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acted in them." Thus it appears that the allega-tions made by our enemies were false, and the army was sent out under false representations, and their own Governor furnishes the evidence for their own refutation. Yet we were subjected to the indig-nity an outrage of having an army sent among us predicated upon these false statemenas. From the above and other similar actions manifested towards us as a people we have learned in the sad school of experience, and by the things that we have suffered, the ex-citability of the populace and the unreasonable, savage and relentless

looked upon him Sanpete County-[addressing Presi-dent Canute Peterson of Sanpete Stake] Brother Peterson, did you not have a man in your Stake who got up a sensation by publishing far and wide that he had to preach the Gospel in Sanpete with a revolver on his desk, to prevent the "Mormons" from interfering with him-was not that the purport of his statement? [President Peterson: Yes, sir.] Do you know the man? [Ans.: Yes, sir.] Is he there yet? [Ans.: No, sir.] [Laughter.] Others have stated lately that we were in a state of sedition, and that in our different counties there were armed bodies of ates. The person that made and ublished this last statement was, as I understand, also a minister, one of these reverend gentlemen. Do any of you know his name? [A voice: Sheldon Jackson.] I am told it was one Sheldon Jackson; a reverend gentleman with a big R, a pious man, of course, and therefore what he says must be true. [Laughter.] We have a set of people that seem to be prowling about; I suppose, however, they are as necessary as anything else, I do not know but what they are. they We have a species of birds called buzzards whose natural tastes are for any kind of nauseous food; nothing suits them better than to gorge on carrion, like them, these defamers are fond of try-ing to root up something against our people here. They themselves fabricate all kinds of notions and pinions, similar to the above that I have mentioned, that everybody here knows to be false, and they circulate them, and they have fanned the United States almost into a furore. People generally are ignorant of what these men and women are engaged in. They think these persons are honorable men and women and they get up a lot of storles about some poor woman or some poor girl who has been crowded upon by her husband, and that in this state of polygamy there is the most abject misery, and the greatest dis-tress that can be found anywhere. Are they true? Some individual cases may be true. Some of men do not treat their wives right and then some wives do not trea their husbands right. We do not all do right by a good deal. I wish we all did right I wish we all did But supposing we were to go to the places where these peopl from, to the slums of Chicag right Cincinnati, Philadelo New York, and other cities, ning say in New York with the d palaces of 4th and 5th Avenes, and trace the thing down to live Points, and then go dirty and flithy as the most f minded person can get up about sand times more so. They say we are an ignorant pe le. We admit that we are not ery intelligent, and we never boas f our learning or intelligence; but hen, they should not boast of their ther. However, we can compar favorably with them any day; while they have had millions of while they have had millions of the public funds to sustain their educa-tional establishments, we have been despoiled, plundered and robbed over and over again, yet we are prepared to compare notes with them on education and also on vir-

From statistics contained in the Barort of the Commissioness of Education for 1877, it is shown that in the percentage of corolinent of her school population. Utah is in advance of the general average of the United States, while in the percentage in actual daily at-tendance at school, she still further exceeds the average of the whole United The Commission of the United States, while in the percentage of a caroline of the transformed 20,172, there was invested in the form represented that we were a virtuous people, that polygamy was are ligious institution; and the young to mail dollars per capita of the school pop-ulation. one-half dollars per capita of the school pop-ulation. In contrast with this, take the amount per capita of their school population which some of the States have invested in school proper-tj: North Carolina, less than \$0.80; Louisi-ana, \$3.40; Virgins, about \$2.60; Oregon, less than \$0.00; Wasconsin, less than \$11.00; Ten-nessee, less than \$2.50; Delaware, less than \$13.00. In respect to the amount, per capita, school population, which Utah has in in school property, she encode soveral Southern and Western States, is in ad of the great States of Indiana and H Southern and Western States, is in advance of the great States of Indiana and Hitnois, and I believe in advance of the general aver-age of the entire Union. Thus, in the matter of education, Utab stands ahead of many old and weakhy States, and of the general average of the United States in three very important re-spects, namely, the encolment of her school population, the percentage of their daily at-tendance at school, and the amount per espita invested in school property. From the census of 1880 I have compiled the following: 50,155,783 143,963 4,923,451 4,851 Of all the States and Territories in the Union there are but thirteen showing a lower percentage of total population who cannot read, Connecticut having the same, 8.37. The rest range all the way up to 33.82, percentage of total population in South Carolina. We will now produce some evidence with regard to crime, etc., drawn from official sources: The population of Utah by the census 1880 is about 144,0:0, divided as followe: 

