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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 for 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 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 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.

There is another matter of more importance which I wish to mention. On the 16th inst., Governor Carlin informed me that he was informed by a conspicuous Mormon that it was susceptible of the clearest proof that MORE THAN TWENTY OF THE LEADING MORMONS WERE ENGAGED IN HIRING O. P. ROCKWELL TO SHOOT GOVERNOR BOGGS! This is a matter of much importance, as I was not before aware that any excepting Joe Smith was in engaged in *paying* Rockwell for the felonious deed. I hope that Missouri will respond to the call of the Anti-Mormon Convention of Illinois in relation to another demand for

the Mormon Prophet, for I am now fully satisfied that the principal witnesses are afraid to, and will not, testify unless Joe is secured -- for they would do it at the sacrifice of their lives. I am now more fully satisfied than ever that if Joe is secured *all* the testimony both in relation to Smith and Rockwell will be forthcoming. The report here to-day is that Missouri *has* responded to the call, and that a new warrant will issue -- I hope it is true, for I will as fast as possible secure the testimony of material witnesses. In haste. Yours Respectfully,

JOHN C. BENNETT.