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Sarah Miller - Chauncy Higley

Testimony of Sarah Miller before the High Council  
of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints in the  
City of Nauvoo Aug 24<sup>th</sup> 1842. - against Chauncy  
Higley.

Some two or three weeks since, in consequence of  
Bro Joseph Smith's teachings to the <sup>sisters</sup> ~~single~~ women, I began to be alarmed  
concerning myself, & certain teachings, which I had received  
from Chauncy Higley, & questioned him about his teachings, for  
I was pretty well persuaded from Joseph's public teachings that  
Chauncy had been telling falsehood. But Chauncy said that  
Joseph had taught as he did through necessity, on  
account of the prejudices of the people, & his own family  
<sup>particularly</sup> as they had not become ~~fully~~ believes in the  
doctrine. I then became satisfied that <sup>all</sup> of Chauncy's  
teaching had been false & that he had never been  
authorized by any one in authority to make any such  
<sup>communication</sup> communication to me. Chauncy Higley's teachings & conduct  
were as follows. When he first came to my house, after  
the special conference this spring, <sup>my</sup> ~~my~~ <sup>husband</sup> ~~husband~~ <sup>was</sup> ~~was~~ <sup>with</sup>  
him, <sup>he</sup> ~~he~~ <sup>then</sup> ~~then~~ <sup>removed</sup> ~~removed~~ <sup>his</sup> ~~his~~ <sup>seat</sup> ~~seat~~ <sup>near</sup>  
me & began his seducing insinuations by saying it was  
no harm to have sexual intercourse with women if they  
would keep it to themselves, & continued to urge me to  
yield to his desires, & urged me vehemently, & said he &  
Joseph were <sup>good</sup> ~~good~~ <sup>friends</sup> & he teaches me this doctrine,  
& allows me such privileges & there is no harm in  
it & Joseph Smith says so. I told him I did not believe  
it & had <sup>heard</sup> ~~heard~~ <sup>no</sup> ~~no~~ <sup>such</sup> ~~such <sup>teaching</sup> ~~teaching~~ from Joseph. Now from the stand  
but that it was wicked to commit adultery or, Chauncy said  
that did not mean single women, but married women.  
& continued to press his instructions & arguments until after  
dark, & until I was inclined to believe, for he called God  
to <sup>witness</sup> ~~witness~~ of the truth, & was so solemn & confident, I  
yielded to his temptations, having received the <sup>strongest</sup> ~~strongest~~ assurance  
from him that Joseph approved it, & would assist me in it.  
me in it~~