reople asserted that it had been taught to them by their paren's from their youth up, and that the principles of purity, virtue, integrity and loyalty to the government of the United States had been instilled in-to their minds and hearts since their eards t childhood, and further, that they had been taught and under-stood that chastity was their great-est boon; far above jewels or wealth, and more precious than life itself. In a few days we had 105,000 signs-tures, and they were forwarded to Washington. The request was that Congress would not act as the gov-ernment had before—first send out ernment had before-first send out rule, anarchy and mobocratic influan army and then send commission- ence. They can ill afford to be the tendance at school, and the amount per capita invested in school property. From the census of 1880 I have compiled the following: Comparison of ILLITERACY.—The United States and Utah Territory. United States. Utah. Total promission (0.155 752, 112 002) matters, and that has originated to ordered and disorganized elements an extent through our Governor. seeking to overthrow, the great-4,923,4514,851an extent through our Governor.<br/>Now I am very much averse to<br/>talking about official men; I do<br/>not like to do such things.<br/>f. 6,239,958sesking to overthrow the great-<br/>est and test government in<br/>existence on the earth.<br/>Congress can ill afford to set<br/>a pattern of violation of that Con-<br/>stilution which It has sworn to<br/>support. The internal fires of revolu-<br/>tion are already smouldering in this<br/>nation, and they need but a spark to<br/>set them is a finme. Already are<br/>agencies at work in the land calcu-<br/>last but a partern of violation of the con-<br/>stilution which It has sworn to3,019,0808,1376,965.71Torritories in the<br/>en showing a lower<br/>mish having gone so far as arithmetic;<br/>because he did not apparently know his having gone so far as arithmetic; because he did not apparently know the difference between 1,300 votes and 18,500 votes. It does denote a lamentable absence of a knowledge of the rudiments of a common edu-cation; but then, a man should not, perhaps, be blamed for that which he does not know. And, indeed, it would seem that some of our law-makers in Washington are not edu-cated. With all due respect to them, with these facts before them and condemned throughout the United States, they did not think it was any crime for a man to be thus

rehim." Moroni, a prophet that ad lived on this continent, revealsjunto him the plates containing the Book of Mormon, and by the gift and power of God Joseph was abled to translate them into what is known as the Book of Moron. That book contains a record of the ancient inhabitants who dwelt upon this continent, a part of whom came from the tower of Babel at the time of the confounding of ingues, and a part of whom came om Jerusalem in the time of Zediking of Judah, before the advent of 800 Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. This look contains a record of the dealof God with those people; it helt wars and commotions, of their tenteonsness and iniquity, and of ming of the Lord Jesus Christ ing them, and of His preaching unthem the same Gospel that was ended by the same ordinances, the me organization and the same

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shall not at empt to bring any of with regard to these mailers day; I am simply making state-, the truth of which you Latday Saints know, as it would be sille to enter into all the deals of those matters in a short disourse. Suffice it to say, that the father having presented His Son to Father having presented His Son to loseph Smith, and commanded him to hear Him, Joseph was obedient to the heavenly call, and listened to the various communications made by men holding the Holy Priesthood in the various ages under the direc. the various ages under the direc-mat the Only Begotten. He and liver Cowdery were commanded to aptize each other, which they did. ohn the Baptist came and conferred upon them the Aaronic Priesthood. Then Peter, James and John, upon whom was conferred in the Savi r's day, the keys of the Melchesedec Priesthoot Came Priest-conferred the Melchisedec Priest-hood upon them. Then Adam, Moses, Elijah, Noah, Abraham, Moses, Elijah, Elis and many of the leading characters mentioned in the Scriptures, who had operated in the various disensations, came and conferred upon Jo eph the various keys, powers, rights, privileges and immunitiewhich they enjoyed in their times Again, Joseph was commanded preach this Gospel and to beau testimony to the world. was taught the same principles that we taught to Adam, the same delples that were taught to Enoch, to Abraham, to the Prophets, and the same that were taught by Jesus Christ and the Apostles in former times on nd th on is a combinatian of the dispensations that have in the different ages of a the scriptures as the dispensation the fulness of times, in which God would gather together all things in the whether they be things in between or things on earth. There-ore, whatever of knowledge, of in-ell gence, of Priesthood, of powers,

