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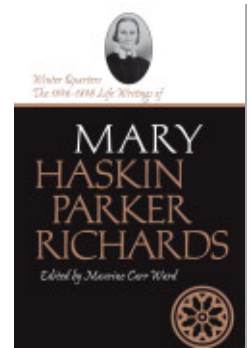
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CHAPTER SIX

“Our Tent was crowded all day with folks coming in”

In September, Mormon church leaders selected the site for the town of Winter Quarters, urging all the Saints to move there. Jane and Mary obeyed counsel, as did Phinehas and Wealthy. By this time Jane was well enough for Mary to return to the tent of Phinehas, which became her home until the following spring. Throughout the bitter cold winter, Mary visited from house to house to keep warm, baked on borrowed stoves, and washed over her friends' fires. Her spirit was warm, however, as she went to singing school, attended church meetings, and visited friends. Some of these visits were into the neighboring settlements and lasted many days. When she finally moved to a house on the South Row, Mary dropped to her knees and thanked the Lord for the many blessings bestowed upon her and her loved ones.

Journal Three

Saturday, November 28, 1846, to Wednesday, May 19, 1847
Winter Quarters, Nebraska¹

A Journal & Memorandum of Mary H Richards commencing Saturday November 28th 1846 In the PM went to Bro Smithes.² expecting to get a letter from my father. but was disapointed. called at Uncle Willards. and talked with him about 20 minutes. got a letter for mother and a paper for Sister Jane. called to see Aunt Rhoda & spent a few minutes with her and Uncle Levis folks. next called to see Bro Bensons folks. he having just returned from his mission to the East. the Evening before. from him I got considerable information concerning my Husband. he also brought me some presents which he sent me. a work box in which was 2 letters. a Sattin ribon. & flowers. for a bonet. smelling bottle. 2 white An [handkerchiefs] [blank space] & a Silk one for Henry. and a purse containing 10 dollars. Sister B[enson] took of bonnet & shawl. and made me stay and make a visit took

supper & spent the eve with them enjoyed my self much. it was indeed a day of rejoicing to me to hear of the prosperity an wellbeing of my dear companion. may Heavens rithest blessing attend him. weree're he romes & return him in safty to my bosem

Sunday 29th in the AM went to meeting. was adrest by Bro Kimball. who gave us some good instructions how we Aught to walk &C was followed by Bro Benson who gave us an interessting account of his mission to the East. the state of the different branches. the down fall of aposstacy &C &C in the PM Aunt Amelia [Peirson Richards] and R[hoda] visited with us, & read 5 letters which she had just recieved from Richmond mass. Maria & Jane also visited with us. we had a joy full time.

Monday 30th the weather some what comfortable. after doing up my work in the morn. I sat down and mended Fathers over coat. and a dress for my self. after supper went with Mother to Bro Van Cotts. & spent the eve. had a pleasent visit

Tuesday December first windy day after breakfast Mrs Rebecca M Jones & babe from Mo. called to see me. was in great hast. I accompanied her to the River from whence she returns to Mo on my return called at Bro Wolleys. and spent the day had a good visit Ellen and Mrs Smith accompanied [me] home

Wednesday 2th a cold day was making me a hood. spent the eve at Bro W^m Youngs enjoyed my self much

Thursday 3th the weather cold helped do the Work and finished making my hood.

Friday 4th a cold day was sewing in the AM and in the PM baked 3 loaf loaves of bread in Bro W^m Youngs eve was knitting.

Saturday 5th the weather comfortable. fixed Mothers hood for her & mended a dress for my self. in the eve read about an hour in the bible³

Sunday 6th the weather cold in the morning got breakfast &C was no meeting. went out to see some of my friends. called at Bro Van Cotts. to see his wife & mother. they having been sick. found them comfortable. spent about & hour with them. eat some bred bread & butter. honey & chese &C. Next went to Sister Noons. [Sarah Peak Noon Kimball] to carry home a hood which I had borrowed. spent a few minutes with them. Next called to see Ellen Wilding. at Bro Wolleys had the pleasure of spending about & houre with her alone in the waggon. Next called at Uncle Levis found them well Aunt Rhoda having kept her waggon for near 4 weeks I went on account of sickness I went into her humble abode to see her. found Amelia with her. spent a few short time with them. Next called at Uncle Willards house to see Bros [Thomas] Bullock and [John] Rushtons families who had just arrived. found Sister R morning the loss of her Child [Isabella Hannah Rushton] she having died the day before. stayed a short time with them. then called to see Maria. & spent a few minutes with them. &C from there I went

about ½ mile East South to see Sister Jane found her suffering with face Ace and canker spent the eve and Nigh[t] with her had a good supper &C

Monday 7th a very cold day stayed till eve with Jane. she read her letters for me &C spent the evening writing in my Journal. knitting. &C

Tuesday 8th a cold day was sewing. knitting. reading & cooking &C

Wednesday 9th the weather a little more comfortable. in the AM Sister Maria came to see us. got her to fit the lining in my black silck dress. I cut the waist and sewed on it the rest of the day eve was knitting

Thursday 10th a pleasant day. was sewing on my dress all day. and in the [eve] was knitting

~~Saturday~~ Friday 11th a lovely day ~~was~~ was sewing on my dress. eve was knitting

Saturday 12th a beauty full day sister Jane and my self went out to do some buisness. in the first place went to the Store. which was very much. crowd. stayed a while bought some Cotton. &C. then called to see Bro Smithes folks & made a short stay with them next called at Uncle Willards house. were we had the pleasure. of being present at a Council held between the Twelve & the Natives. there was present 10 Indians two Chiefs & two interpiters.⁴ one a french Man or half breed we was quite interessted to hear them talk & see them act. after Council was dismissed had some talk with W and asked him which way he thought Samuel & F would retorn. said he did not know. but he sposed they would come back by this place. said we might make our selfs contented. all things should go right. after leaving there. we called to see Bro Bensons family. & spent a few minutes with them. On our way home called to see Bro Fielding & family. who seemed quite glad to see us. stayed and conversed with him about 2 hours. then came to Janes house & took supper with her wich I enjoyed. & soon after had the pleasure of seeing Bro [Stephen H.] Godard direct from Nauvoo in the eve he accompanied us to Bro H Grows were we spent about 2 hours. and then returned home. had quite a pleasant conversation with Bro G who brought to remembrance by gone days.

Sunday 13th the weather comfortable. after getting breakfast. washing dishes. &C went to meeting. heard a rough discourse. delivered by Bro [Cornelius Peter] Lot, and afew remarks by Bro Brigham. spent the rest of the day at home. reading, &C

Monday 14th had a little snow. this morning the first I have seen this year. but it melted as soon as the Sun was out. and was very pleasent today I commenced writing a letter to my Husband. and in eve was knitting reading &C

Tuesday 15th had a little more Snow the weather rather cold. went to Janes & baked a loaf of bread. PM was writing in my letter. eve sewing &C

Wednesday 16th a cold day. in the morn cut a garment for Henry. was cooking writing in my letter &C

Thursday 17th a cold day. was writing in my letter. eve Jane came to ~~stay~~ stay with me I being a lone. she was writing a letter to Franklin, and I was writing in my Journal. She read me her letter, and I read her most of mine

Friday 18th a very cold day was sewing & wrting in my ~~eitha~~ letter eve borrowed a penn at sister Pratts and finished it Mother & father went out to spend the eve at Bro [Elias] Hart's. Henry & I was all alone

Saturday 19th the weather please[n]t had the head Ache all day. felt Sober in the morn Sister [Margaret Phillips] Obanks came to learn to make baskets could not get room to sit down near Stove. So I went to Sisters Janes and sewed on my dress. & baked a loaf of bread. they were washing. eve wrong & hung out some of her cloths. then came home spent the rest of the night knitting

Sunday 20th in the morn got breakfast. washed the dishes, swept the Tent. washed me, changed my dress and sat down & commenced to write a [s]crap to put in my letter. in about ten minutes after the Temple bell rung for meeting. got ready and went Bro Brigham preached a sermon that I think will be long rememberd by all who heard it. he began by speaking of several Evils exsisting in the Camp. such as. swearing. stealing. eveil speaking. & C said if they did not repent and leave of their Eveil doings. The ~~keys~~ door of knowledge should be shut up against them. and they should be wasted by sickness. by Pestilance. and by the Sword. and those who were found righteous. among them. should be taken out of their midst. and they should perish with their dead. said many [things] that were interessting. had & excellant meeting. Evening. father & Mother went to spend the eve at Bro Rights [Jonathan Calkins Wright]. and sister Jane came to spend it with me. we were each writing a [s]crap to put in our letters. 'twas a beauty full day.

Monday 21st a cold day in the AM was sewing. in the PM went to visit Bro Grow's [Henry Grow Jr.] family. who appeared Glad to see me. we talked of by gone days. and of things that had transepired during our absence from Each other had a very pleasent visit. & stayed all night

Tuesday 22th the weather cold in the morn Bro Grow started for Mo. spent the day with his family. in the AM was sewing on my black silck dress. PM made an Apron for Sister [Mary Moyer] Grow & C while there had the pleasure of seeing Sister Fairbanks and received an Introduction to Sister [Nancy Elliott] Veach. at Sun down returned to Sister Janes house and spend the eve. & Night with her

Wednesday 23th the weather more comfortable. was at home all day sewing helping Mother & C at dusk went with her to Bro Willys and spent the Eve. had a very pleasent Visit.

Thursday 24th a pleasent day in the morn. Jane came & said if I wished to wash to day. I might have the privelege to do so in her house. if not she wanted father Mother. & my self. to go & make her a visit. father & mother

consented to do the latter & I agreed to do both. so after breakfast. I went down to her house & washed me out 4 dresses. & as many Aprons & some other things. put them out to dry then washed of the floor. wich is the first time I have washed a floor since the first of Aprial. father & mother came. we had an excellant Supper Sister Jenne was with us also. we staid the Eve. talked of several things that had passed since our leaving Nauvoo. father spoke some things that hort Jane's feelings. but she spoke noble in her own defence. and made father draw in his horns. and they parted still freinds I remained with Jane all night

Friday 25th a beauty full day in the morn went home an getherd together a large washing of clothes and returned to Jane's to spend Christmass over the wash tub. was washing with all my might til dark then put my clothes ~~to~~ in water til morning eve went with Jane to Bro Phinehas Youngs. to see about getting some flower. on our return. called on Maria. & spent about 2 hours with them. ate supper with her & C had a pleasent little visit and returned home spent the night with Jane

Saturday 26th another fine day in the morn went home & getherd y up all the clothes I could find. that needed washing. and returned again to Janes. to finish my washing. rung out my clothes I had put to soak the night before and hung them out to dry. then washed the remainder of my clothes. Had a considerable large wash. finished about dark. washed of the floor & took supper. in the evening foulded my cloths and put them out of the folks way. felt very tired staid all night with Jane.

