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Dear Sister

Nothing of any account  
has turned up with me as yet every thing  
has remained very dull in the City  
there has been a small rush to Montana  
but that is out of my line and a long  
ways to travel I have had a chance  
offerd me to go with some that are a  
going to start next month but not  
having the means to raise an outfit I  
decline for it will cost some thing  
more than I am able to raise and a  
long rode to travel and an Indian  
country to go through, I received your  
letter of Feb 6 a few days ago you  
mention the cold weather you have  
had it has been very cold and Roney  
most of the winter here never dry in  
the streets mud up to ones ankles  
cold and wet feet most of the time when

one has to go out and that is not  
very comfortable but at the same  
time one has to put up with it.

I do not see much chance for any thing  
here as yet and as soon as the weather  
gets better I may make a start  
for some part of the Lower Country  
I have had some of the most singular  
chances offered me to go down and  
prospect Lower California but I could  
not see the point worth for nothing  
and find myself I no doubt  
but what they must make some  
thing out of it but they want a  
man to do it all and they reap  
the benefit that is the way with  
most of these other people beat the  
bush and they catch the Bird,  
you mentioned in your letter about  
directing my letters to the care of  
Mr R. Fordham I wrote you some  
time ago that as long as I was

in San Francisco you must  
direct them to me for I all ways go  
to the Post office when the steamer  
arrives Mr Fordham is very kind  
and all ways lets me know when he has  
a letter for me, but I do not now whether  
it is much bother to him he has never  
intimated that it was, I wish that  
I could find some thing to do to send  
you and Elizabeth some money but  
I have not struck any thing as yet  
and it looks as if it could not be here  
there is a great many leaving San Francisco  
and more would go if they had the  
means and could dispose of what  
they have got, you must remember me  
to all that Enquire I was up to. After Nichols  
a few evenings ago she talks strong of  
going East on a visit this summer but  
I doubt it much as it would be hard for  
him to leave for any length of time  
I shall write you every chance I

get all though I can not send  
you any money but would if  
I had it My Love to Sister Charlott &  
Euzol and Elisabeth and all the Rest  
hoping it will find you all in good  
health

Remain your affectionate  
Brother

Richard Dering

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and  
Received in full  
when Parris too it to  
had it