

my servant Joseph, an appointment, and restore all things; ask what ye will, and it shall be given unto you, according to my word; and as ye have asked concerning adultery,—verily, verily I say unto you, if a man receiveth a wife in the new and everlasting covenant, and if she be with another man, and I have not appointed unto her by the holy anointing, she hath committed adultery, and shall be destroyed. If she be not in the new and everlasting covenant, and she be with another man, she has committed adultery, and if her husband be with another woman, and he was under a vow, he hath broken his vow, and hath committed adultery; and if she hath not committed adultery, but is innocent, and hath not broken her vow, and she knoweth it, and I reveal it unto you, my servant Joseph, then shall you have power, by the power of my Holy Priesthood, to take her, and give her unto him that hath not committed adultery, but hath been faithful; for he shall be made ruler over many; for I have conferred upon you the keys and power of the priesthood, wherein I restore all things, and make known unto you, all things in due time.

And verily, verily I say unto you, that whatsoever you seal on earth, shall be sealed in heaven, and whatsoever you bind on earth, in my name, and by my word, saith the Lord, it shall be eternally bound in the heavens; and whosoever sins you remit on earth, shall be remitted eternally in the heavens; and whosoever sins you retain on earth, shall be retained in heaven.

And again, verily I say, whosoever you bless, I will bless; and whosoever you curse, I will curse, saith the Lord; for I the Lord am thy God.

And again, verily I say unto you, my servant Joseph, that whatsoever you give on earth, and to whosoever you give any one on earth, by my word, and according to my law, it shall be visited with blessings, and not curings, and with my power, saith the Lord, and shall be without condemnation on earth, and in heaven; for I am the Lord thy God, and will be with thee even unto the end of the world, and through all eternity: for verily, I seal upon you, your exaltation, and prepare a throne for you in the kingdom of my Father, with Abraham, your Father. Behold, I have seen your sacrifices, and will forgive all your sins. I have seen your sacrifices, in obedience to that which I have told you: go, therefore, and I make a way for your escape, as I accepted the offering of Abraham, of his son Isaac.

Verily I say unto you, a commandment I give unto mine handmaid, Emma Smith, your wife, whom I have given unto you, that she stay herself, and partake not of that which I commanded you to offer unto her; for I did it, saith the Lord, to prove you all, as I did Abraham, and that I might require an offering at your hand, by covenant and sacrifice, and let mine handmaid, Emma Smith, receive all those that have been given unto my servant Joseph, and who are virtuous and pure before me; and those who are not pure, and have said they were pure, shall be destroyed, saith the Lord God; for I am the Lord thy God, and ye shall obey my voice; and I give unto my servant Joseph, that he shall be made ruler over many things, for he hath been faithful over a few things; and from henceforth I will strengthen him.

And I command mine handmaid, Emma Smith, to abide and cleave unto my servant Joseph, and to none else. But if she will not abide this commandment, she shall be destroyed, saith the Lord; for I am the Lord thy God, and will destroy her, if she abide not in my law; but if she will not abide this commandment, then shall my servant Joseph do all things for her, even as he hath said; and I will bless him, and multiply him, and give unto him an hundred fold in this world, of fathers and mothers, brothers and sisters, houses and lands, wives and children, and crowns of eternal lives in the eternal worlds. And again, verily I say, let mine handmaid forgive my servant Joseph his trespasses, and then shall she be forgiven her trespasses, wherein she hath trespassed against me; and I the Lord thy God will bless her, and multiply, and make her heart to rejoice.

And again, I say, let not my servant Joseph put his property out of his hands, lest an enemy come and destroy him, for Satan seeketh to destroy; for I am the Lord thy God, and he is my servant; and behold and lo, I am with him, as I was with Abraham, thy father, even unto his exaltation and glory.

Now as touching the law of the priesthood, there are many things pertaining thereto. Verily, if a man be called of my Father, as was Aaron, by mine own voice, and by the voice of him that sent me, and I have endowed him with the keys of the power of this priesthood, if he do anything in my name, and according to my law, and by my word, he will not commit sin, and I will justify him. Let no one, therefore, set on my servant Joseph; for I will justify him, for he shall do the sacrifice which I require at his hands, for his transgressions, saith the Lord your God.

And again, as pertaining to the law of the Priesthood,—if any man espouse a virgin, and desire to espouse another, and the first give her consent; and if he espouse the second, and they are virgins, and have vowed to no other man, then is he justified; he cannot commit adultery, for they are given unto him; for he cannot commit adultery with that, that belongeth unto him, and to none else; and if he have ten virgins given unto him by this law, he cannot commit adultery; for they belong to him; and they are given unto him;—therefore is he justified. But if one, or either of the ten virgins, after she is espoused, shall be with another man, she has committed adultery, and shall be destroyed, for they are given unto him to multiply and replenish the earth, according to my commandment, and to fulfil the promise which was given by my Father before the foundation of the world; and for their exaltation in the

eternal worlds, that they may bear the souls of men, for herein is the work of my Father continued, that he may be glorified.