Sunday 27th The weather pleasent took breakfast with Jane then came home changed my dress and at 12 oclock went to meeting. was address by Orson Pratt. on the Policy of removal of the Church in the spring. said they intended to send out a company as early as posable in the Spring. to put in a crop at the foot of the mountains on the banks of the Yellow Stone. they also intended to send a company accross the mountains to put in a crop of w[h]eat in the fall. he was followed by Bro Benson on the same subject he told the brethren that none of them should leave this place to go any further without receiving council to do so. desired them to fix their waggons & hold themselves in readiness. so that if they were called upon to go the[y] might be ready. to do so & C exorted the Saints to be faithfull and reform from all there Eavil doings & C & C had a good meeting. came home & read a while in the book of Mormon & helped mother get supper. after wich Elcy Snyder called to go to singing Scool with me. On our way there called on Abigal Abott. & took her with us. Bro Godard was led the Coir for the first time since the Dedecation of the [Nauvoo] Temple. we had a good sing enjoyed ourselfs much. went & slept that night with sister Jane

Monday 28th the weather still good took breakfast with Jane then Ironed my cloths finished about dark. after supper took my knitting and went with Jane to spend the eve at Bro Samuel Snyders

Tuesday 29th the weather cold spent the day with Jane sewing. in the eve was reading until 8 oclock. then Jane Elcy [Elsie Snyder] & myself spent about two hours trying to see which could Compose the best Poetry. then retired to bed

Wednesday 30th a cold day in the AM was at Jane's sewing for my self. in the PM went with her to Bro Bakers had a good visit. and an excellant Supper spent the eve and returned home with Jane & stayed all night with her

Thursday 31st a very cold day in the morn. went with Jane to Uncle Willards to help them do some sewing. made an Apron for Amelia & 2 handkerchiefs for Uncle W and helped sew on his garment after we dismissed our work. Uncle W sat down to eat some supper. Asked me if I was grown proud. I said if I was it was unknown to me. then said he come & Eat some supper with me. I did so. & eat of from his plate while conversing with him. Aunt Rhoda came & kneeled down by him & said she had bowed down on her benders to recieve a blessing he then took the word Benders for a text & preached a sermon from it. about an half houre long. on false modesty. after this. I went to Uncle Levis & slept with Aunt R. had a good nights rest

Friday Janawary first 1847 A Cold day after wishing & being wished. a happy New Year by Uncle L. & family I returned to Uncle Ws to spend the day. sewing for them. helped make a garment for Uncle W. & a Apron for Ellen [Partington]. &C &C

Saturday 2th a very cold day took breakfast at Uncle Ws. then returned to Janes house to get some things. from there I went to Bro Everits to make a visit. spent the day very pleasantly conversing. reading &C stayed all night

Sunday 3th the weather cold went with Sister E to meeting at Bro Scots [John Scott]. was address by H C Kimball. on the duty of familys. exorted Husbands to watch over their wives & Children. & too instrut them. in the knowledge. & fear of the Lord. not with severity but with meekness. & forbearance. Wives to be subject to their husbands. & to watch over their Children & set before them an example worthy of imitation. he desired the Saints to reform from all their Wickedness, & put away all their contracted feelings, &C &C after meeting returned to Bro Everits & took dinner. while there Ellen Wilding came & staid a short time. then accompanied Sister E and my self to Bro Willcoxs were we staid about & hour & ½. had a pleasant coversation with walter & Maria on diferant points of doctring from there sister E and I went to singing Scool and had a very good sing bro Godard was present. then went & staid all night with Jane

Monday 4th a cold day took breakfast with Jane. then returned home and did some sewing. & wrote a little in my journal &C &C

Tuesday 5th a cold day after getting breakfast, I went with Mother to the Store. were she was going to trade out a bill. got me cloth for a pair of garments on our way home call to see Maria [Wilcox]. after I got home. I

cut out a garment for mother then went to Bro [Alfred B.] Lambsons to make a visit met with a very warm reception. Sister Robins who had lately arived from Nauvoo finding I was there came & spent the PM with us. then perswaided Mrs. La. [Melissa Jane Bigler Lambson] to let me go and Eat supper with her. which I did. as she lived the next house. after this we returned to Bro L & spent the Eve very pleasantly. then Br L accompanid me home. the Snow had been falling all the PM & eve and was now quite deep

Wednesday 6th a very cold day got breakfast. then cut out a garment for Mother & 2 for my self. Eve was sewing

Thursday 7th an exceeding cold day. had only wood enough to make one fire. got breakfast. which took us til noon then being froze out with the cold. I went to sister Janes. when I got there my hands & feet ached severely. felt quite unwell all day from the effects of the cold. was reading spent the night with Jane⁵

Friday 8th a bitter cold day staid with Jane. in the AM Mother came & brought some bread to bake. in the eve Jane & myself got supper. when it was ready father & Henry came. and we all took supper together. after which we washed the dishes and spent the eve reading

Saturday 9th a very cold day in the morn baked a corn cake & sent it to fathers for their breakfast. then spent the day makeing a garment. eve finished it

Sunday 10th the weather still very cold. took breakfast with Jane. then went to meeting at Bro [Daniel] Russels. was address by Bishop [Thomas] Lang. Br Rusel. & father. had a good meeting. after wich I called to see Br Harts folks & spent about an hour with them then returned to Janes & took supper. after wich she accompanied me to singing Scool were we spent the eve very pleasantly, then returned home

Monday 11th a very cold day still with Jane. in the morn got breakfast for father & Henry. in the PM helped Jane to fix a dress. then got supper for F. & H. eve went with Jane to Bro Fildings' [Joseph Fielding] were we spent the eve very pleasantly. after which Bro Filding accompanied us home

Tuesday 12th the weather a little more comfortable in the morn got breakfast for Father & Henry. washed the dishes & then then sat down & wrote a few lines in my Journal. PM baked a shoulder of a Lamb. got supper & C father & H eat with us, Mother having been for 3 days with Maria. eve I went with Jane & H to a meeting at Bro Allens house were we was addressed by Elder W Woodruff. who gave us some good instructions in relation to the resurrection of the dead. & C & C Said if there was any under the sound of his voice who felt as if the journey was to great for them. or the trials to hard for them to endure. his advice too such would be. to go into their Waggons & shut themselves up. as the[y] had no closets. & pray the Lord to take away their lives. & grant them a burial with the Saints of of God. as their death would prove a blessing to their posterity. who would ever beleve that

their fathers died in full belief of the Gospel of Christ. and when the servants of God should return to the places were they had buried their dead. in the morn of the Resurrection. & sound the Trumpit. that should shake the Earth and call them from their slumbering tombs. then they also would receive a resurrection & come forth. whereas. if they should go into Missouri. & be buried there. he did not know who would be to the truble to go there and hunt them up for the[y] would never once think that a Saint of God would be buried [there].

Wednesday 13th a fair day in the morn got breakfast. washed the dishes. made the bed & C sewed a little on my garment. PM baked a loaf of breads & cleaned a hogs face and put it to boil. & made a pot pye for supper then washed the dishes. & spent the Eve sewing

Thursday 14th a pleasant day in the morn. got breakfast. washed the dishes. scoured the table. & C then carried in some clay to make a new hearth. and pounded it til about an hour. PM Bro ~~Huntington~~ Hunter called to see us. & staid about an hour. had a pleasant talk with him after wich I took supper at Br Jennes. it being the next door. & Mother Jacob there on a visit we had a good supper I then helped to do up the work. then assisted Jane a little about her washing. Eve went with her to Bro Scrodshams. one of the neighbors were we spent it sewing. and had a social conversation with them

Friday 15th a cold stormy snowey day⁶ morn got breakfast & C then went to Bro Chesters Snyders. & bought 10 pounds of flower for which I paid 31 cents. then returned home & hung out some Cloths on the line for Jane. wich froze before I could get them on the line. tried to sew on my garment. but was unable to accomplish much for the cold. Eve helped bring in the cloths & wood

Saturday 16th the weather cold after cooking breakfast. washing dishes & C & C Jane & my self went to Bro Smithes to make a visit we spent the day very pleasantly had an excellent Supper. and at 9 oclock was accompanied home by Bro S.

Sunday 17th a very cold day after doing up my work in the morning. I went with Sister Jane to Uncle Willards. were we spent the PM & took Supper. then returned home on our way called at Bro Grants Scool room. expecting to have a sing. but was disapointed. While at Uncle Ws today Amelia loaned me a Josey to wear through the Winter which had belong to Elize Ann

Monday 18th an exeeding cold day got breakfast as usual. then sewed on a garment for Mother. eve got Supper & C then sat down and read

Tuesday 19th the weather still cold after getting breakfast. washing dishes. making the bed & C I accompanied Jane to Maria's were we spent the day very pleasantly. Mother was still with them I was marking a garment for her we had a good Supper. in the eve Maria played several tunes on her Accordian. about 9 oclock we returned home

Wednesday 20th the weather more comfortable. did my Work as usual. then sat down and wrote a short time in my journal. PM baked a loaf of bread and got Supper. Eve went to Meeting and Bro VanCotts accompanied by Elsia Snyder had a very good Meeting

Thursday 21th the weather Moderate. after doing up my Work Sat down and wrote awhile in my Journal. PM was sewing. also in the eve.

Friday 22st the weather cold was cooking. cleaning house. sewing. &C eve Abagil Abbott came to inform me that Bro Van Cott had brought a letter for me from Mo. so I returned with A to Br V Cs got my letter. and found it was from my Bro Johns Wife [Ellen Briggs Douglass Parker] informing me that they were well & prospering. I spent the eve & enjoyed my self much. before I left Sister V C made me drink Tea & eat Gingebread. wich was quite a treat.

Saturday 23th the weather cold was sewing. &C &C the house smooked so bad that it was amost imposable to keep any fire

Sunday 23 4th the weather still cold went to meeting in Bro Curtis Ward had a good meeting PM I was writing eve was reading

Monday 25th a cold day was sewing most of the day. eve was knitting

Tuesday 25 6th the weather comfortable early in the morn Sister Chester Snyder [Katherine Montgomery] sent for Jane and my self to come to her house to a quilting. we went stayed a little while then Henry came and informed me that Bro Godard had come to invite me to a party at the Counsel house. Sister Snyder excused me and I went up to our tent. found Bro G waiting for me. so I got ready as quick as posable and accompanid him called at Bro Hendrixs and got his wife. and about 4 oclock enterd the Council house. Bro G took me on to the floor the first dance. here for the first time I joined with those who praised God in the dance when this figure was formed it being the first. and Bro [Albert P.] Rockwood being at the head. according to order. we all kneeled down and he offerd up a prayer. we then arose & danced the figure. and so praised God in the dance.⁷ I danced with Bros Dewsette [Edward P. Duzette] W[jilliam F.] Cahoon & G Grant. and others. and once with Bro Brigham the mony musk⁸ had a very pleasant party and some good refreshments. about 11 oclock every man took his partner or partners & marched 3 times round the room. we were then dismissed with the blessings of God. Bro G accompanied me to sister Janes were I spent the nigh[t].

Wednesday 27th & Thursday 28th Moderate weather was sewing knitting &C &C

Friday 29 we had a little snow after getting my breakfast & doing up my work I went up to our Tent. found a good fire in the stove was there all alone for several hours, writing a letter to my far absent husband. felt very lonely although it seemed good to be alone awhile communicating my thoughts to that absent freind who is dearer to me yes far dearer than all others about 5

in PM I returned to Janes. got supper &C then went with Elsy Snyder to ~~Si~~ the Singing Scool on our way called at Maria's. found her about ready so we all went together. there were more of Coir tonight at the Council house than had been seen together since we left Nauvoo. we sung for about an hour & ½ then danced til ½ past 11 I danced with Godard bros Duzette. Chatman [Welcome Chapman] and others. and once with little Brigham Young, and 3 Couple of little Children it was the Anniversary of that night I was Marrid and I told ~~the~~ some of the Sisters that I was celebrating it &C we had a very pleasent time. but my thoughts were wandering on by gone day & I could not help recalling to mind the many changes that had taken place since that night [a] year ago. then was I happy in the Sociaty of the only one I ever loved but now more than 5000 miles separates us from each other. and the ever restless oacian rools between us but hope still Wispers we shall meet again. about 12 oclock I came to Sister Janes were I spent the night

Saturday 30th the weather somewhat comfortable. after doing my mornings work I again went up to the Tent and spent ~~the~~ the day writing evening returned to Janes. and got supper &C after which I was knitting

Sunday 31st wather cold went with Jane to meeting in her ward. Brother Curtis preached to us. & said we were now enjoying a day of Jublee. but days of truble were yet before us. in which we should be tried in every thing. but if we endured our trials patiently. our reward would be great. his sermone was very interessting. in the PM we went to the Council House were we were adresst by Bro Majer [William W. Major] A Bro from London Bro Brigham bore testemony to what Bro M had said the decourse was very interessting after meeting I called at Wolters. were I stayed and took supper. I then called to see Sister Benson and staid afew minutes with her had a pleasent little chat. afterwards Maria & myself went to Singing Scool which was held at Bro G Grants scool room. we had a very good sing. after which I went with E Snyder to Janes were I spent the night

Monday Febuary first a cold day Janes chimney Smooked very bad. so that it kept the tears runing down my cheeks about all the time was very uncomfortable did a little sewing. and in the eve was knitting.

Tuesday 2nd & Wednesday 3rd the weather still cold. did some writing sewing &C the smook trubbled us considerable.

Thursday 4th a Cold day I was writing in my journal. eveing went to meeting at Bro VanCotts had a very good meeting

Friday 5th & Saturday 6th the weather cold was writing some in my letter. sewing. knitting. Cooking. &C &C.

Sunday 7th the weather comfortable went with Jane to meeting in her ward from there we went to the Council House to meeting. where we were address by Bro Zebedee Colten, followed by several of the Bretheren on the subject of the Saints being united showing the nesseesity of their being so. I then went to Bro James Smithises were I ~~spent~~ spent the night

Monday 8th the weather comfortable. I cut & fitted a dress for Sister S and spent the day sewing on it. eve I visited with Sister [Vilate Murray] Kimball and had a sweet ~~with~~ talk with her. saw her little Son Solomon who was then but a few days old. night slept with Sister [Tamson Parshley] Egan.

