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Dear Sisters

Yours of Dec 30th came duly to hand and was glad to hear that you was all well hoping this will find you the same I am in good health considering the weather we have had sence the new year came in it is the worst that I have ever seen in San Francisco I have not been up on Montgomery Street but once sence the streets is all most nee deafe with mud but still the animals make out to go all about as if they was not any mud about, I have to be content in staying in doors most of the time with nothing to do and as there is not any thing to call me out that is the best place for me, I went up to the Parkway Hall Last Sunday Evening to hear Pastor Wilford deliver an Address he spoke very well I go there very often to hear them as I do not hav any thing to pay and to the Little Bethel Church on the City Front them is the only places that I have found out where a poor man can go to to spend an Evening or a Sunday that it will not cost him all that he has earned through the week if he has earned any thing at all, I hope some thing will turn up before long to get me out of this. I am shure I shall be bad off if ever I come back to

to San Francisco and I would be out of it in less than no time
had I the means some like to live here but I do not see it
they only stay and the longer they stay the longer they
stay, You Probe a bout my affairs in Mexico I have
20 Chairs in one Company and 20 in an other but they
will not amount to any thing as long as the Country is
in the hands of the French Bandants, I Work and Broued
the Mountains for days for their Mines their air Fever
of them and I Doubt that any one can find one of them
the best is well known the one I speak of. We accidently
found by an old trail and some old rotten Stumps the
man that was with me at the time is dead and gone
but some one may here after come across it, that and
the Pistol I have with Shum is all that I have in
Mexico more than I like the Climate and some of
the inhabiteance more so than that of Francisco
whether I shall ever be able to get down there is
very doubtful but it is not the place as yet unless
there is enough to protect one an other and that is hard
to get to quarters for they would be soon shot or large party
from going that is if they were opposed to the French

I have another Letter to write to Capt. Shum
and as I do not get much chance to write in
the Day time So I have to do it Nights and

I am fortunate in getting that opportunity as
I am most all ways alone in the Evening but
it is rather hard on the Eyes, Remember me to all
my Love to Sister Charlott Dawn and all the Rest
Your affectionate Brother
M. Dering