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## Letter from Gen. Bennett.

The following was received several weeks since, during our absence. We now lay it before our readers, as we believe many of them are interested in every thing pertaining to the Mormons. Gen. B. it will be recollected, once belonged to that sect, and published a book in exposition of their doctrines and practices. We of course assume none of the responsibility of the statements contained in this letter; but give it as we received it.

Moscow, Iowa, Oct., 28th A. D. 1843.

Mr JAMES G. EDWARDS, SIR:—According to promise, I now address you a few lines in relation to the new doctrine of "MARRYING FOR ETERNITY," lately gotten up by the Holy Joe, the *Rough He Goat of Mormonism*, for the benefit of his flock. Joe says that as "they neither marry, nor are given in marriage; but are as the angels which are in Heaven," in *eternity*, it has been revealed to him that there will be no harmony in heaven unless the *Saints* select their companions and marry IN TIME, FOR ETERNITY !!! They must marry in time so as to

begin to form that sincere attachment and unsophisticated affection which it is so necessary to consummate in *eternity* in order to the peace of Heaven. So Joe Smith has lately been married to his present wife Emma, for *eternity* as well as for *time*. The doctrine is that a man may select as many wives for *eternity* as his devotion to the interests of the Mormon Church will entitle him—and this is to be determined by revelation through His Holiness, the Prophet! This "*marrying for eternity*" is not the "*Spiritual Wife doctrine*" noticed in my Expose, but is an entirely new doctrine established by special Revelation. The "*SPIRITUAL WIVES*," for *time*! and the "*CELESTIAL WIVES*," for *eternity*! The Mormons are now busily engaged in carrying out the doctrine.