Tuesday 9th the weather cold was at Bro Smithes sewing on Sister Ann's dress. eve I went with them to the Council House were there was a party assembled this eve I danced with Bros Grant Duzette & [William] Pitt & once a Kethlian [cotillion] with Bro Brigham and when he took me to my seat he said Sister Mary you have learned me I am very much obliged to you. &C. we spent the evning very pleasantly and about 12 oclock returned home. I spent the rest of the night. with Sister Egan

Wednesday 10th the weather cold spent the day at Brother Smithes sewing on her dress. eve I visited at Bro Orson Whitney's had a very pleasant visit with Ellen [Helen Mar Kimball Whitney] she repeated or said over some verses to me that her Mother Sister [Vilate] Kimball had composed the next morn after her little Son Solomon was born. the first verse is all I remember. it is as follows The Lord has blessed us with another Son Which is the seventh I have Born May he be the father of many lives. But not the Husband of many Wives.⁹ before I left. Bro O orderd a bowl of hot Punch to be made. and made us all drink of it freely. I then went to Sister Egan's where I spent the night.

Thursday 11th a cold day was at Bro Smithes sewing for ~~for~~ them about 2 oclock in the PM Bro William Cahoon called to take Sister Mary Casson who was then there on a visit to the Council House. he gave me an invitation to go in the eve. as his Wife was going then. so I agreed to go. accordingly they called and I went with them. I danced with Bro Wiliam & Danial Cahoon G Grant and others. spent the eve pleasantly. and about 12th oclock returned to Bro Smithes where I spent the night.

Friday 12th the weather cold in the AM was sewing for Sister S [Ann Knowles Smithies] and in the PM I visited with Sister Noon K. I alterd a dress for Betsy [Elizabeth Ann Noon] her daughter. Sister S came and took tea with us and I had a very pleasant visit with them and departed about nine in the eve. after receiving many pressing invetation to repeat my visits. this night I slept with Sister Egan

Saturday 13th the weather warm was sewing ~~with~~ for Sister S. took dinner with David Smith and spent part of the PM with her [Phoebe Bowley Smith]. she combed my hair for me &C &C Sister Noon made me promis to go with her & Bro S to the Councel House in the eve said she wished to go but would not go except I did. so I went with them. we had a very nice party. I danced with Bros Smithes O[rson] Whitney G Grant Duzette and others. about 12th oclock I returned to Bro Smithes where I spent the night

Sunday 14th the weather warm in the AM I went with Br & Sister Smithes to Bro Kimballs to a family Meeting. Bro K was quite unwell. but

arose & spoke to us in a very interesting maner. he spoke of the dutys of his Children & family. towards him as their father and Head, which was that they should love honor and obey him. and do every thing that lay in their power for his wellfare & prosperity. that they should uphold him by their prayers continually that he might live long on the Earth to be a blessing and comfort to them all. that they should love his Wife. & do all they could for her comfort. for she was a good woman and whorthy their love & esteem and whomsoever honerd & loved her honerd & loved himself. he also spoke of his own feelings towards his family and his anxiety for their wellfare & C & C was followed by Bro Whitney on the same subject who spoke very well. after which Bro K commenced a conversation somewhat as follows. There is one. of the best girls that ever crossed the Sea. pointing them to me. I have been to her father's house. many a day & night and I was always wellcome and they always did all they could for my comfort. Mary she was then but a little girl and I used to call her My pet. She used to take pleasure in doing any thing for me. She would step around as quick & as light as a feather and would seem glad when she could get a chance to do any thing for me. it was from her I learned how to understand the differant dialects the[y] speak there & her Sister Jennette R. I would ask Mary questions & she would explain them to me so that I could understand about all they said but Bro Hyde never could understand them he would sit & look at them. and I had to interpit for him I shall never forget Sister Richards kindness to me. and she shall be blessed for it. I mean Sister Mary there she ~~eits~~ sits. Bro Samuel Richards wife he is gone to England on a mision & C after this we sung a hymn and we dismissed with the Blessings of the Lord I then took dinner with Bro S folks and in the PM went to meeting at the council House were we were addressed by Bro O Pratt who had just returned from visiting Mt Pisgah garden Grove and all the scatterd Branches between here ~~he~~ and there. had been there to instruct them in regard to their future proseedings and teach them the word of the Lord & C he said they were all glad to see him and manyfested a good Spirit & C after meetting I went to Sister Marias and took supper then called in to see Sister Benson a few Minutes after which I returned to Marias and staid all night.

Monday 15th comfortable weather took breakfast with Maria then went to Bro Smithes to do some more sewing for them I took much comfort with Bro Sm folks they were so very kind to me. besides they were the only cousens I have in this country in the AM Bro Kimball came in and I had a good long talk with him. he asked me some questions about Mother & Sister [Mary Vail] Morse if they agreed when they lived together so on. I told him I had never heard them quaril and I thought any one that undertook to quaril with Mother would have to do their own quariling. but she used to feel bad sometimes when they lived together. but she said she could not help her feelings. why said he did any one think she could help her feelings Whell

said I I have heard a pearson say that woman could help feeling bad if they were only a mind to. & there was no use in their feeling & C pa-shaw said he there is not one respectable Woman in this church but what would feel bad under such circumstances. and I know there is no Woman can ever feel worse than my Wife has done. and she is just as good a Woman as ever lived. and I never blamed her for feeling bad but loved her the more about noon father came & told me that father Burton was in town and wanted very much to have me go home with him and make them a visit. said they intended to come up to the City again in about 2 weeks and I could then return if I wished. father seemed to be willing that I should go. & so I concluded to do so. I took my leave of Bro Smithes folks and returned home to prepar for my departure called at sister Janes to get some things that I had left there bid her and Elizabeth good bye. she was quite lame. I spent the rest of the day preparing my cloths & C

Tuesday 16th the weather comfortable. about nine oclock in the AM I bid goodbye to father Mother & Henry. and started with father [Samuel Burton] and Charles [Burton]. to visit their home.¹⁰ we traviled about 4 miles through the bottoms. then crossed the Missouri River on the Ice. we traviled along through wood and praira and about 2 oclock arrived at the pony cr[reek] Indian Village were we stayed all night at a Bro [James] McLellens I think. with whom I had a confab about keeping council & following the Church. he thought 'twas best for every one to live ~~where~~ where he could get the most to Eat and keep his family the most comfortable and I contended that it was better to saccrefice and suffer with the Saints for then we possessed a hope that e'er long we should enjoy the blessings with them. but those who ~~those~~ lived in luxury could not expect to enjoy the blessing that they enjoyed untill like them they had sufferd & C there was many other thing that we spoke about but I cannot write them

Wednesday 17th the weather pleasent. took breakfast and proseeded on our [way] about 8 oclock. bro B was walking and & Indian who had got some lickure took hold of him and would not let him go untill I turned back and loosand his hands and made him let go his hold we then traviled along through some woods & passed severa[l] Indians & their Wigwams. & several houses that were inhabited by our brethren and a cross a long praira and about Sun down came to Bro [Libbeus T.] Coons¹¹ where we put up for the night. Sister C [Mary Ann Williamson Coons] got supper for us. after which I went a Sister [blank space] to a prayer meeting about ½ mile we had a very good meeting I spoke a few words and told them what good meetings we had in the Camp and what good instructions were given & C they all seemed to rejoice and many of them seemed anxious to be in the camp I received several invitations to come and visit them after which I returned with Sister [blank space] to her house were I spent the night. she kept me awake about 2 hours talking about the things of the kingdom

Thursday 18th a pleasant morn took Breakfast and about ½ past 7 proceeded on our journey to day the scene was beautifull. the Praira through which we traviled was dressed in a white Mantle of frost. while to our left was a range of Eternal Bluffs raising their Magestic Summits in solomn and confused grandure like the rooling Waves of the oacen. Beating before a tempestious Wind. while on our right to the West flowed the dark Waters of the Missouri we past several houses inhabited by our Brethren and about Sundown came to a bed of Willows which were about 2 miles through it and about one hour after arrived at our place of destination was courdially received both by fathers Burton and [John] Havens folks. they asked many questions which I ansurd according to the best of my knowlige after which I retired with E A

Friday 19th the weather cloudey and cold made two handkerchiefs for father & Mother [Hannah Shipley Burton] B. played with little Clara [Lucinda Jones] who is a sweet little dear read some &C in the Eve I was intoroduced to 3 Jents as Miss Richards a young lady just from the Camp. we Rebecca [Burton Jones] & myself sung 2 or 3 songs while Robert [T. Burton] played on his fiddle.

Saturday 20th a stormey day the snow fell so as to be very deep was reading sewing playing with Clara &C¹²

Sunday 21st a cold stormry day was reading picking out Walnut meets & eating them talking &C &C &C

Monday 22nd a cold day in the morn heard that Bro Meeks had got a letter from the Army in it was written that Brother Joseph was dead¹³ I felt very uneasey to know if it was so. and it hapend so that Uncle [John] & Aunt [Judith W. Temple] Haven were going there with an Ox team so I rode up with them. and heard the letter read. that of it that spoke of Josephs death was about as follows please tell Bro Phinehas Richards that his Son Joseph is dead. he died of a lingering sickness. I helped to wash him and lay him out, and convey him to him to his narrow home.¹⁴ the letter was written by a Bro Wilkey [David Wilkin] after hearing the letter we returned home. the place were we went was about 4 miles I then went with R & M to a Methotest Meeting expecting to witness the funral of Mormonism. as the man that was expected to preach had said he was going to put a end to it. but I supose he began to think he was not competant to do it. and so never come near. after this a M^r Severage came with a sleigh and invited us all to take a ride. so Rebecca. EA [Eliza Ann]. R[obert] M[aria]. C[harles] and myself all went. we went to M^r [William] Slushers about 4 miles then came back and went again. we then went to M^r Cornays, got Mrs Wells and took her home about 2 miles further we then returned to Brother [Priddy] Meeks were we took supper. after which the[y] had a dance there were about 8 Mormon girls and about 5 gentile gents. I danced some 2 & or 3 times but it was no enjoyment to me for my heart was weighed down with grief. for the loss of our beloved

Brother Joseph. about 10 oclock Rebecca and myself prevailed with Charls to take us home and so we went and left the rest all there who staid til day light

Tuesday 23rd the weather cold took breakfast with father Haven folks

Wednesday 24th was sewing reading & C I went out each day to the Corn Crib¹⁵ and offerd up a prayer to my Heavenly father that he would preserve the life of my dear companion and permit us again to meet and enjoy each others sociaty & C & C

Thursday 25th Friday 26th the weather still cold

Saturday 27th was making a night dress for my self reading taking care of little Clara & C & C

Sunday 28th the weather cold took breakfast with Father Havens folks and was reading most of the day

Monday March First a cold day

Tuesday 2nd the weather cold took breakfast with Father Havens folks was sewing reading & C. received an invetation. to attend a party at M^r Wells, on the 4th

Wednesday 3rd a cold day Maria cut an fitted the lining to a dress that I received as a present from my Husband before we were marrid was sewing

Thursday 4th the weather cold was sewing on my dress. evening went with R M Reb EA & Ch to the party at M^r Ws [Wells] while there was made acquainted with M^r Tutle [Thomas E. Tootle], Mercant & Post Master at Auston PO, also M^{rs} [mistress] Huntsucker [Daniel or Isaac] and [A. J.] Singleton.¹⁶ I danced with them. & M^r Wells R C & R was the fiddler. Reb & my self tryed to have C take us home about 12 oclock by he would not and so we had to stay till 4 in the morn

Friday 5th Saturday 6th the weather still cold took breakfast with father Havens folks was sewing on my dress reading & C

Sunday 7th the weather cold was eating Walnuts & reading most of the day

Monday 8th

Tuesday 9th very cold weather was sewing on my dress reading taking care of Clara & C & C

Wednesday 10th the weather cold

Thursday 11th felt quite unwell. both days was sewing reading & C

~~Thursday~~ Friday 12th a very cold day staid in father Havens in the AM & took some Salts & C felt quite sick all day was reading

Saturday 13th the weather cold I was still sick. sewed a little and was reading

Sunday 14th the weather very cold I spent some of the day reading but felt bad

Monday 15th Tuesday 16th the weather still cold was reading & sewing but still felt quite poorly

Wednesday 17th a cold day began to be afflicted with Boils on my limbs

Thursday 18th Friday 19th the weather cold I was very much afflicted the number of boils kept increasing and became very painful¹⁷

Saturday 20th had the appearance of rain in the morn. About 10 o'clock R & M started to go to Oregon for flower, about 80 miles. I sent for some things by them was reading and suffered considerable pain had to lay down

