

Admit of corrupt administrators' sending troops here, and what would be the result? All hell would follow after. I naturally dislike to have any trouble, and would not were I not obliged to; but we are obliged to defend ourselves against the persecution of our oppressors, or have our Constitutional rights rent from us and ourselves destroyed. We must either suffer that, or stand up and maintain the kingdom of God on the earth.

We have known all the time that the kingdoms of darkness were opposed to the kingdom of God, that the powers of earth and hell were combined against it. Christ and Baal cannot make friends with each other; you cannot mix oil and water, righteousness and wickedness. This is the kingdom of God; all others are of the devil. They never can be united in this world, nor in any other; there is no possibility of the two kingdoms' becoming one. Those who believe and obey the gospel of the Son of God, and forsake all for its interests, belong to the kingdom of God, and all the rest belong to the other kingdom. There is a distinction and the line must be drawn, and you and I have to stand up to it; even though it may take from us our right eyes and right hands. We must stand up to the line and maintain the kingdom of God, or we will all go to destruction together.

I am perfectly willing that the brethren should stop all improvements, if they choose, and spend a few years in seeing what our enemies will do, though their efforts against us will only tend to use them up the faster. But if the people prefer it, they may stop their improvements and take care of their wheat, and cache a supply of grain, flour, &c., where no other persons can find it; though we can raise grain here all the time, yes, all the time.

Suppose that our enemies send 50,000 troops here, they will have to transport all that will be requisite to sustain them over one winter, for I will promise them, before they come, that there shall not be one particle of forage nor one mouthful of food for them should they come. They will have to bring all their provisions and forage, and though they start their teams with as heavy loads as they can draw, there is no team that can bring enough to sustain itself, to say nothing of the men. If there were no more men here than there are in the Seminole nation, our enemies never could use us up, but they could use up themselves which they will do. The Seminoles, a little tribe of a few hundred in Florida, have cost our Government, I suppose, in the neighborhood of a \$100,000,000 and they are no nearer being conquered than when the war commenced. And what few have removed have been induced to do so by compromise; and it would be far cheaper for the Government to pay the debts they honestly owe us, and leave us unmolested in the peaceful enjoyment of our rights.

Would not our enemies feel well in going to the ransoms for wood, the first night, to cook their suppers with? The idea puts me in mind of an anecdote told by one Brown, about the man who took the first barrel of whiskey up the Missouri River on a log raft.

They might stay amid blackened desolation, till they ate up what they brought, and then they would have to go back.

It has been asked, 'have you counted the cost?' Yes, for ourselves, but I cannot begin to count it for our enemies. It will cost them all they have in this world, and will land them in hell in the world to come, while the only trouble with us is that we have two or three times more men than we need for using up all who can come here to deprive us of our rights.

As I said this morning, ten years ago on this ground I stated that we would not ask any odds of our enemies in ten years from that date, and the next time that I thought of it was ten years afterwards to a day. 'They are now sending their troops', was the news, and it directly occurred to me, 'will you ask any odds of them?' No, in the name of Israel's God we will not, for as soon as we ask odds we get ends—of bayonets. When we have asked them for bread, they have given us stones; and when we have asked them for meat, they have given us scorpions; and what is the use in our asking any more? I do not ask any odds of those who are striving to deprive us of every vestige of freedom and to destroy us from the earth.

Suppose that we should now bow down and they should order their troops back and then send a Governor and other officers here, how long would it be before some miserable scamp would get into a fuss with the Indians in Utah county, or in some other county, and get killed? Then the Governor would order out the militia, probably two or three hundred men, to kill off those Indians. Well, the brethren, knowing that the aggressor is a white man, do not want to turn out and, like Gen. Harney, kill the squaws, and they say, 'we shall not go'. Then the Governor would say, 'they have committed treason', and it would be, 'send an army here and shoot and hang them.' Our enemies are determined to bring us into collision with the Government, so that they can kill us, but they shall not come here.

If the troops are now this side of Laramie, remember that the Sweetwater is this side of that place. They must have some place to winter, for they cannot come through here this season. We could go out and use them up, and it would not require fifty men to do it. But probably we shall not have occasion to take that course, for we do not want to kill men. They may winter in peace at some place east of us, but when spring comes they must go back to the States, or at any rate they must leave the mountains.

