Minutes of the High Council
of the
Church of Jesus Christ
of
Latter Day Saints of Nauvoo
Hancock County Illinois
From the 20th of May 1842 to the 19th February 1843
Names of the members of the High Council
William Marks, President of the Council
Austin Cowles
Charles C. Rich President's Councillors

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May 20th 1842. Council met at the Store-of-Joseph-Smith Lodge Room

Charge against Chancy L Higbee by George Miller. For unchaste and unvirtuous conduct with the widow Miller and others. Plead not guilty.

Two were appointed to speak on each side Viz-- (6) George W. Harris
(7) Thos Grover (8) Aaron Johnson (9) Newel Knight.

The defendant Plead for an adjournment as he was not ready for trial for the want of his evidence.

The council decided that his reasons were not sufficient for an adjournment and proceeded to trial.

Three witness testified that he had seduced them and at different times been guilty of unchaste and unvirtuous conduct with them and taught the doctrine that it was right to have free intercourse with women if it was kept secret &c and also taught that Joseph Smith authorized him to practise these things &c.
Resolved, That he (Chancy Higbee) be expelled from the Church and the same be made publick through the medium of the "Times and Seasons."

2nd Charge against Robert D. Foster by Nathan F Knight for unchristian-like conduct in not being willing to settle with me honorably for work that my son did for him and for a ten dollar bill that he had of my son which said bill was counterfeit but he refused to give it up and my son was deprived of the privilege of taking it back and exchanging it where he got it. Plea'd not guilty One were appointed to speak on each side Viz (11) Leonard Soby and (12) Joshua Smith Pro tem.

The charge was not sustained. On motion Resolved, That he be acquitted

After which the parties were reconciled Adjourned till Saturday the 28th at President Hyrum Smith's office at 1 O'clock

Hosea Stout Clerk

May 24th 1842 The High Council met according to appointment at the Lodge Room

1st The testimony of Mrs Sarah Miller and Miss Margaret and Matilda Neymans were taken relative to the charge against Chancy Higbee and others showing the manner of iniquity practised by them upon female virtue & the unhallowed means by which they accomplished their desires.

Adjourned till to morrow at 12 o'clock

H Stout

May 25th 1842 The Council met according to adjournment

1st Charge against against John Hodson by H. G. Sherwood For unlawfully detaining from Harriet Parker, her house and premises, done in her behalf.

The defendant did not appear. The charge was fully sustained. On motion Resolved That he be disfellowshiped until he make satisfaction to H. G. Sherwood and restore the house to Harriet Parker

2nd Charge against Mrs Catherine Warren by George Miller for unchaste and unvirtuous conduct with John C. Bennett and others.
The defendant confessed to the charge and gave the names of several others who had been guilty of having unlawful intercourse with her stating that they taught the doctrine that it was right to have free intercourse with women and that the heads of the church also taught and practiced it which things caused her to be led away thinking it to be right but becoming convinced that it was not right and learning that the heads of the church did not believe nor practise such things she was willing to confess her sins and did repent before God for what she had done and desired earnestly that the Council would forgive her and covenanted that she would henceforth do so no more.

After which she was restored to fellowship by the unanimous vote of the Council.

3 On motion Council adjourned till tomorrow Friday the 27th inst at 12 O'clock at this place

Hosea Stout Clerk

May 27th 1842 Council met according to adjournment

1st Charge against Lyman O Littlefield by Geo Miller For improper and unvirtuous conduct and for teaching false doctrine. Plead not guilty Two were appointed to speak on each side Viz. (1) Saml Bent (2) James Allred (3) Lewis D. Wilson and (4) Wilford Woodruff

The charge was fully sustained. On motion Resolved, That he be disfellowshiped until he made satisfaction to this Council.

2 Charge against Darwin Chace by Geo Miller For improper and unvirtuous conduct and for teaching false doctrine. Plead not guilty. Two were appointed to speak on the case Viz (5) David Fulmer and George W. Harris.

The defendant plead for an adjournment for the want of evidence. On motion Resolved, That this case be adjourned till tomorrow at 1 O'clock at this place
3rd Charge against Joel S. Miles by George Miller For improper and unvirtuous conduct and for teaching false doctrine. Plead not guilty.

Two were appointed to speak on the case, Viz. (7) Thos Grover and (8) Aaron Johnson. The charge was fully sustained. On motion Resolved that he be disfellowshipped until:

Adjudged till tomorrow at 1 O'clock at this place

Hosea Stout Clerk

May 28th 1842. Council met according to adjournment

1st Charge against Justus Morse by George Miller For unchaste and unvirtuous conduct with the daughter of the Widow Meyman &c. &c. Charge was sustained

The defendant did not appear before the Council but upon being cited to appear before the Council he ordered his name to be struck off of the Church Book as he did not wish to stand a trial

Two were appointed to speak on the case Viz. (9) Hewel Knight and (10) William Huntington.

Charge was sustained. On motion of President Austin Cowles, Resolved, That he (the defendant) be disfellowshipped

2nd The Charge against Darwin Chace (of the 27th inst) was taken up according to adjournment. Charge[s] not sustained

The President decided that he should be restored to full fellowship which was carried by a majority of 8 to 4. After which the case spoken on by different ones of the Council to show farther light on the subject and showing reasons why they did not accede to the President's decisions.

The President again called on the Council to sanction his decision which was done unanimously. Which was carried unanimously.

3 On motion Adjourned till Saturday the 4th of June at ** O'clock at Hiram Smith's office

Hosea Stout Clerk
June the 10th 1842 Council met according to previous adjournment.

1st President Marks informed the Council that Dr Grover was going on a mission to the State of New-York and requested the council to grant a letter of recommendation for him which was granted unanimously.

2nd Elder Grover then nominated Elder Daniel Carn to fill his seat in the Council during his absence on the aforesaid mission which was sanctioned by the Council unanimously.

3rd Charge against Amanda Smith by Ira S. Miles for unchristian-like conduct. In stating that my wife, Mary K. Miles, has had too frequent intercourse with Joseph McCall, at my house, at different times and other places thereby insinuating that she (that is my wife) is guilty of adultery with said Joseph McCall. One were appointed to speak on each side namely (1) Leonard Soby (2) Henry G. Sherwood. The defendant plead not guilty of the charge. (Adjourned to Pr H. Smith's office). The charge was investigated in full. The charge was sustained.

Decided that she was to blame for not taking the gospel proceeding in a lawful manner by taking the gospel rule; but spoke of it to others and that she should make this acknowledgement to the Council.

This confession Sister Smith made. Said she was very sorry she had not taken the gospel steps.

A vote was taken of the council to know if they were satisfied with the acknowledgement of Sister Smith which was unanimous that they were & would still hold her in fellowship in the Church.

Adjourned till the 18th of June at Hyrum Smith office at 4 o'clock.

Hosea Stout Clerk.

June 18th 1842 Council met according to adjournment and adjourned till the 25th inst at this place at 4 o'clock.

Hosea Stout Clerk.
Vengeance is mine. I will repay saith The Lord.

May 15th 1842 Sunday True information has just reached us that the noted Governor Boggs of Missouri who By his orders expelled ten thousand Latter Day Saints, Has just been assassinated in his own house & fallen in his own blood. Three Ball wer shot through his head two through his Brains & one through his mouth, tongue & throat. Thus this ungodly wretch has fallen in the midst of his iniquity & the vengeance of God has overtaken him at last & he has met his Just deserts though by an unknown hand. This information is proclaimed through all the papers & By dispatched messengers & hand Bills through the land. Thus Boggs hath died as a fool dieth & gone to his place to receive the reward of his works.

I attended meeting at the grove in the forenoon. Elders L. Wight & B Young preached & in the afternoon I preached it being the first time I had spoken to the Church for more than two years. At the close of the meeting I went to the pool & Baptized in company with C C Rich about 100 persons mostly for the dead & was also Baptized myself for my Great Grandfather Jeshia /Medad/ Woodruff and his wife my Great Grand Mother. Azmon says our G Grand Fathers name was Medad. /# Boggs was shot but did not die but has since recover[ed] from his wounds./

May 16, 17, 18, & 19 I spent in the printing office as usual.

20 I received a letter from L. R. Foster New York containing $30.00 dollars on what he owed me for Books.

3 I wrote a letter to Br Dwight Webster acknowledging the receipt of $50 dollars which he lent me & sent him a note for the Same. I attended a general meeting of the Nauvoo Lodge.

21 I spent the day at the printing Office. We have had a cold rain for three days.

22 Sunday I spent the day at home writing.

23, 24, 25 Spent the time in the printing Office.

26th I wrote a letter to Elder L R Foster.

27th The first Presidency The Twelve & High Council & virtuous part of the Church are making an exertion from these days to cleanse the Church from Adulterors fornicators & evil persons for their are such persons crept into our midst. The high council have held a number of meeting of late & their researches have disclosed much iniquity & a number been Cut off from the church. I met with the High Council to day on the trial of L O. Littlefield Joel S Miles & Darwin Chase. The two former were cut off for Adultery & the case of D Chase was put off till tomorrow.

28th The case of D. Chase was tryed & he restored to fellowship by the majority of own[ly] 1 vote. I wrote a letter to Sister Shuah C. Carter.

29th Sunday I spent part of the day at home writing. In the evening I went to the font & of Baptized Elder G. A. Smith for the restoration of his health. I also Baptized my wife, Phebe W. Woodruff for three of her dear kindred viz her Grand Father Joshua Fabyan & Grand Mother Sarah Fabyan & Great uncle John Fabyan.

I was then Baptized under the hands of Elder G. A. Smith for & in Behalf of my Grand Father Eldad Woodruff & Grand Mother Dinah Woodruff /Also for the wife of uncle Samuel Woodruff/. Phebe was Baptized for & in Behalf of her Grand Father Ezra Carter & Grand Mother Phebe W. Carter, on the 21st of April the same day that I was Baptized for my Mother & two Brothers.
High council met according to appointment adjournment of the 20th Inst Oct 21st 1839 -

1st shall Joseph Smith Jun go to Washing or not answer it is voted as follows viz 5 voted to have him go - and 2 voted for him not to go - viz Samuel Bent - H G Sherwood - David Dort - Newel Knight & Seymour Brunson are the 5 who voted to have him go - and Geo W. Harris & Wm Huntington Sen voted for him not to go

2nd shall J Smith Jun have a recommend answer he shall have a recommend

<one>3rd, Who shall be a clerk to attend to the land business &c as Joseph Smith Jun may need -

answer James Mulholland - shall be clerk.