And again, verily, verily I say unto you, if any man have a wife who holds the keys of this power, and he teaches unto her the law of the Priesthood, as pertaining to these things; then shall she believe and administer unto him, or she shall be destroyed, saith the Lord your God, for I will destroy her; for I will magnify my name upon all those who receive and abide in my law. Therefore, it shall be lawful in me, if she receive not this law, for him to receive all things, whatsoever I the Lord his God will give unto him, because she did not believe and administer unto him, according to my word; and she then becomes the transgressor, and he is exempt from the law of Sarah, who administered unto Abraham according to the law, when I commanded Abraham to take Hagar to wife.—And now, as pertaining to this law,—verily, verily I say unto you, I will reveal more unto you hereafter; therefore let this suffice for the present.—Behold I am Alpha and Omega.—Amen."

Hyrum took the revelation and read it to Emma.

I directed Clayton to make out deeds of certain lots of land to Emma and the children.

I extract from the Neighbor:—

"Joseph Smith is at Nauvoo, in peace, quietly pursuing his own business; where we hope he will long remain free from the power of his inhuman persecutors.

The testimony already given needs no comment. It shows but too plainly the inhumanity, recklessness, barbarism and lawlessness of the State of Missouri; and we could wish for the sake of humanity, for the sake of suffering innocence, and for the sake of our honored institutions, that our nation's escutcheon had never been stained by the inhuman acts and bloody deeds of Missouri, and that the non efficiency of the nation to execute law had not been so fully developed.—But it is too true, we have witnessed most of the things mentioned by Mr. Smith, and we have also witnessed the carelessness and apathy of Congress on this subject, or their inefficiency to remedy the evil, the which, had it been fully investigated, and the perpetrators of those damning crimes brought to condign punishment, it would have exposed a blacker history than ever was written of any Pagan, not to say Christian nation, and would have exposed half of that State to the charge of treason, murder, robbery, arson, burglary and extermination.

As it is, the blood of the innocent yet cries for vengeance, and if it overtakes them not here, and God spares my breath, if no one else does it, their deeds shall be handed down to posterity that unborn generations may execrate these anti-republican cannibals, and tell that in the State of Missouri lived a horde of savages protected and shielded by American Republican legislative authority, who in the face of open day, dragged the innocent to prison, because of their religion; who murdered the oppressed, that they had in their power, and fed the victims with their flesh; that they glutted their diabolical lust on defenceless innocence, and violated female chastity in a manner too horrid to relate—that in their mock tribunals they refused all testimony in favor of the accused, and thrust their witnesses into prison; that after robbing them of their property, they drove 15,000 persons from the State—that they cried to the authorities of that State for redress, and from them to Congress; but the echo from both was, 'We can render you no assistance.'"

Elders Young, Woodruff, and Smith arrived in Louisville, and visited Mr. Porter, the Kentucky baby, 7 ft. 7 inches high, and weighing 250 lbs.

Sheriff Reynolds, having published a garbled statement of my arrest, in "The Old School Democrat," was replied to by Esq. Southwick in the same paper.

Thursday, 13.—I was in conversation with Emma most of the day; and approved of the revised laws of the Legion.

The Legion authorized the issuing of Legion scrip to the amount of \$500.

Shadrack Roundy returned from Springfield, and reported that the Governor was gone to Rock River, and he therefore left the affidavits in the care of Judge Adams—(having started with an old decrepit animal, and rode him all the way there and back again). He also reported that Gen. Moses Wilson of Missouri had started from Jacksonville for Washington City.

Elders E. T. Benson, Q. S. Sparkes and Noah Rogers preached at Cabotville, Mass. While Elder Rogers was preaching, some person threw stones through the windows, and one hit Elder Benson on the thigh; the mob threw stones at them when they left the room, which flew like hail, but did not injure the brethren.

Friday, 14.—Spent the day at home; I was visited by a number of gentlemen and ladies, who arrived from Quincy on a steamboat—they manifested kind feelings.

Elder Jonathan Dunham started on an excursion to the western country.

Saturday, 15.—Spent the day at home. Weather very hot.

A shower this morning wet the ground one inch.

At 6 p.m., went with my family and about one hundred others on a pleasure excursion on the Maid of Iowa, from the Nauvoo House landing, to the north part of the city, and returned at dusk.

A theatrical performance in the evening by Mr. Chapman.