We have no desire to kill men, but we wish to keep the devils from killing us. If you hear that they are near the Upper crossing of the Platte, they will probably stay there till they can collect 50,000 troops. We will say that 9 and 3 equal 17, and if that is so, how long will it take to get those troops here? Let an arithmetician figure out how long it will be before 9 and 3 will make 17, for that will be just as soon as our enemies will get 50,000 troops here.

We have got to be called traitors by our enemies. Joseph was taken up six times, if I remember rightly, on the charge of treason. Once he was brought into court by some enemies who thought they could prove that he had committed adultery, and that they termed treason. At another time our brethren wanted to vote in Davies County, Missouri, and said they would cast their votes and have their rights with other citizens, whereupon Joseph was taken up for treason. Another time he was taken up on a charge of high-treason, and when he came before the grand jury his enemies wanted to prove that he had more than one wife, asserting that that was high-treason.

Our enemies are constantly yelling, 'rebellion, treason', no matter how peaceful, orderly and loyal we may be. And now to come out in open opposition to their cursed corrupt practices, will of course be counted treason. But let me tell you that the real, actual treason is committed in Washington, by the Administrators of our Government sending an army to take the lives of innocent citizens. Every man is allowed by the Constitution to have what religion he pleases, and to profess what religion he pleases. That liberty is guaranteed by the Constitution, 'but you 'Mormons', an army must be sent against you because you are Latter Day Saints'. Yes, an army must be sent to drive us from the earth.

There is high-treason in Washington, and if the law was carried out it would hang up many of them. And the very act of James K. Polk in taking 500 of our men while we were making our way out of the country under an agreement forced upon us, would have hung him between the heavens and the earth, if the laws had been faithfully executed. And now, if they can send a force against this people, we have every Constitutional and legal right to send them to hell, and we calculate to send them there.

When I get over being angry I may preach something else, but the past travels and sufferings of this people through mobocracy are before me.

I am not speaking of the Government, but of the corrupt Administrators of the Government. They make me think of a sign in New York upon which was lettered, 'All manner of twisting and turning done here'. It is just so in Washington City, they can twist and turn in any and every way to suit their hellish appetites.

Were I an officer sent to Utah for the purpose of aiding the unhallowed oppression of the innocent, (and in this connection I disclaim all personalities) I would know the facts in the case, before I made any hostile move; and sooner than side with tyranny and murder I would resign my commission and say, 'take it and stick it in your boot and go to hell, and I will go my way'. And I would rather go and raise my own potatoes for my wives and children, than to hold office under such a set of administrators and bow down to their wicked designs. Though if I were of the world, I would probably do as the rest do.

I have already told you that the main cause of an army being now sent here is a political scheme for the purpose of getting money out of the United States' Treasury. Politicians and traders combine to lay plans, no matter how devilish, for getting their hands into the Treasury of the United States, that they may have money with which to sow corruption and gratify their debauched natures.

Some men do not realize what they are doing. I said, a few weeks ago, that the deeds of some men are out of sight. Our merchants here have fanned the flame, and what for? To peddle off my blood and yours for gold and silver. Although that design may have been out of their sight, yet such is the case; but they will not make money by the operation. Should the crisis come, they will find themselves in poor pasture, with nothing but greasewood and sage to feed upon. It will not do for them to sell us for money, for we are worth more than the Methodist society was sold for in Canada, where they were sold at three cents a head.

I am aware that you want to know what will be the result of the present movement against us. 'Mormonism' will take an almighty stride into influence and power, while our enemies will sink and become weaker and weaker and be no more, and I know it just as well now as I shall five years hence. The Lord Almighty wants a name and a character, and he will show our enemies that he is God and that he has set to his hand again to gather Israel, and to try our faith and integrity. And he is saying, 'now, you my children, dare you take a step to promote righteousness in direct and open opposition to the popular feelings of all the wicked in your Government? If you do, I will fight your battles'.

Our enemies had better count the cost, for if they continue the job they will want to let it out to sub-contractors, before they get half through with it. If they persist in sending troops here, I want the people in the West and in the East to understand that it will not be safe for them to cross the plains.