4th Who shall be a general Treasurer for the Church Answer Joseph Smith:

shall be Treasurer

5th Who shall be sub-Treasurer - Answer - James Mulholland -

6th Who shall be the persons to shew contracts & sell Lots

answer Henry G. Sherwood -

7 Who shall apportion & prize the Lots Answer H G Sherwood - & to lay it before J Smith Jun & Hiram Smith

8th Who shall assist H G. S. in prizing the Lots for their approval ans - J Smith Jun & Hiram Smith

9" what shall be the standard price on the Lots for the three ensuing months - ans from $200 to $800

10 When <& where> shall the high council meet periodically ans - every Sabbath evening at early candle lighting at the shop of D Huntington

11th Voted that the office in red stone - front Rigdons be fixed for and appropriated to the use of a store

12 What price pr month shall be give D C Davis while in serv<ice> as ferry man ans - $30 pr Month - It is voted that D C Davis shall have power to employ help & other expenses. for

Voted that these proceedings be published in the Times & Seasons Voted that the ferry <should> D C Davis pay all ferry monies into the hands of the Treasurer every week viz on Saturday also to keep a bill of Ferriage & make Monthly returns of it to the high council -

The above minutes is a true copy of the decisions made by the high Council of the Church of J. C. of L D Saints appointed <by said Church> to transact the business of said Church

Moved to adjourned until next Sabbath evening at D Huntington

High Council <of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter day Saints> organized this 20th Oct 1839 to decide on the case of Harlow Redfield according to the decision <& vote> of the last conference of said Church

No charge preferred against Br Redfield Bro Redfield confessed an imprudence of conduct - But had no evil intention and wished forgiveness - It was Motioned & voted to forgive & return him to his former standing & fellow ship in the said Church - Motioned & voted and published in Times & Seasons that Br R. take a transcript of the minutes
Motioned & voted that this High Council disapprove of any person of said Church that shall ferry or carry over the river people or freight - to injury of the ferry
Motion & voted that the horse boat be repaired out of the sale of Church land
Voted that Br Daniel C. Davis be Capt of said boat for the ensuing year
Voted that J Smith Jun be exempt from recond Commers & goers of company into his house as formerly & voted that the same be published &c accompanied
Motioned & that this council disapprove of any of the Churches knowing any of their animals to destroy the crops of any whether in or out of the Church & publish M & voted that this Council be adjourned until tomorrow at 3 o'clock P M at the shop of D Huntington
H G Sherwood Clk

Minutes read & approved

High Council of the Church of J-C- L. D. S- met at N Oct 20 1839 To consider the case of Elder H Redfield - against whom certain accusations were brought at our last Conference - in consequence of which he was suspended and his case referred to the H C for decision - Being convened & organized to investigate his case - when no charge was brought against him nor did any implication appear against him <nor do we believe that any charge could be> He made voluntary confession of certain inadvertently imprudent no evil meaning acts that he greatly sorrowed for - and asked for Giveness for so doing - this Council voted that Elder R- be forgiven for so doing and restored to his former official State & standing & to be full fellowship the same as if no evil insinuations had ever been brought against - and that he take a transcript of these proceedings to be signed by the Clk of said Council
H G Sherwood Clk
The above is an imperfect copy of the transcript given to Elder Redfield
H G Sherwood Clk

High Council of the Church of J. C. Latter day Saints met according to adjournment - Oct 27th 1839 Joseph Smith Jun informed the council that the wages of the Clerk must be considered - It was - And was voted that J. Mulholland be Clk and that his wages be $30 - pr Month during his service as Clerk Voted that the resolution of the last meeting of this council respecting the red Store be erased & discontinued - && that Markham supply the place
Voted that this council & Treasurer pay to V Knights $150 - for the portion of ferry owned on the same side at Montrose as pr charter
Voted that Sister Emmy be the person to select hymns compile and publish a Hymn book for the use of the Church and that a letter be written to Brigham Young at New York informing him of the same and not to publish the Hymns taken from Commerce by him
Voted that this council assist in the expence of publishing a Hymn Book - as also in publishing the Times & Seasons -
Motioned & voted that <this> Meeting be adjourned until tomorrow evening <at early candle light> the house of J Smith Jun
H G Sherwood

High Council of <the Church> of Jesus Christ of Latter day saints met at Elder O Grangers Sunday evening Decr 1st 1839
1st. Motioned & 2dd that Hirum Smith Geo W Harris & Oliver Granger be a Committee to cause a petition to go to the Legislator to discontinue certain parts of the City of Nauvoo - and also of Commerce all other needful acts & alterations in relation to the afore said cities. 2nd voted that Hirum Smith be appointed to furnish with the needful maps & plots for the alteration of the Cities named in the first motion
3rd voted that E <S> Brunson be appointed to circulate a petition for sub-scribers as named in the the first motion.
4th Motioned & voted that Bishop E Partridge be a person be appointed to draft a piece to be published in Times & Seasons informing our brethren <in> the west that it is improper to remove from the west to locate in Kirtland Ohio & such as do will be disfellowshipped by this Council.
5th voted that V Knight A Ripley & H E Sherwood be a committee to assist the Committee named in the first Motion.
6th Voted that the Subscription for monies &c subscribed at Oct. Conference be put into the care of V. Knight and that he report to this Council of all that he shall receive on said Subscriptions.
7th voted that this Council Sustain Vinson Knights in cutting & providing 500 cords of steam boat wood.

Minutes read and approved Meeting adjourned untill Sabbath the 8th Inst at 2 o'clock P M -

High Council of J C - L D Saints Met according to adjournment at Elder Grangers Decr 8th 1839. 1st Motion & voted that the Bishop be instructed to secure the cow belonging to Sister Orson Pratt & that it be kept for her use when needed at this place viz. Nauvoo.
2nd Voted that Whereas Elder Thos Grover made known certain embarrassments of his for having signed to obtain monies for the redemption of certain goods & furniture - and to more fully understand investigate or adjust it, It is agreed to suspend its investigation for the present.
3rd Voted that the three Trustees appointed for <the> build the School house be delegated to obtain funds at the credit of the Church <funds> to complete the building thereof.
4th Voted that the address presented to warn our brethren against returning to Kirtland be accepted & adopted and published in the times & Seasons -
5th voted that the Clk of this council give a recommend to Elder Oliver Olney stating his good Staning & fellowship in this Church as an Elder.
6th voted to adjourn Minutes approved &c
7 Voted that Elder O Granger procure <procure> a butcher provide a place for <to> raise or hang up Beaves agree on the price &c for <butcher> a beef or hog.
Copy of power to Chas Rich
The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter day Saints - By their high council at Nauvoo
Ill - hereby constitute and appoint By this presents do constitute and appoint Elder
Charles Rich their agent with power in their Name and for the use of said Church to ask
for or receive of Wm Thompson - Wm Johnson or any other person or persons any
and all sum or sums of money or monies that may be obtained in payment or in part
payment for Town Lots or a Lot in the town of Nauvoo Ill - and for the same to recet and
secure as their agents for all such funds as fully as they the Church or their council could
do were they personally present at the doing thereof.
done by order of the high council aforesaid this 8th day of Decr 1839
Signed H G Sherwood Clk

High Council of the Church of Jesus Christ Latter day Saints met at Elder O
Granger <at Nauvoo Ill> - Decr 15th 1839. H E Sherwood Clk pro tem

1st Motion <that> the Committee for building the School house be delegated to
obtain a loan of $200 for a <length of> time at their discretion

2nd voted that Bishop Knights provide in his own way and use his own Judgment
in providing for the families of Joseph - Sidney - Porter & Rockwell during their absence
to Washington

3rd voted that <whereas> Elder Sherwood being appointed to settle for the
Church the Estate of Elder Mulholland Deceased it is now voted that the Settlement
aforesaid be suspended for the present - But that Elder Sherwood be hereby authorized to
pay such as debts as have accrued for services done on the house of Elder Mulholland
and to Elder Abel for making his coffin

4th voted that Bros Annis & Boseen & Edmunds be approbated in building a
water Mill Adjourned to this city plot viz Nauvoo
Minutes read and approved - Meeting adjourned to our next meeting <regular>
Meeting.

H G Sherwood Clerk

High Council of the Church of Jesus Christ Latter day Saints Met at Elder
Grangers Decr 22nd 1839. 1st Voted that Bishop Knight have the dictating & laying out
of the Subscription of brother Bently to be appropriated to the use of Sister O. Pratt for
her support
Meeting adjourned until our Next regular meeting, viz. 29th Inst

H E Sherwood

High Council of the Church of Jesus Christ Latter-Day Saints Met at Elder O
Grangers Decr 29th 1839

1st Motion that Elder Granger be tolerated in using any Monies that shall come
into his possession to enable him to pay $400 that he obtained from Brother Herrinshaw
for the use of our brethren at Washington - provided that br Herrinshaw does not take
lands or a Lot in payment for the Monies so borrowed by br Granger.
2 voted that Elder A Cutler be appointed & authorized to purchase for the Church a certain piece or parcel of Government Land situated near this City viz Nauvoo,
Voted that Brother Charles Rich go and see Brother Casper for the purpose of borrowing Monies of him Also that Elder <Cutler> be appointed to give all the assistance to obtain P. Monies in his power
Voted that Brother C. Rich shall have a certificate given him authorizing him to obtain the above named monies
Voted that Brother C. Rich be authorised in P. Certificate to use the names of the High Council if shall be considered necessary to the amount of $500.00 or under
Voted that Bishop Partridge be appointed to write a letter to be published in next periodical on the gathering of the Saints to this place
Voted that the Editors of the periodical be notified <directed> to insert in their next periodical that 10-000 copies of the hymn Books <be printed> also that Book of Mormon be printed in this place under the inspection of the Presidency as soon as monies can be raised to defray the expense given by the direction of the high Council at Nauvoo

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter day Saints, By their high Council at Nauvoo III who the said Church have chosen and appointed to transact certain business for them the Said Church do hereby and by these presents nominate constitute and appoint Elder Charles C Rich an Agent for the use and benefit of the said Church to use an Effort to obtain <$& loan> a sum of money not exceeding five hundred dollars - and the better to satisfy him her or them for the payment of said Money so loaned he the said Charles C Rich has is hereby authorised to use any or the <Name or> names of any or all of the said Councillors either Collectively or individually to as Security for the payment thereof -
Done by order of the said Council at Nauvoo III Decr 30th 1839. Which is to be fully and as binding as if each and evry of such councillor had been personally present at the doing thereof and had have affixed his own signature to said obligation
done by order and vote of the aforesaid High Council at Nauvoo III Decem 29th 1839

The High Council of the Church Jesus of Latter day Saints met on the 30th Decr 1839 at in Nauvoo Voted when the High shall have convened that each takes his seat in order according as he shall have been appointed or numbered
Voted that committees be appointed for the purpose of transacting the business relative to the request of our Brethren in at Washington City
Voted that Br Ripley be committe man to transact business on the other side the River on the present affair
Voted that Brother Semer Brunson <$& C. C. Rich as> be committe man to transact the business in Quincy and the regions roundabout on the present occasion
Voted that Brother Gurley be committe man to transact our business at McComb
Voted that President H Smith, Bishop Partridge and Bishop Knights, be Councilors to instruct the Brethren <coming to this place> relative to the present affair.
(Minutes recorded on the 18th day of Oct. 1841. on Book No. 1. Pages 39 and 40
By Hosea Stout  Clerk.

Norvoo  Deer. 30th 1839
Know all men by these presence that Charles C. Rich is hereby fully authorized
by the High Council at Nauvoo Collectively or individually to make a loan of Monies not
to exceed the Sum of five hundred Dollars which Council stands as surety for P. Money
to any person or persons of whom the loan may be made  P. Monies and expressly for the
benefit of the church and poor saints of the Church of Jesus Christ of latter day Saints

Norvoo  Deer the 30th 1839
This certificate does fully authorize and empower Charles C Rich to assign or affix
any or all the Names of the High Council to any bond or note as it may be <required> at
his hand as surety to any person or persons for monies to the amount of five hundred
Dollars or any sum under done by consent and resolve of the High Council at Norvoo

other file:
October 20, 1839.

