

I have especially called your attention to the act of Congress making polygamy, and the other acts referred to, crimes. The act was passed by the Congress of the United States, and applies to all the Territories of the United States, has peculiar application to the Territory of Utah. Congress is also the author of the law which punishes the crime of sedition. I contemplate the well-known fact that polygamy was to a great extent committed in Utah; that it was an ever increasing cause to the policy of the people of the United States, and a good order, and calculated to disturb the social relations of the entire community. The wisdom of the legislators in thus providing a means of suppressing the growth of the offense, whether gradual or rapid, cannot be doubted, and none but those who have either gone into polygamy or who by a systematic conspiracy have been benefited in it, will even doubt it. I am well aware, that there are in this Territory a vast number of persons who believe, or profess to believe, that the State has no right or power to interfere by the enactment of legislation for the suppression of such belief, and in that view

The Government that you possessed the necessary qualifications for enrolling you as a member of the grand inquest, you are required by the same code of laws emanating from the same supreme authority to take the oath already administered to you, and to be sworn to act as a juror for any emergency supposed to exist only in this community. It is one in form and substance similar to oaths administered to grand jurors in the State of New York, and in the other governments of this system of inquiry into crime, is had through the agency of grand jurors. It is the result of long experience, and is a wise and necessary one, that those who take it on the very highest plane of responsibility. Sitting there in that box, as you now do, sworn as you have been, to indicate to the jury the facts of the case, individual predilections as to favor or affection are concerned, they are yours. If you are held to be custodians of the law and judges whether or not that law should be applied to the case, you are sworn to see that the laws of the land are not violated, and in every instance, no matter who the person, or what his position, where he stands in relation to the offender to the laws of the land, is subject to punishment.

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