to-day, not by way of boasting. proclaimed to all men of every color f of every creed and of every nation. And being placed in communi-([ have no intelligence but what 1 cation with God, the sophistry, non-sense and dogmas of men have no ebted to Gcd my Heavenly Father and my brethren for), that while I have travelled through va-rious parts of the United States and the Canadas, also in England, Ire-land, Scotland, Wales, France, Ger-ple. Said Jesus to him, "Whom do many and different parts of the mens. earth, among the wise and intelligent am?" men say that I, the Son of Man, The answer was: "Some say as well as the poor and ignorant, among all classes of men-I have stood in their halls and talked with come," etc. "But whom say you say thou art the Elias who was to come," etc. "But whom say you that I am?" Peter answered and their professors, ministers, legislators rulers, divines, judges and wise men said: "Thou art the Christ, the of every class, grade and position in life—but I have never met with a man who could gainsay one princi-ple of the Gospel of the Son of God, not revealed this unto thee, bu replied, "Bleased art thou Simon Barjona, for flesh and blood hath not revealed this unto thee, but my Father which is in heaven; and I and I never expect to; because eternal truth, as it emanates from God cannot be controverted. And what is the nature of the

Gospel? It is the same as that taught on the day of Pentecost by What rock? The rock of revelation the Ariostles, when they cried out to the multitude; "Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remis--upon the intelligence communi-cated by the Holy Ghost to those

sion of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost." That was the testimony which they bore to the people. That is the testimony which the Elders of this Church part of the question. What do we believe in? We believe in purity, in virtue, in honesty, in in-tegrity, in truthfulness and in not giving way to fatschood; we believe the stimation of the world generally, we are utter-built of the world generally, we are utter-tionsness and debauchery; and if there is that among us we are inbear. There is something about this that is reasonable, that is intelligent fearing God, observing His laws and keeping His commandments. Do we all do it? No not quite. I wish we did. But a great majority of the Latter-day Saints are doing this; and if there are those that are not, let them look well to their rath for should this do for them? It was to cause their old men to dream dreams and their young men to see visions, it was to make their sons and daughters prophesy, it was to bring things past to their remembrance to lead them into all truth, and to brethren will be after them, for God we had no show them things to come. This proposition was not alone of a regious nature, but it was also strictphilosophical. The farmer sows what does he expect? He expects oats, wheat or corn as the case may be, and nothing else. There are

the animal and the mineral kingdoms, as well as in all the Have we been doing this? Yes. works of God. that are true in them-Some people are very much opposed to it. Have we injured anybody by gathering in this way? Is this in-deed the land of the free, the home these vices to-day. Now we will go be ment of these men. selves and they are sternal. There are such metals as gold, silver, copper or iron, each possessing certain distinctive elements which they alof the brave, and the asylum for the oppressed? Cannot the people of ways did possess; and the different in their chemical relations his nation afford to listen to the possess principles that are always irue to unchangeable laws. It is principles of truth, and allow men who are fearing God to assemble to-gether to worship Him according to state of anarchy was in existence; the the dictates of their own consci-878 B cause of ing together and in thus worship-ping our God? Not that I know of. unchanging laws we know when the sun will rise and Have we been opposed to the Unit-ed States? No! nol no!, we never have, and we are at the defiance of all men to prove anything of the fusing salt when we sent it to them when it will set. We know when certain planets or comets will ap pear and disappear. All their move-ments are undeviating, exact and true according to the laws of natures thio, These are faisehoods set afoot by low, degraded, unprincipled men. We believe that the Consti-tution of the United States was given by inspiration of God. And dence as anything in nature. What is if? "Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and Because it is one of those ye shall receive the gift of the Hely Ghost." Or in other words, sow wheat and you reap wheat; plant rty throughout the land, and to all the second price of the se