The members of the High Council elected at the October conference, met and organized
at W. D. Huntington's, where Harlow Redfield was restored to fellowship; and voted that
this High Council disfellowship any and all persons that shall hereafter carry over or ferry
across the river, any people or freight to the injury of said ferry from Commerce to
Montrose.
Voted that the Horse Boat be repaired from the moneys received on sale of lots in
Nauvoo, and that D. C. Davis be master of said ferry boat for the ensuing year.
Voted that Joseph Smith, Jun., and his family be exempt from receiving in future such
crowds of visitors as have formerly thronged his house; and that the same be published in
the Times and Seasons.
Voted that this Council disfellowship any and all persons who shall knowingly suffer and
allow any animal (subject to their control) to destroy the crops, fruit, or plants of the earth
belonging to any other person or persons, and to their injury, and that this resolution be
published in the Times and Seasons.
Adjourned until tomorrow evening.
High Council met pursuant to adjournment, and voted that President Joseph Smith, Jun.,
go as a delegate to Washington; and that if he went he should have a recommend from
the Council.
Voted that James Mulholland be Clerk for the land contracts, when needed by President Smith; that Joseph Smith, Jun., be treasurer of said Church, and James Mulholland sub-treasurer.

Voted that Henry G. Sherwood should set the price upon, exhibit, contract and sell town lots in Nauvoo, when needed, and report his doings to Presidents Joseph Smith and Hyrum Smith, for their approval, and that five hundred dollars be the average price of lots, i.e., none less than two hundred dollars, nor more than eight hundred dollars.

Voted that the High Council meet every Sunday evening at Dimgick Huntington’s; that D. C. Davis have thirty dollars per month for his services as ferryman; and that these proceedings be published in the Times and Seasons. [Signed] HENRY G. SHERWOOD, Clerk.

October 27, 1839

The High Council of Nauvoo voted that the Clerk’s fees of James Mulholland be thirty dollars per month; that the treasurer pay Vinson Knight one hundred and fifty dollars, for the Iowa side of the ferry at Montrose as per charter.

Voted, that Sister Emma Smith select and publish a hymn book for the use of the Church, and that Brigham Young be informed of this action and he not publish the hymns taken by him from Commerce; and that the Council assist in publishing a hymn book and the Times and Seasons.

October 28, 1839

Monday, 28.--The High Council voted to build a stone house at Upper Commerce, to be used for boarding; that Elder Oliver Granger be requested to assist with funds to print the hymn book; that Samuel Dent, Davison Hibbard, and David Dort be trustees for building the stone schoolhouse in contemplation; and that Alpheus Cutler and Jabez Durphy be the architects and building committee for said house.

Voted, to finish the office of President Joseph Smith, Jun.

Voted, that the recommend drawn by Elder Sherwood, recommending, constituting, and appointing Joseph Smith, Jun., Sidney Rigdon, and Elias Higbee, delegates for the Church, to importune the President and Congress of the United States for redress of grievances, be signed by this Council.

December 1, 1839

Sunday, December 1, 1839.—The High Council at Nauvoo met at Oliver Granger’s and voted that Hyrum Smith, George W. Harris, and Oliver Granger, be a committee to send a petition to the legislature to define new boundary lines of the city of Nauvoo, and also of Commerce, and do all other needful acts relative to those cities; that Hyrum Smith furnish the maps and plats for the alteration, and that Seymour Brunson circulate the petition for signatures.

Voted that Bishop Edward Partridge publish a piece in the Times and Seasons, informing the brethren in the west, that it is improper to remove from the west for the purpose of
locating in Kirtland, Ohio, and that those who do thus remove, will be disfellowshiped by
the council.

December 7, 1839

This day, the High Council of Nauvoo issued an Epistle to the Saints west of Kirtland not
to return thither. (See Times and Seasons, page 29).

December 29, 1839

Sunday, 29.--The High Council of Nauvoo voted to print ten thousand copies of the hymn
books, and an edition of the Book of Mormon, under the inspection of the First
Presidency at Nauvoo, so soon as means can be obtained.

December 30, 1839

The High Council of Nauvoo voted that a committee be appointed to transact the business
relating to the request of the brethren at Washington as follows—Alanson Ripley, in Iowa;
Seymour Brunson and Charles C. Rich, at Quincy; Zenas H. Gurley, at Macomb; and that
President Hyrum Smith, and Bishops Edward Partridge and Vinson Knight give the
committee their instructions.

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High Council <of Nauvoo> Met Feby 23rd 1840 at O Grangers
Voted that Elder Sherwood pay $5 - to Br Fisher - Br Bent Br O Granger reported that
Elder Bent had paid five dollars to him on Account D C Davis - also $3.57 for Br
Slingerland - which with $16.12 1/2 Reed heretofore of Elder Hicks, has been paid to Br
Slingerland and endorsed on S Rigdon's & G Robinson's note it being $20.00

The High Council of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter day Saints met in
Council at O. Grangers Nauvoo III. Hancock County March 1st 1840.
Voted that the charge prefered against Br. R. Alexander <by B Law> be laid over
till the next Council so that the parties may have a chance to <settle> their own
difficulties according the Church laws
voted that Br. Lawson have a rehearing on the case between him and Br Redfield
and that Br Lawson have the chance to personally appear before this Counsel and the
case fairly investigated
Voted Br Edwards the chance to have his case brought the before this Council &
investigated
Voted Br Isom have a Lot given or granted him <in Nauvoo Ill H County> in full judgment of certain orders that were <given> in the hands of Bishop Partridge now in the hands of the High to the amount of $100-00 Dollars
Voted that Partridge should <do> and have given into the hands of the Presidency certain notes and receipts orders <& receipts> he has formally held
Adjourned till 2 o'clock 8th Inst.

High Council of the Church of Jesus Christ Latter day Saints of Nauvoo Met at Elder Grangers Jany. 19th 1840
Elder Charles C Rich reported that he had obtained a loan of five hundred Dollars of Isaac Davis on Mortgaged security of Life <Lands> <for life> by Elder O Granger for Six months> as directed in former Meetings of this Council. (Sd Church It is voted the expence of recording said Morgage be paid by the <Sd Church> voted the Whereas a note of five hundred Dollars was made by this Council - It is this day done by vote it is burned - also certain credentials authorizing Elder Rich to loan monies are also returned & burned by order of this Council
It is voted that the above named $500 be placed in the hands of Elder Grangers to be disposed of by <the> Council of Prest Hiram Smith according to the intention for which it was obtained -
Voted that a City Lot in Nauvoo be donated to Br James Hendricks & voted that a Comty of 3, viz C C Rich Thomas Grover & Tarlton Lewis be appointed the <a> Committee to build a house for James Hendricks on the aforesaid Lot.
Voted that a City Lot in Nauvoo be donated to Father Joseph Knight, and that the same Comty that is appointed to build a house for James Hendricks be also a Committee to build one for Father Knights - immediately after having build J. Hendricks house
H G Sherwood Clerk pro

The High Council of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints of Nauvoo Illinois met at the house of O. Grangers March 22nd.
Voted that Br Sherwood continue the management of the house of Br Mulhlen and that he procure the same for the use of his wife as soon as he can conveniently.
Voted that the money held by B Bent, be reserved belonging to B Bent be reserved and paid over to Murry Seman when directed.
Voted that Cutler & Durfee <the> committe of the School house be settled with as to the funds put in their hands. for <the building> said house immediately
Adjourned. Hosea Stout Clerk Pro. tem.

The High Council of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, of Nauvoo Ill. met at the house of O. Grangers March the 29th Voted that C. C. Rich answer a letter from Daniel <Bliss> relative to his moving to Ohio and that he be refered to the council given in the Thimes & Seasons on that subject and that if he goes back he does it on without the influence of the Council.
The Charge against D. W. Rogers <by J. P. Green> was brought up. Voted that his case should not be investigated. Voted that the Council accept of S. B. Bent paying Murry Seman twenty dollars and that they receive his receipt for the same.

Voted that the money held by S. B. Bent amounting to 28 dollars and also 10 dollars from A Cutler, and also 5 dollars from H. G. Sherwood be paid over to Murry Seman on demand and take his receipt for the same.

Adjourned · Hosea Stout Clerk Pro. tem. from Cutler & Sherwood when it can be obtained no one appearing against him it was Voted that the Clerk <(Hosea Stout)> keep a record of all the minutes ended to- wrote by him and that H. G. Sherwood compile all the minutes of this Council up to the time his time of writing (H. Stout)

The High Council of Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints Met in Council at the house of J. Smith jun. April 12th 1840. A charge was preferred against S. A. Ripley by Alvey Keller for taking nails from his lot the charge was withdrawn. Voted that O. Granger be forgiven for his transgressions.

Voted that H. Smith go with O. Granger to transact business in the East.
Voted that J Smith jr. make necessary credential for O. Granger & H. Smith in their business transaction in the east.

The High Council of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints of Nauvoo III. met in Council at the house of John <Law> Law's April 22 19th 1840. Voted that Hyrum Smith the house of which Hyrum Smith now lives in be reserved for him. Voted that Jabez Durfee make a bill of items of all the expenses which he has been to on the School house. Voted A charge was preferred against J. P. Green against J Hicks for slanderously accusing him of lying.

Voted that the trial be put off two weeks. Are Voted that J P Green make a report of his committeehip, while in Quincy as touching debts involving on him and other matters at the next council.
Voted that a horse be procured for Br. Parrish by Bishop Knight.
Voted that the council meet at 2 o'clock on every Saturday at Joseph Smith Jr office. Adjourned · Hosea Stout Clerk Pro tem.

April 25 1840. - High Council
John P. Green made a report of his committeehip while in Quincy as touching debts and involving on him and other matters as follows:

"Quincy May 1839. To save the Committee of the Church at Quincy from being Sued I in person became responsible to Dr. H. Rogers for the sum of forty seven and seventy-five cents for ferrying the poor across the Mississippi river. Also to Dr. R. N. Ralstone for the sum of fifteen dollars and eighty seven cents for house rent for women whose lawful protectors were shut up in jail or driven from their aid."
"The former is now paid by myself. the latter remains to be paid and it rests on my shoulders. I do pray the councilors to consider the matter above & repay the above amount to me if they can in righteousness."

That there was also seventeen dollars J. P. Green and fifty cents involving on him due to Edward Partridge. from the said committee at Quincy and Far West

Voted that the Council set the above report aside for the present. <anno> mandi anno domini Voted that Thomas Grover be appointed to make inquiry as to the property of the committees of Quincy and Far-West and sec to having it applied to liquidating the <Sr> debts & involving on John P. Green and Edward Partridge Adjourned

H. Stout Clerk

April 3rd <May 2> 1840. The High Council of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints of Nauvoo Ill. met in council at the house of William Law's.

Voted that the rails formerly belonging to the GI City plot shall be applied as Bishop Ripley and President Joseph Smith jr. shall see proper and also that those who have unlawfully taken any of the above rails shall restore the same or render a recompence for the same to the satisfaction of Bishop Ripley & President Joseph Smith jr

In as much as H. G. Sherwood C. C. Rich and D. Huntinton have been appointed a committee to have contract for the building of the houses of <some wives> of the Twelve and that the building of said houses be paid in town lots it was voted that the same committee shall contract for the ploughing and fencing of the lots and that the labor be paid also in lots

The charge against John Hicks by John P. Green presented April 19th was brought up and (3) Lewis D. Wilson, (4) Alpheus Cutler, (5) D Fulmer, (6) G. W. Harris, (7) T. Grover, (8) S. Brunson, were appointed to speak on the case objections were made <by J. Hicks> to Thomas Grover acting on the case Voted that he act.

