have affected me so much but I took good care of my self and I had two Friends that Did every thing for me that I wanted and offered to do more but I got along verry well and they come to me of their one accord and made me quit work and have a resting spell they would not see me in that way any longer it was Mr. William Gwiley or Mr. Sashuel Cakley since I have got well I have been to worke for Mr. Cakley I am stoping at his Mother house it has been a verry hard winter it has Rand most two months there has not been but one clear Day all this January it is verry un pleasant under foot. I have got quite smart as for my bodley health I have not

so well in a long time when the weather betters
I am in hopes it will get limberd up more than
what I am but I am gaining fast and there is need
enough of it I had a letter from Itham about a month
ago he was in new York at that time I was in hopes
that he would do something with his Mexican affairs
but I think that they will be a long while before he
will realize any thing from them, I have seen
Mr Williams several times since he has been out here
this time he see you when he was on East he says
you wer looking berry well I hope this will find
you and all the Rest well My Love to sister
Elizabeth Charlott & Eliza and all Enquiring
Friends I Remain Your affectionat Brother
Richard Dering

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