Sunday 21st the weather pleasant ~~a very cold windy day was on the bed most of the time~~ felt a little better was writing some poetry for Reb and Eliza A walked with them to Bro Williams who lived near by to see his wife who was very sick eat some walnuts and read a little in the PM M^{rs} [mistresses] Tuttle & Hunsucker came to see the family. I enquired of M^r T if any letters had yet come to the office for me. he said there had not. R proposed in case there should not one come by the next mail that T should [write] one for he thought it was a pity that I should enquire every week for letters and still be disappointed so he agreed to do so

Monday 22nd the weather comfortable was very unwell all day night took sulphur and anointed with sulphur and lard & C

Tuesday 23rd the weather moderate felt quite poorly lay down most of the day night took sulphur and anointed

Wednesday 24th & Thursday 25th the weather moderate felt some better was reading & C night slept with Rebecca and had a good long talk about our Husbands

Friday 26th the weather moderate and my health seemed to be improving was reading. and received an invitation to attend a party at Senore, about 8 miles distance on the 30th

Saturday 27th the weather warm made a little Apron for Clara

Sunday 28th a pleasant day took a walk with Rebecca R M & EA to the River about 1/2 mile. We talked much about Samuel & Nathaniel and wished often that they were with us. after we returned home Reb & myself went and sat down in the waggon where we had a long talk and enjoyed our selves much. talking about our dear companions. who now were far from us. and sympathizing with each other & C & C I received a letter from M^r Tuttle stating that there was no letter in the Office for me

Monday 29th the weather warm I made a little white Apron for Clara in the eve attended a party at Bro Swamlys danced with Charls Robert and Bro Duel and Mr Gass. and about 11 o'clock returned home again with Bro Duel to take me to the point to start the next day

Tuesday 30th a pleasant day made a sun Bonnet for Rebecca they were all expecting to go to the party but could not get horses to go with I sold Mothers shawl to day & went to Mr Cornays and got the pay in soap pork lard potatoes

Wednesday 31st the weather pleasant packed up my things and prepared to take my departure for the Camp father Burtons folks all said they were sorry that I was going and tried to have me stay til the first of June when

they expected to go to the Camp. Robert said I was welcome to come when I wishes to and stay just as long as I was a mind to. said he would be glad to have me stay all Summer with them when I was well I enjoyed myself much while there. and when I was sick they took the best of care of me they were all very kind to me about 3 Oclock a little boy came to inform me that Bro Duell was waiting for me about ½ mile of and wished me to go me to go as soon as I could so the boy took my bundle. and I bid good bye to all the folks except Rebecca & Eliza Ann who accompanid me to the Waggon. I there parted with them. after receiving many Invetations to visit them again and promising to write to them. I found Bro Duells family to be very kind and sociable the[y] treated me with the greatest respect. we traviled about 4 miles and at night camped by the Lake

Thursday April first a fine day I helped Sister D get breakfast & wash the dishes and about 7 o'clock we proceeded on our journey. we traveled through a praira found the road pretty good though a little soft in some places I read to them a book called the Golden marri[a]g[e] or Anne the orphan of St. Mary. we traveled about 24 miles to day and at night camped by a Bro Allens were there were quite a settlement of the Brethern. after supper I took a short walk from the waggon. and kneeled down under a tree and offerd up a prayer

Friday 2nd warm but windy. Bro Ds little girl had a chill in the morning which prevented us from starting till 10 o'clock we then proceeded ~~and~~ about 4 miles and crossed Cag Creek were there were quite a number of familys belonging to the Church. we traveled about 16 miles & about 5 in the eve incamped by a widdow Smiths house were there were another settlement of Mormons after supper we being sorounded by larg trees. I went and kneeled down under one of them poud out my soul in prayer to my Heavenly Father that he would protect and preserve Me and my dear Samuel from every danger and permit us to live long upon the earth and do much good in our day and Generation. and be blessed with all things that our hearts should desire in righteousness.

Saturday 3rd a pleasant day started early in the morning. past several Indians and their wigwaams also one of their burying grounds got out of the waggon to se it. one grave was coverd with logs laid in the form of a small crib The bones was laid on the out side of the ground. while passing one of the wigwaams an Indian peaked out. & called to me and said say Squaw come in. say Squaw come in. to day I read in a book called Elonza & Melissa. about 3 o'clock we met Bro [Reuben] W Allred going to Cag Creek in a Carriga expecting to come back the next day. so I agreed with him to call at Bro Birds for me and take me home. Bro D told him he did not think he would think it much truble to take me home. for if he was going 500 miles he should be glad to have me go with them for the sake of having my company. &C about 5 o'clock I bid good bye to Sister D gave her 2 little girls

10 cents. Bro D took me to Bro Birds and introduced [me] to the family and made arrangements for my nights logging &C he would take nothing for bringing me up only a promis that I would visit them whenever I could he then left me. Bro Birds folks got supper for me. and I spent the night very pleasantly

Sunday 4th a pleasant day in the AM had meeting at Bro Birds Bro Moordock preached a very interesting Sermon after meeting was out Bro Allred arrived. and I proceeded for home. we passed through a bed of Willows. along by the Mo River. and about 3 o'clock in the PM arrived at the ferry opposite the Camp the Boat was on the other side of the River and we had to wait until 5 before we could cross I went home with Bro Allred and took supper I then left my bundle there and started to go home met with Bro Joseph Straton who told me that he had brought up 2 letters for me and had given them to Sister Jane. he gave me an introduction to his Wife &C &C I called at Sister Janes and got my letters she told me that Elizebeth had died one week before she went up to the Tent with me I was Gladly received by Mother who had been quite sick for about 3 Weeks and was still feeble. I then read my letters. found that one of them was one that Samuel had writon to fathers folks in St Louis. and they infoulded in another and sent it to me. I was glad to have one line more from my dear Absent Husband for near six months had past since I had a line from him. I then went home with Jane & stayed all night

Monday 5th it rained all the AM and until 4 in the PM. I did my Cooking &C and braided 5 yards. I then went to see Uncle Willards folks and spent the evening and night with them. in the eve Amelia and my self went into the ofice and heard a letter read' that the Twelve had writton to Mother [Lucy Mack] Smith which was very interesting. after hearing it. we rose to leave the room but Uncle W bid us stay. said he wanted to have a talk with me. he asked me several questions about fathers Burtons & Havens folks which I answerd according to the b[e]st of my knowlidge. he then spoke about Franklin said he was a good man quick of understanding. and a usefull Man in the Work. but George [Spencer Richards]¹⁸ had the brightest Intellect of any of the family. said he was a reall go ahead boy. if he was passing through a wood and should meet with a tree in his path. he would up and cut it down while others would be thinking how to get arround it. Samuel was as good a boy as any of the rest. but he had not had as much experience. Joseph [William Richards] he said would have been a man of deep thought. and sound judgement. but he would not have been a Man of many words. Henry said he is a good boy. in fact they are all good Children and now Mary said he you have been a good Girl you have not come a whining arround because your Husband is gone but you have endured his absence patiently and you shall be blessed for it. I know your desires are to do right. and to do whatsoever is right in the Sight of God. and now I

will tell you some thing that will comfort your heart. I have been thinking of sending for Samuel to come home this fall. shall speak to Bro Brigham about it to night. and will tell you before you go home what we intend to do. I told him I was very [glad] to hear of his intendtions. for as yet I had had no knowlidge when he would return. but I hoped when he did he would return in houner having done his duty in the sight of God and Man. for rather than he should do any thing that would injure the Cause of God or put a stain upon his own Character. and thereby have to be called home to give an account of him self. I would rather he would stay ten years. although said I the time seems long. and I want to see him so bad I scarcely know how to wait. til the time comes. but I trust the Lord will give me strenth and patiance to endure all thing through which I may be called to pass. he will Mary said he and I bless you in his name and you shall be blessed both now hence forth and forever. I talked about an hour with him. in which time he told me many things that were very comforting. said he had spent more time [with] me than he had with all his family within two weeks &C &C I then retired with Amelia to her bed Chamber were she read some letters to me &C joust before we retired to bed Uncle W came into the room and told me he had been talking with Brigham and they had desided to give Samuel permission to came home this fall.¹⁹ I asked some questions about F. he said he might have the same privelege in case he was not so engaged as to make it hard for him to leave &C he then laid his hands on my head. and blessed, and kissed me and bid good night.

Tuesday 6th the weather pleasent took breakfast with Amelia then went to Bro Rockwoods to deliver a messige from Bro Havens folks to them from there I called to see Bro Smithes. also Bro Egans folks to make some enquires for Rebecca. from there I came home' drest and went to Conferance were we had a good time there were 8 of the Twelve present. Bro Brigham spoke of the buisness of the day. after which it was voted and carred that the Twelve be sostained in their place. also the high council. father was apointed as one of the latter.²⁰ Bro B & Kimball gave us much good instruction. in regard to the future proceeding of the Camp in this place. &C after which we were dismissed with the Blessings of the Lord. after meeting Maria went home with me and took supper in the eve I was braiding

Wednesday 7th the weather comfortable. in the AM Bros Benson & L[yman] O Littlefield called in our Tent. the latter told me that he intended to start for England in a few days. and would carry letters or any thing that I wished to send. I told him I should be happy to avail my self of his promis and would write. he said he [would] call and get my letter. the rest of the day I spent Braiding and spent the nighth with Jane

Thursday 8th a fair day after doing up my work in the Morn I took my braid and went to Bro Smithes to spend a few hours. on my way there I called at Uncles Willards. found him about ready to start for the west in

Company with the rest of the Twelve to search out a resting place for the Saints.²¹ he said he had been writing a letter to England and had writton our Samuel to come home this fall. &C I had a very good visit with Sister Smithes and in the eve returned home and was braiding

Friday 9th the weather pleasant I commenced writing a letter to my Husband and was writing all the time I could get from my work. and from paying attention to the many ladys who called to see us for after we had retired Mother counted 9 that had called to see us. to day Bro [Parley P.] Pratt arrived and I went to see him in hope of getting a letter but was disappointed He said samuel was well²²

Saturday 10th a pleasant day &C I gave our tent a regular Cleaning out after which I was writing in my letter and in the eve was braiding

Sunday 11th the weather pleasant went to meeting. was addressed by Bro Pratt who gave us a history of his travils to England Scotland & Wales.

Monday 12th the weather pleasant was writing in the eve was braiding

Tuesday 13th Bro [John] Taylor arrived²³ but got no letters eve Amelia came to see us

Wednesday 14th the weather pleasant though Windy was ~~writing~~ Braiding &C washing evenings slept with J

Thursday 15th the weather comfortable was ~~writing & braiding~~ Ironing braiding &C spent the night with Ja

Friday 16th the weather comfortable in the AM was writing, and in the PM visited at Bro W Millers. with fathher and Mother. and had a very pleasant visit. in the eve Bro Andrew Lamroux [Lamoreaux] came and soliseted me to attend a party with him at the Council House. said it was the last night Bro Littlefield would be with us. and that he' was very anxious that I should attend &C so he waited upon me there then returned. and waited upon Jane there also. I danced with Bro Lamroux. & twice with Bro Littlefield once as he said for himself. and once he danced proxy for Samuel I also danced once with Bros Joseph Young. & one Right [Jonathan Wright] and another young man whose name I do not remember about 12 oclock we were dismissed with the Blessings of the Lord and Bro Lamroux attended upon us home. this eve I enjoyed myself pretty well had a good talk with Bro Littlefield

Saturday 17th the weather comfortable. in the AM was cleaning scouring &C in the PM was writing eve was braiding to day gave Father one dollar to buy flower with

Sunday 18th the weather pleasant in the AM went to meeting was addressed by Bro Taylor who also gave us a history of his journey and Mision to Eng. Stated how the Churches in that Country were being drained of all the money they could spare. by the joint stock Association under pretence that it was to assist them to Emigrate to this Country. While the founders of the Association were apropreating the funds of the same to their

own use. and Benifit He also stated how [Reuben] Hedlock Absconded and how they dissolved & put an end to the Association. their future prospects of Emigration. &C &C his discourse was very interesting. after meeting I went to Uncle Levis to enquire of him and Aunt Rhoda. if they had anything they wished me to write to for them to Samuel I gave the latter the privilege to write a scrap to put in my letter but she thought she would not have time I Eat dinner with Uncle L then started to go home on my way called at Sister Maria and Bro VanCotts. also Bro [Lewis] Abotts. Miss Abigill then went home with with me and spent the PM. she braided a ristlet for me of my own hair which I sent to my Husband. eve Bro Littlefield came and invited me to walk to sister Janes with him. witch I did and spent the evening very plesently I tried to appear as happy as possable so that he might carry the news to my Samuel. thinking perhaps it might add to his comfort to know that I was well and appearing happy. I told Bro L many things to tell him. & promised to remember him in my prayers. he then walked home with me. while going he asked me if I did not wish it was Samuel I was walking with instead of himself I told him I would if it was not that it was a vain wish. but as it was' as it was. I was very well satisfide with my company &C &C