Voted that he confess to J. P. Green for assailing his character. And that he publish a peace in the Times & Seasons stating that he <wrongfully> accused him of being in consequence of a different arrangement <made> by the parties <unknown to> donating <J P Green> the horse and that he is sorry for it Where upon he ascended to the said decision

The charge against John Hicks by J. P. Green presented April 19 was brought up and Lewis D. Wilson Alpheus Cutler David Fulmer George W. Harris S. Brunson were appointed to speak on the case. Objections were made, by Johns Hicks, to Thomas Grover acting on case the Council voted that he act.

after the evidences were given the council voted that John Hicks make a satisfactory confession to John P. Green for wrongfully assaulting his character. And also that he publish a piece in the Times & Seasons stating that in consequence of a different of a different arrangement made by the parties donating the horse, unknown to John P. Green, he wrongfully accused him of lying and that he further state that is sorry for what he has done. After which decision of the council John Hicks complied & agreed to acquiesced to the satisfaction of all parties.
To the High Council in and for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter day Saints of Nauvoo Ills. -

For and in behalf of the Said Church I hereby prefer a charge against Elder Oliver Walker for several different offences herein after set forth. As said to be by him done performed said & committed - as also various duties omitted &c all of which were done at different times periods places and sea-sons subsequent to Sept /1838 - To wit - For a general course of procedure of acts doing & words &. Suggestions by him the said Elder Oliver Walker done performed said spoken hinted at and suggested both directly & indirectly - and as being calculated to be derogatory to the Character of the heads and leaders of the Church and extremely injurious & hurtful to the upbuilding welfare being & advancements of the same, -Viz- For fleeing from quitting and deserting the Society ranks & needs of his brethren in times of difficulty with & danger from their enemies the Mob - restraining from the use of his brethren his influence efforts & <needful> assistance at such times of need as also for Joining with and strengthening the hands with evil pursuits & usages of the Mob of Gentile enemies to the church by expressions hints & suggestions of a wavering <& dubious> nature respecting the faith & order of the church and of the professed calling qualifications proceedings &c. of Joseph Smith Jun as a Seer prophet and one called to bring to light the fulness of the Gospel &c. in the last days - Likewise for advancing ideas notions or opinions that the different orders or Sects - viz - Methodists & others could by a pursuit in their faith order & pursuits as readily obtain every celestial attainment & gospel advantage, as the could by embracing and pursuing the System brought forth by Joseph Smith Jun in these last days - And moreover for suggesting within the last six months at Alton - Nauvoo intermediate and adjacent places that in the church at Nauvoo there did exist a set of pifferers who were actually theiving robbing plundering taking & unlawfully carrying away from Missouri certain goods chattles wares & property and that the act & and acts of such supposed theiving &c was fostered & conducted by the knowledge and approbation of the heads & leaders of the church viz by the presidency & High Council, all of which items set forth as aforesaid together with all corroborating acts doings hints expressions & suggestions in any way belonging to or connected with any or all <of> the aforesaid accusations he the said Oliver Walker is hereby notified to prepare to defend in said trial

Dated Nauvoo Oct 11 - 1840

David Fullmer

Truman P Richards witnesseth that he heard Oliver Walker say & report that from <what heard> heard the brethren at Nauvoo say that there was much theiving done by many of the Church - and that the heads of it were knowing to it - viz the presidency & High Council & particularly br Fulmer told him <that> the brethren were Justified in getting all that they could from Missouri - that it was only getting what was their own and not stealing - and that br Fulmer told him that if he had the power to do it he would take every cent of property in Missouri - He also heard br Joseph preach & in it say as much of if it was not wrong - but rather encouraged the brethren to think it was not wrong to take property from the Missourians. He reported that Joseph had been drunk and in transgression in so much that Elder Rigdon had written to Joseph a letter of reproof - and
that Joseph had assailed the character of Elder Rigdon in public - and that br Joseph and Elder Rigdon were on terms of discord or hard feelings towards each other
Dated Oct 6. 1840
Truman P Richards

To the High Council in and for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints of Nauvoo Ills. A charges is hereby prefered against William Gregory in consequence <of> the circulation of various reports purporting to have originated by & come from and circulated by him the same William Gregory - To wit that he had spread abroad certain slanderous reports & insinuations that go to carry an idea that much pilfering pillaging plundering stealing &c is practised by members of said Church and that such practise is known to & tolerated by the heads & leaders of the Church.) or certain of them (and that the appointment of a commity to detect such nominal or all real thefts &c was an appoint<ment> calculated in its Nature to Smother & cover up & blind the Mends of the More honest of the said Church - Moreover for pretending that such accused pilfering party of part thereof had stolen his oxen when in fact his oxen were where he left them <and not stolen> and for suspicion that he himself either alone or in company are in the like pilfering practise as is said that he accuses others of - and that he spreads such slanders to blind the honest and smother his own thefts &c

H G Sherwood for & in behalf of sd Church
Nauvoo Oct 14. 1840

old file:
January 8, 1840

Wednesday, 8.--The High Council at Nauvoo voted to loan all the moneys possible for the relief of the poor Saints.

January 19, 1840

Sunday 19.--The High Council at Nauvoo voted to donate a city lot to Brother James Hendrix, who was shot in Missouri; also voted to build him a house; also donated a house and lot to Father Joseph Knight.

February 23, 1840

The High Council of Nauvoo voted, that the notes given into the hands of Bishop Partridge, by certain individuals, as consecrations for building the Lord's House in Far West, be returned to the same by him.
congregation, while the spirit of God rested down upon some with mighty power. Truly it was a solemn and interesting time. Tuesday a large congregation assembled, Samuel James addressed them. In the afternoon he gave the testimony he had received of the truth of the work, exhorted the people, gave an invitation for baptism, and assembled the water and baptized eight; made several appointments, at some of which there are others to be baptized; these appointments have been fulfilled and six more were baptized; and last Sunday fourteen were confirmed, while solemnity, and seriousness pervaded the congregation. Thus truth prevails; the power of the spirit attends the preaching the word; conviction takes possession of the heart and leads its subjects to the door, and entering in, they are made to rejoice in the Holy One of Israel. May the Lord carry on his work, until the nations have heard, the saints gathered home, the earth cleansed, and the kingdom established for ever. Brethren, let us be up and doing, the time is short, and the kingdom is at hand.

JOHN F. GREEN, Pres't.
SAMUEL JAMES, Clerk.

Commerce November, 1839.

To the Saints scattered abroad, in the region westward from Kirtland, Ohio.

Beloved brethren, feeling that it is our duty, as the servants of God, to instruct the saints from time to time, in those things which it appears wise and proper; therefore we freely give you, a few words of advice at this time.

We have heard it rumoured abroad, that some at least, and probably many, are making their calculations to remove back to Kirtland next season. Now brethren, this being the case, we advise you to abandon such an idea; yea we warn you, in the name of the Lord, not to remove back there, unless you are counselled so to do by the first Presidency, and the high council of Nauvoo. We do not wish by this to take your agency from you; but we feel to be plain, and pointed in our advice for we wish to do our duty, that your sires may not be found in our skirts. All persons are entitled to their agency for God has so ordained it.—He has constituted mankind moral agents, and given them power to choose good or evil to seek after that which is good, by pursuing the pathway of holiness in this life, which brings peace of mind, and joy in the Holy Ghost here, and a fulness of joy and happiness at his right hand hereafter; or to pursue an evil course, going on in sin and rebellion against God, therefore bringing condemnation to their souls in this world, and an eternal loss in the world to come. Since the God of heaven has left those things optional with every individual, we do not wish to deprive them of it. We only wish to act the part of a faithful watchman, agreeably to the word of the Lord to Ezekiel the prophet, Ezekiel 33 chap. 234 & 5 verses, and leave it for others to do as seemeth them good.—Now for persons to do things, merely because they are advised to do them, and yet murmur all the time they are doing them, is of no use at all; they might as well not do them.

There are those who profess to be saints who are too apt to murmur, and find fault, when any advice is given, which causes in opposition to their feelings, even when they, themselves, ask for counsel; much more so when counsel is given unasked for, which does not agree with their notion of things; but brethren, we hope for better things from the most of you; we trust that you desire counsel, from time to time, and that you will cheerfully conform to it, whenever you receive it from a proper source.

It is very probable, that it may be considered wisdom for some of us, and perhaps others, to move back to Kirtland, to attend to important business there; but notwithstanding that, after what we have written, should any be so unwise as to move back there, without being first counselled so to do, their conduct will be highly disapproved.

Done by order and vote of the first Presidency and high council for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, at Nauvoo Dec. 8th 1839.

H. G. SHERWOOD, Clerk.
Proceedings of the general Conference, held at Commerce, Hancock County, Illinois, on Saturday the 5th day of October, 1839.

The meeting was opened by prayer, by President Joseph Smith Jr., after which he was appointed president and James B. Stow, Clerk of the Conference, by the unanimous voice of the meeting.

The President then spoke at some length upon the situation of the Church, the difficulties they had had to contend with, and the manner in which they had been led to this place; and wished to know the views of the brethren whether they wished to appoint this a stake or not, stating that he believed it to be a good place and suited for the saints.

It was then unanimously agreed upon, that it should be appointed a stake and a place of gathering for the saints. The following officers were then appointed viz:

William Marks to be President.
Bishop Whitney, to be bishop of Midian Ward.
Bishop Patridge, to be bishop of Upper Ward.
Bishop Knight to be bishop of Lower Ward.
George W. Harris, Thomas Grover, Samuel Bent, Newel Knight, Henry G. Sherwood, Charles C. Rich, David Pulmson, David Dott, Alpheus Cutter, Seymour Brunson, Wm. Huntington, Lewis D. Wilson, to be high Council; who being respectfully called upon, accepted all their appointment.

It was then voted, that a branch of the Church be established on the other side of the river, in Iowa Territory; over which Elder John Smith was appointed President:

Alanson Riple, Bishop, and Ansel Smith, David Pettigrew, John M. Burke, Elijah Fordham, A. Owen Stowt, Edward Fisher, Richard Howard, Elias Smith, Willard Snow, Erastus Snow, Stephen Chase, were elected high council.

Don C. Smith, was elected to be continued as President of the high Priesthood.

Orson Hyde to stand in his former office, and William Smith to be continued as Secretary.

Letters were then read respecting the absence of Members, from ill health.

It was voted, that Harlow Redfield be suspended until he can have a trial, and in the meantime that he should not act as President of a branch, or preach.

Voted, that John Daley, James Daley and Milo Andrus retain their stations in the church.

Voted that Ephraim Owen’s confession, for disobeying the word of wisdom be accepted.

Brothers,
Edward Johnston William Alfred,
Benjamin Johnston, Wm. B. Simmons, Samuel Musick, Wm. W. Edwards jr.

Letters from Millar, Graham Coltrin, Artemus Johnson, William Hyde,
Joseph G. Hoyev, Andrew Hendry, Robert D. Forber, Rodolck N. Alfred,
Fields B. Ananny, Ei Leo,
Zadock Bathers, Liram W. Maxwell, and Thomas S. Edwards, were accepted.

A meeting was then held, on the subject of raising contribution for the church, and the same was approved.

