

"Journal by Wm. Clayton 1842-5."

November 1842

27 November 1842 • Sunday At the Office in the A.M. writing a letter to H. R. Hotchkiss. In the P.M. at home & at president Josephs

28 November 1842 • Monday This day I attended the trial of the Temple Committee before the first presidency. A written complaint had been presented to prest. Joseph complaining of oppressive and unchristian conduct in Cahoon & Higby & was signed by a number of names. The trial commenced about 11 o'clock A.M. and lasted till about 9 P.M. Many grievances were set forth, the principal of which were an unequal distribution of provisions, also giving more iron & steel tools to Cahoons sons than to others. Also giving short measure of wood to father Huntingtons also letting the first course of stone around the temple to the man who would do it for the least price &c

H. G. Sherwood appeared on the side of Justice and patriarch Hyrum on the side of mercy. After a lengthy investigation Hyrum spoke at great length showing the difficulties the committee had to endure &c and that they had a right to employ their own sons &c. he was replied to by Er Sherwood with some warmth through wrong idea. Hyrum explained. After the testimony was gone through prest. Law made some remark in favor of the committee. After which prest. Joseph arose and stated that he himself was amenable to the state as Trustee and the T.C. were amenable to him and they had given bonds to the amount of \$12000 for a faithful performance of duties as committee and if they embezzled property they were liable to the penitentiary. He said if ever a difficulty arose between the Com.

& the hands which could not be settled among themselves they must lay the case before him and he would see that the Com. did their duty. Many good lessons were given (of instructions) by prest. Joseph & Hyrum and I think it will be the means of doing much good in settling the difficulties

29 November 1842 • Tuesday This A.M. I went to prest. Josephs to meet with Dr Richards Path. [patriarch] Hyrum and others to collect testimony and documents concerning the Bankrupt business, preparatory to the coming contest at Springfield next month. Received my new overcoat from tailors In the P.M. at my office at Temple.

30 November 1842 • Wednesday At the office over the store collecting evidence for Springfield business. P.M. at Joseph's hearing Amos Davis's trial for slander. Wrote to M. Moon

1 December 1842 • Thursday At Temple Office. Went to borrow some money for expenses to Springfield, went to D. Hendricks, was unwilling to lend Hiram Spencer lent \$25. Attended Lodge at night

2 December 1842 • Friday Started for Pleasant Valley to fetch home Margaret & Lydia borrowed prest. Hyrums Horse & Buggy arrived at Carthage about 12 3/4 Ramus 3 1/2 Valley 7 1/2 thawing

3 December 1842 • Saturday Left Pleasant Valley at 1 o clock the day was damp and cloudy &

the roads bad. We arrived at Ramus about 5 o'clock. called at McCleary's I tarried at Joseph C. Johnsons.

4 December 1842 • Sunday Left Ramus at 8 o'clock. Weather damp about 10 it began to rain. We arrived at Carthage about 10 3/4 took dinner and started again at 12. It rained heavy all the way home we arrived about 4 1/2 all wet through found my family all well

5 December 1842 • Monday In council with prest Joseph Hyrum and others concerning Bankrupt business. Dined with prest Joseph at his house. P.M. at my Office Evening at the Lodge.

6 December 1842 • Tuesday At the office.

7 December 1842 • Wednesday At the office in the A.M. P.M. at prest. Josephs and the office. This day Orson Hyde returned from Jerusalem.

8 December 1842 • Thursday At the office in the A.M. P.M. at prest. Josephs. Saw & spake to Er Hyde

9 December 1842 • Friday Left Nauvoo for Springfield about 9 1/2 o'clock in company with Hiram Smith, Willard Richards, Henry G. Sherwood, Peter Haws, Alpheus Cutler, Heber C. Kimball Reynolds Cahoon, Benjamin Covey and went about 36 miles viz to Plymouth. The roads were very slippery on account of frost and snow and it was very cold We called at bro

Samuel Smiths were we were kindly treated.

10 December 1842 • Saturday Left Plymouth a little before 8 and travelled about 24 miles to Rushville Schuyler County where we arrived about 1/2 past 3 The weather was very cold and in the P.M considerable snow fell. During the day bro. Kimballs horse was troubled with the Bots which caused him delay.

11 December 1842 . Sunday Left Rushville about 8 A.M. and about 11 we crossed the Illinois river. We called at Beardstown Cass County and took refreshment After resting half an hour we started again and proceeded to Virginia a distance of about 24 miles. About 6 miles before we reached Virginia the axle tree of the Large Wagon broke and the brethren (viz 5) had to walk the remander of the journey. We exchanged in turn and arrived about 4 o clock The weather was some warmer and some more snow.

12 December 1842 • Monday We were detained until after 2 o clock waiting for a new axle tree for the Carriage. About which time we left Virginia and went about 10 miles to Captain Dutchs on the centre of a very large Prairie.

13 December 1842 • Tuesday Left Dutch's about 8 1/2 & arrived at Springfield about 3 P.M. We called at Judge Adams's but he not being at home we went to the Globe Tavern. In the evening we were visited by Wm. Smith & Judge Adams. Wm. stated that the Nauvoo charter had been brought before the house and was likely to be repealed and with it all the principal charters of the State.

14 December 1842 • Wednesday This A.M. we were visited by Judge Douglas who recommended us to petition the Govr. to countermand the writs &c the judge seemed very friendly and requested us to call upon him without reserve. Dr Richards and I went to see Mr Butterfield the U.S. attorney. We stated to him one object of our mission viz to see the Govr. on behalf of Joseph. He offered his services and appeared very friendly. Having to call on Mr Shields the Auditor of State we found the Govr with Mr Shields and was introduced to him. He is a very small man apparently weighing about 110 lbs. On my request he appointed 4 o'clock as the time most suitable for an interview. Accordingly at 4 Dr Richards, Hyrum & bro Sherwood & myself called upon Mr Butterfield who went with us to see the Govr. Mr Butterfield read a communication on the subject of the illegality of the arrest of Joseph for which he had sent to Rigdon some time ago, and then read a petition of Joseph Smith praying the Govr to revoke and countermand the writ &c. After hearing the petition &c the Govr. said he should council with the Judges of the supreme Court on the subject & whatever they concluded on should be his decision. The Gov also stated his reason for recommending a repeal of the Nauvoo charter and was sorry he had not recommended a repeal of all the charters in the State. The Govr appeared friendly and we think we shall succeed in obtaining a countermand of the writ &c. I have also been in the house of Representatives & Senate listening to their Legislation.

15 December 1842 • Thursday This A.M. we have attended Court of the U.S. District. At our request to Butterfield the case was not brought up. We tender to him some offers for a compromise and offered to secure the payment of the Judgement due the U.S.. esqr Warren the Lawyer employed in Josephs case did not appear consequently in the final hour we were left without a council. I attended the Senate and house of Representatives part of the way. In the

evening we went to see Butterfield who stated that he had been in council with the Govr & the Judges of the Supreme Court. Three of the Judges were of the opinion that the Govr ought to countermand the proclamation & writ; and three, (their being only 6 present) thought that he ought not, but considered that inasmuch as there was much excitement on the subject and inasmuch as this would be regarded as a precedent for future cases, it were better that Pres. Joseph should appear on a writ of Habeas Corpus and in that case he would undoubtedly be discharged by the Supreme Court and no one would be liable to censure

16 December 1842 • Friday This A.M. we went to see Esqr Butterfield & attend Court.

Butterfield withdrew his objections to Hyrum who immediately on being presented to the Court was discharged. At 2 o'clock we again attended on Butterfield and entered in to engagement to secure the payment of the Judgt. due the U.S. This was signed by H. Smith, Dr Richards, H. C. Kimball, A. Cutler, H. G. Sherwood, & P. Haws. Butterfield said he would write immediately write to Washington showing the propositions of the High Council and would probably receive an answer in about 3 weeks upon which he would inform us and state where we should appear to obtain a final discharge. The following is a copy of the propositions.

"Springfield Dec 16th 1842

"To Justin Butterfield Esqr. U.S. Attorney for the District of Illinois.

