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Elder John Henry Smith,  
City.

Dear Brother:-

Acting under the advice and counsel of the First Presidency I take this means of calling your attention to their official declaration on the subject of plural marriages adopted by the late General Conference of the Church; and I bespeak your hearty co-operation in emphasizing the same in your private conversations and counsels as well as your public utterances, to the end that no misunderstanding may exist among our people concerning its scope and meaning; but on the contrary, that all may given to distinctly understand that infractions of the law in regard to plural marriage are transgressions against the Church punishable by excommunication.

That God may bless you in all your ministry is the prayer of

Your affectionate Brother,

*Francis M. Lyman*