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At last we landed all safe in Casell gardens New York in February 1856 about nine oclock in the evening. I forgot to mention that poor old brother William Haley went on deck to the cook house and the wind blew his stove pipe hatt over board and when he came and told his poor old wife that he had lost his hatt she scolded him and said now you can go the rest of the way without a hatt for I will not let you have your new hatt or you will loose that so she tied a red handkerchef around his head the poor old man fealt very bad about loosing his had he said it cost him twelve shilings and sixpence I ask him how long he had wourn it he Said twelve Years I said well if I was you brother I would not greive about that old hatt for I think it has done you good serivce I think that has been avery cheap hatt oh me how angrey he was with me he seemed to think I had no sympathy for him in his troubles and when we arived at Casel gardens his wife found an old half stove pipe hatt she gave it to the poor old Man he Said it was to small for him but as he was the boss she put on his head and said you will have wear that or none I will never forget how the poor old man looked with that old hatt just stuck on the top of his head I fealt sorrey to see the poor old man go out in the street looking such aguy thay had plenty of Money but his wife said she would not go and buy him another hatt and she was the captain her word was law

In the Morning Presedent John Taylor and brother Miles came to visit to make enquirey to findout who had Money and who had not those that was able to go out and rent rooms for themselvs had to do So and those that need help had aplace provided for them and provisions provided for them. My father and Myself went to Williamsburg and rented three rooms we bought asecond hand cook stove a table and two or three chairs and we was soon comfortably settled for four Months

We soon all got work My father was afirst class Gardener and he very soon had more work than he could attend too Making and laying out flower gardens he got good wages My brother was a shoe Maker and
he also did well Myself and Sister Maria got work in the Store in grant Street making mantilla\(^5\) we worked peice work and Made good wages My sister\(^8\) Jane and Sarah got work taking care of babys so we all got work and did well my brother Robert was ten years old . he went to School we was doing fine in Williamsburg We was all working and expected to stay here untill the next year then we thought we would make enough Money to buy an outfit to go to Utah : but we was greatly suprised

Sometime in May we received orders from Liverpool to be ready to start on our journey to leave New York the begining of July and go to Iowa and to join the handcart company to cross the plains by handcart this was aterrable great suprise to us all\(^6\) at first we fealt we never could undertake to pull ahancart from Iowa to Salt Lake City and My poor Mother in delicate health she had Not walked amile for years and we girls had never been use to out door work My brother in law John Jaques was ^in Liverpool^ in the ofiice with Franklen D. Richers from there we received orders to be ready to go that season by handcart to Utah my poor Mother fealt So bad about it that she requested me to write to my brother in law John Jaques as he was in the Liverpool ofice . with Franklin D Richards\(^7\) Mother wished Me to tell him that she did not think that she and her girls could ever undertake to go that long Journey and pull ahand cart from Iowa \(\gamma\) to S. L. Citey and to tell him also : that she would want arevelation from God before she could make up her Mind to go that hard way to the valley I wrote the letter and mailed it in dew time My Br in law received it it apearad that he did not like the contents of the letter\(^8\) :

[O]ne day I went to Presedent John Taylors ofiice on business he Said well sister Patience when are you going to Utah I told him that we had came to the conclusion to Stay in New York untill the next Year as we was all working and we thought we could Make enough money to buy agood outfit by the next year he thought that was avery good plan\(^9\) then I told him My father had orders come from the ofiice in Liverpool from Presedent F. D. Richards to get ready at once ^to^ leave New York and get up to Iowa camping ground to meet a company of saints that would go by handcart to salt Lake City and that araingments was made for My father and his family to get our handcarts at Iowa and go with that company that expected to start on there Journey sometime in July . Br Taylor was quite suprised when I told him he seemed to feel sorrey for us he knew that My father had only we fourgirls to help him as Mother was avery delicate Woman unable to take a journey by handcart across the plains I ask Br Taylor if he would like to have his girls pull ahand cart across the plains he Said no . but Patience I cannot say anything about the Matter as you are under the Councel of Presedent Richards You will have to go acording to councel but at the same time I don’t think you will be able to go any further than councel bluff\(^8\) this season you will be to late starting
councel bliffs he said is two hundred and seventyfive Miles from Iowa City and when you get there you will find out how you feel if you can stand the Journey or not but My opinion is that you will have to stay there untill Next Spring¹⁰ and that is what we should have done it would have been the saving of hundreds of lives good men and women faithfull Members of the Church.

I return back home after this conversation with Presedent John Taylor told My father and Mother that I had been talking with Br Taylor about us go by handcart to Utah and told them all what he said that we was under the councel of Bro F. D Richards My poor Mother still held in the same mind she did not feel that She could ever undertake that long Journey by hand carts and we girls all fealt the same as Mother and as for Myself I think I fealt the worst out of all the family I could not see it right at all to want us to do such a humeliating thing to be I said harnest up like cattle and pull a handcart loded up with our beding cooking utencels and our food and clothing and have to go through different town⁸ to be looked at and Made fun off as I knew we would be it was very hurtfull to my feelings Yes I will say and to my pride in My Young days such away of traveling was very humelating to my feelings and I did not think it was necessary Make people pull ahand cart when by waiting another year we could have bought good teems and wagon but we was still waiting for further order⁸ from Liverpool before we Made any moove to leave New York¹¹

[O]ne day T. B. H. stenhouse¹² came from The Presedents ofi ce he said did you know that your name is in the Mellinal star Br Loader You are thought to be apostizing from the Church & it sais father Loader has brought his family out of one part of Bablon and Now he wants to settle down in another part of Bablon¹³ this hurt My poor dear father’s feelings very Much he said to Mother I cannot stand that to be acused of apostacy I will show them better ; Mother I am going to Utah I will pull the hand cart if I die on the road We all knew if our father said he would go . that we would all have to go for he would never leave any of us in New York Neither would we have been willing to be left there after our dear father and Mother had gone away So when father gave the word we all agreed to go with him and we commenced to make ready for the Journey we all gave Notice to quit our work on such aday and got ready to leave new York on the third of July 1856.