"Sir The High Council of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints proposed to the United States to secure the payment of the judgement in favor of the United States against Joseph Smith Henry W. Miller, George Miller & Hyrum Smith impleaded with Peter Haws Rendered in the Circuit Court of the United States for the District of Illinois on the 11th of June 1842 for the

sum of \$5212.49 1/2 debt damages & costs in the following manner viz. to cause to be given to the United States a bond signed by individuals sufficiently good and responsible, for the amount of said Judgements and interest, payable in four equal anual installments with interest anually on the whole sum and to secure the payment of the said Bond by a Mortgage on real estate situated in the State of Illinois to which there shall be a perfect title and worth double the amount of the said debt.["]

This was signed as before stated. Mr Butterfield expressed his determination to stand by us and carry the case through we paid him \$15. on the account. After this I went to the secretary of State & got the Requisition of Govr. Reynolds on the Govr. of Ill's. for the arrest of Joseph and also the affidavit of Lilburn W. Boggs The following is a copy of each

"The Governor of the State of Missouri to the Governor of the State of Illinois Greeting. Whereas it appears by the annexed document which is hereby certified as authentic, that one Joseph Smith is a fugitive from Justice, charged with being accessory before the fact, to an assault with intent to kill, made by one O. P. Rockwell on Lilburn W. Boggs in this State and it is represented to the Executive Department of this State has fled to the State of Illinois

"Now therefore I Thomas Reynolds Governor of the said State of Missouri, by virtue of the authority in me vested by the Constitution and Laws of the United States, do by these presence demand the surrender and delivery of said Joseph Smith to Edward R. Ford who is hereby appointed as the agent to receive the said Joseph Smith on the part of this State.

"In Testimony Whereof I Governor of the State of Missouri have hereunto set my hand, and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Missouri. Done at the City of Jefferson this 22nd day of July in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty two of the

Independence of the United States the sixty seventh and of this State the twenty third.

"By the Governor Tho. Reynolds

Jas S. Minor Secretary of State"

"State of Missouri County of Jackson

"This day personally appeared before me Samuel Weston a Justice of the Peace within and for the County of Jackson the subscriber Lilburn W. Boggs who being duly sworn doth depose and say that on the night of the sixth day of May 1842 while sitting in his dwelling in the town of Independence in the County of Jackson he was shot with intent to kill, and that his life was dispaired of for several days, and that he believes and has good reason to believe from evidence and information now in his possession that Joseph Smith commonly called the Mormon Prophet was accessory before the fact of the intended murderer, and that the said Joseph Smith is a citizen or resident of the State of Illinois and the said deponent hereby applies to the Governor of the State of Missouri to make a demand on the Governor of the State of Illinois to deliver the said Joseph Smith commonly called the Mormon prophet to some person authorised to receive and convey him to the State and County of foresaid and there to be dealt with according to law

Sworn to and Subscribed before me this 20th day of July 1842

Lilburn W.

Boggs

Samuel Weston J. P. "

About 6 o clock P.M. Dr Richards and I went to see and had a very pleasant interview with Judge Douglas. He stated that he had conversed with Gov. Ford who shewed the feelings of the 6 judges of foresaid. He (Judge Douglas) thought it was best that Joseph should be arrested

on the proclamation by some of his friends brought to Springfield and by writ of Habeas Corpus have the case investigated before the Judges of the Supreme Court who he (Douglas) had no doubt would discharge him. He argued that inasmuch as it had been represented that Joseph had defied the Laws of the State &c it would be the surest way to satisfy the public mind & secure Govr. Ford from censure. I asked if there was no danger of treachery &c as a Mason he believed that there was not a particle of doubt but he would immediately receive his discharge. The Govr. had said that he should be protected on his way hither to any amount he should desire. Judge Douglas will see the Gov in the morning & request a written authority for Joseph's safe conduct here

17 December 1842 • Saturday This A.M. Dr Richards and I went to see Judge Douglas who went with us to see the Govr. Govr. Ford expressed his determination not to interfere with the official acts of Carlin in regard to the arrest and proclamation. He advised that Joseph should give himself up and he had no doubt he would be discharged by the Judge of the Supreme Court. At my request the Govr. wrote the following letter to president Joseph

"Springfield Decr. 17. 1842

"Dear Sir

"Your petition requesting me to rescind Govr. Carlin's proclamation and recall the writ issued against you has been received and duly considered. I submitted your case and all the papers relating thereto, to the Judges of the Supreme Court, or at least to six of them who happened to be present. They were unanimous in the opinion that the requisition from Missouri was illegal and insufficient to cause your arrest but were equally divided as to the propriety and

justice of my interference with the acts of Governor Carlin. It being therefore a case of great doubt as to my power and I not wishing ever in an official Station to assume the exercise of doubtful powers; and in as much as you have a sure and effectual remedy in the courts, I have decided to decline interfering. I can only advise that you submit to the laws and have a judicial investigation of your rights. If it should become necessary for this purpose to repair to Springfield, I do not believe that there will be any disposition to use illegal violence towards you, and I would feel it my duty in your case, as in the case of any other person, to protect you with any necessary amount of force from mob violence whilst asserting your rights before the courts, going to and returning. I am most respectfully yours

Thomas Ford"

The Gov appears to have the best of feelings towards Joseph but is unwilling as stated above to interfere lest he should lose the confidence of his political friends.

We went and showed Mr Butterfield the Govr letter and obtained from him the following

"Springfield December 17-1842

"Joseph Smith Esqr, Dear Sir,

"I have heard the letter read which Govr. Ford has written to you, and his statements are correct in relation to the opinion of the judges of the Supreme Court. The Judges were unanimously of the opinion that you would be entitled to your discharge under a habeas corpus to be issued by the Supreme Court but felt some delicacy in advising Govr Ford to revoke the order issued by Govr Carlin. my advice is that you come here without delay and you do not run the least risk of being protected while here and of being discharged by the Sup. Court by habeas

corpus. I have also a right to bring the case before the U.S. Court now in session here and there you are certain in obtaining your discharge. I will stand by you and see you safely delivered from your arrest.

yours truly J. Butterfield"

Having got these letters and seeing no prospect of accomplishing any thing more we concluded to return home and lay the matter before Joseph. Accordingly at 11 o'clock we left Springfield for home. The weather was fine. We arrived at Capt. Dutch's about 4 1/2. They were away from home but returned about 6. We had concluded to stay whether they came or not. When they arrived they appeared glad to see us

18 December 1842 • Sunday Left Dutch's at 8 and came through to Rushville a distance of 36 miles. We lost a linch-pin off the Carriage and the wheel which was near coming off. We also lost the screw off the gearing which connects the sills to the carriage, we found it again but soon dropped it again. We were again fortunate in finding it, and finally arrived at Rushville without any further accident. We are all well and cheerful. The weather has been good. We are very kindly treated at this house, (viz. Widow Stevensons). They looked for us last night.

19 December 1842 • Monday Left Rushville early and took the Quincey Road. 1 Horse in the Carriage lost a shoe and we had to tarry at the Town of Cambden to get the shoe put on. We tarried one hour and went on to Pulaski where fortunately for us we met with Mr Catlin the Assigner who informed us that he was at Nauvoo last week and had received satisfaction & should immediately make report. This gave us much satisfaction. There is now nothing to

prevent pres. Josephs discharge in Bankruptcy. We arrived at Plymouth about 4 o clock and tarried at bro Samuel H. Smiths

20 December 1842 • Tuesday Left Samuels early accompanied by Catherine Walker. We called at Carthage & eat a little. We arrived at home about 2 o clock. My family are all very well for which I feel thankful My father was at my house enjoying good Rest. After resting a little I went down to see prest. Joseph along with bro Hyrum. We told the history of our Journey in full and the prest expressed himself perfectly satisfied with our proceedings & rejoiced at the prospect of his final deliverance

21 December 1842 • Wednesday At the Temple in the A.M. about 11 the committee and I went to see the prest. concerning laying by provisions for summer. After stating the business the prest. dictated the following & I wrote

"Nauvoo Decr. 21-1842

"To the hands in the Stone Shop.

"Whereas, an appeal has been made to me as Sole Trustee in Trust for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints for a decision in relation to sundry matters in regulating the stone cutting &c. &c. by the Temple Committee, I have duly considered their complaints, and heard all their arguments in relation to the matter and am satisfied that a proper deference has not been paid to their high standing by some or many of the hands in the stone Shop. And further, that their policy in relation to the pork, and Beef, and provisions, is for the furtherance of the building of the Temple, in the ultimatune thereof. These are therefore to advise you, to submit

patiently to their economy and instructions; and that we, with one accord with united feelings, submit patiently to the yoke that is laid upon us, and thereby secure the best interest, to the Temple of the most High God, that our limited circumstances can possibly admit of: and then having done all on our part, that great Eloheem, who has commanded us to build a house shall abundantly bless us and reward us for all our pains.

"I am sirs, your sincere friend and brother and fellow sufferer in the bonds of the great work.

"Joseph Smith, Sole Trustee in Trust for the church"

I took this letter and read it to the hands in the shop. Some appeared satisfied & about three seemed not exactly so.

