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Bishop Morris Wilson Jr.
La Verkin, Utah.

Dear Brother Wilson:

Answering your letter of December 26th, regarding the pretended marriage of A. D. Le Baron to a young girl residing in your ward, will say that the statements by the brother of A. D. LeBaron as to his talk with Apostle Rudger Clawson are absolutely false. Apostle Clawson warned this young man that plural marriage is contrary to the rules of the Church and that should he or anyone else in the Church enter into such relations, they would be excommunicated from the Church. He also had an interview with Brother Ivins and he gave him the same instructions.

No man living is performing plural marriages with any authority. Marriages of this kind are absolutely contrary to the rules of the Church and people entering into them should not only be excommunicated, but I believe the proper thing would be to have them brought up before the civil authorities and suffer imprisonment for immoral conduct.

I enclose you herewith a copy of a letter to President Edward H. Snow, by Rudger Clawson, President of the Council of Twelve, which gives President Clawson's position on behalf of all the members of the Quorum of Apostles in a very plain manner. You will no doubt hear from President Snow regarding this matter.

Sincerely your brother,

/s/ Heber J. Grant

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P.S. A. D. LeBaron's younger brother, who is advocating plural marriage in private and in your public meetings should be dealt with for his fellowship at once for nothing else than lying about the First Presidency and members of the Quorum of Twelve. No such man should be allowed to fellowship with the Latter-day Saints.