Monday 19th the weather comfortable was Braiding most of the day. in the PM went down to Sister Janes and sat a while with her. heard that Bro [Joseph] Cain who had charge of our letters [h]ad arrived on the other side of the River

Tuesday 20th The weather rather windy In the AM was sewing. to day Maria [Wilcox] & her babe came to visit us. about 11 oclock Henry came in and said Bro Cain was at Janes. and that he had helped carry a Chest of things there that belonged to Jane & myself.²⁴ Maria and I then went down to see Bro C and the things. but found the Chest was locked and the Key was yet on the other side of the River. and so was still unable to get our letters. which was the greatest disapointment we met with father and Mother soon followed us. and and we all enjoyed a real feast. talking with Bro Cain about Samuel & Franklin. I think he told us all he could think of about them their wellfare. what they had been doing and how they were beloved by the Brethren and Sisters. and how much they were thought of by Bros Taylor [Orson] Hyde & [P. P.] Pratt. which was no little he assured us. after spending about 2 hours with us he took his leave and we went to the Tent & I got supper after which I went part way home with M to help her carry her Babe. met with Jane and brought her home with me to get supper. she told me she had the letters was 3 for me I wished her to say nothing about them as I desired to have the privilege of reading them myself before any one else heard them. so after washing the dishes I went down and read them. then looked over our things. found all that was mensioned in the letter except my Cloak which was missing. this took us till 11 oclock so I stayed all night

Wednesday 21st the weather warm in the morn took up my letters and read 2 of them to the family. told H[enry] to go to Janes and get the parsel & fathers the shoes &C then presented Mother with boots and one handkerchief and one dollar in mony for her own comfort. I also gave father a half Sovering in Gold and one handkerchief. after breakfast Sister Jane sent me word that Bro Cain was at her house. so I went to see & talk with him about my Cloak. but he could give no account of it. but said he would make inquires about it and hoped it would yet be found. he stayed about an hour we had another good talk with him about Samuel & F and he seemed to take pleasure in talking to us about them. after he was gone Maria & Amelia came to hear the news and see the presents. I presented Maria with the or a half Sovering which my dear Husband had sent her she seemed much pleased at receiving it. and said she would write to Samuel and F[ranklin]. M[aria], E[lizabeth Whittaker Cain] & J[ane] then went to the Tent with [me] and [I] read them my letters. Our Tent was crowded all day with folks coming in to hear the news see about hats &C today Evaline Potter and her sister Edney Henman [Edna Sarah Hinman] called to see us. I was writing braiding packing away my things &C.

Thursday 22nd the weather warm commenced writing another letter to my mu[c]h beloved Husband and was writing most of the day. & spent the eve at Bro Millers braiding. to day received a letter that Samuel wrote to Br [Alexander] Badlum in Boston

Friday 23rd the weather pleasent was writing to my Husband eve was braiding Mother was still lame but able to sit & Sew.

Saturday 24th fair weather was writing in my letter eve was braiding

Sunday 25th a windy day had a short biusiness meeting Bros Taylor and pratt were there and spoke their instructions were very good PM went to Bro Smithis and spent a short time with them then called to see Maria. from there I came home and spent the eve reading

Monday 26th w a warm day wrote a scrap to put in my letter and sealed them up expecting Bro L to call to day and get them. but he came not. was sewing

Tuesday 27th the weather pleasent AM was sewing PM visited at Bro VanCotts with mother. I read them one letter that Samuel wrote to me and the one he wrote to Bro Badlam we had a very pleasent visit. after which Mother went home and I went to see Maria on my way there met with Jane and Bro Cain. Jane told me that B[r]other Walter had returned from St Louis and gave me a letter that he had brought from my Brother in that City. in it was one doller which his Children had sent as a present to me. Bro Cain gave me one of Josephs Plates Preaching to the Indians. I then called at Walters & had a good Chatt with him and M. I then returned home. and read my letter and felt very glad to hear that the folks were well.

Wednesday 28th rather windy was sewing Cooking &C eve was braiding

Thursday 29th AM was very windy was bakeing sewing & C PM Mother went a visiting to Bro Heringtons [Leonard Harrington]. I did not go with her because I had to call at Bro Taylors first and get some letter Papper which my Husband has sent me by him he told me he had promised all the Elders that in Eng that he would go and see their Wives when he got back to the Camp but they had not given him a chance to go and see them for they had all come to see him. except me said I for I came to day to see Sister Taylor and shall live in hopes that you will redeem your word and come and see me. if Sister T [Leonora Cannon Taylor] has no objections. well said he I feel some affraid of going to see the Sisters for the truble is they all fall in love with me. I expect it is some what dangerous said I. but I should be happy to have you bring Sister T with you when you come to see me. and if I should happen to fall in love with you' I will try to keep it to my self. Yes said sister T but they all ask him and never say one word to me about going with him & C & so on. from there I went to Bro Heringtons. & father came and took supper with us. and I spent the eve braiding

Friday 30th a pleasent day was helping to pack up the things for Mooving helped to take down the Tent & C Bro W[illiam] Kay mooved us and our tent to a house on the South line,²⁵ which is the first house we have lived in since we left Nauvoo on the 19th of May 1846 Bro W[illiam] Miller helped W to load the Waggon also helped Hen[ry] to pull down the house that father had put up in the fall. and we had the timber taken to the house to fence with. after I got to the house I got dinner and Bro K eat with ~~with~~ us. after which I helped cord the bedstead move the bed. and regulated some of the things felt some tired

Saturday May first the weather Windy. washed & scoured all the Tin ware knives & C also the sheets & boxes shelves & the floor. got all things fixt in order. I put on a clean dress & sat down. and our little house seemed to me almost like a Palace I rejoiced to think that after passing through such a dreary Winter living in a Tent. and wandring from house to house to keep from perishing with the Cold. suffering almost every inconveniance and often very unpleasent feelings' I had once more a place I could call my home. after this I took a walk to Bro Grows who lived but a little distance from us. took supper and spent the eve knitting Bro & Sister G accompanied me home found the folks in bed. I kneeled down and thanked the Lord # for the many blessing werewith he had blessed me and also for the many Blessings he had bestowed upon My dear Companion. and all our friends. and implored his future care & protection. for our Safty & wellfare. told him my desire was to do good. to walk uprightly. to live long upon the Earth. and be usefull in my day & jeneration. I prayed for strenth & patiance to endure to the end. that I might share the reward what was laid up for the faithfull & C & C

Sunday 2nd a very Windy day went to meeting. Bro Pratt arose and said I do not know what I shall preach about for I have got no text to preach

from but I want the Brethren to take care of their Cattle. and not lett the Indians kill them all off.²⁶ to build up the pickets round the City to prevent them from coming in to your houses and insulting your Woman & Children or robing your tables while they are out tending their gardians & C & C Bro Taylor then spoke much after the same ~~the~~ Maner. some other business was attended to after which we were dismissed by father Morley. Bro Littlefield then came and spoke to me. and I told him I had one boon to Ask of him which was that he would come and see me once before he left us for Eng. for I wanted him to tell my Husband that he had seen me living in a house that belonged to our family. he said he would go with me now if I wished. I said I should be happy to have him do so. so he accompanid me home I then went to work & got dinner. he seemed to enjoy it much said he would tell Samuel that he Eat dinner with his father Mother and Wife on that day. and that we talked about him most of the time. he spent the PM with us. I let him read 2 or 3 of my letters and he let me read. and read to me a ~~number~~ several peices of Poetry. we had a pleasent visit with him in the PM. after which I walked with him to Sister Janes. he there left me. and I went on to see Bro Smithes folkes and read them My Brothers letters & C & C I took supper with them, then called to see & spent a few minutes with Ellen Wilding. ~~the~~ she came afew steps with me. and we met sisters West & Parry while speaking with them. Bro Littlefield rode up in a Carrige. and Asked if I did not wish to ride home I told him I had no objections so he assisted me into the Carrige there were 3 ladys in before me. I took a seat by the side of Aunt Fanny Morry who kissed and Carraced me. Bro L took a seat on my lap and so we rode home to day I gave Bro Littlefield my letters and bid him good bye as I thought for the last time till he returned from Eng. the eve I spent with Bro Lennard & his wife.

Monday 3rd & Tuesday 4th the weather comfortable. did my Cooking & C and alterd me a dress that my Husband sent me from Scotland

Wednesday 5th & Thursday 6th the weather pleasent did my work as usual. and was writing in my Journal [memorandum?]. had not writton aline in it before since the 28 January

Friday 7th a pleasent day in the AM Bro Jesse Haven came to see us and I had a good long visit with him his Wife [Martha Spring Hall Haven] was yet at Mount Pisgah in the PM was writing in my Jurnal eve was braiding

Saturday 8th warm weather AM I cleaned & (s)Crubed the house. PM father took an emmettic. & Sister O Banks [Margaret Phillips OBanks] attended upon him. about 5 oclock Maria & Amelia called to see & spent about an hour with us. Walter was taking Melinda [Malinda Wood] out to ride for her health she having been sick for several Months they also stoped to see us. I walked to sister Janes with M[aria] & A[melia] and got some thread to make a Cape for Sister Snyder. I then returned home and in the evening made it.

Sunday 9th the weather pleasant after doing up my Work in the morning I went to Meeting. Bro Pratt arose and said I had no text to Preach from last Sunday. but today I have got one. he then read a letter that the Twelve ~~had writton~~ who were ahead had writton to the Saints in this City. advising them what course to persue this season. after reading which he said' I have heard that some of the Brethren here say that Bro Taylor & Myself. give differant Council than what Bro Brigham & the rest of the Twelve did. they say that we say kill the Indians. but Bro Brigham said we should not kill the Indians. no one has ever heard me say kill the Indians or Bro T either we never said it. but we say you shall not kill them. neither shall you let them come in to the City and kill off all your Cattle or the Cattle of ~~them~~ belonging to the Wives of those who have gone in the Army Army or the Widdows who are among you last Thursday they came and killed off 9 of your Cattle and you let them carry them off with out resistance. and said to them in your acttions if not in words' come again and get all you wish we will not hinder you. we sent out men to follow them and take the Cattle away from them. but they either did nothing or else they were ashamed of what they did at any rate they never made any report of what they did. we told them if they caught any of them to give them a good Whipping. which would do far more good than it would to kill them he then spoke of a Sister (whose husband was in the Army) who was trying to drive in one of her Cattle that had been asstray. she was meeting a herd of Cattle when hers got away from her and joined them she asked one of the Men to assist her to get it back. but he refused and bid her get it back herself and mind her own buisness &C. were is Brotherly love said he. or your feelings one for another that you can thus treat a Woman. whose husband has been called to leave her and is gone to fight your Battles. a man that can do this aught to be Coursed and he will be Coursed he then spoke of the nessesity of the Citys being Picketed in. also a field being fenced in the Plowing being done &C after which he gave way for Bro Taylor to Preach. who arose and said he did not know how much Preaching he should do but he would tell us a story. said he I once heard of 2 men going to a man to hire to do some work for him. he asked the first what he could do. he said he could do every thing. he then asked the 2nd what he could do. and he said nothing why what did you come here to hire for why I came to hire to work. but this man says he can do every thing. ~~if so the~~ and I thought there would be nothing left for me to do. so I think Bro Pratt has done all that is nessary to be done at this time so I will sit down. we had a very interesting meeting. Bro Pratt seemed to be filled with the good spirit to overflowing. in the intermision I went home with sister Lenard. and took dinner. had a sweet little visit with her. after which we went to the PM meeting. Bro Pratt then arose and said he was going to put some things to vote and he wanted every man & woman to vote for or against so that he

might know what to do the first vote was to know whither they Saints were willing to keep Council & follow the heads of the Church carrid it was then voted that none leave this City to go West till the City was Picketed in. and the fencing done. and the Plowing. those who were going on were to labor as much as those who stayed here. and those who stayed by the stuff. should be equal with those who went forth to the war. &C considerable Buisness was done after which the Meeting was dismissed I then went to Bro Smithes to see his Wife as I had understood she was sick. on my way I called at Bro Packs and saw his Wife this was the first time I had been in their house in Winter Quarters. I spent a short time with Bro Smithes folks after which I returned to sister Janes and spent the night

Monday 10th the weather pleasent had the head ache. Bro Littlefield who I started for Eng. one week before stopped in a Buggy to see me. he for some purpose or other ~~ha~~ best known to him self having had to return back to the City. I asked him several questions about his journey how he found and left the folks in England if my Husband was well. if he had got letters for me &C &C to which he smiled and answerd as if he knew all about them. he desired me to meet him that evening at Sister Janes as he wished to spend the eve with us both in the AM I was writing in my Journals and in the PM went with Mother a made a visit at sister Levetts. Bro Burrows & his family having just returned [from] Mo I called to see them. they appeard much rejoyced to see me and was very unwilling to let me leave them that PM but I beged off. I had a very pleasent visit at Sister Ls [Levett's] and saw Bro [Stephen M.] Farnsworths folks just from Loup Creek. I then went and spent the eve with Sister Jane & Bro Littlefield. we had a very pleasent visit with him and told him a great many things to tell our Husbands which he said he would remember to do. he wished us if we felt like it. to remember him when we wrote to our Husbands. my headache continued to worse and I requested him to lay his hands on my head and pray for me. this he did & offerd up a most excellent prayer. in my behalf and the behalf of my Husband dear after which he laid his hands upon Jane and prayed for her and F also he then arrose to take his leave. when Jane proposed that we each send a Kiss by him to our Husbands which he seemed pleased to convey. and asked permission to take one for him self. which we permitted him to do. we then bid him farewell till he returned from England and wished him a prosperous journey and many enjouments

Tuesday 11th & Wednesday 12th the weather comfortable attended to my domestic affairs as usual and was writing in my journal. Thursday PM visited with Maria and sent for some things by Walter from St. Josephs.