22 December 1842 • Thursday At the office all day

23 December 1842 • Friday At the office

24 December 1842 • Saturday Do Do Received account of contributions collected by Dr Richards during his tour to the East. P.M. went to prest. Josephs. He was in trouble. At his request I & bro N. K. Whitney went to Jerimiah Hatch and borrowed \$100 for expenses to Springfield. Whitney & I each signed the note for Joseph. We wanted \$200 but the old gentleman said he would not let us have more than \$100. In the evening I attended the Band meeting at the Masonic Hall. We had some refresht. On our return we called at bro Ivins & played some. They offered some refreshment. The evening was spent pleasantly

25 December 1842 • Sunday At the Office writing Josephs history with Dr Richards. P.M at home writing Do.

26 December 1842 • Monday At the Office in the A.M. writing prest. Josephs history. P.M. went to see pres. Joseph concerning going to Springfield met him & Wilson Law. The latter had arrested Joseph on the proclamation offered by Gov. Carlin, in order to prepare the business. The pres. ordered that Er Sherwood & I start immediately for Carthage to obtain a writ of Habeas Corpus. I accordingly returned home and got ready we started about a little after 4 o clock. We arrived in Carthage safely soon after 9 o clock. We met Er Hyde on the prairie returning to Nauvoo having tarried at Carthage until he was tired. After taking supper at Hamiltons we went to the Court House and prepared a petition against morning

27 December 1842 • Tuesday Considerable snow fell during the night and continued to snow through the forenoon a little. We went to see the Master in Chancery (Chauncey Robison) and get a writ of Habeas Corpus. We found that there was no Clerk appointed; the late clerk having been elected to the Senate, consequently we could not obtain writ. We got an order for a writ. about 9 o clock we started to meet the remainder of the company. We traveled very slow and met them about 8 miles from Carthage. In the first Carriage was Hyrum and John Taylor; 2nd Joseph & Wilson Law; 3rd Wm. Marks & Mr Moffett from Augusta; 4th Peter Haws, Lorain Walker; Orson Hyde; Wd Richards, Mrs Durphy and her daughter. Er Sherwood & I fell in the rear. We traveled at a brisk rate and arrived at plymouth about 4 1/2. About an hour after another Carriage arrived containing Ed Hunter, Dr Tate, S. Roundey & T. Turley. The evening

was spent cheerfully.

28 December 1842 • Wednesday The morning being very rainy we did not start from Plymouth until 9 A.M. and arrived at Rushville soon after 4. We were again welcomed by Mrs Stevenson & family

29 December 1842 • Thursday Left Rushville early, crossed the Illinois River at 11 and arrived at Capt. Dutch's before 5 o'clock. Some snow fell and the day was very cold. Pres. Joseph had some conversation with Mr Dutch on the subject of our charter

30 December 1842 • Friday Left Dutch's early. After traveling about 8 miles Dr Tate's Carriage Wheel broke & lost the tire. Bro Hunter and Dr Tate went back several miles but could not find the tire. The Carriage was fixed by a nail, and part had to walk. We walked in our turns. We arrived at Judge Adams between 3 & 4 all well and cheerful. After resting a little and partaking of some refreshment, bro Adams went to inform Mr Butterfield of our arrival. Mr B. soon arrived & was pleased to see us, and particularly bro Joseph. He appeared astonished at the pres. respectable appearance. Matter was entered into to have the case brought on tomorrow.

31 December 1842 • Saturday This A.M. Mr Butterfield came and stated that the Sheriff of Adams Co did not appear willing to bring forward the writ. This made it necessary to petition the Govr. to give a new writ, which was done and put into the hands of the Sheriff of Sangamon Co. We then repaired to the U.S. Court now in session to apply for a writ of Habeas Corpus, which was immediately granted. Monday was appointed for the trial Joseph, Wilson Law, &

Judge Adams had to give bail to court of \$2000 each. As the brethren came out of Court they were attacked by a man who said that Joseph "was the damnest rascal thats ever lived and those who were his friends were no better". On hearing this Hyrum answered "I am his friend".

Wilson Law also said he was his friend. Upon this the man became enraged and challenged W Law to fight threatening to strike &c Mr Prentiss the Marshall immediately went and ordered the men away. There appeared to be some excitment, but it soon appeared to die away. As soon as the Court granted a writ of Habeas Corpus some person went to the Govr & demanded another writ on the old Missouri affair, but the Govr. knowing that a nolle prosequi had been entered in the case, refused to do any thing. Joseph went to see the Gov. who appeared very friendly. In the evening I attended the Theatre at the [place?] of the Iron Chest.

January 1843

1 January 1843 • Sunday This A. M. we had a pleasant interview with Mr. Butterfield, Judge Douglas, Senator Gillespie & others. pres. Joseph stated to Mr Butterfield the prominent points of difference in sentiment between the Latter Day Saints & sectarian viz: the latter are all circumscribed by some peculiar creed which deprives its members of the right of believing anything not contained in it; whereas the Latter Day Saints have no creed, but are ready to believe all true principles existing, as they are made manifest to us from time to time. He said further, that if any person should ask him if he was a prophet he should not deny it. As to deny it would give him the lie & then shewed from the Revelations of John that any man who has the testimony of Jesus has the spirit of prophesy &c.

It was announced to us that we might have the privilege of preaching in the House of Representatives, consequently we repaired thither at 11 A.M. Er Orson Hyde delivered a very interesting address from Malachi ch 3. v 1.2. spoke about 1 hour. Large audience, and good

attention. At 3 E. Taylor spoke from Rev. ch 14 v 6.7. good attendance & attention. Great anxiety appeared to be manifest on the part of the people to obtain a sight of the Prophet, and many evidenced many friendly feelings.

2 January 1843 • Monday This A. M. Mr Jonas called to see us. at 10 we repaired to Court. The Room as crowded, as about 7 ladies were present to see the Prophet. At the request of the Attorney General the case was postponed untill Wednesday. We then went over to the chamber of the Senate, and tarried untill noon In the evening I went to the theatre

3 January 1843 • Tuesday In consequence of a bile on my thigh I staed at Judge Adam's all day. We had a visit Mr Prentiss The U.S. Marshall who appears friendly, but He related a circumstance of a debate between bro Eddy and a Presbyterian Minister named Slocumb

4 January 1843 • Wednesday This A.M. at 9 oclock we went to Court. The case was opened on the part the State by Josiah Lamborn the Attorney General. His principal objections were that the District Court had no right to try the case and that they had no right to inquire into the guilt or innocense of the prisoner. After he got through Mr Edwards made some remarks in refutation of the Atty Genl. objections, after which Mr Butterfield arose and showed the futility of the Atty Genl's objections. He made copeous references from various statutes proving that the U. S. Court was the only tribunal which had jurisdiction in the case, that the demand of Govr. Reynolds was unjust, and the writ of Govr. Carlin Moore saw; that Joseph Smith was not accused by Ex Gov. Boggs of being a fugative from justice; that, he was in Nauvoo on the 6th & 7th of May &c &c. He made a great plea, and did himself great honor. There was 10 ladies on the

bench with the Judge who appeared much interested in the trial. After plea on both sides was heard the Judge said the court should adjourn till tomorrow at 9 o clock where he should give his decision.

attended preaching Cambellite

5 January 1843 • Thursday At 9 this morning we attended court. Some after our arrival the Judge proceeded to give his decision. He commenced by taking up in order the objections made by the Atty Genl and shewed most conclusively that the Court had perfect jurisdiction in the case. He then shewed the imperfectness of the affidavit of Boggs, and the way Govr. Reynolds added to the Afft. &c. He spoke strongly against the conduct of Carlin & Reynolds and the loose way they had done business.

He finally decided that prest. Joseph be discharged and that it be entered on the record in such a manner as to secure him from any further trouble from the writ & proclamation. The Court was crowded, several ladies were present. all present as far as I could discover was glad at the way the case was decided.

At night I went to Concert.

6 January 1843 • Friday This A.M. went to receive the copy of discharge &c. We had intended to start home today but in consequence of having to copy the whole of the document in the case we were hindered. I was copying untill about 3 o clock after which Joseph went to see the Govr. & obtain his certificate. It has rained all day & the roads are very bad. In the evening we had a visit from bro Wm. Smith. Joseph gave him much instruction. We feel to thank the great God for thus delivering his servant from the power of the wicked & designing men.

7 January 1843 • Saturday Started for home. The roads soft and much snow. Arrived at Dutch's about 3 1/2. Wilson Law composed a song on occasion of Joseph's liberty which was sung.

8 January 1843 • Sunday Left Dutch's early and arrived at Rushville about 4. We crossed the Illinois River on the ice. In the evening a number of the company went to Mr Brown's.

9 January 1843 • Monday Left Rushville about 8 A.M. where we had travelled about 17 miles the large Carriage upset in a creek at the foot of a small hill. Dr Richards & Lorain Walker were in the Carriage but not hurt. The others had got out to walk down the hill. one axle tree broke off. This hindered us an hour. We arrived at Plymouth in good season Er Taylor preached at night.