The meeting then adjourned until Sunday morning after which six were baptized by Joseph Smith Jr. Sunday morning October 8th. The Conference met pursuant to adjournment at 8 o’clock, A. M.

When
Samuel Williams, Reuben Foot, Orlando D. Hoyev, Josias Rappeleye, Shadrack Daniels, Albert Miner, Henry D. Smith, Elisha Richardson, Pleasant Ewell, William Holm.

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A CUNNING DEVICE DETECTED. It will be recollected that a few months since an article appeared in several of the papers, purporting to give an account of the origin of the Book of Mormon. How far the writer of that piece has affected his purposes, or what his purposes were in pursuing the course he has, I shall not attempt to say at this time, but shall call upon every one who reads them to quieten himself for himself and shall contrast myself by presenting before the public the other side of the question in the form of a letter, as follows:

Copy of a letter written by Mr. John Haven of Holliston, Middlesex co., Massachusetts, to his daughter Elizabeth Haven of Quincy, Adams co., Illinois.

Your brother Jesse passed through Mormon where he saw Mrs. Davidson and her daughter, Mrs. McKinstry, and also Dr. Ely and spent several hours with them, during which time he asked them the following questions, viz.

Did you, Mrs. Davidson, write a letter to John Sterrs, giving an account of the origin of the Book of Mormon? Ans: I did not. Did you sign your name to it? Ans: I did not, neither did I ever see the letter until I saw it in the Boston Recorder, the letter was never brought to me. Question. What a pretty bad lie is Mr. Sterrs? Ans: D. R. Austin came to my house and asked me some questions, took some minutes on paper, and from these minutes wrote that letter, Question. Is what is written in the letter true? Ans: In the main it is.

Ques. Have you read the book of Mormon? Ans: I have read some in it. Ques. Does Mr. Spaulding's manuscript and the Book of Mormon agree? I think some few of the names are alike.

Ques. Does the manuscript describe an idolatrous or religious people? Ans: An idolatrous people. Ques. Where is the manuscript? Ans: Dr. P. Hurlbut came here and took it, and he would get it printed, and let me have one-half the profits. Ques. Has Dr. P. Hurlbut got the manuscript printed? Ans: I received a letter stating it did not read as they expected, and they should not print it. Ques. How large is Mr. Spaulding's manuscript? Ans: About one-third as large as the Book of Mormon.

Ques. To Mrs. McKinstry, how old was you when your father wrote the manuscript? Ans: About five years of age. Ques. Did you ever read the manuscript? Ans: When I was about twelve years old, I used to read it for diversion. Ques. Did the manuscript describe an idolatrous or religious people? Ans: An idolatrous people. Ques. — Does the manuscript and the Book of Mormon agree? I think somewhat the name agree. Ques. Are you certain that some of the names agree? Ans: I am not.

Ques. Have you ever read any in the Book of Mormon? Ans: I have not. Ques. Was your name attached to that letter which was sent to Mr. John Sterrs by your order? Ans: No. I never meant that my name should be there.

You see by the above questions and answers, that Mr. Austin, in his great zeal, to destroy the Latter Day Saints, has asked Mrs. Davidson a few questions, then wrote a letter to Mr. Sterrs in his own language. I do not say that the above questions and answers, were given in the form that I have written them, but those questions were asked, and those answers given. Mrs. Davidson is about seventy years of age, and somewhat broke. This may certify that I am personally acquainted with Mr. Haven, his son and daughter, and am satisfied they are persons of truth. I have also read Mr. Haven's letter to his Daughter, which has induced me to add this to the High Council at this place. We understand that about forty members have been baptized in all. — N. Y. Era.

NOTICE.

It is proper to say that at our conference October last, that a special committee was appointed against Elder Harrow Redfield, insomuch that he was suspended and required to answer to the High Council at this place. In compliance therewith, he this day appeared when no charge came against him, nor was it found proper that any
should come. Therefore the council restored to him full fellowship, and all official standing the same as if no such suspension had taken place.

H. G. SHERWOOD, Clerk.
Nauvoo, Oct. 30, 1839.

PLAINTS & DECREE.
As dawn a leaden cloud, with darkness overspread,
In silence and sorrow I made my lone bed.
While far from my prison my friends were retired,
And joy from this bosom had almost expired.
From that which was lovely, constrained for it to part;
From wife and children so dear to my heart;
While foes were exulting, and friends far away,
In half broken slumber, all passive I lay.
I thought upon Zion—her sorrowful doom—
I thought on her anguish—her trouble and gloom,
How for years she had wandered, a captive secluded,
Cast out and afflicted, and treated with scorn.
I thought on the time when some five years ago,
Twelve hundred from Jackson, were driven by force,
While two hundred houses to ashes were burned—
Our flourishing fields to a desert were turned.
I remembered these crimes still unpunished remained,
And the like oft repeated—again, and again.
From counties adjoining, compelled to remove.
We purchased in Caldwell, prairie and plain,
And there 'mid the wild flowers, that blossom ed after the plains;
Our rights and our freedom, we sought to maintain;
Nor dreamed that oppression would drive us from thence,
[verse."
The lives of our country we claimed for de-
But soon as kind autumn rewarded our toil And plenty around us began to smile,
Our foes were assembled—being tempted with gain;
To ravage and plunder, and drive us again.
When many were driven, and plundered and rob'd,
And some had been murdered by this dreadful hand—
[verse."
When cries for redress and protection were
We sought in our strength, our own rights to maintain.
The mob soon dispersed, to the Rubicon sped;
Saying, lend us your aid, and the Mormons will yield.
For surely they never were known to re-
A mob when commissioned by rulers and princes.
This soon was considered by far the best plan:
And orders were issued for ten thousand men
Including the Wilson's and Gilmore's of course;
And all the mob forces, for better, for worse.
These then were forthcoming, in dreadfull array;
Some painted like Indians, all armed for the fray;
The Mormons soon yielded without the first fire,
And the robbers accomplished their utmost desires.
Some females were ravished—and cattle and grain
Became a free booty—and one priest'sser aplain.
Some twenty or thirty were murdered outright,
And ten thousand others were BANISHED THE STATE:
By what law of the Statute to me is unknown;
But it must be by law all these great things were done,
For the next Legislature the expense to defray,
Voted two hundred thousand, the soldiers to pay.
To resist such oppression—these excellent laws
Was murder; and treason; [in technical phrase."
While women and children were driven away,
These husbands and fathers in prison must stay.
So now to the Jury and Judge I submit,
I'm not learned in such laws—they may hang or gibbet;
But thought, they should hang me, or keep me in jail.
[verse."
The spirit of Freedom and Truth will pres-

OBITUARY.
DIED—In this place, on the 10th inst. Stephen Shawamway, in the 54th year of his age.
In this place, on the 1st inst. Michael, Son of John D. and Harriet Turner, aged 4 years 3 months and 4 days.

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TENCES.

A HISTORY, OF THE PERSECUTION, OF THE \C\I
OF JESUS CHRIST, OF A TERN DAY SAINTS IN MISSOURI.
CONTINUED.

The Governor, D. Dunklin, pos to bring the mobbers to con-
sequently, ten or twelve, were summoned to attend the F
term of the circuit court Capt.
son was ordered to guard them. Jackson, and back, with this c
of Liberty Power. The attorn
was also ordered, or requested by the Governor to attend the court, a
circuit attorney, in the cause. The witnesses were guarded from independen-
dafter having a short time, they were
by the circuit attorney, accord-
formed the witnesses, that at the excitement prevailing they
was doubtful whether any time
be done to bring the mobbers to that if any should be convicted
would only be fined in some sum, not to exceed $5, at an
enough to answer the law. A
advised the witnesses not to p the grand jury, estimating at the
they might be in it. The
witnesses replied, that if it had been ordered there by the co they supposed, that they were a
ject to the court, or to them, torries. As to the danger, i before the grand jury they i not: they were ready and will
and testify to the truth. Th
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and guard, were not wanted any longer; Capt. A. pardoned his so
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crowd, and immediately ma
the witnesses following him,
were now given up of ever
cred and dear, and dispise no man for differing with me in matters of opinion.
Accept Dear Sir, my best wishes for your welfare, and desire for further acquaintance, I close my letter, by giving you some quotations which you will have the goodness to read.


Yours truly,

JOSEPH SMITH, Jr.

N. B. If Bishop Partridge, or the church have not made a purchase of your land, and if there is not any one who feels a particular interest in making the purchase, you will hold it in reserve for us, we will purchase it of you at the proposal that you make to Mr. Barlow. We think the church would be wise in making the contract, therefore, if it is not made before we are liberated, we will make it.

Yours etc.

JOSEPH SMITH, Jr.

For the Times and Seasons.

Messrs. Editors.

The High Council of this place has directed that I should say, that they have learned that your embarrassed situation, much presses you for funds to defray the unavoidable expenses attending your printing establishment. And having learned that from your subscriptions and patronage, funds have been sent by the hands of some persons whose integrity might have been thought pure, who have needlessly prevented such funds from reaching the place of destination. The high council laments their poverty, in not being able, as agents for the church, to sustain the press, with funds necessary to effect a work so interesting and needful. One so much desired, and looked for, by our friends in the East, who, no doubt, to be often informed concerning the situation of us in the West, particularly since the Missouri outrage was committed on us. For the satisfaction of our friends, I might here say, that in contrasting our present situation with what it was one year ago, it should long since, have from us all, called forth the liveliest sensation of gratitude, and with horrore have been termed to our heavenly Father. He who scattered Israel, has wisely and mercifully directed our escape from the vengeance of a tyrant, who, through an unfaithful class, dealt unmercifully to us, a train of afflictive circumstances of evils, that thrust upon us events of that fiend and malicious tragedv, that forced from our bosoms to martyrdom, so many, who, to gather with the saints, left the land of their nativity and friends, and located themselves with us in the West. They are gone hence, and to our ears, and to our eyes, and to our hearts, there is nothing but suffering and evil.

The benediction of Governor Boggs, whose said on us of excitement, forced us from our houses and the State, by an insensible season of the year. Imagination seemed nearly failed for a time, where to find a resting place beneath the heavens. But can we be permitted to congratulate the heaven, the whole world, that we have located ourselves amidst the republics of the State of Illinois, about fifty miles above Quincy on the Mississippi River, in that State; where we have bought land, built a city, commenced building a printing establishment, for a time, lingered by reason of long and tedious illness of the Editors; but is now in a prosperous prosperous operation, excepting a lack of funds needful to defray the inevitable expenses—for who but must know that it requires cash to prepare, and procure a suitable building, materials, paper, ink, etc. to enable them to print the first paper, and who can expect papers sent to them, without advancing the pay—or what other acts wisely, as an agent, who NEEDFULLY Rise from the press.

The council requires that published in your paper, impress their disapprobation any needless detentions of that are, or shall be intended for the poor other purposes in the ch that any, and all persons that shall hereafter, need such money, that resolve to discontinue such acts, and offending p. Done by order and vote of the Council of Illinois, Jan. 30, 1840.

H. G. SHERWOOD.

COMMERCIAL, ILL. P 1

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We would call the attenrender to a careful persen, as it shows the bold independent spirit which breast of west. Smith, at the most adverse circumstances, also, his unbiased.cold things which we know, have heard, which we in our eyes, which we have and our hands have hark word of life." Having a knowledge of those things of which he said and which he said and taught him many and knowing, the mitigating those principles only to himself, as it had in all ages of the world, malice and envy, of the ungodly; who love dark
an agent, who needlessly detains monies from the press.

