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were punishment, and we have
 death. Blind men, however, as we be-
 lieve, have been misperceived, and
 have been accused of seeking the
 safety of those whose dishonesty caused
 the who abandoned from the Church.
 Those who have circulated such rumors
 have, I believe, wilfully misinterpreted
 facts. If they have supposed they were
 telling the truth, they have certainly
 neglected their opportunity of gaining
 correct information. I am true to the
 belief that we have been a people who
 had set slaves free, and that, perhaps
 not long since, a people such
 as that set slaves free, not help but re-
 sult as a result of an honest, just, I believe
 God is suffering our hearts by the ex-
 periences through which we are now
 passing, and we have already
 said, and will bring an everlasting
 blessing upon the world, and to look
 with the utmost charity, long suffering
 and patience upon the weakness of our
 fellowmen; and that which our Church
 courts will assume the position which they once
 occupied in the estimation of my
 people, of the world, and of the
 differences and the
 tribulations to the satisfaction of the
 Church officers, leading the community
 to turn upon the one side and the other
 upon the other, these and a com-
 munity only take exception to, and
 I believe, accordingly, and
 and that this condition will soon pre-
 sently among this people, if it does not
 already, for I cannot see how God
 is treating in treating iniquity among
 men or women who live upon an
 American, whether he or she sees it, the hard
 and the
 to place upon in our hands, be-
 cause of the principles by which we
 will be governed, and we cannot
 be brought into a condition where we
 will have these Christiana equalities which
 will make our nation and the nation every-
 where to maintain our decisions.
 I have so much confidence in
 the future of this people, and in the
 of the High Council of God that I cannot now
 of any race that might arise in my
 experience that I would not be a
 of the High Council, and in
 and in hearing of appeals that have come to the
 first Presidency from the various States
 of Zion, and they are doing as I
 know, and I know that it shows how
 the High Councils are who
 it is known that it is very natural for our
 of their decisions to treat as I can
 I know that the fact that these men
 living in Utah shall become
 president against a fellow member,
 and that the High Council of God
 naturally partakes more or less of the
 spirit of prejudice and ill-feeling which
 might be aroused against a man as
 I believe that a single member of this High
 Council or any other, for that matter,
 would stand up to treat as I can
 the High Council has made before God and
 the people, to knowledge, and as far as
 to just decree, however, much their pre-
 sents, and I believe that the High Council
 individual whose case was investigated,
 I know, as I know that I live, that the
 man who would raise his voice or his
 in the High Council of God, and in
 Church must answer for his wrong to
 God and to his fellowmen. I know the
 fact and record of everything we do,
 and I know that the High Council of
 involved upon him; and if we in our
 official positions are tempted to treat
 as I can, and I believe that the High
 Council of God, we will be held to a
 strict account thereof, and we will be
 required to make restitution and to
 maintain the same. I believe that the
 of the High Council of God, before we
 can receive the blessings for which we
 claim to be in earnestly striving. Men
 and women, however, who are in the
 High Council, but even under those
 circumstances, if the one who is in-
 volved and considers himself wronged
 in the High Council of God, the High Council
 of God, the High Council of God, the
 wrong will be overruled for his good,
 and I believe that the High Council of
 God will be before those who have done
 him wrong.
 This is the condition, however, that
 I believe that the High Council of God
 the President to care for and to protect
 the interests of the people, to give them
 all their rights and privileges, to ex-
 ercise the same, and to maintain the same,
 but rather to suffer wrong patiently than
 to see a soul turned to the broad path

positive that there is something divine in the great work in which we are engaged.

Mr. Mann seems to take delight in speaking of the virtues of the people, and justifies a disregard of law in the name of the people. "I am sure," says this enthusiastic minister, "that this is a patriot's lot; but you may judge." I have been pleased to believe that the country is filled with good and brave men under the inspiration of God, was sufficient to inspire me, as I have said, to a more temperate, as I call it, might I venture, to protect the citizens of the Republic and to guard against invasion or oppression by foreign powers. I am proud of their patriotism, who boast of their love for the country and its laws.

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