10 January 1843 • Tuesday Started early this A. M. and arrived at Nauvoo soon after one o'clock. I found my family all well for which I thank the great God

11 January 1843 • Wednesday At the Office all day

12 January 1843 • Thursday At the Office

13 January 1843 • Friday A. M. at my Office and in the afternoon went to the printing office, Josephs &c. Evening attended the band.

14 January 1843 • Saturday At the office. Evening attended Lodge.

15 January 1843 • Sunday At home. Evening attended singing school. made proposition for building a Music Hall.

16 January 1843 • Monday At the office

17 January 1843 • Tuesday This day being appointed as a day of fasting & thanksgiving in commemoration of Josephs liberty I attended meeting at Winslow Farris and gave a relation of our visit to Springfield. Afterwards at the Office

18 January 1843 • Wednesday Having previously received an invitation from prest. J. Smith and Lady I with my wife walked to his house to a dinner party. The company consisted of Mother Smith, Hyrum Smith, Wm. Law & Lady of the presidency, of the Twelve Brigham Young (who is just recovering from a severe fit of sickness) Willard Richards, Jno Taylor, Orson Hyde, Wilford Woodruff, George A. Smith, Heber C. Kimball, and their several ladies, also Wilson Law; Henry G. Sherwood; Dr Tate; Edward Hunter; Shadrack Roundy, Theodore Turley; Arthur Millikin; Alpheus Cutler; --- Jabez Durfee - Reynolds Cahoon; Peter Haws; Dr Samuel Bennett and their ladies also Eliza R. Snow & sister Ells and Myself and wife. We commenced the day by singing a Jubilee Hymn composed by Genl. Wilson Law, also also one by E. R. Snow. The company was very cheerful and truly it was a time of Jubilee; all hearts rejoiced. several articles were read from newspapers showing the influence in favor of the truth. We broke up about 6 o clock. Joseph went to Lodge and I went home feeling too sick to attend the Lodge.

19 January 1843 • Thursday At the office. Evening attended singing school.

20 January 1843 • Friday A. M. at the Office P. M went to prest. Josephs. when I arrived there I saw Joseph, Hyrum, Kimball and several others standing at the gate. Hyrum called me to one side and said he had some good news for me. He then said like this "Joseph and myself and the twelve and you are going to start on a Mission to the East in April next. We shall have a special conference on the sixth of April and shall start immediately. We shall call meetings through the States and announce that Joseph is going to give a lecture and we shall charge a bit or 25 cts for admission and that way you know we shall raise thousands of dollars for our expenses. We shall cross the Sea above board, take cabin passage and probably proceed through England Ireland and through Europe probably to Jerusalem and thus raise a great excitment through the whole world." To this I answered I was ready brother Kimball informed me afterwards, that the twelve had been assembled at bro Youngs and Joseph and Hyrum was present to inquire into Orson Pratts case. Joseph mentioned the foregoing and stated that he and Hyrum and the twelve should go on the general expense. Someone requested that I should go with them which request was responsed to by nearly all present. After a little consideration Joseph said "yes he shall go." Orson Pratt & Wife and sister Granger was baptised by Joseph in the river. They had a break in the ice. It is expected by the Twelve that Orson will be restored to his standing in the quorum Evening I attended the Band.

21 January 1843 • Saturday At the office. went with Joseph to sell a lot to E. J Sabin.

22 January 1843 • Sunday This A. M. Joseph preached in the Temple. subject arose from two questions proposed from a Lyceum. 1st Did John Baptize for remission of sins,? 2nd Whether the kingdom of God was set up before the day of Pentecost or not till then? To the 1st Q. he answered, "he did" It is acknowledged of all men that John preached the gospel & must have preached the 1st principles, if so he must have preached the doctrine of Baptism for the remission of sins for that is the 1st principal of the Gospel and was ordained before the foundation of the world. I next give my own testimony because I know it is from God. On the 2nd question He said Where the oracles of God are revealed there is the kingdom of God. Wherever the oracles of God are & subjects to obey those oracles there is the kingdom of God. What constitutes the kingdom of God? an administrator who has the power of calling down the oracles of God, and subjects to receive those oracles no matter if there are but 3, 4 or 6 there is the kingdom of God &c."[*]

[Note: on this quotation from Joseph Smith someone has inserted a beginning parentheses at the beginning of the quotation just before the word arose. This is not in the pencil of William Clayton. Also in that early sentence the word "from" is crossed through and the word "at" is put above. Also at the end of the above quotation that same person has inserted an end parentheses just before the end quotation mark.] P.M. I attended a meeting of the choir & Band to prepare matters for building a Music Hall. Evening attended singing school.

23 January 1843 • Monday At the office. evening met with committee of choir to draw rules &c.

24 January 1843 • Tuesday Writing at Hyrums & dinner with him saw bro Synder who has just

returned from England.

25 January 1843 • Wednesday A. M. went to Josephs. P. M. at office Evening went to bro
Whitneys with my wife.

26 January 1843 • Thursday At prest. Josephs. dined with him. rode to Temple & back to his
house. After we got through he brought me home. Evening attended singing school.

27 January 1843 • Friday rode with prest. to Prairie and dined at Lots. P. M. at the office.

28 January 1843 • Saturday At the office. Prest. Joseph came with Mr Taylor the clerk for the
Ill Land Agency. viewed the Draft of the Temple, the Temple &c. At night I went to Ivins with
Ruth.

29 January 1843 • Sunday Pres. Joseph Preahed in the Temple on the Prodical Son and
showed that it did not refer to any nation, but was nearly an answer to the remark "he recieveth
the sinners and eateth with them," the Temple was crowded with people. At P. M. met with
Committee of Music Hall. Evening attended singing school.

30 January 1843 • Monday A. M. at pres. Joseph's. P. M. at the Temple.

31 January 1843 • Tuesday at the office Temple all day. very cold

1 February 1843 • Wednesday At the Office at Temple. very cold

2 February 1843 • Thursday At the Office. Evening attended singing school. We were interrupted by Josiah Simpson. Bro. Goddard had him arrested and put in custody of J. Flack.

3 February 1843 • Friday At the trial of J. Simpson before R. D. Foster as a witness. He was convicted of an assault on S. H. Goddard and fined \$3. and cost about \$8.-- Eveng. attended the Band.

4 February 1843 • Saturday This A. M. went to pres Joseph with S. H. Goddard & W. Y. Cahoon to ask advice. Simpson had them arrested with W. W. Riley for assualting & beating him Joseph advised us to get a writ of Habeas Corpus, which we did. attended the office through the day Evening attended the trial. Simpsons brother swore that Riley struck S. which was utterly false.. The Court acquitted Wm. F. Cahoon and gave Goddard & Riley back to the constable to be tried by Jury. I feel sorry that this has happened and hope no evil may arise from it further.

5 February 1843 • Sunday At home Evening attended singing school but being so very cold there was but very few there

6 February 1843 • Monday At the Office. The court decided to fine Goddard & Riley \$3 each & costs about \$3.75 more. I consider this an unjust sentence, brought to pass by a partial jury of whom Walker was one.

7 February 1843 • Tuesday At the Office all day. P. Pratt returned

8 February 1843 • Wednesday At the Office all day. saw P. P. Pratt & conversed with him.

9 February 1843 • Thursday A.M. at the office. Went to pres. Josephs and received a letter from Judge Young informing Joseph that Mr Walsh was ready to make out the writing for the N. W. 6.8, upon \$500. being deposited at Quincey. P.M. At Josephs with O & P. P. Pratt & others. pres. Joseph related some of his history and gave us a key whereby we might know whether any administration was from God. There are two kinds of beings in heaven viz: Angels who are resurrected personages having bodies of flesh and bones, for instance Jesus said "handle me and see for a spirit hath not flesh and bones as ye see me have ["] 2nd The spirits of just men made perfect, they who are not resurrected but inherit the same glory. Where a messenger comes saying he has a message from God offer him your hand and request him to shake hands with you. If he be an angel he will do it and you will feel his hand. If he be the spirit of a just man made perfect he will come in his glory for that is the only way he can appear. Ask him to shake hands with you, but he will not move, because it is contrary to the order of Heaven for a just man to deceive but he will still deliver his message If it be the devil as an angel of light when you ask him to shake hands he will offer you his hand and you will not feel anything. you may there fore detect him. These are the three grand keys whereby you may know whether any administration is from God." pres Joseph also shewed from various circumstances that any man that would seek after a sign was an adulterer and mentioned several instances wherein he had detected men.

Evening I attended the singing school

10 February 1843 • Friday A. M. at the Office.

11 February 1843 • Saturday A. M. at the Office, also went to see pres. Joseph & attended with city council. I was appointed city Treasurer.