The council requires that notice be published in your paper, that they express their disapprobation to all, and any needless detentions of any monies, that are, or shall be appropriated and intended for the press, or for any other purpose in the church. And that any, and all persons of our church, who shall hereafter, needlessly detain any such monies, that this council resolve to disconsortenance any, and all such acts, and offending persons.

Done by order and vote of the Presidency, and high council, at Nauvoo, Illinois, Jan. 26, 1849.

H. G. SHERWOOD, Scribe.

TIMES AND SEASONS.

COMMERC, ILL, FEB. 1840.

In this No. we publish a letter written by Joseph Smith Jr. while confined in prison, in Missouri, addressed to Dr. Isaac Galland, of this place.

We would call the attention of our readers to a careful perusal of said letter, as it shows the bold, frank, and independent spirit which prevailed the breast of Pres’t. Smith, while under the most adverse circumstances possible; also, his unshaken confidence in those things which we know, “which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked upon, and our hands have handled, of the word of life.”

Having a knowledge of the truth of those things of which he had testified, and which he had taught to the children of men; and knowing, also, that promoting those principles, would secure to himself, as it did to the saints, in all ages of the world, the hatred, malice and envy, of the wicked and ungodly; who love darkness rather than light, because their deeds are evil; therefore, when the pure principles of the gospel are declared unto them, they are ready to do any thing in their power, to destroy that person who dares thus plainly to declare the whole council of God; he was therefore prepared, in a great degree, for whatsoever persecution the son of righteousness and truth, were disposed to heap upon him: consequently, when mobs raged, and persecution had reached its hydra head, and death with all its horrors, stared him full in the face, he stood firm and unshaken, having an assurance that He who had promised, was faithful and would deliver to the uttermost, all those who put their trust in him.

The letter from Dr. Galland, of which he speaks, was respecting a tract of land, of some 19 or 20,000 acres, situated in the southern extremity of Iowa Territory, and known as a part of the Half Breed land. This land has been purchased by Bishop Knight, for the church and some 10,000 acres besides in the same tract.

We have several epistles, written to the church, by Pres’t. Smith while a prisoner, which we intend to lay before our readers in their proper time and place.

HELP HELP!!

In almost every letter we receive from the travelling Elders, strong solicitations are made for other Elders to come to their assistance, as the work of the Lord is pressing its way into almost all parts of the land; from city to city, from town to town, and from neighborhood to neighborhood.
delightful habitation, a place of rest and quiet, and we can, very appropriately, use the language of an eloquent writer and say of it, "Bless, my soul!" We'd visit in its wide, career of lovely spots. For all this life can say—"abstemious—wild— on its woods and prospects." In one delightful word, to crown the whole, it is our home!— As to the name and confusion which is said to be in our midst—the clash of arms and din of war! they exist only in the brains of the "Turans and the highly respectable correspondent of the Journal of Cincinnati; who have, through malice and the bastion of feelings, condescended to pam a paan's statements upon the community, to raise a prejudice against us. Vain are their efforts! Their dark and event, will one day recall upon their own heads with tenfold vengeance, while truth shall stand erect, and the injured and innocent be approved.

We owe an apology to Brother Baldwin Brown, whose name we published several months since as a thief, for not having informed the public before this, that he returned to this place and underwent an examination before the High Council of the church and was honorably acquitted, his accusers not being able to sustain their charges against him.

If some of our country subscribers would bring us in some produce, such as flour, meal, potatoes, butter and cheese, also corn and oats, we would find storage for it all, and feel that we had been richly provided for. It has been so long since we have had any honesty, that we are very certain should any be offered us, we should not refuse it, at any rate, if it was clear and nice.

The Weekly Paper—We are Interrogated almost continually—"when are you going to publish the weekly?" We will answer it as well as we can, but must take our own time. About the first of June we left home for Cincinnati, Ohio, to make a purchase of type &c., for the express purpose of printing a weekly paper. We intended to have made the purchase and brought the materials home with us, but on our arrival we found that we could get them from New York to much the best advantage; we accordingly made a contract for our materials on a credit of six months; we made however, a small payment in advance. In concluding to get New York type, we were unable to publish a specimen number of the Enquirer and Standard in July, as we first proposed; but having assurances that our type should be hurried on with all possible speed, we had no doubt but it would be ready in time. In the event we felt assured that we could issue the paper by the first of August; but, we must confess that our disappointment has been greater than that of our patrons, for instead of receiving the type, on the 10th of July, we received the following letter.

Cincinnati, July 8th, 1841.

Mr. D. C. Smith,

Dear Sir:—Various rumors of a serious nature have been afloat here relative to your difficulties, with your neighbors, of the truth of which we have no means of judging. If you read the papers it is unnecessary for us to name them. We have no question of your capability and good intention to fulfill all engagements which you enter into; but if the scenes of Missouri were again acted over; our question is, whether it would then be in your power? We have received today the invoice of type, cases, &c., ordered from New York, and the articles will be here in a few days. We told them in our last, when they were for you, and at the same time gave them our favorable opinion of your responsibility; but the New York papers having soon after published some of the articles which are going the rounds, they, (Hagar & Co.) entirely refused to take any part of the risk, but sent the articles to us, giving us the choice either to retain them and dispose of them in the best way we could, or send them to you at our own risk. Now if late circumstances have not made the risk any greater than it was at the time you were here we should say nothing on the subject, although we get nothing for guaranteeing, and our commissions at best are very small. We should say nothing about it, for the reason that we should not con-
lin addressed the assembly upon the first principles of the gospel. Elder Zentzar

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matter, go to law before the unjust and not before the saints? Do ye not know the saints shall judge the world? And if the world shall be judged by you, are ye unworthy to judge the smallest matter—Know ye not that we shall judge angels? How much more things that pertain to this life? If, then, ye have judgment of things pertaining to this life, set them to judge who are least esteemed in the church. I speak to your shame. Is it so, that there is not a wise man among you? no, not one that shall be able to judge between his brethren. But brother goeth to law with brother, and that before the unbelievers. Now therefore there is utterly a fault among you, because ye go to law one with another. Why do ye not rather suffer yourselves to bedefrauded? Nay, ye do wrong, and defraud, and that your brother. Know ye not that the righteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not deceived; neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor em- phum, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners, shall inherit the kingdom of God; 1 Cor. 6:1-11. Who, observing these things, would go to law, distressing his heart, thereby giving rise to hardness, evil speaking, strifes and animosities amongst those who have covenanted to keep the commandments of God—who have upon them the name of God, and if saints to judge angels, and also to judge the world,—why then are they not ready to say to judge in temporal matters, especially in trivial cases, taking the law of the Lord for their guide, brotherly kindness, charity, etc., as well as the law of the land. Brethren, these are evils which ought not to exist among us. We hope the time will speedily arrive when these things will be done away, and one stand in the office of his calling, as a faithful servant of God—building each other up, bearing each other's infirmities, and so fulfill the law of Christ.

SAM. BENT.
LEWIS D. WILSON,
DAVID GROVER,
NEWELL KNIGHT,
LEONARD SOBY,
JAMES ALLRED,
ELIAS HIGBEE,
GEORGE W. HARRIS.

AARON JOHNSON,
WM. HUNTINGTON, Sr.
DANIEL CARRIER.

WILLIAM MARCS, President.
AUSTIN COWLES, Con.
CHARLES C. RICH, clerks.

ATTEN—Hosta Swoot, Clerk.

NOTICE TO THE ELDERS PREACHING ABROAD.

We have received a great number of Letters from the travelling elders, which gives us great joy. We say, may the Lord bless you and your labors; and as it regards your coming to this place, if you will be humble, the Lord will guide you as you should go. We subscribe ourselves your brethren and fellow laborers in the Kingdom of Patience.

BRIGHAM YOUNG, President.

UNIVERSITY.

The Regents of the University of the City of Nauvoo are hereby notified that there will be a meeting of the board immediately after the service on the 21st Saturday of March, at the office of Brev. Maj. Gen. Hyrum Smith. A general attendance is solicited.

JOHN C. BENNETT, Chancellor.
WILLIAM LAW, Registrar.
February 15th, A. D. 1842.

NAUVOO LEGION.
Head Quarters, Nauvoo Legion, City of Nauvoo, Ill. Jan. 20th, 1841.

GENERAL ORDERS.

All the public arms will be required to be in the best possible condition at the general inspection, and parade, on the 7th of May, proximo, and no deficiency whatever will be countenanced, overlooked, or suffered to pass without fine, on that occasion—all persons, therefore, holding said arms will take notice, and govern themselves accordingly; and, in order that the general inspection may pass off in a truly military style, alike honorable to the legion, and creditable to the citizen-soldier, the brigadiers are required to attend the battalion parade within their respective commands, and inspect said arms in propriis persona, prior to the general parade.

Persons disregarding these orders, whether officers or privates themselves in the service.

The Invincibles, (Capt. Hunt's company of light-infantry,) will be for fatigue duty, as escorts in service; and will take post at night, and receive their orders from the Major-General, through him and Amor R. Bear.

His Excellency, the Governor; the Circuit Judges of the circuit, and the members of the county officers of Hancock Co., Williams, and Col. Deming, respective field and staff officers Illinois Militia; and Gen. Swool Fuller, with their respective officers and staff officers, and Capt. E. Capt. Avery's companies of the Illinois Militia; are respectfully invited to attend, and participate General Parade on the 7th of A. JONES & RICHARDS.

Per A. P. Ro.
Drill-Officer, &c. Been.
JOHN C. BENNETT, Major General.
Per Hugh McFall Adjutant.

An ordinance fixing the price of Mr. Council, and for other purposes. Sec. 1. Be it ordained by the Council of the City of Nauvoo, and from and after the passage of this ordinance, the City Council shall fix the 3rd Saturday of every month at 12 o'clock A. M., and shall continue during the day, and even business of the city requires it; one hour for dinner, and one for the said monthly meeting called The Regular Meeting Council.

Sec. 2. Each member of the and the Recorder, and Marshal allowed two dollars per day for business, and in order to attend regular meetings: and each pair shall be fixed in the same manner for neglecting to attend a regular meeting, without an act of the City Council, in the part of a day so attended, or a proportionate allowance, or be granted, or assessed, as the case may require.
HISTORY OF JOSEPH SMITH.

(Continued.)

I obeyed, I returned back to my father in the field and rehearsed the whole matter to him. He replied to me, that it was of God, and to go and do as commanded by the messenger. I left the field and went to the place where the messenger had told me the plates were to be found. The place in which I had been having visions of the vision which I had had concerning it, I knew the place the instant that I arrived there. Convenient to the village of Manchester, Ontario, New York, stands a hill of considerable size, and the most elevated of any in the neighborhood; on the west side of this hill, far from the top, under a stone of considerable size, lay the plates deposited in a stone box; this stone was thick and rounded in the middle on the upper side, and tilted towards the edges, so that the middle part of it was visible above the ground, but the edge all round was covered with earth. Having removed the earth and obtained a lever which I got fixed under the edge of the stone and with a little exertion raised it up, I looked in and there indeed did I behold the plates, the Urim and Thummim and the Breastplate as stated by the messenger. The box in which they lay was formed by laying stones together in some kind of cement; on the west side of the box was a stone crossways of the box, and on these stones lay the plates and the other things with them. I made an attempt to take them out but was forbidden by the messenger and was again informed that the time for bringing them forth had not yet arrived, neither would until four years from that time, but he told me that I should come to that place precisely in that year from that time, and that he would there meet with me, and that I should continue to do so until the time should come for obtaining the plates. Accordingly as I had been commanded, I went to the end of each year, and at each time I found the same messenger there year from that time, and that he would there meet with me, and that I should continue to do so until the time should come for obtaining the plates. The last time I went to this place was in the last days. As my father's worldly circumstances were very limited, we were under the necessity of laboring with our hands, hiring by days works and other-

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CONFERENCE MINUTES AND RE-ORGANIZATION.

