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Winter Quarters Omahaw Nation March 11

Dear Sir it is with peculiar Feelings that I improve the present Opportunity of writing to you: I am happy to inform you of our present situation: as for myself I never enjoyed better health in Ohio: Adaline Rezpar and James are quite as well as could be expected — Mother is slowly recovering from a long Spell off sickness occationed By one exertion Dureing the sick of the girls — otherwise peace and happiness prevades this habitation. Andrew Schultins leaves here next monday in the Pioneer company for the west in order to raise crops for the season. As usual the waters of Great Messiri seperate the rest of our friends from the Body of the church — Samuel John and Finaly all that were in Nauvoo Laharp and Iowa are comfortably situated on the eastern shores of the Missuri in the Bluffs that present themselves in ragged deformities on every side. Aunt Becky has spent several days with us during our affliction — She also sends her Best respects to you and Family. By the Direction of the Government five hundred of the Saints enlisted under one colonel Allan to be discharged in california at the expiration of one year. Among the Number undaunted by the hardships of war — and stimulated by the love of his country — moved forward to the Stack of arms and raised his musket to his shoulder and exclaimed with me it is liberty or or Death: was Harlem Mc Bride, The roar of cannon or the clash of resounding arms — would of been music to his ears. to that of a long Farewell to his Widowed mother and Fatherless Brothers and sister, perhaps a last adieu to his Mother on the Decline of Life and one sister in the Beauty of her age — and two ~~sisters~~ small Boys for future comfort and support, Was like piercing the heart of the young Brave — But in the Discharge of his Duty at the sound of the Drums marched forward to his post,

Late this fall to the Assistance of James and Oliver George has proved himself to Be a Dutiful son, and come to the help of his mother. ~~Late this fall~~ About the last Days July the mormon Battalion took up there line of march for the west. The church has received intelligence from them since they left here, on Friday last two ~~men~~ of the ~~Schoolmasters~~ Soldier arrived in the camp from the army