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Mary S. Crockett →  
(mother)                      Nora

Snowbound on the  
divide - 5 engines  
to bring train through

that I could  
not write your  
last letter abo  
along time in  
coming I was  
very glad to hear  
how well and h  
settled Give my  
love to M. E. and  
baby kiss the babe  
for me Lydia is  
very sick with  
the rheumatism  
Fred came on  
horse Friday after  
stroke so he went  
that night I have  
not heard anything  
since I do not  
know whether  
Mary has got  
back to Albany  
or not if not  
she must  
drawed  
some  
and some on Polygamy and finally  
when he bid me good by just as we  
got in Logan he said I was the only  
mormon lady he had ever spoken  
to and he had never spoken to but  
one mormon gentleman a few  
moments in Ogden and that was  
F. Haimond for I saw them  
talking a few moments he told  
me that he had been highly  
entertained and only wished  
had a longer time to converse  
or else had improved the oppor  
tunity sooner he asked me my name  
and gave me his on a piece of  
paper Well I gues you begin to  
think that I am not anxious to  
hear from you but I am  
Circumstances have been such

have you seen  
Willie lately  
so how is he getting  
along  
I am glad you  
have got me  
your feathers  
you can keep  
them until  
you come ar  
until you get  
a good chance  
to send them  
when you do  
come fetch  
something to  
get hairy  
I want you  
to have some  
please write  
soon to your  
loving mother

Dear Daughter Pora  
I will try and write you a few lines  
although it is so cold that I can hardly  
write and I am sitting between the  
stove and the wall it is 40 degrees  
below zero it has been very cold  
for the past week I have been  
on a visit south I was gone between  
5 and six weeks and when I came  
home the train was snowed in at  
the divide and I had to stay in  
Ogden for 26 hours and then when  
I started from Ogden it took from  
7 o'clock in the evening until 3 o'clock  
in the morning for we was snowbound  
on the divide and it took a long time  
to get out it was terrible cold and wind  
and dark we could not see anything

the snow plow working to dig us out it  
took five engines to bring us through  
to Logan when I got out of the car I looked  
back and it was a sight to see the five  
engines and cars all covered with  
snow and ice the wind blowing and  
terrible cold I thought I should  
have to seek shelter somewhere  
until morning for I knew that some  
one had been to meet me the night  
before and I thought there would  
be no one there for it was so cold  
3 o'clock in the morning but just  
of my great joy when the first  
that I knew I ran a gainst the  
and then pretty soon Merry came  
she had been looking for me  
but did not know me and thought  
I had not come until a man  
told her I had come on the train  
I was fixed up so grand that she

the boys have got a brother on  
I forgot to say with all  
thought I was some grand Lady  
Berchie was out in a sleigh waiting  
do you not think it was kind for  
they had been there the night  
before and Berchie froze his ears  
well when we got up home your  
father was sitting up to keep fire  
waiting for us and George sick with  
with the measles Henry just got  
over them Henry had just got over  
the chicken pox when I went away  
you may be sure that I for one  
was very thankful to get home  
again Although I had a very  
good time while away and left  
well I also had a good time  
while in the waiting room in Ogden  
and coming home for I made  
some very good acquaintances  
especially one a Gentleman  
from Nebraska we had some  
considerable talk some fuss