

Jany 8th 1873

Virginia City Nevada

Dear Andrew,

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two letters to you and have
been anxiously awaiting an
answer. I intend to get out
of this by spring, God willing
& I have all invested in stocks
& with the spring's rise in stocks
I expect to get out with a good
compensation & the only choice
is to get my deposit that is
in the Montreal District Savings
Bank & I want you to un-
derstand seriously that the
Brokers will sell me out
if I do not pay up so that
I owe them \$100 on my
stock & I want to pay
them so that I may be free
from them. the prospect of
the spring's rise is all that

I depend upon & that keeps me
here. times are very dull for
Carpenters, Bricklayers and
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many Carpenters come up here
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times are getting better in San
Francisco & money, it is expected,
will be plenty both here & there by
spring. I trust that Brother Will
will recover. If it had not been
for the strait I was in I would
have gone to New Orleans & got
him & taken him to Canada.
We have had a great Huricane
here with a great deal of rain.
the weather has however become
settled and people look forward
with renewed hope at the pros-
pects for the coming spring & summer
operations. For my part, I am
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country & its surroundings &
I have an increased desire to
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broken & scragged rocks &
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found. Wood is dear & getting
removed far from here there
is such a demand, men are
getting \$2.50/100 pr cord for chopping
without limit as regards the
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& Co. were among the sufferers &
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I have reference to the late fire
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I trust that none of you have
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ters would be sure to miscarry.
Please address as usual.

J.D. DeWitt
Virginia City
Storey County
Nevada U.S.

P.S.

With kindest regards
I am most affectionately
J.D. DeWitt

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P.S. Please send my money by Adams
Express Co. or by Postal Money order
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West. J.D. DW

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