tional; that the hue-and-cry which has been raised is baseless and uncalled for; and that there is no need for Congress to violate any principle of free government and equal rights in its treatment of Utah or the "Mormon" question.

The enemies of Utah have always been opposed to such enquiry. They want no commissions of that kind. Investigation is not to their taste. They proceed by misrepresentation of facts, the inflaming of the public mind, and the incitement of public men to act as the unthinking masses demand. Such a Commission as is asked for would be a wet blanket on the flames of anti-"Mormon" passion, and a developer of the true features of the Utah situation, and this would prove destructive to the schemes of the plotters.

Whether Congress shall take the course of prudence or of folly, of investigation or of blind haste, of statesmanship or of demagogery; the Utah Legislature in asking for the Commission has done its duty to the Territory and the country, and the result remains for the powers that be to determine.

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**Correction**

SALT LAKE CITY, Feb. 18th, 1882.

*Editor Deseret News.*

I see, by the reporter's synopsis of my remarks yesterday at the funeral services in the Assembly Hall, that I am made responsible for the following statement: "That the women who entered into plural marriage with the Prophet Joseph Smith were shown to him and named to him as early as 1831; and some of them were given in marriage to him as early as that date." This latter statement is wholly incorrect. What I did say was to the effect that when the Prophet Joseph Smith received the revelation in relation to the eternity of the marriage covenant, which includes plural marriage, in 1831, the Lord showed him those women who were to engage with him in the establishment of that principle in the Church, and at that time some of these women were named and given to him, to become his wives when the time should come that this principle should be established.

Very respectfully, etc.,

JOSEPH F. SMITH.
of the following day was introduced in the Congress yesterday, Colonel General M. I. Smith, and unanimously adopted by the body and subsequently by the House of Representatives was telegraphed to Washington by the Hon. Mr. W. H. S. Smith, Speaker of the House, and the Hon. Mr. W. H. S. Smith, Senate of the Legislative Assembly of Utah, and the House of Representatives in Congress assembled.

Whereas, There are now pending in the Senate and House of Representatives the most important bills which the Congress has in view the appointment of a Committee of Citizens of Utah and other States, who shall be totally and wholly irresponsible to the people appertaining to the subject of the appointment, and to generally control the affairs of the territory and

Whereas, We have deeply the interests of peace and general property now pervading through the territory, the interest of the States and of the Union, and the interest of the community of Washington, Adams and Jefferson and the interest of the sanctions of rights, which constitute the virtues, the good and the peace, the blood of the dead, the glory of the past, and the manners, and the habits of the people, we do hereby authorize the Congress to pass a law

Now, therefore, be it resolved by the Congress of the United States of America, and the citizens of the States of Utah, that we do hereby authorize the Congress to pass a law

Adopted February 16th, 1853.
FRANCIS M. LINCOLN.
Speaker of the House.

JACOB P. SMITH,
President of the Council.


to a corner of forty acres for the erection of a church and school house in the neighborhood of Salt Lake City, and for the support of such schools and churches as may be necessary.

The following is a true copy of the act of Congress passed at the session of 1853:

An act to authorize and encourage the erection of schools and churches in the Territory of Utah, and for the support of such schools and churches as may be necessary.

Be it enacted by the Congress of the United States of America, and by the State of Utah, That the following acts be and the same are hereby declared to be enacted into law:

First. That the President of the United States be and he is hereby authorized and directed to appoint a commission of three persons, to be known as "The Salt Lake City Commission," to survey and locate a tract of land in the neighborhood of Salt Lake City, and to make such surveys and locate such land as may be necessary for the erection of schools and churches in the neighborhood of Salt Lake City.

Second. That the said commission shall have power to purchase such land as may be necessary for the erection of schools and churches in the neighborhood of Salt Lake City, and shall be compensated for their services by the sum of $1,000 per annum, to be paid by the President of the United States.

Third. That the said commission shall have power to make and execute such contracts as may be necessary for the erection of schools and churches in the neighborhood of Salt Lake City.

Fourth. That the said commission shall have power to hire such labor as may be necessary for the erection of schools and churches in the neighborhood of Salt Lake City.

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Sixth. That the President of the United States be and he is hereby authorized and directed to cause to be published in the public newspapers of the United States and in the Territory of Utah a notice of the appointment of the said commission, and of the powers and duties conferred upon them.

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