as a profligate, and that he had defiled and disgraced the ermine, These were the sentiments of the people then and, they are yours today, for you have never been taught anything else. He and some others went back Washington and reported that the "Mormons" were in a state of rebellion; that they were a very wicked people, very corrupt and very depraved, almost as .bad as some of our truth-telling ministers make us our truth-tering, ministers make us out to be—for some of them are not very notorious for telling the truth, nobody believes them here; but then they have reverend put before their names and that, of course, overs— what is it? a multitude of sins. And therefore the force and bull? Barjona, for nean and blood nath not revealed this unto thee, but my Father which is in heaven; and I say also unto thee, that thou art Peter, and upon this rock will I build my Church and the gates of helt shall not prevail against it." far more sincere and far more honest and pure in their lives than these specimens of fallen humanity who, in the garb of sanotity, manufacture who obey the Gospel of the Son of falsehoods and prepare them special God; by this, men shall know for ly for the vitiated taste of the age. the religious enamored with ours, because what estion. What ever we may be in the estimation in treating all men justly, upright-ly and honorably; we believe in it, and to our Christian judges for God will be after them, and their these people came into our mids house of ill-fame; and a cannot look upon sin with any de-gree of allowance. And as we are streets at any time of night as in the here for the purpose of building up Zion, He expects that we will be upright and honorable in all our dealings with one another and with all men. One part of the Gospel is that we should be gathered together to a land that should be called Zion. Have we been doing this? Yes ments where this civilization has not penetrated they Now we will go back to the state ment of these men. They were be-lieved in Washington. What did lieved in Washington. they state? Among other things they said that we had burned the United States library, and the and instead of the United States istes, and sent out an army to uld have done them and forwarded it by a me told him that I was very sorry, that as a United States officer, as an honorable man, he should be placed in the situation he was then in; be-

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that their thrones will be overturn ed, their kingdoms and governery best we can. Are you going to rebel? Not much: we do not have ments overthrown and their lands much of that spirit in us. We feel made desolate. This is not only my to sympathize with people who have no better judgment than to adopt so suicidal and dishonorable a course as that which has been pursued towards us. Yet notvithstanding this we are unshaken as I stated before, the destroyer of towards the principles of our gov. the Gentiles is on his way to over-ernment and believe that we have throw governments, to destry dynasot the best on the earth, these ties, to lay waste thrones, kingdoms and empires, to spread abroad anarchy and men and mal-adminstration. It is deselation, and to cause will run a thousand miles while spread the earth. Besides the preaching of the Gossaid that error and falsehood war, famine and bloodshed to

truth is putting on its boots, but truth ultimately will triumph, as it according to the old adage, "Truth it cushed to earth, will rise again." pel we have another mission, namely, the perpetuation of the free agency of man and the maintenance of liberty, freedom and the rights of And what will you do? Contend for constitutional principles or lie man. There are certain principles down and let the vicious, the menthat belong to humanity outside of clous and unprincipled run over the Constitution, outside of the laws, outside of all the enactments and

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We have peacefully, legally and onorably possessed our lands in plans of man, among which is the right to live; God gave us the right these valleys of the mountains, and nd not man; no government gave we have purchased and paid for it to us, and no government has a them, we do not revel in any illright to take it away from us. We have a right to liberty-that was a otten gain. They are ours. We have complied with all the requisiright that God gave to all men; tions of law pertaining thereto, and we expect to possess and inhabit them. We covet no man's silver or and if there has been oppression, fraud or tyranny in the earth it as been the result of the wick ness and corruptions of men, an cold, or apparel, or wife, or servants, or herds, or horses, or car has always been opposed to God and riages, or lands, or possessions. But we expect to maintain our own the principles of truth, righteous-ness, virtue and those principles If we are crowded upon by cipled men or inimical legis-we shall not take the course that are calculated to elevate man kind. The Declaration of Inde pursued by the lawless, the disso-ute and the unprincipled; we shall ession of certain mong which are life, liberty and lute and the unprincipled; we shall not have recourse to the dynamite of the Russian Nihilists, the secret plans and machinations of the com-munists, the boyootting and threats of the Fenians, the force and disor-der of the jayhawkees, the regula-tors or the Molly Maguires, nor any other secret or illegal combination; the pursuit of happiness. longs to us; it belongs to all human-ity. I wish, and the worst wish I nave for the United they could have liberality her secret or illegal livered the black slaves that they we still expect to niain our rights; bu strike off the fetters of the white men of the south, utional manner. As American citi we shall contend for all our are all brothers in one great nation, rights and im and deliver all pa arantied to us by the Constitu m: and no matter what act proclaim as they did at the first, iberty throughout the land and the ce, by excited and unreasons an, or by inimical legislation, all contend inch by inch for all people. That is the worst wish I have for them. And when I see them take another course I feel m and rights, as well as m and rights of all Ameri sorry for it. I would like if I had time to talk a little upon for it. plrind. nstitutional rights; I would like a little to discuss the unconstitution e or co at I will say to you Latality of that Edmunds was ably done by many senators of the United States and by others in Saints that there is not ints that th the House of Representatives ive acts or m at that you will ag Very ably done; and I honor the y lar-or your children after you. Your men who maintain such sentiments. rights in Ohio, your rights in Jack-is on, Clay, Calawell and Davis coun-apt to ties in Missouri, will yet be restored much opposed to polygamy as any-