Thursday 13th a pleasent ~~day~~ day did a very heavy Washing and got my cloths all dry. & about 5 PM took my sewing and went and spent the eve at Bro Burrows and had a very good talk with them. after which he accompanied me home

Friday 14th the weather pleasant I washed a very large washing of fine Cloths & Calico. after which I sprinkled & folded what I had washed the day before. Maria came in the PM and spent about an hour & 1/2 I was mending me a garment and felt very tired

Saturday 15th a fine day in the AM was scouring a[n]d cleaning the tin ware chests Boxes & C & C gave the house a good Cleaning PM was Ironing felt very heavy and dull. sister Matson one of our neighbors came in and eat a while with us. in the evening I cut out some blocks of Calico for a bed Quilt

Sunday 16th a wet rainy day in the AM was reading and wrote a little in my journal. about 2 in the PM I went to sister Janes and took supper at sister Jennes. after which I ~~took Supper~~ went with with with Jane to see her Mother who was very sick & had no one but her Husband to do any thing for her. I washed her dishes & C for her while Jane did something else for her. while there Bro Hyrum Clark came in to pray for her and I had a long talk with him. I had not spoken with him before since he visited my fathers house in England. how much an interview like this, brings to remembrance by gone days after this I returned home with J and spent about an hour then George Snyder accompanied me home.

Monday 17th the weather windy in the AM cleaned up after the rain. washed the floor & C PM & eve was sewing cutting out Calico & C

Tuesday 18th the pleasant weather in the Morn Sister Barns came to help me wash Bed Cloths. we washed 6 Quilts 2 Blankets the Tent & Waggon Cover & 5 Woolen Sheets. 2 Bolster ticks & 4 Pillow Ticks. & C & C. we had a very heavy wash. and was very tired. I put the Tent waggon cover & 2 Quilts to soak over night. eve I went to Bro Barrows and borrowed some Coffee for Mother.

Wednesday 19th the weather pleasant in the morn put out the Quilts Tent & C to dry. then cleaned the house Stewed some apples. made a pye Custerd & C. PM Sisters Jane R. Salley Snyder. & Mary Grow. came and made us a visit. sisters [Henrietta Wheeler] Douglas. Gourdian & Greenalch [Mary Clough Greenalgh] made us a call and spent a short time with us. I had a very severe head Ache most of the day. but enjoyed my company much. eve I walked home with J & S and helped the latter cary her Babe. after I returned home.

Letters to Samuel Richards, January to April 1847

Camp of Israel, Winter Quarters, Ommahas Nation²⁷
 Jan 29th 1847

My Dear & Well rememberd Husband. after sitting for some time in silance, meditating upon the many changes' that have taken place since this day Year ago. & contrasting my then happy condition. to my now lonely Situation.²⁸ at the same time wishing that I could now sit down by your Side. & hear you relate the history of your travils. during our absence from each other. while I in retorn would tell of my sojourn in the Willderness. & finding myself deprived of that happy priveledge. I have now sat down to communicate to you by the penn those things that I would take pleasure in telling you were you but present. In the first place I would say for your comfort. as well as my own. that my health is very good. & has been ever Since I last wrote wich was about the 20th Dec. in answer to yours of the 20th Sep wich I received together with the presents you sent me by Bro Benson on the 28th Nov. I sincerly trust my Dear' that this letter will find you in the full enjoyment. of health. wich is one of Heavens ritchest blessings. together with all the nessary comforts of life. I must say my dear Samuel that it has indeed been a scorce of great comfort to me to hear that our Heavenly Father has been mindfull of you & has blessed you with those desiriable Blessings. and my most sincere prayer is to him who holds our destany. is that these blessings may continu [with] you. & that our lives may be preserved. & we permitted once more to enjoy each others Sociaty. The health of the family is genealy good' although I cannot write under as pleasent Sircumstances as I could wish for your sake that I could. In my last letter I wrote' that I expected we should have a house the following week. but in that we were disapointed. and have no house yet. on the 7th of this month the weather was so exceeding cold that we were Oblidged to leave our Tent. since then I have been living with Jane. Mother has been & is living with Maria. Father comes to Eat with me sometimes. the rest of the time I cannot tell were he stays' only that Henry & he sleep in the Tent H[enry] Eats with me all the time. The weather this season has been remarkably dry although it has been very cold with the exception of a few days. today it is pleasant ~~althou~~ although the Snow is about 3 In deep. itis the deepest Snow we have had this year So I have come up to the Tent. to spend the PM writing to you. I am alone & were is my Samuel! I wonder if he is now thinking of me. or if he at all remembers that this is the ~~day~~ Anniversary of the Day that Sealed our Union then was I for the first time acknowlidged as the Bride yea the happy Bride. of one whom I had long loved Dearer than Myself yea & all

the World beside. yes dear Samuel and the very remembrance of your love & kindness. cheers many an hour of Solitude. then was I indeed happy but was permitted to enjoy happyness but a short time e'er the hand of affliction fell upon me. and had it not been for your faith & attention. I must have yealded to it's withering blast. never can I forget the kindness. the Sympathy. & the unceaseing attention with wich you watched over me in that hour of affliction wich often drew the tears from mine Eyes. & caused my Heart to flow with gratitude to my Heavenly Father that he had blessed me with a companion who felt such intrest in my wellfare. & by whose faith I still live. although I had Scarcely Scaled the summit of affliction e'er I was torn from your scoothing Bosem and every day bore me farther from it's carraces. and now 8 months & 6 days have past since I have seen your face and now more than 5 Thousand miles sepperates you from my sight while the wide Expanded Ocean rools between us. & heaves its unceasing bosem as if proud to seperate us. from each other. but I must cease this strain. lest I weary your patiance. and if I have already done it I hope you will forgive me' and let me indulge this once in writing my simple thoughts. & the feelings of my heart. it seems & is a long time since I had a letter from you. not any of latter date than the 20th of Sep I have been hoping for some time to receive one from you. but as yet have hoped in vain. Sisters [Leonora Cannon] Taylor & [Nancy Marinda Johnson] Hyde. have had letters from their Husbands in England some weeks go stating that they had incountered a dreadfull storm. this my dear gave me some uneaseness. but hope kept me from despair. last Monday I had the pleasure of reading the October Number of the Mellenial Star. wich gave me much pleasure to hear that you had arrived in safty to your destined Shore I was surprised to read that you were appointed to go to Scotland ~~did~~ was it agreeable to your feelings. I fear you have not had the privelege of visiting my Freinds but if you have I hope you have writton me all the perticulars about them

[page 2] last Tuesday I called to see Bro & Sister Fory. who have lately arrived from Nashvill. the[y] were in'tollarable health. from them I learned that Sister Syrus Weellock died about 3 weeks ago. before her death she put her Arms around her mothers neck several times. & Kissed her. saying them was for Syrus. in the PM & eve I viseted with Ellen at Bro Woollys she was well & wished me to write her kind love to you. I must tell you that the Lord has once more rememberd his servants & favord them with a revalation of his will. showing the order wich the Saints must observe on there next journey. Commanding the Saints to be Orgonize in Companies of hundreds fiftys & tens with their Captians each apointing Bros Benson & E[rastus] Snow. to lead a Company Brs Woodruff & O Pratt another. & Brs A[masa] Liman & G A Smith a third the Saints must covanant to keep the Law of the Lord and no Thief is to be permitted to have place in our midst. there is a great deal of matter contained in it. & good instructions' and will be of great

worth to the Saints who observe & do as it directs it is entitled the word of the Lord there has been quite a reformation this winter amongst the Saints in the Camp. the Twelve have been warning them as I stated in my last letter' to leave of all their Eveil habits an torn unto the Lord and I am happy to inform you that their instructions have taken affect. and that Peace & unity raiyns in our midst. and the Spirot of God is prevelant amongst us. and a good feeling prevails through the Camp. The Seventy's have been building a Councel House it was finished an dedecated last Saturday eve by Bro Brigham. & the Brethren knocked the first slivers of from the floor. this week has been a kind of Jubilee amongst us. last Tuesday the first Company of those that build the House met with their Wives to Scour the floor. on ~~Thursday~~ Wednesday the 2th Company met to do likewise. I accepted an invetation from Bro Godard and attended in the PM here for the first time I learned the the way to praise God in Dance. I must give you a little description of it. When the first figure is formed. the one who stands as first makes a few remarks then they all kneel down. & he offers up a prayer they then arise & dance the figure. & C & C the last performance every Man takes his partner or partners. & marches 3 times round the room. & this so praise God in the march. on Thursday the 3th Company met also this day I viseted at Bro Joseph Youngs & had a very pleasant visit

Saturday 30th the weather is pleasant and I am once more alone in the Tent writing to My dear Samuel although I know not were he is or were these lines will find him but I trust just were the Lord would have him be. & just were I would have him be could I but be with him and now I must tell you a little something about your Mary. The last night she went to Singing Scool. & behaved her self pretty well. til after they got through Singing and then if you could only have seen her. a scouring that floor. you would have Surely thought that She felt better than. she did when she was sick. she was danceng almost every figure and a mixing round at a great rate. she danced with Bro Brigham. & when he took her to her seat. he said Sister Mary you have learned me. I am very much oblidle to you. dont you think she must have felt well! I will tel you how well she felt. she scarce ever sat down but she was asked why she looked so sober. She told them it was no wonder that she looked sober for that was the Anniversary of her wedding day. & she had no Husband here' to cheer her with his presence. and simelar expressions. so much for Mary. she felt sober dear Samuel. although you might think she felt happy in such a place. but I can Asure you that that is the time that I always miss you for your presence always was the life of all recreations to me and without you I am lonely Oh! when when my dear shall I again be permitted to see you. the time seems very long both the past & the future. I feel as an exile an wanderer. although I am sorounded with freinds on every side' who make me welcome & seem to feel intrested in my welfare yet there is no one who can sooth greif. or cheer up my drooping

spirets to be compard with my dear Samuel may the Lord bless you my dear & prosper you in all your undertakings. labor like a good Steward for your Master and you shall ~~have~~ have my prayers both night & day. and I feel satisfide that he will reword you bountifully. do not feel uneasy about me my dear for I have a father who has watched over [me] from the earliest period of my existance unto the present time and who blesses me from day to day with strenth' & patiance to endure all the trials through wich I am called to pass and to him be all the glory for ever I have been writing in the dark for some time so good night my dearest

