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I have been very happy in attending the meeting of this Conference, I have rejoiced in listening to the remarks of brethren who have spoken; and earnestly hope that I may be influenced and guided in the remarks I may make, by the same spirit and power which has actuated them. Realizing as I do, that God a working in the hearts of the

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not shall be damned. And these signs shall follow them that believe, in my name they shall cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues; they shall speak with new tongues; they shall speak with new tongues; they shall take upserpents, and if they drink any deadly thing it shall not hurt them."

Such was the commission given to the Apostles anciently, and the gifts and blessings, some of which I have enumerated, following the believer whose faith led to works, were evidences of the authority of the Lord's disciples who bore that commission. Their testimony being true and faithful, received the endersement of the Hely Spirit.

Unlike ministers of the various Christian denominations the Elders of this Church claim no part of the commission given by the Lord to His ancient Apostles, but they do chaim, and do have authority from Jesus Christ to preach His Gospel, and the signs that followed believers in the Gospel. And as they are not failed to show that they are not failed

yet. I try to comprehend the feelings of faithful Abraham when pleading for Sodom and Gomorrab; which, had they contained five

Now, I think there are a great many more than five righteous man righteous according to the light they have, in the United States; good men too, who, while they cannot see as we see, and while they cannot endorse our peculiar ideas in regard to the plan of human salvation, love liberty, cherish the memory of our forefathers, and regard the foundations of this great government so highly that they could not even under the pressure of public opinion, vote for a measure so its adically wrong, a measure so the

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position, I am bold to assert that no where in Urah among Latter-day Saints could such a thing be found. Saints could such a thing be found. Such domination, ecclesiastical, political or social does not exist in Urah among the "Mormonn," possibly it may exist in the midst of those comprising their enemies, and the President of those comprising their enemies, and the President of those comprising their enemies, and the President of the Urah among the "Ing," Whatever may here as the "Ing," Whatever may hereafter be asserted rever hereafter be asserted rever hereafter be asserted rever hereafter be asserted rever hereafter be asserte

than can be found anywhere else. In some of the Eastern States, especially in the larger cities, the evidences of increasing prosperity appear numerous. Trade and commerce, pushed by enterprise and capital, are accumulating wealth in the hands of the far-seeing and shrewd very rapidly, and the luxurious habits manifested in the erection and decoration of magnificent palatial residences is only equalled by the rich personal ornaments of their owners. To excel in these things the highest ambitiou of the worldly is excited to the utmost extend to often sacrifice truth and honor in the mad strife for gain, wealth, or the love of it, is fast by the rich ground at the pains and sorrows of those days of destitution when the aged and the young together walked weary miles with blistered feet in the bold of the Christian world. To what attent their mornally and realized of place of peace and rest, so much define the so-called civilization and the place of peace and rest, so much define the so-called civilization and the place of peace and rest, so much define the so-called civilization and the place of peace and rest, so much define the so-called civilization and the place of peace and rest, so much define the so-called civilization and the place of peace and rest, so much define the so-called civilization and the place of peace and rest, so much define the so-called civilization and the place of peace and rest, so much define the so-called civilization and the place of peace and rest, so much define the so-called civilization and the place of peace and rest, so much define the so-called civilization and the place of peace and rest, so much define the so-called civilization and the place of peace and rest, so much define the so-called civilization and the place of peace and rest, so much define the so-called civilization and the place of peace and rest, so much define the so-called civilization and the place of peace and rest, so much define the so-called civilization and the place of peace and rest, so much defined to t the so-called civilination and the legislature, a place of peace and rest, so much deplace of peace and thirst, were each and all forgotten in the intense desire to be free from the cruel persention of decument; as a person life of the life

increased and excessive taxation, to the control of the insignificant minority in this Territory, then I am neither a propuet nor the son of a phophet. The passage of the Edmunds till and the means used to make it law, are but a part of the plot conceeted in this city and sudcreed by certain parties, east against the rights and liberties of the people of Utah. The peculiar mathematical calculation by which Governor Murray succeeded in counting about 1,800 votes for a person almost unknown here, a greater number than over 18,000 cast for Hon. George Q. Lagorest representation in the National legislature, and rendered nugatory, to the majority in this Territory, the sacred right of franchise. The late document declared, in effect, that its a person who plotted against the late of the hing in a monarchial government committed treason, so one who tampered with the hallot box land to inventigate office passing in a monarchial government committed treason, so one who tampered with the hallot box live heaped up against the people.

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