The Lima branch met in conference pursuant to appointment at the house of Amos Boott, in Hancock county,June 11, 1843.

The house was called to order by President Morley, at 10 o’clock, A. M.; and after laying before the minds the object of the meeting, the choir sang a hymn, and Elder H. C. Kimball opened by prayer, the services of the day. The president then arose and stated that it was the privilege of the minds to make their selections for president and council, bishop and council, and high council, to govern the affairs of the kingdom in this branch, when the following nominations were made.

It was motioned, seconded and carried, that Elder Isaac Morley, still remain our president and Walter Cox and Edwin Whiting still remain his counselors.

It was then motioned and carried, that Elder

Elder Snow, still remain our bishop, and Clerk Hallett and Henry Deam, continue as his councillors.

(To be Continued.)

NAVOO, September 24, 1843.

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN.

This is to certify that Elder George J. Adams has been honorably acquitted by the High Council in Nauvoo, from all charges heretofore preferred against him from any and all sources; and is hereby recommended as a faithful laborer in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, and a servant of the Lord that is entitled to the gratitude, confidence, liberality and clemency of the Saints and honorable men in all the world.

WM. MARKS, President.

Hossa Stone, Clerk.

It will be soon that the publication is behind the date, owing to sickness in the office.
POETRY.

For the Times and Seasons.

The spirit had departed and had left
The mortal counterfeit a lifeless form!
I sat beside his coffin, but for him
I had no tears to shed. How could I weep?
His years, indeed, had been but few, but then
He was a saint, and he has gone to join
The spirit of the just. There was to him
No bitterness in death. The power of faith
Imported through the glorious gospel of
The Son of God had shorn the messenger
Of terror and of sting. It rested in death
The yoking vail that hides from mortal view
Erroneous things: and kindred spirits came
To greet the dying one and with him home.

 Freed from mortality and all its ills,
To die as he has died, is endless gain.

Heaven, my sayings: then I look'd upon
His mourning parents, and I thought of their
Bereavement. "Their only son—" he
Their hearthstone, and to him with fond delight
Their expectations clung: and here he lies!
Corruption greys already uncease
They feebly live: and now where is their hope?
My heart was sore with loneliness; and grief
For one short moment weigh'd my feelings down.

But then the spirit of the living God
Waked with its light the vision of my mind,
And I understand'd within myself, all, all
Is well. He's gone to do a work for him
Of everlasting consequence: and they,
Ere long shall understand the purpose
Of him who holds the decision of men.
In this their present state, and then their joy
Will be unspeakable.

Dear, very dear
The resurrection morn will dawn and bring
An everlasting triumph o'er the grave.

Be faithful then ye parents! Keep the faith—
Bestowment in the exercise of ills, till
Your course is finish'd, and your work is done:
And ye shall soon embrace your child, sorrow's
In roles of sorrow—with glory crown'd
In your own mansion of celestial light.
Third, food eff'cacious, everlasting hand
Of kindred spirits and of kindred flesh,
In strength perf'ct, will entwine around
The glorious objects of an ancient claim.
Naumo, May 11th, 1844.

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NOTICE.

At a meeting of the High Council, in the city of Navoio, this 18th day of May, 1844.

Resolved, That James Blakesly, Francis M. Higher, Charles Irvins, and Austin Cowans, be cut off from this church for apostasy.

GEORGE W. HARRIS, Pres. pro tem.,
JOSEPH M. COLLY, Ch. pro tem.

A MOTHER'S LOVE.

There is no divine a holiness in the love of a mother, that no matter how the tie that binds her to the child was formed, she becomes as it were, consecrated and sacred, and the past is forgotten, and the world and its harsh verdicts swept away when that love alone is visible and the God who watches over the little one, sheds his smile over the human deity, in whom tenderness there breathe his own—Brown.

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CORRESPONDENCE BETWEEN JOSEPH SMITH AND THE HON.

ERY CLAY.

NATOIO, Ill., Nov. 4th

Hoc. H. Clav—Dear Sir,—As we stand you are a candidate for the pr

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you this communication, and solicit a

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Most respectfully, sir, your friend,

and the friend of peace, good order;

And constitutional rights.

JOSEPH SMIT

In behalf of the Church of Jesus C

Latter Day Saints.

Hon. H. Clay, Ashland, Ky.

AXELROD, Nov. 15.

Dear Sir,—I have received your letter half of the Church of Jesus Christ of

Day Saints, stating that you understand

am a candidate for the Presidency, and

ring what would be my rule of action in

you, as a people, should I be elected,

I am profoundly grateful for the nu

and strong expressions of the people in

half, as a candidate for President of the

States; but I do not so consider myself

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my sense of duty.

Should I be a candidate, I can enter

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DISINTERESTED DISCOVERY IN SOUTH AMERICA.

Intellectual Inequities contain a long Mr. Prickett, at Lima, coming discovery of extraordinary ruins, has been found by Judge Neito in the Y Chipchaus, white on an exploration. In making a survey of the found, at Cuscos, a building of the characters, which he dess- all of mean stone 560 feet in width, in length, and 155 feet high: list being solid in the interior for space contained within 5,276,090 square, which, it has to the height of 100 feet is solid und lev- high. It is another wall of 200- circumference in this form, 600 feet and 500, in breadth, with the same 100 feet) of the lower wall, and, like level or the summit. In this and also in that of the lower wall many habitations or rooms of the house. 18 feet long, and fifteen wide, in rooms, as well as between the di- of the great wall are found neatly niches, a yard broad or deep, in found rooms of the ancient dead, and some in cotton throws or blan- to texture, though coarse, and all the borders of different colors. If dies is authentic—and we have not omit it—which must be the greatest the world in point of size. We thing in Egypt or Peru to equal it, inscription must have been a vast whether erected by the Indians be- discovery, or by reverent gen- be decided; yet the Judge says serious and highly wrought speci-
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Dec. 9, 1844.

Redeemed, by the High Council that Elder Samuel C. Brown be cut off from the church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, for refusing to comply with the requisitions of said council, and of the same he be given in the "Times and Seasons." C. C. FENELTON, Clerk.

NOTICE!

After mature and candid deliberation, I am fully and irrefutably convinced that Mr. Sidney Rigdon's claims to the presidency of the church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, are not founded in truth. I have been deceived by his specious promises, and now feel to warn every one over whom I may have any influence to beware of him, and his pretended visions and revelations. The Twelve are the proper persons to lead the church.

WILLIAM MARKS.

Nauvoo, Dec. 9, 1844.

From the N. Y. Prophet.

Boston, Nov. 8th, 1844.

Now I say unto you Joseph Smith, if you will abide in me (Christ) you shall be an instrument in my hands to beat this, my kingdom, off triumphant unto the end; but, if you do not abide in me (Christ) I will place another in your place.

Mr. Editor:

This was quoted by a follower of Mr. Rigdon from the Doctrine and Covenants, when I asked him how he supported Mr. B's claim to the presidency of the church. I would say to Mr. R. and his followers that it will do for them to quote this to weak saints, or once-a-week saints, but it will not do for them to quote it to those who know anything about the spirit of God—and I would ask; take the liberty to inform them who are following this man, that this does not place him in Joseph Smith's place. I will take the liberty to ask a few questions—Did Joseph die in the Lord? or was he cut off from the church before he died? I have no account that he was. Or does he (Mr. R.) consider that a man's dying in the church affects his office? Mr. R. does not know that this is not the case; but that they still held their office.—So it is with Joseph—he is still the head of the church, and will lead the church off triumphant unto the end. Mr. R. might as well say that Jesus Christ was no longer the Son of God because he was slain. Joseph is our head—Christ is the head—they are both beyond the veil, and can work to a better advantage for the Saints.

D. Joyce.
years the occupation of his parent. To him no education had been imparted, and he could scarcely write his name, until the Lord fixed him on as the instrument by which his holy church was to be restored. He in a moment became a great and powerful man, and the Lord revealed facts to him for the redemption of the world—He accordingly, as a prophet, went forth to speak the truth; but like all true propagators of the truth, was subjected to all kinds of persecution, which continued to follow him to the day of his assassination. The followers of the prophet, at first, added Mr. Davis, numbered but six, but they had increased to hundreds of thousands, and they were increasing in all parts of the world; for Brother Smith had foretold—and, like the ancient prophets, all his prophetic cities would be fulfilled—that the world would yet be filled with the truth.

Elder Davis, at some length, enlarged the departed prophet, adding that in spite of all persecution, he would stand for the redemption of the world. Already were thousands of his members in England and Scotland, and there were also some in Ireland. The Elder concluded by asking a blessing for the followers of the prophet.—London Mor. Adm.

(27) Truly liberal. If all the world would review like wise, there would soon be a reformation among men, sweet as the odors from a field of Arabissn, peaceful as the serenity of an unclouded morning in summer.

From the K. Y. Prophet.

REGULATIONS FOR THE PUBLISHER DEPARTMENT OF THE LATTER-DAY SAINTS IN THE EAST.

Dear Brothers,—Are you not all aware that very many of our men, women and children are turning authors, and publishing works purporting to be illustrative of the doctrines of the Church? Some of them are both writers, and some of them are mixed with error, and very many of them which are true and useful are borrowed, in part or in full, from our standard works which are already extant, and therefore, these new vamped pieces or tracts are not particularly needed; besides, there is another consideration—what works are expend ed by men who have but little experience in publishing, and perhaps pay double for the paper and printing, and all this into the hands of those who feel no interest in our cause.

In this way thousands of dollars are drawn from the saints and from the elders, while the temple cause is neglected. All these things are out of order and must come to an end; or else those men who have experience, and whose business it is to write and publish the truth, will have to come and have more to do with publishing, for they, and the others too, cannot find support in the business so as to make the works pay for themselves.

We have now three department, fully ap- poiled by the presidency of the church, viz.: the Nauvoo office, under the management of Mr. J. Taylor, the English department, under Elder W. Wood ax, and the New York publishing department, now committed to my charge.

These three great emporiums of light, truth, and news, are quite sufficient until the work enlarges and other similar establishments are appointed by the Twelve.

The church, therefore, is hereby instructed not to patronize, purchase, or support any pub- lication pertaining to our cause, except they emanate from one of these three offices, and under the sanction and authority of those who are appointed to manage this matter.

Let the books, tracts, periodicals, pamphlets, &c. of Mr. B. Winchester and others no long er be patronized by the saints. Let the "Times and Seasons," "Neighbour," "Millennial Star," and "Prophet" be well supported, together with the standard Hymn Book, Book of Mormon, and each other works so errs or may be, published by authority as approved standards; and this will be all the church is able to do at present. Considering the sickings for the temples and the duties of charity and hospitality which are required of them.

The public are also cautioned that no works will be considered as a standard by the saints concerning their principles except they are published by the authorities above named.