12 February 1843 • Sunday Wrote to Sarah Crooks. P. M. went to prest. Josephs & counted \$500 silver & Gold preparing for Qincey tomorrow. Evening attended the singing school

13 February 1843 • Monday Got ready to start for Qincey early but had to wait till near 1 o clock while the horse was shod. The wether was very cold. about dusk it commenced snowing and was very stormy. I arrived at Bear Creek at 6 o clock. After supper I had a very interesting debate with a gentleman on the subject of the gospel.

14 February 1843 • Tuesday Left Bear Creek about 9 o clock and arrived at Qincey at 11. Immediately went to Genl. Leach's and deposited the \$500 & took his receipt which I enclosed in a letter to Judge Young. Dined at the City Hotel & about 4 returned to Bear Creek. I had another pleasant conversation with some gentlemen on the subject of our religion.

15 February 1843 • Wednesday Left Bear Creek about 9 & arrived at home at 2 1/2. The weather was extremely cold. P. M. at the Office

16 February 1843 • Thursday A. M. at prest. Josephs & afterwards at the office. Evening attended singing &c.

17 February 1843 • Friday At the office. Evening met with the band at Esq. Wells. tarried till 12 o clock and had a very pleasant time.

18 February 1843 • Saturday At the office.

19 February 1843 • Sunday At home. Evening attended singing school & was appointed one of three trustees to superintend the building of the Hall.

20 February 1843 • Monday At the office. evening at Ivins.

21 February 1843 • Tuesday Do Do

22 February 1843 • Wednesday Do Do my father came

23 February 1843 • Thursday Do Do & shewing Lots North of T.

24 February 1843 • Friday At pres. Josephs and the office evening met with bro. James Ivins in company with a number of others. We were well intertained with a Piano and electric machine.

25 February 1843 • Saturday At the office all day, very busy.

26 February 1843 • Sunday At the office. Evening attended singing school.

27 February 1843 • Monday About 2 o'clock this A. M. my wife began to feel the symptoms of labor which continued to grow stronger and stronger until about 5 o'clock she got up. at 25 minutes after six she was safely delivered of a boy. She had no person with her but her mother but all things went very well. I have thus received at the hands of the Lord one to bear my name, and continue my generations, and may the great Eloheem Grant that he may live to a good old age, that he may be a very healthy child, that he may be intelligent and a great genius, may he be a comfort to his parents and may his life be precious in the sight of God. May he be an ornament to the cause of truth, may he be useful & profitable in the kingdom of God, may his priesthood continue with him forever, may he live to see the son of man on the earth, and may his generations be numerous as the sands on the seashore, may he be valiant in the defense of righteousness, and be guided by the wisdom of Jehovah, may the Law of God be his council, and his paths that which shineth brighter and brighter to the perfect day. O God grant this if it be wisdom for Christ's sake, even so amen.

They both are doing well for which I feel very thankful, for truly the Lord has been very kind to me and my house for which my heart feels grateful.

At the office all day.

28 February 1843 • Tuesday At the office all day. my family continue to do well

1 March 1843 • Wednesday At the office.

2 March 1843 • Thursday At the prests. or Mayors office attending trial of Dr Brink for mal-practice, in the case of Mrs Dana evening I attended singing school

3 March 1843 • Friday At the trial of Dr Brink until 10 1/2 in the evening. My wife has been up near all the day she was up a little last evening. The boy is doing well and for this kindness also I thank my Heavenly Father.

4 March 1843 • Saturday At the office A. M. in the P. M at the Mayors office.

5 March 1843 • Sunday At home all day. Wm. Poole & wife came and seemed very friendly in the evening I attended singing school.

6 March 1843 • Monday At the office evening attended with Band

7 March 1843 • Tuesday A. M at the office. Afterwards went to prest Josephs & commenced settlement with those who have claims on city Lots. Er B. Young called me on one side & said he wants to give me some instructions on the priesthood the first opportunity. He said the prophet had told him to do so & to give me a favor which I have long desired. For this again I feel grateful to God & his servant, and the desire of my heart is to do right and be saved.

8 March 1843 • Wednesday At prest. Josephs office. Walked with him to look at some lots & settled with Wm. Ford. Evening I went to bro Kimballs meeting. The house was crowded to suffocation. He made use of the figure of the Potter & clay, and shewed that O P Pratt was stiff & had to be cast off the wheel & A. Lyman put on it. The discourse was good.

9 March 1843 • Thursday At pres. Josephs office. Walked out in the P. M. he told me it was lawful for me to send for Sarah & said he would furnish me money.

10 March 1843 • Friday At pres Josephs office. wrote a letter for him to Philladelphia

11 March 1843 • Saturday At the Temple office all day evening at home with my father. last night there was one of the signs of the last days manifested in the heavens. It had the appearance of a sword with the point towards the east pres. Joseph says it is a sign of War.

12 March 1843 • Sunday At home. Evening attended singing school. The sword appeared in the heavens.

13 March 1843 • Monday At the Mayors office. Reports came in the papers of rumors of wars in sundry places especially between this nation and great Britain. News also came that O. P. Rockwell was taken a week ago last Saturday by the Missourians in St. Louis The weather yet remains very cold and severe frost. The cold weather began last November about the 10th and has continued almost without intermission till now.

14 March 1843 • Tuesday At the Mayors office draughting the Temple Committees account from the Store books. pres. Joseph returned from Ramus to day.

15 March 1843 • Wednesday At the Mayers office & the Temple

16 March 1843 • Thursday do do do

17 March 1843 • Friday At the Mayers office, settled with Shearer. Went on the prairie with Perry & Dixon. Deeded Perry 80 acres of Prairie and a Lot on Galland purchase.

18 March 1843 • Saturday At the Mayers office settled with Perry went to the prairie again. Rode PM with the prest. looking lots for N. K. Whitney

19 March 1843 • Sunday At home. P. M. attended singing school

20 March 1843 • Monday At the Mayers Office

21 March 1843 • Tuesday Started about noon with prest. Joseph for Shockokon. Dined at bro Russels. pres. J. left me at Libeus Coons and returned. I arrived at bro. Amasa Lyman, soon after dark during a very cold wind.

22 March 1843 • Wednesday Left Shockokin & arrived at [--quaukn] about noon almost froze. Took dinner at Tavern, fed my horse & proceeded to Mr Taylers, arrived here about 3 1/2 the weather being very cold.

23 March 1843 • Thursday Left Mr Taylers soon after 10 with a Beehive in the carriage. Arrived at bro A Lymans about 3.

24 March 1843 • Friday Started for home about 9 1/2 met pres. J on Camp Creek we called at Coons to warm & then started home. very cold. We arrived about 3 o clock. I took supper at pres. J's

25 March 1843 • Saturday At the Mayers Office AM. P.M at the Temple office.

26 March 1843 • Sunday At the Temple office comparing committees account. had some unpleasant words with Cahoon. Evening attended singing school.

27 March 1843 • Monday At the Temple Office

28 March 1843 • Tuesday do - do - do [there is a penciled entry just below this line that seems to read as follows "Jos hithed Butterfield even "]

29 March 1843 • Wednesday do - do - do

30 March 1843 • Thursday A. M. went to see prest. PM at the Temple office. evening attended singing school

31 March 1843 • Friday A. M. went to see pres. afterwards at the Temple office.

1 April 1843 • Saturday A. M at the Office. pres. Joseph called for me to go with him to Ramus. about 2 o clock we started O.Hyde & J. B. Backenstos went with us the roads were very

muddy. we arrived about 6 1/2 o clock, and were very joyfully received, we slept at Benj. F. Johnsons.