[page 3] Monday Febuary first. a beautifull day almost like Spring I am at Sister Janes house. yesterday AM I attended a meeting in this Ward. PM at the Council house were we were address by Bro Woodruff. I should think from [*wax seal*] preaching now a days. that this ~~Generation~~ Nation had nearly filled up the Cup of her Inequety and that there must be a dreadfull Crisis' near at hand. the Lord says fear not your Enemys for they are in my hands and me thinks he would not say this if there was no cause for fear again he says fear them not. for they ~~are~~ can ~~my hands~~ not stop my work I should be glad to write you a cobby of the revalation. if I could obtain one & find it wisdom to do so. I saw Br Smithes family. last night. they were well and are doing first rate. they wished to be kindly rememberd to you also that you would remember them kindly to all their freinds. I must now tell you that we have got a new Cousen. he arrived in the World on the 19th of January. he is the Son of Uncle Willard & Aunt Sarah [Langstroth]. his name is Willard Brigham and a fine little Gent he is. Amelia & all the family are well. also Aunt Rhoda & Uncle Levis family I asked Mother with I should write for her. she said give my best love to my dear boys. & tell them I do want to see them Wolter & Maria. said I might write you lotts of love for them and te[ll] [*edge of page torn for about nineteen lines, asumptions made as to parts missing are shown in brackets*] you that little Synthe was doing firstrate and that she was the fin[est] little neice you had got. she is a sweet pretty Child. Melinda h[as] had the Ague for nearly 5 months. but is now complaining of being [*tear*]tter all the time. she wished me to write you' her rememberance. Si[ster] Jennetta Bleasdale sends her kind respects. Sister Jane says she has n[othing] very special to say to Samuel at present. only that she wishes him as [*tear*] as she ever did and she hopes you will remember Jane the promise that was [*tear*] for her when you did for me. She enjoys pretty good health says she d[oes] not know but what she is now realizeing that you have done as you [a]greed. she is about to write to Franklin so I expect he will hear f[rom] her by the time you get this Philo is gone to Work down in MO. E[lizabe]th [McFate Richards] has been living with her father for some weeks but returned [home] on Saturday she is not very well. Mr Claudius' Spencer was mar[ried] the 24 of Jan to Miss Antoinette Spencer. so poor Andrew has re[tear] her. I have almost forgot to tell you that we had got a Splended [m]ill on the

North Creek nearly Completed. this I have no doubt [will] be of great benefit to the Camp you would be surprized to see [*wax seal*] a large City we have got and so many good houses in so Short a [time] Sidney Rigdon we hear has gone back to the good old Cambleite Church Charles Tomson who joined Strang. has written to the Twelve for admittance into the Church again. compairs himself to a Sheep out side of the fould bleating for admittance. Bro Brigham has got fathers name together with Uncles Willard & Levis in his Company for the west but wether we shall be able to go or not I am quite unprepaired to tell you at present. but I intend to write again in about 3 months then I hope to be able to let you know all the perticulars. I rejoice my dear that it is my lot to be with the Church. seeing I could not accompany you. for I think the water tastes much better to drink it from the founttain head. than it would after it had been carriad some distance through the hot Sun. I received a letter from fathers folks in St Louis on the 30th of Jan dated on the 20th of Dec stating that they were all well & doing so. also that they had received a line from you also that they had writton one for you & sent to Eng. and how you had blessed them with a parting blessing. I think I have told you all the news I can think of at present excepting that there is a company called the Silver Grays. to meet next Friday at the Council House to have a picnic. Fathers [Isaac] Morly. & John Smith the Patriarch. are apointed to Manage & Conduct the affairs of the same. I must now go & get supper for Henry. & myself. wish it was for Samuel & I. I think I should much rather do it but it cannot be. so again good night my dear Companion

Feb 2th PM the weather is very cold & I feel lonely. me thinks if I could only get a letter form you. that said you was well & prospering I should feel more happy. can it be you did not write soon after you arrived. Oh! yes I cannot think you could be so unfeeling' as to do otherwise seeing you could not help knowing that I should feel very ancious to hear that you had arrived in safty. have you visited my freinds. how did they receive you. how are they all. when do they talk of coming West. and what are their prospects. do please to write me all the perticulars. my dear & usue your Influnce both by writing. & instructions to have them gather withe the Saints of God. to the place where he in his Wisdom shall seem fit to apoint as a resting place for his people. Give my love to them all & tel them my desires

[*page 4*] tell them they need not be afraid to come out into the Willderness. for their is the place. to learn to serve the Lord acceptable. and there my dear is the place where all those who will not serve him acceptable will meet with a very Unealthy Climate' that will soon wear out their existance. for the time has come all that Inequety must be cleanzed out of Isreal. I pray dear Samuel that you & I m[a]y ever be found among those that walk uprightly that we may have a name and a place with the chosen of God. for what good would it do us to suffer all that we have sufferd should we for a moment ~~turn~~ turn aside from the path of our duty. we have heard nothing

from Joseph for a long time but live in hopes that he is well father's Haven & Burtons familys are in Mo about 40 Miles from us I have not heard from them since I last wrote. Henry wishes to be remembered to you with love & C

please excuse me for writing my letter so full and now good buy my dearest love tis from your lonely Mary H Richards

[*across the bottom of page 4*] the Girl [Elizabeth Caroline Hutchins] that was sealed to Br Jacob Gates about a year ago. died 3 weeks ago & left a small babe. Sofrone Harmon [Sophronia Melinda Harmon Kimball] died last ~~last~~ Tuesday Bro Richard Procter is going to St Louis so I am in hast to finish this to send by him & intend to write one to send to fathers folks. please give my love to Bro Franklin. and tel him I live with his Jane at present. his name is very familiar with us. for it is Franklin & Samuel & Samuel & Franklin about all the time. when my dear shall I ~~hope~~ hope to see you again or have you no Idea when you shall return. I do not want you to return til 'tis the will of the Lord that you should do so but I do long for the time to come when I shall again enjoy your sweet company. and when I can unbosem my feelings to you face to face. instead of being writing to you so far a way. I must now conclude praying Heavens choisest blessing may attend you til you return in safty to your lonely Mary beleve me my dear companion I remain as ever your sincere & affectionate Wife Mary H Richards

[*right margin of page 4*] father wishes me to give his best love to you. says he would say be a good boy but he thinks it is no use as he expects you know enough to be good. if you do not there are those among you who can learn you. so much from father. though I expect he did think I would write it all you will perhaps wonder why I did [not] in the fore part of my letter it was because I did not see him so as to have a chance to ask him what I should write for him. his health is some better though he is not very strong. I expect you will find some excellant Spelling in this letter. that will comport with the beautifull maner it is composed and placed to gether but as I have every reason to beleve you are high learned I have hopes you will be able to read it. do write to me often my dear if you love me I know you will. for it is all ways a pleasure for me to write to you. althoug I do not know that my letters are intresting to you. but my sheet is full and I must conclude Oh! that I could but get a letter from you when you write please direct to me in care of father or some one of the Twelve Huntsuckers ferry, Atchingson County, Mo. wishe you would write a letter to father some time when you can I think it would please him

[*left margin of page 1*] think not that you are forgot by me For every day my love grows stronger though between us rolls the restless sea And absence makes the heart grows fonder. the ~~not~~ knot that was tied between dady & sister Morse has slipt. so we find the key that locks will unlock

[*left margin of page 2*] I have said nothing very encoriging aboute our future prospects but I expect we shall all live though the winter to be sure 'tis not

very pleasant to have our family seperated but when we cannot do as we would then we do as we can some of the brethern have agreed to help father about his house when the weather will admit so we may [*left margin of page 3*] but if it should so be that we do not get one we can live as we now do until warm weather then we can live in our Tent Oh My dear do write to me often. I do want to hear from you. I may go where I cannot send letters to you but I shall always be were you can send letters to me then if you love me do write as often as you can.

[*at the bottom of page 2*] Elsie Snyder says give all due respects for her to Samuel Bro VanCotts folks often enquire after you & all wish to be kindly rememberd to you.

[*at the bottom of page 3*] Henry says Scotland as burning. Run for life Boys Run he is the same meray boy as ever

[*addressed to*]

Mr. Samuel W. Richards

Care of Mr. Orson Spencer Esq

No 6. Goree Piazza

Liverpool England

received April 17 1847

Camp of Isreal. Winter Quarters. Omehas Nation.²⁹

In a Tent about 6 Rods West of the West Line of the City

April 15th 1847

My Dear an well rememberd Husband. Bros Benson & Littlefield called in our Tent yesterday to see us. the latter informed me that he intended to start for England in a few days. said he would carry letters or any thing that I might want to send to you. I tould him I should be happy to avail my self of his promis and I assure you itis with the greatest pleasure I improve this oppertunite to write to you. although I have written 3 letters. since the date of your last. which was Sep 30th near 8 long Months ago I wrote one in October & sent by Bro [Orson] Spencer. another in December Which Uncle W derected to be left in the Strangers Office Liverpool til called for. and a third on the 29th January directed to Goree Piazza liverpool. for four long Months I have Anxiously been looking for letters from you. but as yet have looked in vain. and had it not been that I was blessed with the privelige of reading the Mellenial Star. and learning there from that you had arrived to England in safty. I should long have been suffering that suspense which might be called Misery in the extream oh! my dear has your letters miscarrid or can it be that you have not written to me. if the latter why this neglect. has my Husband forgotten me has he no spare Moments to spend in communicating his thoughts & wishes to me. or have I indeed no claim upon your time or penn if so what have I done that you should consider me of so little consequence. oh my dear Samuel' had you but known' what we have

had to pass through this Winter and how long and dreary it has seemed me. without a home save a Tent and without my greatest comfort. that is your society. I am sure you would not have failed to have written to me. Oh! Samuel if you still love and respect me. do write often. I am sure it is the least you can do. if the Stars can come here in safety why not your letters. the above lines are a Specimen of the thoughts & enquires that have past through my mind this Winter. if you are inattentive of course they will not apply to you. and if they should in any ways seem unpleasant to your feelings I sincerely hope you will forgive me and I will try not to scold you any more for the present. but will try to write something that will sound [sound] more like sense I made mention in my last letter that I intended to visit father Burtons folks in Mo. I started for that place the next day being Tuesday. and arrived on Thursday night. I stayed with them six weeks during which time they were all well with the exception of Aunt Haven who had the Ague. while there I was sick for about three weeks I was ~~af~~ afflicted I suppose somewhat after the manner of Job or at least with about 40 of his comforters I could neither stand or walk. sit down or lay down with the least degree of ease or comfort. like Job I tried to endure my afflictions with Patience. and I expect it has saved me from a worse fate When I was well I enjoyed my self much. and when I was sick they did all they could for my comfort. My health is now quite good and has been for about 3 weeks. but when I returned home one week ago last Sunday I found Mother had been sick for near 3 weeks. father also was taken sick about the time I got home. their illness is called the black leg this disease commences by the feet swelling' & turning black it continues to ascend up into the limbs and if permitted to reach the Stomach. it is considered almost incurable. there has a great many been afflicted with this disease in the Camp. and many now sleep in the Arms of death among whom is Elizabeth Mcfate who died near 3 weeks ago also Mary Pierse. Joseph West's Widow [Lucinda Burton West] has already Chosen B Bro Benson as her future guardian. the black leg is said to arise from the want of Vegetables. Mother is getting much better is now sitting on the bed so as to give us more room in the Tent. she has finished sewing 2 hats which lay by her side' and is now to work on the 3th One of which I have braided since my return home. so you see we are not Idle I expect I shall have to work this summer in order that I may eat. so I have chosen the straw business as my occupation. so I suppose you will have no objections. father is still quite lame but I think he is some better he walks round considerable by the help of his cane. Henry is quite well is sitting on a Chest braiding. Maria & Synthe are well the latter is a sweet little dear. Melinda has been sick all Winter but appears to be getting better Wolter is gone to St Louis on Business. is expected back by the first of May. Jane was quite sick for a few days since my return but is now well. She is writing to Franklin. Uncle Levis folks & Aunt Rhoda & Uncle Willards folks are all well & send Love to you

[page 2] if Franklin has received Janes last letter to him. you will doubtless have heard the Melloncholy news of the death of our beloved Brother Joseph' who left this World on the 19th of November a little while before his death he told a person who stood by that he was weary. and if they would call in the Elders to bless him he would lay down and rest. said he was glad that he was were he was that he felt satisfide he had done his duty & Obayed Council. it is said he was perfectly resigned to his fate. Samuel I loved bruther Joseph. he seemed. near & dear to me. I cannot tell why itis that so lovely a young Man should be taken away' in his bloom but 'tis good to be resigned to the Will of Heaven Oh! how much his death caused me to think of my Samuel and pray that his life might be spared to him. how gladly do I recieve & cherish the words' he still lives & is well. let them come from what scorce the[y] may. My dear do pray that we may both live to Meet again. I try to live for your sake and hope & pray that you will live to be a comfort and a blessing to me. for ever more I must now go and get supper' so good night My dear' & the Lord bless you

