

San Francisco May 22<sup>nd</sup> 1870

Dear Sister

I have not taken a pen in my hand to write even my name since I wrote you last as I have not had any calling and not had any convenient place of my own as I do not like to use other ones not but what I am welcome and as I have been doing nothing more than making a living and working hard for it, nights and Sundays is all the time that I have and when night comes I am tired I have been so provoked of not getting sum thing to do to make sum thing that I could send you and Elizabeth sumthing in the shape of money but at the end of the month I am no better off and sum times so kind, but as I am now situated it is onely dragging from day to day and month to month and it keeps me write where I begun Miss Nichols Cald and and gave me a letter from you dated October 31<sup>st</sup> 1867 20 years sence I left you and 20 years the third of this month sence I arrived in this place, Dear I am well aware of them and 20 years of the best of my life and nothing accomplished I have never got hold of any thing permiment and as I am not any thing of a Politician and do not belong to



any association and as a man cannot do much  
unless he does as for California the Southern Rebels  
holds most of the offices both in State and Government,  
it is very seldom that I see any one of the Sag Harbor  
people that reside here Henry Ravens Capt Munro Ravens  
Jun is at work in the same Mill with me, I see by the  
Sag Harbor paper that I get from him that you have got  
the Railroad to Sag Harbor. There is nothing of any account  
of News going on in this part it has been very cold and  
backward for California freight comes in very slow and  
so dear that my share of it is to see it and that is all  
You must direct my letters at 210 Sacramento Street,  
I have not any thing new to say my love to Sister  
Charlott Dera, Edmund P Hanna and all the rest that  
Enquire, it is hard work for me to write  
but will write you oftener if I can  
Hoping this will find you all in good health

Your affectionate  
Brother W Richard Dering