2 April 1843 • Sunday Heard Er Orson Hyde preach on 1 Epistle of John 1 chap. 1, 2, 3 verses in the A. M. dined at sister McCleary's pres. Josephs sister. P. M. Joseph preached on Revelations chap. 5. he called on me to open the meeting. He also preached on the same subject in the evening. During the day president Joseph made the following remarks on doctrine. "I was once praying very earnestly to know the time of the coming of the son of man when I heard a voice repeat the following 'Joseph my son, if thou livest untill thou art 85 years old thou shalt see the face of the son of man, therefore let this suffice and trouble me no more on this matter.' I was left thus without being able to decide wether this coming referred to the beginning of the Millenium, or to some previous appearing, or wether I should die and thus see his face. I believe the coming of the son of man will not be any sooner than that time." In correcting two points in Er Hydes discourse he observed as follows, "The meaning of that passage where it reads 'when he shall appear we shall be like him for we shall see him as he is' is this, When the savior appears we shall see that he is a man like unto ourselves, and that same sociality which exists amongst us here will exist among us there only it will be coupled with eternal glory which we do not enjoy now. Also the appearing of the father and the son in John c 14 v 23 is a personal appearing and the idea that they will dwell in a mans heart is a sectarian doctrine and is false"

In answer to a question which I proposed to him as follows, 'Is not the reckoning of gods time, angels time, prophets time & mans time according to the planet on which they reside he answered yes "But there is no angel ministers to this earth only what either does belong or has belonged to this earth and the angels do not reside on a planet like our earth but they dwell with

God and the planet where he dwells is like crystal, and like a sea of glass before the throne. This is the great Urim & Thummim whereon all things are manifest both things past, present & future and are continually before the Lord. The Urim & Thummim is a small representation of this globe. The earth when it is purified will be made like unto crystal and will be a Urim & Thummim whereby all things pertaining to an inferior kingdom on all kingdoms of a lower order will be manifest to those who dwell on it. and this earth will be with Christ Then the white stone mentioned in Rev. c 2 v 17 is the Urim & Thummim whereby all things pertaining to an higher order of kingdoms even all kingdoms will be made known and a white stone is given to each of those who come into this celestial kingdom, whereon is a new name written which no man knoweth save he that receiveth it. The new name is the key word

"Whatever principle of intelligence we obtain in this life will rise with us in the resurrection: and if a person gains more knowledge in this life through his diligence & obedience than another, he will have so much the advantage in the world to come. There is law irrevocably decreed in heaven before the foundation of this world upon which all blessings are predicated; and when we obtain any blessing from God, it is by obedience to that law upon which it is predicated.

"The Holy Ghost is a personage, and a person cannot have the personage of the H. G. in his heart. A man receive the gifts of the H. G., and the H. G. may descend upon a man but not to tarry with him.["]

He also related the following dream "I dreamed that a silver-headed old man came to see me and said he was invaded by a gang of robbers, who were plundering his neighbors and threatening destruction to all his subjects. He had heard that I always sought to defend the oppressed, and he had come to see if the General would call out his Legion and protect him, and

he had come to hear with his own ears what answer I would give him. I answered, if you will make out the papers and shew that you are not the aggressor I will call out the Legion and defend you while I have a man to stand by me. The old man then turned to go away. When he got a little distance he turned suddenly round and said I must call out the Legion and go and he would have the papers ready when I arrived, and says he I have any amount of men which you can have under your command. ["]

[The above paragraph is crossed through with a penciled line and at the beginning, in handwriting that is not William Clayton's handwriting a comment simply says "repeated his of 10 March."]

Er Hyde gave this interpretation "The old man represents the government of these United States who will be invaded by a foreign foe, probably England. The U. S. government will call on you to defend probably all this Western Territory, and will offer you any amount of men you may need for that purpose.["]

Once when prest. Joseph was praying earnestly to know concerning the wars which are to preceed the coming of the son of man, he heard a voice proclaim that the first outbreak of general bloodshed would commence at South Carolina--see Revelation

The sealing of the 144000 was the number of priests who should be anointed to administer in the daily sacrifice &c. During prest. Joseph's remarks he said there was a nice distinction between the vision which John saw as spoken of in Revelations & the vision which Daniel saw, the former relating only to things as they actually existed in heaven--the latter being a figure representing things on the earth. God never made use of the figure of a beast to represent the kingdom of heaven--when they were made use of it was to represent an apostate church. We slept at B. F. Johnsons.

3 April 1843 • Monday About 2 o'clock we left Ramus for Carthage. We arrived about 4 at Mr Backenstos's. After supper I went to do some business at the Court house. I slept in company with the Sheriff in the Court house.

4 April 1843 • Tuesday Spent the fore noon hearing pres. J. talk to Mr Backman who seemed disposed to believe the truth. We left Carthage about 2 and arrived at home about 5 1/2.

5 April 1843 • Wednesday At the office near the Temple also at prest. Josephs office, looking at a lot for Adam Lightner and giving Dr Richards history.

6 April 1843 • Thursday This day was a special conference the saints assembled in the Temple soon after 9. I was appointed to take minutes. About 11 prest Joseph arrived and preceeded to business. He first stated the object of this conference, viz. 1st. To ascertain the standing of the first presidency 2nd. To take into consideration the propriety of sending some of the Twelve into the branches abroad to obtain funds for building the Nauvoo House. 3rd. To give a chance to those Elders who have been disfellowshipped or had their licenses taken away in the branches to have a re-hearing & settle their difficulties He then spake on the importance of building the Nauvoo House stressing that the time had come to build it. and the church must either do it or suffer the condemnation of not fulfilling the commandments of God.

He next presented himself & was unamisiously voted president of the whole church. Next his councillors Ers Rigdon and Wm. Law. and afterwards Er Hyrum who was voted with a hearty aye. He blessed the people in the name of the Lord.

The next business was appointing the Twelve on their mission &c. He showed the

injustice of Ers collecting funds for the Temple in as much as they rarely brought them here. The conference must contrive some measures to put the Twelve under bonds, for a true return of monies received by them &c. After an intermission of one hour pres. Hyrum made some remarks on theiving, shewing that there are a secret combination of men who are plundering and theiving and teach it as an item of Mormon doctrine &c. Pres. J. then stated the whole of the transaction with Remick, after which the conference adjourned

7 April 1843 • Friday Attended conference again had to prefer charges against the Temple Committee. They retained their standing. various little items of business attended to and a discourse from the president on Rev.

Evening I attended with the band. Andrew Cahoon felt vexed at my remarks concerning them on the stand. I shewed him my object & he was satisfied.

8 April 1843 • Saturday At the conference. preaching by O. Hyde, Jno Taylor &c.

9 April 1843 • Sunday I was writing for Hyrum all day had an interview with Alice Hardman

10 April 1843 • Monday Made Letter of Attorney for B. F. Johnson. At the Temple P.M.

11 April 1843 • Tuesday At the Temple. Recording all day.

12 April 1843 • Wednesday At the Temple office. A Boat load of Emigrants arrived. E.

Batersby came to my house at night.

13 April 1843 • Thursday Had a meeting at the Temple. The pres. gave instructions to the Emigrants another load arrived. I sent \$10 by phelps for Molasses & sugar.

14 April 1843 • Friday Rode on prairie with prest. and the emigrants. P.M with prest. and Arthur Milliken.

15 April 1843 • Saturday At the Temple Office, and various parts of the city doing business

16 April 1843 • Sunday Heard pres. J preach on the ressurection shewing the importance of being buried with the saints & their relatives in as much as we shall want to see our relatives first & shall rejoice to strike hands with our parents, children &c when rising from the tomb. P.M. Er Lorenzo Snow gave a short relation of his mission. Evening I attended singing school & assisted in passing the bye laws of the Nauvoo Music Association. The night was very wet & dark. We got lost in the road

17 April 1843 • Monday [at this point the first sentence is crossed out, which reads "Rode out with English." Just above that is written the words "see page 82.] At the prest. all day. rode to P. P. Pratts for £50.--thence to see Miss White &c. Also received £87.--for land of English brethren. Last night prest. received a letter propoing to be from the Atty Genl by order of Tyler

18 April 1843 • Tuesday Rode out with prest to prairie took bond of I.T. Barnett for 2 lots. At

pres Josephs P.M. he had a council with 3 Indian Chiefs. Night I went to sister Booths.

19 April 1843 • Wednesday Went to look at some lots, thence to see the president. Sold 30 acres of Prarie & received the money. Attended in Council with the Twelve a little. Evening went with S. H. Goddard and Wm. F. Cahoon to stake out Music Hall then finished letter to Aaron Far.

20 April 1843 • Thursday A.M. at the Temple. P.M. at the pres. endeavoring to settle with Manhards went on foot through the City to shew them lots. Evening conversed with O. & D. Far.

21 April 1843 • Friday Rode with pres. in the City. Dined with him. Arterwards rode on the prarie. He swore to me he would forever defend & protect me and divide earthly things with me if I would be faithful to him which I cheerfully promised. Evening I went to sis. Booths.

22 April 1843 • Saturday Prepared to start for Carthage but dont go untill Monday. Received pr "Maid of Iowa" 1 bbl of Molasses and 66 1/2 lb sugar. P.M. at the Temple Office making out Deeds &c. In the evening conversed with Margt Moon on the priesthood. Had a visit from Olive, Diantha, & Lorin Far.

During the week prest Joseph made a remark from which I gathered the following he was speaking of the meaning of the word Terrestrial which signifies the rolling of kingdoms, or in other words the rolling of a combination of kingdoms. The telestial is the rolling of one kingdom of globe only. And hence the celestial is the rolling of all the kingdoms of God which is the

greatest of all glories.