It has cost the Government hundreds of thousands of dollars more for the Indians in other Territories than it has in this, and I have saved the Government hundreds of thousands of dollars by keeping the Indians peaceable in Utah. Hundreds of miles have the Indians traveled to see me to know whether they might use up the emigrants, saying, 'they have killed many of us, and they damn you and damn us, and shall we stand it?' I have always told them to hold on, to stop shedding blood, and to live in peace. But I have been told that the first company of packers that went through here this season, on their way from California to the States, shot at every Indian they saw between Carson Valley and Box Elder, and what has been the result? Probably scores of persons have been killed, animals have been taken from nearly all the emigrants that have passed on that road, and the Indians in that region have now more stock than they know how to take

care of; and they come into settlements with their pockets full of gold. The whites first commenced on the Indians, and now if they do not quit such conduct they must stop traveling through this country, for it is more than I can do to keep the Indians still under such outrageous treatment.

The people do not realize what they have done by driving us into the midst of the Lamanites. They prevented Joseph from associating with the Indians, but they, through their ignorance, thought that we were going to Vancouver's Island, or on the borders of the Pacific, but lo, they have driven us into the midst of the Lamanites. These Lamanites begin to have a knowledge of their forefathers, and they are cultivating the earth. Here were the most degraded classes of Indians to be found, but now there is not a tribe so enlightened nor one that has so good a knowledge of its real position and standing before the Lord as have some of these Utah Indians. It is now very different with them, from what it was when we first came here. It is now becoming a universal practice with them to punish the guilty and not the innocent. They have been taught that, from the time we first came here. Talk with them, and you will learn that they have a good deal of knowledge. They must be saved, for they are the children of Abraham.

The Lord in his mercy has suffered our enemies to do that which we could not have accomplished for many years, and let a war commence and there is no knowing where we shall next land in Jackson county, Missouri. They will learn that 'Mormonism' is a living creature.

All the world have to learn that the Lord is God, and that he is the God of his children.—He will protect his anointed, he will defend his own family, and all we have to do is to do his will. And every man, woman, and child ought to seek to learn the will of God and do it.—When that is the case, we need not fear all earth and hell. Do not offend God, by not doing as he wants you to.

May the Lord God bless you, brethren and sisters: Amen.

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TROOPS FOR UTAH.—From the dawn of our Government until now there never has been so outrageous, unconstitutional, illegal, inhuman and in every way occasionless, unjustifiable and wanton a waste of the people's treasure to compass their oppression and destruction, as is to be found in the sending of troops to Utah. What said our equal-rights Government? when its citizens were successively driven from Ohio, Missouri and Illinois, SOLELY for daring to exercise freedom of conscience and worship, 'YOUR CAUSE IS JUST, BUT WE CAN DO NOTHING FOR YOU.' While State after State, in its sovereignty, was hounding and harrasing a numerous class of American citizens, a great and powerful Government not only looked tamely on, but actually hugged itself with joy and abetted those fiendish persecutions, as was proven to all the world by the Government requisition of 500 men from citizens whom they had disfranchised, and who were then in an Indian country with their wives and children in tents and wagons, and using all diligence to leave the borders of 'Columbia, (once) free and equal,' but now priest, politician, speculator and editor ridden nigh unto destruction.

The Government could do nothing for us, but left no stone unturned to do every thing against us, to the utmost stretch that priests, politicians and their clans could bring the popular opinion to bear. And now, after a large class of its citizens have been ruthlessly thrust from State after State and forced to seek an asylum from religious persecution amid the rocks and deserts of a then foreign power, and after those citizens have furnished an unjustly required and immensely disproportionate quota of troops for the conquest of the country they now occupy, and after they have turned dreary wastes into the smiling abodes of freemen, the very Government that 'could do nothing for them', though their cause was just, has bowed down, like an ass beneath a burthen of rottenness, beneath the clamors of sectarian, political and speculating selfishness, and is openly striving to exterminate the Saints of God and banish His Priesthood from the earth.

