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Pres. John Taylor

Dear Brother

I called at your house last Thursday
to have conversation with you concern-
ing my future salvation I did not
explain my feelings or wishes to you
I realize my race & color & can't
expect my Endowments as others
who are white My race was han-
ded down through the flood &
God promised Abraham that in
his seed all the nations of the
earth should be blest & as this is
the fulfills of all dispensations
is there no blessing for me
I with my fathers family came from
Connecticut 42 years the 14th of last
Oct I am the only one of my fathers
family that kept the faith
you know my history & according
to the best of my ability I have

lined

To all the requirements of the
Gospel when we reached
Haarvon we were 9 in the family
& had traveled 9 hundred miles
on foot Br Joseph Smith took us
in & we staid with him & family
until all had comfortable homes
provided I remained with him
until a few day of his death.

Sister Emma came to me & asked
me how I would like to be adopt-
ed to them as a child I did not
comprehend her & she came again
I was green I did not give her
a decided answer & Joseph died
& remain as I am if I could
be adopted to him as a child
my soul would be satisfied
I had been in the Church one
year when we left the east that
was 32 years before of last Oct

Br Saylor I hope you will
pardon me for intruding
on you so much & hope & pray
you will be able to lay my case
before Br Cannon & Br Jos & Smith.
& God will in mercy grant my
request in being adopted to Br
Joseph as a child

I remain your sister in the
Gospel of Christ

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