

George Island May 4th 1862

Dear Sister

A schooner arrived
here from Guaymas the other
day but brought me nothing
from our one in San Francisco
got one letter from Elizabeth dated
in November everl was very
much disappointed in hearing that
you had not received any of my
letters I hope you have ^{had} before this
for it is 12 months the 26th of this
month since I first landed on
this Barren Rock not a very
desirable situation I have
been here all alone in the house
the young man that was staying
with me has been down to Guaymas
on account of his health he returned
looking much better his name
is Dwight Tracy from Stoten
Island where his parents reside

George C.
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See Second in Guaymas that
we will stop working the
blowers till the war is over
as they have no market for it
the Southern Ports being closed
What will be my next to go
it is very uncertain in life I
go to Uncle Sam and if England
interfere I shall have to if I
can get out of Mexico or Spain
and the French & English is down
on the weak Mexicans I may
not get a chance to get out
of her Ports but I hope there
will not be any trouble of my going
by not hearing from every one
in San Francisco nor getting any
letters from you by that time
I expect to have 6 or 8 the next
time a vessel comes from Guay.
it is getting very warm and
uncomfortable and the sooner
I get off the better and get at

some thing more preferable for
me than this at any rate more
pleasant than what it has
been here, You must give my
Love to Sister Charlotte & Eliza ^{pp}
I hope that Edwin will be凭ious
enough to get in the Navy if he
has a liking that way or to some
good Trade Henry is for farming
if he gets the Run off there is
plenty of good land and he
can take up his 160 acres,
I may have to go out it should
it be that I could not get out
of Mexico, the worst of it is the
Indians that is very Troublesome
some out times but I hope that
I shall get out some thing more
than small wages and not
be able to get them
Hoping this will find you all
in good health I Remain Your
affectionate Brother M. Dering ^{pp}