23 April 1843 • Sunday At bro Kimballs this fore noon assisting him to arrange his history.

last Sunday president Joseph received a letter by mail of which the following is a copy:-

"Washington D. C. March 31, 1843

"Sir: You stand accused of high Treason. You will deliver yourself up to the Governor at Springfield Ill in order to be tried before the Supreme Court of the U. S. next term. The Governor of Ill will be directed to take you in custody if you will not deliver yourself up. The president will give a proclamation against you if you obey not this order by May 1, 1843.

"Respectfully yours Hugh S. Legar Attorney General"

Joseph Smith esqr"

This letter was superscribed "by order of J. Tyler Pres. of U. S. This we all considered to be a hoax but designed to alarm us by some of our enemies who would undoubtedly be glad to see the prophet run to Springfield like a fool, at such a dictum.

Er Rigdon received a letter at the same time informing him that the Post Office in Nauvoo was abolished. He foolishly supposed it genuine and neglected to do his duty on that account. He started for Carthage to learn some thing more about it and was met by Mr Hamilton an old Mail contractor who satisfied Er Rigdon that it was all a hoax, and he returned home. On thursday the Mail arrived as usual and there is no evidence but it is merely another attempt to disturb our peace by designing men.

23 April 1843 • Sunday continued after dinner went to sister Booths to write a letter. Had encouraging news from Robert & wife Evening went to Post Office & presidents.

24 April 1843 • Monday Went to Carthage to pay C. Robison \$100 -- and attended to paying Taxes sister Margt Moon went with me. she is a lovely woman and desires to do right in all things and will submit to council with all her heart. Got back at dark conversed some with president.

25 April 1843 • Tuesday Went to see pres. Joseph. Scovil & other Masons came to see him concerning Sherwood who was threatening revenge on Hyrum Joseph said if Sherwood injured Hyrum he would curse him. It was told Joseph that Grand Master Nye was dead upon which he made these remarks. "When Nye was here and trying to pull me by the nose & trample on me I enquired of the Lord if I was to be led by the nose and cuffed about by such a man." I received for answer "wait a minute." Nye is dead and any man or mason who attempts to ride me down and oppress me will run against the boss of Jehovahs Buckler and will quickley be moved out of the way." Concerning the opposition Lodge he said "they will do us all they can let them go ahead" he gave us to understand that trouble would be the result of a division of the Lodge. Deeded 1/4 Lot to Wm. P. McIntyne settled with sister Case. Rode out with bro. Price & after with Elizabeth Taylor to look at Lots. Took super at prest with B. Young this evening we had a severe storm of rain, hail and wind. The creeks rose very high and several barns were blown down.

26 April 1843 • Wednesday A. M at pres. Josephs. P.M. ditto. evening met with the Trustees

of Nauvoo Music Association.

27 April 1843 • Thursday At the Temple A.M. went to prests. who rode with me to bro. H. C. Kimballs where sister Margt. Moon was sealed up by the priesthood, by the president--and M to me. At 11 attended Mayers Court. P. M at the Temple. evening told Motherinlaw concerning the priesthood.

28 April 1843 • Friday At prest. Josephs A. M. Settled with A. Babbit & George McIntyer
The brickmasons finished laying brick on my house having commenced it early last November

September 1844

Commenced from Journal No. 1

A company of men arrived here this afternoon from Quincy and have marched into the City. This is another evidence of the disposition of Governor Ford to wrong us. He has no right to send an armed force into this City in time of peace. The Mayor & some others requested them to leave the City but they will not do it. They say they are friendly but we are very suspicious that there designs are not good. Brother Cutler is very sick with fever and appears dangerously ill. Evening I went to Prest Youngs to borrow a gun to protect my family with.

25 September 1844 • Wednesday A.M. at the Temple Office. As the brethren were attempting to raise one of the Capitals the Crane fell over and came very near killing a man. There were no guys to the crane which caused it to fall over The Governor's volunteers are prowling round the

City all day, but they appear very friendly.

26 September 1844 • Thursday A.M. at the Temple Office. Also rode with R. Cahoon to see the Governors troops. They seem very cheerful and friendly.

P.M. brother Jacob Morris came & brought me a letter from David saying that he had left L. Knight & came to Galena Wights company seem to be in a very bad state, and are going to destruction. Ira Miles and some others are here and from the statement of brother Morris and Ira miles own declarations it appears that he and some others are sent here to burn the Lumber round the Temple and break the Capitals. Prest Young & H. C. Kimball came to the office and after consulting it was agreed to put 4 watch men round the Temple every night. C. W. Patten Hans Hanson Wm. L. Cutler and Edward Miller watch to night. It seems that all hell is let loose at once but we feel calm for we know that God is with us

27 September 1844 • Friday At the office all day. a little before noon Governor and 2 of his aids came into the City. After viewing the Temple they went down towards the Mansion. About 2 o clock his troops marched in about 500 in number. They had three 6 pounders with them, two of which were brass. The whole company halted on the first vacant block on the flat & tarried there some time. Many of the men came to visit the Font and the Temple. They appeared astonished and filled with amazement but were very civil. They have been round to the stores to demand the provisions for the use of the troops. Some of the store keepers are unwilling to give them up. About 4 o clock they marched a little piece down the river where they camp for the night. Report says that they demanded the State arms from the Carthage men but they could not be found.

Prest. Young has got his commission as Lieut. General and C. C. Rich as Major General, and I was informed yesterday that the Governor intends to restore our arms. The troops appear very civil and friendly although some of them are known to be bitter against us. Evening I went to see Alice Hardman She is very sick and her mother is laying at the point of death. I have felt quite unwell today and have a slight chill.

28 September 1844 • Saturday A. M at the Temple office & then went to watch the Legion parade. P.M. I was fixing up the old Cabin for winter. This day the Legion has been out on parade and passed in review before the Governor and his troops who fired several salutes with muskets. It is said that the Governor appeared pleased with the Legion and considers himself safer here than any where else. His company thinks it would be a hard matter for a mob to drive the Mormons The day was very cold and the works on the Temple were suspended till Monday About 4 o clock the Governor marched his troops a few miles down the river and in the early part of the night a false alarm was given to try his men & see how they would act in case of a fight. There was considerable smart shooting & the men were evidently scared into confusion for instead of firing up into the air some fired into the group and some horizontal & the consequence was one of the Springfield men was killed, being shot through the body. President George Miller & L. Woodworth were standing by. In the evening Margaret and I went to see Alice Hardman. Her mother continued to grow worse and was very bad when we left about 9 o clock She died at quarter past 12 Alice is very sick.

29 September 1844 • Sunday A. M. I attended meeting and heard P. P. Pratt lecture us on our conduct as Mormons. He advise all the drunkards, thieves and fighters to either quite their

wickedness or leave the city and disown the name of Mormon and Christian altogether. P. M. I attended the H. P. Quorum. A question was presented on the subject of the resurrection and I felt a light to shew me and was able to prove that we shall rise with the same bodies only in an immortal and incorruptible state. Reports came from Warsaw that the citizens have all crossed to Missouri and are all well armed & prepared for defence and calculate to fight the Governor if any attempt is made to arrest them. There is a great deal of sickness in the City and many deaths especially on the bluff and in the North part of the City.

30 September 1844 • Monday At the Temple Office also went to see A. Hardman. Had some conversation with Jane Hardman

1 October 1844 • Tuesday At the Temple Office all day. And at the Steam Boat landing. Evening met the Twelve at bro. Kimballs and offered up prayer for the Governor and Emma & sundry other things. We had a very interesting season of conversation. A man has a right to be baptized for his acquaintances who are not relatives and sealed to them only by the consent and authority of him who holds the keys.

2 October 1844 • Wednesday At the Temple Office all day. The Governor has disbanded his troops. Sharp and Williams have given themselves up and gone to Quincy under a contract with the Governor. It is very evident that the Governor don't intend to do any thing for our benefit. Evening I met with the band.

3 October 1844 • Thursday A.M. at the Temple Office. P.M at Coolidges settling the books,

also went to see President Young concerning some of my dead. He told me to go ahead. Evening I had a pleasant interview with A. H.

4 October 1844 • Friday At the Temple Office all day and very busy. Sent \$300 by J. S. Fullmer to pay to Morrison Esqs on the Rhodes account. Evening attended the Lodge.

5 October 1844 • Saturday At the Temple Office all day. Issued about \$750 City orders. Evening at the Masonic Hall practising for the concert.

6 October 1844 • Sunday A. M at the Temple Office comparing books, afterwards at the conference as clerk. Evening attended singing meeting with the choir.

7 October 1844 • Monday At the conference all day evening attended Concert.

8 October 1844 • Tuesday At the conference all day There was about 50 Elders ordained High Priests and 500 into the 70s. Evening I attended the concert.

