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__ Alex. Va

Mrs. Mary Easton Sibley

Dear Madam.

Perhaps we may succeed in our undertaking if we preserve it, till that __, for God will help us in good cause of spreading His Gospel among the heathen lands. I am very glad to hear from you do good __ as you are trying to find out some means to give Christian education to my sisters in __ Good female College. I will be very glad & do anything which __ possible toward my sister's education.

The __ I wrote a long letter to Dr. Hepburn the Presbyterian missionary at Yokoyama, about my sisters. He was one of my good teachers in __, [line illegible, paper folded] of medicine at Yokoyama, and no doubt he will help us about our design of transporting my sisters from Yokoyama to this country, if you can reassure a __ and support for their education,

We may not succeed if soon, but I trust we will see soon the day of my relatives coming to the country here they will be educated with all necessary Knowledge __ missionary. I will write as soon as possible to my father and sisters about this glad tidings, and no doubt they will rejoice, and gladly will come to this Enlighted __ land, as soon as they can, and also will write to the President of __ S.S. __ N. York and who has already gratified me at sea passage from Yokoyama who to San Francisco.

I think we may perhaps procure a free passage from Yokoyama to San Francisco to Oyden near Salt Lake City, from Central Paepie Rail Road Co if we ask for it. Therefore only obstacles is from Ogden to St. Charles to which I know nothing about to ask for a free passage. But if you have some idea __ __ its passage, then we very __ secure a entire passage from Yokoyama to St. Charles

So if you can complete your undertaking & [page missing] by the grave of our heavenly father we will [page missing] the day of my sisters coming to this enlightened Christian land, but as to the date of their coming I can not tell, for the world was not made in a day, to my sisters coming must __ so too.

Now the __ is very bad, as the [page missing] blocked up on the trust Rocky Mountains and was [page missing] also suspended therefore it takes three months [page missing] send my letter to Yokoyama, __ I can't [page missing] __ __ till the caught March or May.

Therefore __ to complete the __ it late us at least one year, but you __ not surprise by this statement for I know by my experience of __.

Please write me soon, I remain yours with hope of great joy.

Isaac K. Yokoyama