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President Cannon's Reply to the "Times" Slander.

IT IS A FRANK STATEMENT

In Connection With Business and Other Affairs.

CONCISE PLAIN AND POSITIVE.

The People Now Can Judge for Themselves the Character of His Assertions Excellent.

Editor Deseret News:

Though somewhat lengthy public good I have made it a point never to allow myself to articles of a personal in which I have been assailed, usually time of an anonymous character.

An article has appeared in two of daily papers, clipped from the New York Press in which in seven long lines I am savagely attacked, and my life and conduct, my home relations and my family made to be discussed with a malignity formidable enough to put to the blush even the most depraved purpose to put to the wrong to do me a serious injury and, if possible, destroy myself.

All that is said would only have the sign on me personally, I would not condescend to trouble the public by explanation or defense. Japanese has mischiefly taught me to wait while it is true that a lie will go a league while truth is putting on its boots, it only requires time for an honest man, whose motives is straightforward and upright, to outlive any falsehood. I could wherein now say the vilest spite-work against all that has been written in the anonymous communication, did not dear friends, whose opinion I respect, urge me to do so, they thinking that I not only owed it to myself, but that I owed it to the people and to the enterprises with which I am connected, that something should be said. This is my reason, and my only reason, for trespassing upon public patience at the time.

Among my friends I trust I am not to need to be required to make any explanation or defense of my conduct. The people with whom I have lived all my life have had ample opportunity of seeing the best possible evidence, the purest proof, based on the fairest reputations extant, and the fairest reputations ever to be maintained and verified by human evidence.

I feel called on by explanation to so offensive a thing. The charges are general, are heavy and broad, so that it is difficult, without entering more than should to speak, simply some facts.

In first infinite charge that is intended I am a man of very large and that there are scarcely enough in the world to satisfy my property or property in money, and it is stated that I owner of that business "by the through stock jobbing companies."

Certainly my that not one of opinions has ever accepted a pecuniary influence. It is great pity for me to be an Apostle. It is true. But when God called me to be first place in apportioning Apostles present to the general control of the Church of their vote, as well all faithful that George Q. Cannon, and Brigham, in any, but of business, to public in place to be ordained. And today there is not a man that is in the public equally better for any of them received public office, something every one of us has a number of the business and enterprises in a business in the city, and neither there was a vote of the Apostles or the Church, or a single member of the Church in the state in favor of any one of them. They were unanimous in their choice because it was thought by you and the necessary qualifications for apostleship, as far as I know, I am the only one in the existence of man who ever voted.

I have never had any influence of the kind, political or commercial, in the management of family business, in the promotion of relatives, I have never done anything of the kind in my life. I am in no way the author of the prosperity of my relatives, and I have not made profit out of their confidence.

The next charge is that I am a merchant, because I am connected with Zion's Co-operative Mercantile Institution.

If connection with that institution makes me a merchant, then I suppose I am a merchant. When the idea of co-operating together for certain purposes was first broached, I took hold of it earnestly and used all the influence I had, both in writing and in public addresses, to set forth the advantages to the people of such a method of doing business. It is a pleasure of great satisfaction to me that I have been connected with Zion's Co-operative Mercantile Institution from its inception to the present time. For many years I served as one of the board of directors without receiving a

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of directors, having been one of its first incorporators.

I was one of the incorporators of the Union Central railroad, one one of my children ever occupied a position in connection with that railroad.

I was one of the first organizers of Zion's Savings Bank and Trust company, and none of my children has ever been connected with that bank.

I have been a large owner in the Bullion-Beck and Champion Mining company for nearly thirteen years, and one of my offspring has had any position in the company.

I took an active part in the organization of the Utah Sugar company, and had the position of president, and none of my family has ever had an hour's employment from that institution.

I can say the same with equal truth about the Salt Lake Herald and the Salt Lake Herald Publishing company.

I have been one of the Twelve Apostles since 1860 and a counselor in the First Presidency since 1880, and none of my children, nor any relative, has been employed by the Church through any influence or because of his connection with me.

Also with the exceptions above named, not one of my children has ever occupied a civil or political office, with the exception of my son Frank J., to which I will allude further.

No doubt for the charge made against me that I have used my influence and power in forward the interests of my children in office is one of my children.

I might reply to such a charge in the manner in which this anonymous writer says I became the owner of stock in the Bullion-Beck & Champion Mining company. Mr. John Beck, without any solicitation or knowledge on my part, sold me stock in the company and the Board of that city, the stock was made up my account concerning the method by which I had become possessed of stock in John Beck's company. To the statement I may cover the whole Tom President John Taylor and myself purchased with Mr. Beck for considerable sum in that property. We paid him something in agreement, each of us, for handling possession of property interest. After the purchase we parted with the ownership of our interest to other persons. Since then I have never sold a share of the stock in that property, and it is a sufficient refutation of the scandalous charges of this anonymous writer, that I am not the state—and the books of the company will fully bear me out—that through I have never sold one share of stock in that property, yet I day I scarcely own a share, through causes which, without any wrong on my part, I might relate. My share has decreased from not a little less than one-third, without the sale of a single share on my part, to about one-fifth of the property. This does not look as though I had taken advantage of any person.

I am most charged with being the owner of real estate, and though there is nothing dishonorable in it, it is stated that by some enterprises I have become possessed of real estate which belonged to the Church.

This is so utterly false that I would be glad at any time for any committee of Church members to examine into every real estate transaction that I have ever had, and this not only themselves as to the absolute character of this falsehood. I do not own a piece of property today in my own right that ever belonged to the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints or its trustees. There are two pieces of property that were bought by George Q. Cannon & Sons company, one where the office of the Juvenile Instructor now stands, and the other is the site of Zion's Savings Bank, which came through the transfer that for these full value was paid at the same price at which other pieces of the same kind were bought. This is the only transaction in Church real estate that I can possibly be connected with, as I say, I myself was not the purchaser in the instance, it having been done by the company. As to the real estate in Salt Lake City and Ogden, I may say that I have never been connected with it, and I can easily show the particulars from the county records. Every piece was bought and paid for by myself, and was in addition that sign any Church tell some of transactions position.

The next charge is that I am a banker, and that I become such through being the super influence and taking advantage of people's confidence.

My connection with Zion's Savings Bank & Trust company is the same as that of all the other stockholders and officers. I am one of the directors without other one of the company, and those who are held in the highest estimation attended also, because I have had no connection with that institution different from the others who are interested in it. At the time it was one of the highest corporations, and the for settlement of eighteen years after it was established, neither myself nor any other stockholder derived a dollar's profit from it, several because of the great prosperity of their stock. I thought there was a future for the bank one related office, and encouraged others to relate there. This is the height of my offence in connection with the banking business. The truth is I owed a debt to the Church for nothing and I certainly say that I do not owe it to any man, or any church, I myself and ancestors, and took the best advantage of the people of it in any manner made profit out of their confidence.

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