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Dear Sister

We had an arrival here last evening from Guaymas by which I got 3 letters from you one dated in March and two in July one from Fordham & Jennings from St Francisco dated September so you can see how often I get any communication with any one your letter was in St Francisco some two or three months before they was sent to Guaymas and then lay there 3 months before they reach Georgis Island We was verry much pleased to get our letters but not in sibble of other reading could we git so we live entirely ignorant of what is going on in any part of the world. I am in

hopes to get some where before
long that I can hear from
you and you from me
oftener but it is hard to
say I think very strong
of quitting this business
and getting at some thing
else as it is getting rather
doubtful whether I get my
pay for what I have done
all ready, by the letter from
Fordham & Jennings I see that
you do not get your money
very regular I have sent
them up an Order to Draw
on Messrs Lent & Sherwood for
a Hundred and Fifty Dollars
besides the regular monthly
pay and have written to
Messrs Lent Sherwood & Co. about
it and I think it will be
forth with coming if not
Fordham will let me now all

about it for it is bad enough
to work in this place for
small wages and get with out
working for nothing and
work as I have for the last 6 or 8
months, but I am in hopes it will
come out all correct as yet but
if it does not I shall look up
some thing else to do for a living,
I have been expecting some thing
of the kind for some time as
they have not been able to ship
any Guano and have not made
any sales of any and it has been
all out goes and no incomes
and I expect they do not like to
advance to much but that has
nothing to do with my labour
and time they do not think
any thing of that, Capt Isham
is in Guaymas in trouble with
the Ship Ashland of New Orleans
that loaded here some two months

ago the Capt. being a Rebel will
not sail on his voyage for fear
of being taken by some of the
United States vessels that has left
San Francisco in pursuit of him he
belongs to Albany New York his
wife an English Southerner and
she is with him and three
children the ship is in Guymon
Sails urgent and Kilder on her
and last accounts the Capt. was
in Prison for whipping the
American Consul how he will
come out it is hard to say,
Capt. Isham had put him on
shore abreast of the Island and
put the Mate in charge of the
ship and sent her on her
voyage he would be the
gainer by it but as it is
it will be some time before

he gets the cargo to a market
but it is all the fortune of
war, I hope it will be thrown
with be fore long, Do write
me and as I wrote you some
time ago to direct my letter
to J Roberson No 42 St Georges
and then I may get them
or letter sooner, Dear Sisters
Do write often I wish that
Henry & Edward would wish
I was in hopes that one of the
other would take to a trade
or an Engineer if I had
been put to a Trade I should
have some thing to Resort to
but as it is get make or
Living and that is all
I would write more but the
Schornier is of and I must
Close

Your affectionate Brother
Richard Dering