Sunday, 16.—Preached in the morning and evening at the stand in the Grove, near, and west of the Temple, concerning a man's foes being they of his own household; the same spirit that crucified Jesus is in the breast of

some who profess to be Saints in Nauvoo. I have secret enemies in the city, intermingling with the Saints, &c.—Said I would not prophesy any more, and proposed Hyrum to hold the office of Prophet to the Church, as it was his birthright.

I am going to have a reformation, and the Saints must regard Hyrum, for he has the authority, that I might be a priest of the Most High God; and slightly touched upon the subject of the everlasting covenant, showing that a man and his wife must enter into that covenant in the world, or he will have no claim on her in the next world; but on account of the unbelief of the people, I cannot reveal the fullness of these things at present.

Elders B. Young and W. Woodruff preached at the house of Father Hewitt in Cincinnati—afterwards went into Kentucky, to attend an appointment at the Licking Branch. Elders Woodruff and Geo. A. Smith afflicted with the influenza, politically called "the Tyler gripe."

Monday, 17.—Mostly at home with my brother Hyrum conversing on the Priesthood: called at the office once, and in the evening visited the performance of Mr. Chapman in the court room.

Elders Young and Woodruff preached at Collins Pemberton's, near Licking River, and blessed eight children.

Tuesday, 18.—I was making hay on my farm.

Elder Willard Richards wrote the following to President Brigham Young:—

"By this time I suppose you would like to hear a word from the City of the Prophets. I forgot to hand you your introduction to Gen. Bennett; therefore I enclose it in this. Don't forget to remember me to the Gen. and his delightful family most warmly, together with Mrs. Richards—(read, seal and deliver, if it suits you). As you passed our office on the 7th, I discharged my last charge of powder and ball over your heads—had no occasion to reload since, all is peace.

Saturday, 8. Municipal court in session, to compare minutes of the habeas corpus trial, and make ready for the press.

Sunday, 9. Backenstos and Esquire Patrick returned from Springfield, when Reynolds, Mason, &c., started from Carthage for Springfield in the stage; they crowded Backenstos out, so he borrowed a team; and when they arrived at Springfield, Backenstos had been there six hours, seen the friends and Governor, &c. The Governor had sent Mr. Breman, a special agent, to Nauvoo, to learn the facts, as reports said 'the Mormons had rescued Jo,' &c. Reynolds petitioned for a posse to retake Jo.—Gov. would not grant it, but wait the return of his agent.—Reynolds started for Missouri—at St. Louis, 10th inst., he published a garbled account in the 'Old School Democrat,'—Esq. Southwick was in St. Louis, and refreshed Reynolds' memory by a reply on the 12th inst., same paper.—Gov. manifested every feeling of friendship,—wanted affidavits similar to those on trial, and would quash the writ. Joseph gave a sweet conciliatory discourse at the stand, expressive of good feeling to all men. This eve Shadrack Roundy started for Springfield with affidavits.

Monday, 10. Preparing minutes of trial for publication.

Tuesday, 11. Platted my ground for a house.

Wednesday, 12. Warsaw Message published an extra, to circulate correct information concerning the Mormons, and they have given it correct. G. J. Adams and Hollister returned from Springfield, popular opinion is going in our favor. Gen. Wilson of Missouri was visiting his brother near Jacksonville, when news of the Governor's inaction to Reynolds arrived, and he started immediately for Washington City, (report says).—Also that Gen. Clark, or some famous military chief from Missouri, has been taking a survey of Nauvoo City.—Do you believe it? Bah. It is more generally believed that Ford will quash the writ, issue no more, and Missouri will make no further attempts only by mobs—distance is but few between this and upper Missouri.—Is it? Bah!

13. Roundy returned from Springfield this p.m., in less than four days—Governor gone to Rock river visiting, 10 days or 2 weeks absence—left the affidavits with Gen. Adams.

14—15. Sun hour high p.m., President and family, and private secretary and family, and about 100 more went on board the steamboat Maid of Iowa, at Nauvoo House—and went up to north part of city and back—at dusk evening, a theater in the Store chamber; Mr. Chapman and suite, actors. Rain this morning, wet the ground one inch.

Sunday, 16. Joseph preached all day; a.m., 27 chap. Matthew, &c.; did not hear him. Man's foes, they are of his own house; the spirit that crucified Christ; same spirit in Nauvoo; referred particularly to—I won't say who; was it brother Marks? did not say. Brother Cole?—did not hear the sermon; why ask me? Nothing new; same as when you left. The spirit was against Christ because of his innocence; so in the present case. Said he would not prophesy any more; Hyrum should be the prophet—(did not tell them he was going to be a priest now, nor a king by and by)—told the Elders not to prophesy when they went out a preaching.

