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**IMPORTANT TO THE SETTLERS ON
RAILROAD LANDS.**

I watched by the bedside of the first Apostle, David W. Patten, who fell a martyr in the Church. He was a noble one. He was shot by a mob while defending the Saints in the State of Missouri, Ray County, on the 25th of October, 1838. As Bro. Patten's life blood flowed away, stocky and heard his crying words to the people of our holy religion, declaring himself to be a martyr to all mankind; he sacrificed his life freely to defend the innocent. He had no feelings of hostility to his race, but labored to exalt them. His last words, addressed to his wife, were: "Whatever you do, oh! do not deny the truth." This circumstance made a lasting impression upon my youthful mind. In Missouri, mobs were burning houses and killing the Saints, when an army was sent by Governor Boggs, which we supposed had come to protect us; but, as time proved that it came to con-

The resolutions drafted by the Committee were then presented, and carried unanimously, being greeted with loud cheers. They were as follows:

Resolved.—That we, the Ladies of Salt Lake City, in meeting assembled, do manifest our indignation and protest against the Bill before Congress, known as the Cullum Bill, also the one known as the Craig Bill, and all similar Bills, expressions and manifestos.

Resolved.—That we consider the above named Bills four blows on our national honor, and a direct insult to the Honorable Executive of the United States Government, and malicious attempts to subvert the rights of civil and religious liberty.

Resolved.—That we do hold sacred the Constitution bequeathed to us by our forefathers, and ignore, with laudable womanly valour, every call of those men to whom the rulers of this government have been entrusted, which is calculated to destroy its efficacy.

dictates of my own conscience and the commandments that God shall give unto me. Our Constitution guarantees "Life liberty and the pursuit of happiness to all who live beneath it." What is life to me if I see the galling yoke of oppression placed upon the necks of my husband, sons and brothers as Mr. Cullom would have it! I am a citizen of the United States and not only a citizen of the United States of America, but a citizen of the kingdom of God, and the laws of this kingdom I am willing to sustain and defend both by example and precept. I am thankful to-day that I have the privilege of living the religion of Jesus our Savior. I am thankful to-day that I have the honored privilege of being the happy recipient of one of the greatest principles ever revealed to man for his redemption and exaltation in the kingdom of God, namely plurality of wives; and I am thankful to-day that I know God is at the helm and will defend his people.

every right or citizenship—every vestige of civil and religious liberty is at stake? When our husbands and fathers and fathers and brothers are threatened, being taken into custody for their obedience to the commands of God; or incarcerated year after year in the dreary confines of a prison, will it be thought presumptuous for us to speak? Are not our interests one with our brethren? Ladies, this subject as deeply interests us as them. In the Kingdom of God, a woman has no interests separate from those of man—all are mutual.

Our enemies pretend that in Utah, a woman is held in a state of vassalage—that she does not act from choice, but by coercion—that we would ever prefer life elsewhere, were it possible for us to make our escape. What nonsense! We all know that if we wished, we could leave at any time—either to go singly or we could rise en masse, and there is no power here that could of would ever wish to prevent us.

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