

Jany. 26. 1845

Quorum of 70. in the 70 Hall 10 a.m.

Joseph Young lecturing:

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... I want every man who steals, cut off & sent down to hell. if I call out a mans name who steals he is wicked enough to seek my life - I wod. go thro' Streets & say give me labor & food to sustain myself & family - if there is a man in these Quorums who steal I will cut them off & publish them in the Neighbor we have always taught them to be honest virtuous & upright - the honest, pure & good I want in a body by themselves & the wicked will go to hell - here are the lives of thousands jeopardised by these rascals - they will call you Brother & pilfer your property - they are neither Mormons, nor Hymn beings, but mongrels, & I think there is a good number of people here, who will bear me out, the time is coming when they will be ferreted out - Aremius Johnson was cut off 5 yrs ago. Alanson Brown was cut off - he has turned States evidence & names 200 of his colleagues. Jacob Gates there are some have been in the penitentiary & are come back in our midst - these names have been thrown in my face this past week - I cannot blame the old Citizens for their hard feelings - James Dunn got in a scrape in a Mo. he has been to the penitentiary, & yet retains his standing - he wrote to his Uncle in Michigan that the 12 sanctioned his stealing - Potts & Davidson have been to the penitentiary, Miss D- sd. Johnson was an old acquaintance there is a perfect band of them on this side, & the other, (of the River) if we can feret out the thieves, we shall then be able to accomplish what we want. Joseph motioned that we drop James Dunn & carried - he then enquired about the character of David Holman, Jacob Gates bror. Holman had better suffer for a Season, than that the whole body shouls suffer - Joseph Young sd. when a man is councilled to come in, & he refuses to come in - a man who will secrete a thief will steal himself - when limb gets dead, I used to cut if off, & then the Tree grew well, we must rise & shake ourselves from these kind of men. - J. D. Lee spoke on behalf of Holman. D. Young spoke to root out evils - Jos: Young was in a very difficult sitn. we can hardly strike amiss - I am merciful - let Holman's case stand a little season - if he is a thief he can cease from it, and become a good man, all these things are heaped upon us as abody. I want the brethren to find some tangible witness against Holman

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