17. Theater again. 18, and again this eve. I am writing for your eye.

18. Evening, Bishop Miller arrived with 157,000 feet lumber, sawed shingles, &c., about 170,000 feet in all. He says it was all sawed in two weeks, and brought down in two more; says he has bought all the claims on those mills for \$12,000, payable in lumber at the mills in three years; one third already paid for. Two saws did this job; chance for as many mills as they have a mind to build, and every saw can run 5000 feet per day, year round: two saws now running, can deliver

157,000 every fortnight; all that is wanting is hands. I understand the Maid of Iowa starts for Black river Thursday. Bishop feels well. No investigation of Nauvoo House books yet. Clayton tells me to-day the committee do not want a clerk, and Joseph says little about it.

Showers all around us; little rain here. Joseph is on the prairie haying to-day; wind blown from all quarters for four days past. More calm after a shower; good hay weather. Vegetation is drying with drouth—dying, brother Orson, if you want to scriticise.

Proceedings of court, to the end of Hyrum's affidavit, were published in the last 'Neighbor' and 'Times and Seasons,' to be continued in the next, and all in pamphlet, when finished. Shall mail papers for you and the brethren to New York, where I will direct this. I have said nothing about brothers Kimball and Pratt, and Woodruff, and Smith, and Page, &c., &c.; but you will understand this a kind of family letter, I suppose. Bro. Woodruff's paper arrived, but no line, no letter from St. Louis. I have seen most of the widows since you left. Sisters Young is well; was afflicted on Saturday with cholera morbus: called the Elders, and right up again. Sisters Kimball is well. Sisters Woodruff is well, and I believe all the sisters be's well; Sisters Pratt, and Smith, and all.

19. I send by this mail six papers to brother Woodruff, same direction. Just met Hyrum in the street, said to him, I am writing to the brethren; has our new prophet anything to say to them? 'Give my respects to them.' Elders Taylor and Hyde's best compliments, with success. Great many loves to you all; mine particularly to all the brethren.

Yours forever,

WILLARD."

A shower of rain in the p.m. The son of James Emmett, aged 8 years, killed by lightning while standing in his father's doorway in Bain street.

To shew the spirit of the times, although I do not vouch for the accuracy of all the statements, I copy from the Illinois State Register:—

"The public is already aware that a demand was lately made upon the Governor of this State for the arrest of Joseph Smith; and that a writ was accordingly issued against him. We propose now to state some of the facts, furnishing strong ground of suspicion that the demand which was made on the Governor here, was a manoeuvre of the Whig party.

1. A letter was shown to a gentleman of this city by the agent of Missouri from the notorious John C. Bennett to a gentleman in one of the western counties of that State, urging the importance of getting up an indictment immediately against Smith, for the five or six year old treason of which he was accused several years ago.

2. This charge had been made once before and afterwards abandoned by Missouri. It is the same charge on which Smith was arrested and carried before Judge Douglass and discharged two years ago. After that decision the indictment against Smith was dismissed and the charge wholly abandoned.

3. But in the letter alluded to, Bennett says to his Missouri agent, go to the Judge and never leave him until he appoints a special term of the court; never suffer the court to adjourn until an indictment is found against Smith for treason. When an indictment shall have been found, get a copy and go immediately to the Governor and never leave him until you get a demand on the Governor of Illinois for Smith's arrest, and then despatch some active and vigilant person to Illinois for a warrant, and let him never leave the Governor until he gets it; and then let him never come back to Missouri without Smith.

4. A special term of the circuit court of Daviess county, Missouri, was accordingly called on the 5th day of June last. An indictment was found against Smith for treason five years old. A demand was made and a writ issued as anticipated, by the 17th of the same month.

5. Bennett, it is well known, has for a year past been a mere tool in the hands of the Whig junta at Springfield. He has been under their absolute subjection and control, and has been a regular correspondent of the Sangamo Journal, the principal organ of the Whig party. He has been a great pet of both the Journal and the Junta; and that paper has regularly announced his removals from place to place until latterly; and within the last year has published more of his writings, than of any other person except the editor.

6. Cyrus Walker, a short time after his nomination as the Whig candidate for Congress in the 6th district, made a pilgrimage to Nauvoo for the purpose of currying favor with the Mormons and getting their support. But in this he was disappointed; as it appeared that many of the Mormons were disposed to support the democratic candidate. Cyrus went home disappointed and dejected, and it was generally believed that failing to get the Mormon vote he would be beaten by his democratic opponent.

7. Let it be also borne in mind that the treason of which Smith was accused, was five or six years old; that it had been abandoned as a charge, by Missouri; that the circuit court of that State set three times a year; that Smith was permanently settled at Nauvoo, no person dreaming that he would leave there for years to come; that they might have waited in Missouri, for a regular term of the court, if the design was simply to revive a charge of treason against Smith, with a perfect assurance that he would always be found at home and be as subject to arrest at one time as another. But this delay did not suit the conspirators, as it would put off an attempt to arrest Smith until after the August election.