Friday 16th it is a pleasent morning. and may it be a happy one to my dear Samuel were e'er he may be. Samuel when you read this letter' I think you will be able to judge from the unconnected manner in which it is writton that my mind is in an unsettled state which I assure you it is at present but you will please look over my failings' and I will try to tell you the reason why it is so. I received a letter from fathers folks in St Louis on the 4th in which was infoalded a letter you wrote to them. the former was dated Feb 15 the latter was dated in Glasgow Nov 11th 1846. I was much rejoiced at recieving this letter although it was not written to me. but it was your writting and it gave my me much joy to hear. that you was well. and prospering. also that you had seen my Sisters and ~~One~~ Brothers. tell William & Ellen I feel to Sympathize with them in the loss of their little one. I should have been glad to have seen my little name sake. Richard still sticks to his old trad. I wonder if he would give me a Besum as he did Alice if I should come & see him I should have been glad to have heard from Ann. & Robert and Cousen Magdelene but I sopose you forgot to mension their names. fathers folks were all well. with the exception of Ellen [Briggs Douglass Parker]. She had been sick all Winter but was getting better they said nothing about coming here this Spring. and I think it is probable they will not come this season. they was waiting for a letter from me in order to Ansure yours. I sent one to them a about 2 months ago which I expect they would receive about the time I got theirs On Monday night the 5th I visited at Uncle Ws and had a good long talk with him alone & by his own request. he told me that they had been talking about you in the Council and had desided to give you permission to come home this fall. also that he intended to write a letter to you & F himself before he left the City giving both the same privelige in case F was not so engaged in buisness as to make it hard for him to leave but he

said it was altogether for the best that you should come home and he wanted you should. said I had been a good girl. & had not Whined about your coming home. & so he had told me these things for my comfort. he said many things wich I would tel you if you was here but I cannot write them now before I retired he blessed me and said I should see you again for you should be blest and return in safty. since that I have seen him once and he told me he had writton to you. he left this City with the rest of the Twelve & the Pioneers on the 9th they are gone to seek in the far West a resting place for the Saints. on the 10 Bro P P Pratt arrived in the City. having left Bro Taylor in St. Louis he feard to come up the River lest it should cause the Missourians to go to the truble of feeding him on State expense. he found one of Brigham's horses in St Louis and so rode ~~up~~ upon it up to this Place. I saw him in the PM & made several enquires about you. he talked very freely with me. tould me he had seen you just nine Weeks before. that ~~said~~ you were well and in first rate Spirits. said you had sent letters and he bleved a parsel to me but the[y] were with Bro Taylor. &C &C Bro Taylor arrived here on the eve of the 13th and I waited as patiently as I could' til the next day in the PM. so as to give them no reason to complain of my horrying them I then went to Bro Pratts and enquired about the letters. he informed me that their Bagage was at least 60 miles from this Place. that Bro Taylor left them in care of Bro Cane who is bringing them in on Ox Waggon and that they did not travil more than 10 knots a day so he did not expect they would reach this Place before next Sunday.

[page 3] I felt as though I could not begin to write til I had seen yours. but I feard I should not have time to write all I wished to write. after getting yours before Bro L[littlefield] would go. I expect when you read this letter you will think I have mistaken the 3th page for the first. for you will not know were to find the beginning. and I do not know that you will the end I expect if I had your letter now. I should feel like putting this asside and writing a new one. for my Anxiaty is so great to see yours. that I scarcely know half the time. what I am writing. but I think you will have seen by this time why it is that my mind is in such a wandering condition. and I therefore hope that you will make allowances for all my wanderings. there is scarce a day passes. but what we receive ½ a dosen or more calls from the Sisters. and I have to stop and talk with them and so write when I can catch it. it is now time to prepair our evening meal so I must bid you good bye dear Samuel for the present

Saturday 17th this morning was very cold. with us but I pray it may greet you my dear in the full enjoyment of every needfull blessing. father has thought of writting to you & writing such things about the affairs of the Church as might interest you but he has just told [me] that he cannot write at present he feels sick. and I sopose his mind is weak in proportion with body. besides we are yet in our tent. and outside of the City line. & shall

have to move in. so he prefers to wait a little while til we get moved & C when he intends [to] write. and hopes to do so under differant sircumstances he wishes me to write his love to you and Franklin. I just been trying to get Mother to write a few lines to you' herself and I think she will do so since writing the above. Amelia has been here. & brought me a letter. which you wrote to Br Alixander Badlam. dated Nov 13th & 25 he sent it to me by Bro J Little who has just arrived in the Camp. he was in such haste to join the Pioneers. that he had not time to call & see us. this letter speaks of F being sick also of your healths being poor. I am sorry to hear this. for it seems to me as though I would much rather suffer than to have you suffer. but I must submit to the will of Heaven. you also speak of Martin Harris being in Eng. Bro Pratt in the course of his Sermon last Sunday. said while in New Orleans he saw a letter. writon by a Reverant Gent. to [hole] he soposed to be his friend in that [illegible] after he [hole] in Eng. 2 Weeks. he had a Revalation to return home. [hole] said he got his Revalation from Bro Banks as it regards the [hole] the Camp. you will be able to learn more from Bro Littlefield [hole] can posably write. the Twelve have left their familys and gone [to seek] a place for the Saints to gather to. but [hole] you [hole] you will no doubt have many chances to talk with them [hole]. Oh Samuel were I but sure that you would come home this [hole] one thinks the summer would pass away like [hole] but to [hole] forward to next Spring every month seems like a year [hole] but it is the will of the Twelve that you come home this fall and I hope you will. Samuel. as much as I love you was it not for the [hole] of the Twelve. I should be the last one to say to you come home. [hole] want you to do whatsoever is right in the sight of our Heavenly Father and as I said to Uncle W I now write that I would rather [hole] you should be absent from me 5 years. than that you should ever do anything. that would put a stain upon your Character. or do Ingury to the [hole] in which you are now ingaged. my prayer continually is. that the Lord will bless you with his holy Spirit to gide and direct you into [hole] truth and make forever unto you all things which your heart des[ires] in Righteousness. that your life may be preacious in his sigh[t] and that you may live to do a great Work upon the Earth. do not think me cold and different dear Samuel because I write thus. itis far from me to be so. there is no Woman can think more of her Husband or love him dearer. than I do you itis imposable neighter is there any one that would love to be in the sociaty of their Companion better than myself. Monday 19th [hole] was so cold & windy yesterday. that we didnot have meeting Mother wrote one page a letter to you & F Father then commenced writing and is now filling up the sheet. I expect he will write you all the perticulars about the City. [hole] they are now doing. and what they intend to do this summer also the [be]seechings of the Church so I forbear as he has given me to understand that is [his] intention. I expect you would like to to hear something concerning the sircumstances of our family. as it regards useless

things. we are [hole] to ritch for our comfort while [washed out] besides things that are [hole] to us others dont want to buy buy buy.

[at the top of page 4] provisions we have not had none for a long time except what we have bought I have paid out considerable Money already. and expect to do so long as I have any. Joseph sent 20 dollars to father wich has been a great help to us Mother has sold 5 hats this Spring and got good pay for them. but Henry dont love to braid. and I expect our own work is about all we have to depend upon. father is making great calculations about planting. but I am an unbelever in the Thery of counting Chickings before they are Atched. father laid the foundation for 2 houses last fall. or rather 2 large rooms joining together one he intended for a basket Factory and calculated to have 4 or 5 Women work there as an addision to mothers comfort by the bye. the other for us to live in. but I fear he forgot to count the cost before he commenced or at any rate he failed in doing either w[h]ere as if he had only been satisfide to have built one room as others had done. the Brethren would have torned out & helped to build it. and we migh[t] have been living in a comfortable house all winter. but it is past now. and I hope we shall all learn wisdom by the things we have sufferd. Sister Morse I wrote you is no longer counted as one of our family at present except my love to your self I am your Mary H R

[at the bottom of page 4] April 26th a few lines [hole] before I close my letter. yesterday was a very pleasent day we had meeting at the [hole] Brother Taylor preached us an interesting discourse and spoke of all [hole] England. in the highest terms. after meeting I went to see Aunt Rhoda on porpose to enquire if she had any thing to say to you & invited her to write a [s]crap to put in my letter. which she promised to do if she could get time. but desired me to tell you that she often thought of you & F and wished she could reach your [hole] wished you all the good you needed &C &C Aunt Sarah also wishes to be rememberd said she would write a note to you. Uncle Levi Says he feels [hole] Congratulate you in your high calling and Trusts you will prove your selfs Worthy of the Trusts committed to your Charge &C &C on my return home I called at Bro VanCots who enquired much about you & your [illegible] of which I told them considerable Mother V seemed to be very much interessted for you. I do think she thinks a great deal of you she wished very much to be rememberd. and also Sister VanCot. Oh my love I do love that family they are so very kind but I must [hole] to a close. and bid you good bye for the present and beleve me dear Samuel [to] be forever your affectionate Wife Mary H Richards

[margin of page 4] I expect when you return the folks will expect us to live ~~return to~~ with them as we did before you went. but if you should wish to know my mind on this subject I would much rather live alone with you. were I could do and have things to suite my own notion this is a matter dear to my heart. Samuel and I long to see the time when we shall enjoy it. I have

heard the saying when youve got a wife you think youve gott all things. then you want every thing else but a Wife. you have got a wife my dear I am Glad to acknowledge but you know she is not possessed of riches aside from the ritches of the kingdom of God. So you can use your best judgement in what you bring. if you will direct letters to me. Auston Post Office near Huntsuckers ferry. Atchingson County Missouri[i]. I am acquainted with Mr. Thomas Tutt[l]e who has charge of the Office and he has promised to forward direct to me. and do let me hear from you often I shall write to you again in about 2 months so no more

[*margins of page 1*] Bro & sister Smithes are well and wish to be rememberd to you and that you would remember them to their Brothers & Sisters and to all our friends I spent one week with them this winter. and enjoyed myself much. please to give my love to all my Brothers & sisters. tell them I often think of them all & wish to see them when you write again please to say how Ann is I would love to hear from her.

[*margins of pages 2 & 3*] I will here speak of the [*tear*] I spoke of in my other letter the Cloke you sent me I have not got & had thought to say nothing about this for the sake of Bro Cains feelings. but I saw him yesterday and he requested to write and let you know it. there was a sister who had charge of the keys for a few minutes. whom they mistrust having taken it out of the Chest. Bros Taylor & Pratt are going to write to her she is in St. Louis. so I expect when I write again I shall be able to tell you the result. if I should not get it I shall need another very much. as my Josey or Cloke I wrote you was milldewed and spoiled together with a number of other things. Last Summer the things you sent me are as usefull as as any things you could have sent. if you use as good judgement about all other things you will do well [*addressed to*]

Mr. Samuel W. Richards
Care of Mr. Franklin D. Richards
6 Goree Piazza
Liverpool, England
received Sept 28th 1847

[*addition to the previous letter*]³⁰

Tuesday 27th My dear Samuel it is a pleasant morn and I expect Bro Littlefield ~~ey~~ every moment to call for my letters. but I thought While he lingerd I would write one more line to you. my health is very good. Mother is quite Smart. she has all the Straw work She can do. people flock in by the holsale to get hats made. Bonnets cleaned & C & C father seems to be gaining for [s]ame is in pretty good spirits. you ask who I take the most comfort [*hole*] with Mother when at home. and a great deal of comf[*hole*] [Jane] & kiss her often and tell her I could ten times rather [*hole*] have our jokes. to keep us from getting the Blues. I [*hole*] comfort with Maria and Melinda & Amelia.

A. has just got a [*hole*] Aunt Nancy [Nancy Richards Peirson]. and all the folks were well you speak of Merrym[ent] your Mary is such a merry Girl she ~~sh~~ takes Merrymment with all her friends and would with you I expect if you were only here. for she used to take the most comfort with you of any one when you was here. My dear I often [think] of the time when we parted and wonder if you ~~think~~ look upon me as I then ~~as~~ felt. for I was a Child in feelings and more so' in Actions. I was weak in body and weak in mind and now do tell me if you look upon me in that light. and if I write or do any which you think is not right be free to tell me for I shall and do take comfort in doing any thing that is pleasing to you and want to do all I can for your comfort

[*page 2: a short poem in the left margin has a hole in most of it, so only the first part has been copied*]

You cannot see me now my Dear
Oh! no it cannot be
But here is one lock of my hair
View it and think of me. . . .

Jane has just been in our Tent and says I may give you a liberal portion of her love all she can spare from Franklin must so you will please accept it. and please to give a liberal portion of my love to F all I can Spare from you and the rest of my friends in Eng-tell him that I say Jane is a firstrate Girl. but I expect he knows it. Aunt Rhoda has just sent me word she cannot write now but wishes me to say she thinks more of you now than she ever did when you write again please say how Ann and her family is and Robert if you know any thing of them. and also dear Cousen Magdelene and all my freinds how do you like them was you much disapointed in them did they treat you well. & 40 11 questions I would be asking you if you were only here. I shall look for you home this fall. & please write what time you think you will start. good buy my love I am yours forever Mary H R

