

[Letter from Simeon Doggett to his Brother Samuel]
March 5th. '52

Dear Brother,

It is needless for me to say that it is with a great joy that I hear from you again, and that it is no less pleasing to my heart to have the privilege of writing you these lines. It is a great relief -- a great blessing to think that Mother is again assured of you and that though not favored by the golden smiles of fortune yet you are blessed with the precious boon of health. Your letter has come opportunely -- it has let in a flood of light into my mind relative to life in California. About the 15th of last Dec. I read such flattering, alluring accounts of the Glod Region, and such was the excitement and preparations among a great many throughout the state, that I could not be exempt from the infection, and I longed and wished and willed that I were only in California, and I became very discontented, and when I thought of all the past, and all the future pressed upon me, California rung continually in my ears and I considered and acted upon the subject farther than it was prudent for me. And since your letter I have to regret that I have been so far influenced by distant rumors and by the actions of others hastening with all speed to the mines. So that Cal. instead of being sought, should be shunned.

I am glad to hear that you will write soon again, and if it is any comfort to you I assure that I will write also.

O that lovely weather that you speak of! -- Could we only have it here, how much more I would enjoy life! -- My chilled body -- and equally chilled soul! Where shall I look~~ed~~ for the peace that has no winter; and how shall I escape from the winter that reigns continually within.

The weather has been very severe all winter, -- no winter since our moving to the North has been so intense as this -- It will be a great relief ~~at~~ when warmer suns return.

As to our dear Mother she has ~~had~~ endured a great deal of suffering. About the 25th of last Aug. she was attack with Neuralgy, and she has not got over it yet. &c. Father is much solaced now that you have written, for before he was very anxious about you, like the rest of the family. He is very glad to think that you was pleased with his letter to you.

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