F. P. PRATT.

New York, Jan. 1st, 1845.

(28) We shall accord the "regulations" of Elder Pratt; there is nothing like order in the kingdom of God.

BEWARE OF IMPOSTORS.

Daniel Botford and Nancy his wife, who left Nauvoo about June last, are by the High Council excommunicated from the church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, at Nauvoo, on complaint of their improper and erroneous efforts and course of doing to unlawfully obtain a surrender from certain kind and hospitable members of said church, in some of the eastern branches, together with reporting certain dangerous tales respecting the leaders and church of Nauvoo.

CALVIN C. FENDLETON, Clerk.

Nauvoo, Dec. 28, 1844.
Jan. 15.

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A CIRCULAR OF THE HIGH COUNCIL.

TO THE MEMBERS OF THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER DAY SAINTS, AND TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN: GREETING.

Beloved Brethren and Friends—We, the members of the High Council of the Church, by the voice of all her authorities, have unambiguously and unanimously agreed, and embrace this opportunity to inform you, that we intend to settle into the Western sanctuary of this place, some time in the early part of the month of March, a company of pioneers, consisting mostly of young, hardy men, with some families. These are destined to be furnished with an ample outfit; taking with them a printing press, farming utensils of all kinds, with soil and bulging clothes, seeds of all kinds, grain 4c.

The object of this early move, is, to put in a spring crop, to build houses, and to prepare for the reception of families who will start so soon as grass shall be sufficiently grown to sustain teams and stock. Our pioneers are instructed to proceed West until they find a good place to make a crop, in some good valley in the neighborhood of the Rocky Mountains, where they will inflict upon no one, and be not likely to be inflicted upon here. Here we will make a resting place, until we can determine a place for a permanent location. To this event of the President's recommendation to build block houses and stockade forts on the route to Oregon, becoming a law, we have encouragements of having that work to do, and under our peculiar circumstances, we can do it with less expense to the Government than any other people. We are also under the declaration for settling the place, who have concluded that our grievances have alienated us from our country; that our patriotism has not been overcome by fire—by sword—by daylight, nor by midnight assassinations, which we have endured neither have they alienated us from the institutions of our country. Should hostilities arise between the Government of the United States and any other power, in relation to the right of possessing the territory of Oregon, we are on hand to sustain the claim of the United States' Government to that country. It is geographically ours; and of right, no foreign power should hold dominion there; and if our services are required to prevent it, those services will be cheerfully rendered according to our ability. We feel the injuries that we have sustained, and are not insensitive of the wrongs we have suffered; still we are Americans, and should our country be invaded we hope to do, at least, as much as did

LIITMET AND SEASONS.

CITY OF NAUVOO.

JAN. 20, 1846.

JANUARY.

January, thus far, has been mild, which, in the midst of our preparations for an exodus next spring, has given an excellent time to finish the Temple. Nothing has appeared so much like a "finishing" of that holy edifice as the present. The steeple story was finished in December, and if the Lord continues to favor us, the first story above the basement, will be completed ready for moving, in the month of February. The Font, standing upon twelve stone corns, is about ready, and the floor of the second story is laid, so that all appreciation about the Temple of God at Nauvoo, must cease.

The blessings promised, are beginning to be realized, and the worthy Zionites, who have watched and labored night and day, go in and receive the "heavenly appointed," and know of a certainty that diligence, faithfulness, and charity are rewarded. O, Lord, the true hearted saints know how the endowments and blessings upon the faithful, so far exceed the earthly glory of Babylon, as the sun exhales a spark from the fire; and therefore, we beseech all who would be saved, "to quit their vanity" for they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint."
the conciliatory Quaker who took his passage on board a merchant ship, and was attacked by pirates. The pirate boarded the merchantman, and one of the enemies' men fell into the water between the two vessels, but adjusted a rope that hung over and was pulling himself up on board the merchantman. The conciliatory Quaker saw this, and though he did not like to fight, he took his Jack-knife and quickly moved to the scene, saying to the pirate, "If thee wants that piece of rope I will help thee to it." He cut the rope under— the pirate fell—and a watery grave was his lasting place.

Much of our property will be left in the hands of competent agents for sale at a low rate, for teams, for goods and for cash. The floods arising from the sale of property will be applied to the removal of families from time to time as fast as consistent, and it now remains to be proven whether those of our families and friends who are necessarily left behind for a season to obtain an outfitt, through the sale of property, shall be nobbled, hurt, and driven away by force. Does any American want the honor of doing it? or will Americans suffer such acts to be done, and the disgrace of them to rest on their character under existing circumstances? If they will, let the world know it. But we do not believe they will.

We agreed to leave the country for the sake of peace, upon the condition that no more vengeful prosecutions be instituted against us.— In good faith have we fulfilled this engagement. Governor Foulk has also done his duty to further our wishes in this respect.— But there are some who are unwilling that we should have an existence anywhere. But our destinies are in the hands of God, and no more to their will. We venture to say that our brethren have made no counterfeited friends: And if any mil- ler has received fifteen hundred dollars base coin in a week, from us, let him testify. If any bond agree of the General Government has received wages tons of base coin from us in payment for lands, let him say so. Or if he has received any at all from us, let him tell it.

These witnesses against us we have upon a long yarn: but if our brethren have never used an influence against them to break them up, and to cause them to leave our city, after having satisfied themselves that they were engaged in the very business of which they accuse us, their revenge might never have been raised to father upon us their own illegitimate and base productions.

We have never tied a black strap around any person’s neck, neither have we cut their bowls out, nor fed any to the “Cat Eats.” The systematic order of stealing of which these given witnesses speak, most certainly be orig- inated with them. Such a plan could never orig- inate with any person, except some one who wished to hasten the flames of death and distruc- tion around us. The very drops of malice and revenge are mingled in the statements of these witnesses added to by the “Bingham Journal.” We should think that every man of sense might see this. In fact, many railers do see it, and they have our thanks for speaking of it.

We have now stated our feelings, our wish- es, and our intentions: And by them we are willing to abide: and such Editor as are willing that we should live and not die; and have a hearing on the earth while brevity is pleased to lengthen out our days, are respect- fully requested to publish the article. And men who wish to buy property very cheap, to benefit themselves, and are willing to benefit use are invited to visit and look; and our prayer shall ever be that Justice and judgement—mer- cy and truth may be exalted, not only in our own land, but throughout the world, and the will of God be done on earth as it is done in Heaven.

Done in Council at the City of Norwich, on the 25th day of January, 1846.

SAML. BENT, JAMES ALLERD. GEORGE W. HARRIS.
WILLIAM HUNTINGTON, HENRY G. SHERWOOD.
ALPHEUS CUTLER, NEWEL KNIGHT.
LEWIS D. WILSON, EDA T. BENSON.
DAVID FULLER, THOMAS GROVER.
AARON JOHNSON.

DISCOURSE OF ELDER JOHN TAYLOR,
DELIVERED SUNDAY AFTERNOON,
JULY 31st, 1845.

Reported by O. D. Woll.
I have been required to address you this after- noon and I do so with pleasure, for I feel at home among the saints of God and delight in unfolding to them the principles of eternal truth. Since I have out here, some ideas have occurred to my mind, upon which I thought to make a few remarks.

These have been certain ideas advanced on the stand, that seems to puzzle the minds of many of the saints: and as truth, light and in- telligence are what we are ill in search of, and a knowledge of correct principles is of impor- tance, it may be well to attempt to show light on a subject that seems new to us.

It has been remarked frequently this attor- nery, and that we have now beg-

A great many are at a loss as to what is the case here, and what we are connected with.

The remark is certainly novel; a n to get at the subject, there is need of some means to elucidate the word attorney. I do not know b esters upon the subject, I should take notice of certain remarks made last: Sabbath in relation to the real changes principles of the gospel; any principle pertaining to the gospel Christ is essential, in all laws eternal subject about which we are now a. The same principles that now exist i to the gospel, existed in the instru- tions, that have been in being in the ages of the world: they existed in Moses, and in Joshua’s day, and in Adam; and they existed in stern mind of God, before this world came, or the morning was song to the sons of God shouted for joy speak of these things, we have no so much to our existence here on if we have regard to principles to the coming of our existence to live upon the face of the world.

But although we come into exist we existed thousands of ages before, it highly important to us to be prepared for all our work, and to prepare ourselves for counsel of glory and a celestial kingdom.

Time in a short space, between, at Eternity existed before time was; in time time will come; and so the body and the spirit is to be man, or man “a being who” I thousand years before he came as did we, a body was prepared a body has been prepared for us, the body may be killed or die, they and as Jesus lived before he had a lived also after his body was substi. He had power to lay do- body and power to take it up did his power exist as he was dead or spoke on a certain occasion, on day of the feast, and this am I then and the life, that he believes he was dead and shall be lively, as sub and believers in me shall know what has become of those existences who heard and believed
Mr. Editor: --

In all probability, you have heard of the existence of a body in Nauvoo City, called the "High Council," whose business it is to investigate all the affairs that concern the church, to try all offenders against the laws of said church, and punish accordingly. Of course, this court is considered by the members, to use the words of Mr. Dillon, in his history of the Inquisition, the most just, correct and holy of all others. I had often heard of this court, and my curiosity was aroused to see it, and I had the fortune to have it perfectly satisfied in the following manner. Being in that city, last December, I heard considerable talk of the doctrine of Spiritual Wives, which doctrine, I find has been, and is now being taught to a great extent in that place, the proofs of which are daily presenting themselves, but in what shape, I shall leave you to determine.

Being compelled to remain in that city on account of the closing of the river, I was happy to learn that there was to be a trial of one of their Priests, not for teaching said doctrine, but for teaching it too publicly. Accordingly on the day of the trial, I repaired to the council chamber and by good luck, obtained a seat, the room being crowded to excess. It was with much difficulty that I could learn the names of all concerned, but shall endeavor to give them as correct as possible: but previous to my going farther, I will say, that before this occurrence transpired, I cared little or nothing about their creed, consequently was not carried away, as other[s] are against them, on account of their faith; and therefore I watched their proceedings strictly, but without prejudice. But it was impossible to be there long, without seeing that it was fixed and settled between Smith and the accused (the trial merely being got up for effect,) that it should all be blown over. The parties concerned, as near as I could find out, were, Joseph Smith, complainant, Harrison Sagers, defendant, and the two principal witnesses were, Lucy Sagers, wife of the said Sagers, and her sister, Miss Mason, to whom he had been teaching this doctrine for the last two years; which fact was clearly proven, and would have been satisfactory to any court but such an accursed Inquisition as this. The evidence here produced, is of too black and despicable a nature to be described; and had the accused been dealt
with according to his crime, he would have been divested of his office, as
priest, and cut off from the church. As is common, however, in all cases of
importance, that come before this tribunal, instead of meeting his just deserts,
after a short address from the Prophet, which was more to screen himself and
brother, than to chastize, the said Sagers was discharged by the Prophet,
notwithstanding the suit was brought before the said High Council; and that
body did not act officially on that subject, no vote being taken. I must say that a
more ungallant speech than that of the Prophet, was never spoken in the
presence of females -- in fact, so lewd and lascivious, that it was with difficulty
that I could sit still and hear it. I would say more, but my time is short, and I am
afraid I have occupied too much of your columns already; but if you should
think this worthy of notice, I will give you a more full account at a future
period, but shall now close, subscribing myself yours, &c.

A TRAVELER.