It is not contended that they realize what they are doing, any more than did the Pharisees and Sadducees who instigated the crucifixion of the Savior, for their chosen corruptions and abominations have made them blind followers of blind guides, and priests and people are both rapidly groping their way to a fall in a ditch which they will think is bottomless, before they get half way down. On the other hand it is not to be presumed that those who prefer equal rights, truth, light, liberty, salva-

tion and the worship of the Living God, will unresistingly crouch beneath the rod of tyranny, while fanaticism, bigotry, oppression and corruption ride rioting over every true principle of our free institutions. Neither is it to be supposed that the large majority of American born citizens in Utah, reared in the schools, academies and colleges of the States, do not know the rights guaranteed to them, and that they have not enough of the spirit of '76 and of the Anglo-Saxon blood of their Revolutionary sires, to maintain those rights inviolate to the utmost of the power which the Almighty may see fit to vouchsafe.

But notwithstanding the blindness which has befallen our nation, the outrageousness of the present movement against Utah is admitted by even the New York Herald, (after having so long urged divers plans for our corruption and extermination) for months ago it was candid enough to state that every lie, upon which so illegal a squandering of the public money was based, had failed, except the one concerning the burning of Government books and records; and since that too has failed, the Herald, to be consistent, should now make a clean sweep of the refuge of lies and, inasmuch as the alleged foundation is proved to be wanting, wield its influence for once upon the side of our Constitution and laws. And if the New York Herald can so clear its vision, amid the awfully clouded atmosphere of the sectarian and political arena, it is supposable that the administrators of our Government could comprehend the miserably illegal position in which professional politicians and speculators have placed them, and again begin to so far respect our Constitution and laws as to recall the troops that have been ordered, exclusively upon lies, to dragoon a people who are above all others most loyally striving to honor and maintain that very Constitution and those laws.

It is most readily obvious to all that the administration of our Government is becoming rotten even to loathing, when anonymous liars and a whoring, lying, venomous late associate justice can incite the expenditure of millions of public treasure in an unjust, outrageously wicked and illegal movement against a peaceful and known zealously loyal people inhabiting a region they had re-claimed and which no others ever had desired, or would now occupy were it laid waste for their entrance. Dear Uncle Sam, we were reared and taught under the broad folds of the 'Star-spangled Banner,' and notwithstanding you have deprived us of our Eastern mail, we are perfectly aware of the designs of those who are eating your very vitals, and forewarn you that Utah alone cannot avert your speedy dissolution, unless you shake yourself of the vampires now preying upon you, cease your ungodly crusade against an innocent people, and return to the old landmarks of meteing even-handed justice to all.

THE COMPANIES from Deer Creek and the Devil's Gate arrived on the 19th inst., saving our enemies the trouble of clearing the road of American citizens lawfully occupying American soil.

IMMIGRATION.—The remainder of the Texas company, Elder Homer Duncan, Captain, and a few wagons of the St. Louis company arrived on the 20th inst. The rest of the St. Louis company came in on the 21st, Elder Jacob Hotheins and James H. Hart, Captains.

ELDER PHINEAS H. YOUNG arrived on Sunday, 20th inst., from his mission to England; and Elder Lorenzo D. Rudd arrived on the 13th.

MOLASSES.—Br. A. D. Boynton, of Centerville, presented us, on the 19th inst., with a specimen of molasses made from the Chinese Sugar Cane, and it was fine colored, fine flavored, and very sweet, notwithstanding it had been boiled from the juice without adding lime water, or clarifying the syrup.

Br. Boynton has experimented with the canes at different stages of maturity, and thinks they will produce the most and best molasses when the seed is fully ripe, which may be known by its plumpness and hardness and assuming a shiny black or dark purple color, according to the variety sown.

BROOMS.—We received a few brooms on Monday last, branded 'T. Colborn' on the handle, which excel any that we have yet seen in the Territory.

THE EYE.—To remove dirt lodged beneath the upper lid of the eye, draw it over the lower one.

FIRE.—A fire caught in the U. S. Bakery, Michigan Bluffs, Cal., at 4 o'clock in the afternoon July 22, and destroyed the whole town, with the exception of Kimball's livery stable and two houses belonging to Mr. Shawl. Probable loss \$150,000.