9 October 1844 • Wednesday At the Temple Office all day. Evening at the Concert

10 October 1844 • Thursday At the Temple Office all day. Evening with A. H.

11 October 1844 • Friday At the Temple Office all day settling up the Books. Evening at H. C. Ks in company with Prest. Young. H. G. K. & G. A. S of the Twelve, the two Trustees and

sisters Kimball & Whitney We offered up prayer for the sick & sister Emma &c. and also that the enemies may have no more power over us. We had much conversation respecting the Temple Committee.

12 October 1844 • Saturday At the Temple Office all day. Evening attended the Lodge. Bro. Lorenzo Young came and brought 20 gun barrels & 3 other Guns stocks

13 October 1844 • Sunday At home all day regulating the conference minutes, and writing for the Times & Seasons. P.M. looking out some pieces with bro. Goddard for the Concert. Evening at singing school.

14 October 1844 • Monday At the Office all day settling up with the hands. Prest. Young & H. C. Kimball went out of the City to be gone a few days. Last evening brother Turley arrived from New Orleans with 200 muskets. There is a report in circulation that there are a company of mobocrats opposite Warsaw preparing to assault us. Col. Williams is trying to raise a mob but we dont fear any danger for God is with us. Evening I attended the Lodge.

15 October 1844 • Tuesday At the office all day very busy settling with the hands. Evening went to see A. H.

16 October 1844 • Wednesday A. M. borrowed of A. Petty for the Lodge \$85.--and signed a note with Scovil. Afterwards at the Temple Office continuing settlement with the hands. Evening signed another note with Scovil & P. P. Pratt for \$215.--Evening attended the Lodge.

To day two of the brethren went out to Carthage to get subpoenas for witness. They intend to have about 200 witnesses out there, but the writ has not returned and consequently the subpoenas were not issued.

At 12 married Lusius N. Scovil to Lucy Snow also Alice Harris to L. N. S.

17 October 1844 • Thursday At the office all day, still settling the books. Evening at the Lodge lectured some on raising funds to relieve us from incumbrance

18 October 1844 • Friday The weather has been very cold for a few days past and this morning we have a pretty good sprinkling of Snow. I was at the office all day recording. P. M. Bishop Whitney read much in the Book of the Law of the Lord. Evening I went to the Lodge Room but the Legion was occupying it to prepare their arms. My father is here and is unwell. He appears some discouraged and dont feel well. My brother James is going up to Galena with Ferguson. Forgens has offered to compromise with regard to the lien on the Masonic Hall, but all his movements convince me that he means us no good.

19 October 1844 • Saturday At the Temple all day. At noon father returned home. O may the God of Joseph bless my father and family that they may be saved in his kingdom. P.M. I conversed with N. K. Whitney respecting the movements of the Twelve in regard to using Temple money without counselling the Trustees &c. The weather seems better & the snow is wasting fast. Last night I dreamed I was in a nice building in a very pleasant place. I thought I was married to brother Cutlers youngest daughter & she seemed as happy as an angel and I felt full of joy and peace. I thought I had received Miss Cutler in addition to those I had already got.

When I awoke I felt disappointed and felt to pray in my heart O God if it be thy will give me that women for a companion and my soul shall praise thee but thy will be done and not mine

Evening Robert Booth sent for me again something about his labor on the stone quarry. Sister Booth tells me that Sara Ann is very unhappy and wants to see me she says Jane Charnock is perfectly unhappy and if there is any way she can be loosed she wants me to take her. Mary Aspen is ready to unite to me as her savior and sister Booth says she shall not risk her salvation in Roberts hands & wants me to interfere We had considerable conversation on many subjects and felt pretty well.

20 October 1844 • Sunday A.M. at Wm. Cahoons selecting pieces for the next concert. P.M at the H. P. quorum. The brethren are preparing to go to Carthage tomorrow. They want 30 teams to start at 8 o clock with about 200 witnesses. Evening I attended the singing School.

21 October 1844 • Monday A.M. at the Temple Office Recording tithings. About 150 of the brethren are gone out to Carthage to attend Court. They are all well armed and in good Spirits. P. M. I went to see M. Aspen she has made up her mind to go with me. I also went to see A. H. she is better. Evening I tarried at home.

22 October 1844 • Tuesday At the office all day Recording tithings. Wrote a letter to Styles concerning Symptoms Band Gave B. L. Clapp a certificate of authority to Collect funds for the Temple in Alabama & Mississippi All is quiet at Carthage so far as we have received news. The weather has grown quite warm and pleasant My family are well except [sores?] Evening attended the Lodge.

23 October 1844 • Wednesday At the Office all day posting Alphabet. P.M. Brother E. Miller and C. C. Rich returned from Carthage. They say that the City Council are acquitted by the Grand Jury. But the following brethren are indicted for riot--viz Stephen Perry, Jonathon Dunham, Stephen Markham, John Lytle, Alpheas Cutler, Wm. Edwards, Jesse P. Harmon, O.P. Rockwell, Daniel Cahoon, Andrew Cahoon and Jonathon Holmes. I immediately went to Dr Richards to get the papers authorising the destruction of the press in order to send them out to Carthage. I have seen the governors order to Lieut. Genl. B. Young to have the Legion in readiness so that in case of immergency they can be called out by the Sheriff to suppress disturbance &c. The brethren all say that the judge and all the Carthage folks are scared and dread the Nauvoo Legion. The Laws fosters, Higbys, Jackson and the principal murderers and mobocrats but seem afraid of the brethren. Tis singular that Jackson can go at large & not be arrested. The Governor is cautiously careful in his order lest the "Legion" should act imprudently. I went to see A.H. evening.

24 October 1844 • Thursday About 1 o clock A.M. 8 men on horseback came to my house & wanted me to go to Phelps to write a deposition, but I did not judge it necessary to go inasmuch as Phelps would write it himself. All the brethren are returned home and say that the Judge & Attorney advised them to come home in order to allay excitment. They say the trials are put over until next Spring term of Court. The event bids fare for being a complete victory over the mob, and it seems that the "Nauvoo Legion" is a terror to everyone There is one litteral fulfillment of a prophesy delivered some time ago by brother Hyrum viz. that the Gov. would call upon the Nauvoo Legion to protect the laws and defend them which is absolutely the case according to his order.

I was at the office all day. evening attended the Lodge.

25 October 1844 • Friday At the Temple Office P.M. went over to see A.H. a few minutes evening attended the Lodge

26 October 1844 • Saturday At the office all day evening heard Forgens discuss with Yearsley
The following is a copy of the order from the Governor referred to previous.

"State of Illinois Executive Department

Springfield October 9th 1844

To Lieutenant General Brigham Young of the Nauvoo Legion

"Sir it may be probable that there may be further disturbances in Hancock County by those opposed to prosecutions against the murderers of Joseph and Hyrum Smith They may combine together in arms to subvert justice and prevent those prosecutions from going on. They may also attack or resist the civil authorities of the State in that county, and may attack some of the settlements or people there with violence.

"The Sheriff of the county may want a military force to guard the court and protect it or its officers or the jurors thereof or the witnesses attending court from the violence of a mob

"In all these cases you are hereby ordered and directed to hold in readiness a sufficient force under your command of the Nauvoo Legion to act under the direction of said Sheriff for the purposes of foresaid; and also to suppress mobs which may be collected in said county to injure the persons or property of any of the citizens. In testimony whereof I have here into set my hand and affixed the Seal of the State the day and year firs herein above written

"Thomas Ford, Governor and Commander in chief

[here Clayton copied the seal of the State of Illinois]

"The enclosed order is one of great delicacy to execute. I have conversed with Mr Backenstos and others and my opinion is the same as theirs that employing the Legion even legally may call down the vengeance of the people against your City. If it should be the means of getting up a civil war in Hancock I do not know how much force I could bring to the aid of government. A force to be efficient would have to be called out as volunteers. A draft would bring friends and enemies alike. I called for 2500 before and by ordering out independent companies got 4/5. Three of those companies the most efficient have since been broken up and would refuse to go again. I should anticipate but a small force to be raised by volunteers. I would not undertake to match a drafted Militia there. Two thirds of them would join the enemy. The enclosed order is more intended as a permission to use the Legion in the manner indicated if upon the whole matter it is thought advisable than a compulsory command. Your most wise and discrete councillors and the county officers will have to act according to their best judgment.

Thomas Ford."

27 October 1844 • Sunday AM went to fetch books from the office. Called at brother Cutlers. Then went to George Millers, in council with N. K. Whitney, Orson Pratt, George A. Smith, George Miller, Amasa Lyman, Lucian Woodworth and John D. Parker. Brother Parker has been prying into the secret designs of the mob. He has professed to be an apostate and by that means got into their secret councils. He was told by the mob that all their plans to overthrow the church has completely failed, but they had one plan in view which they felt satisfied would accomplish the purpose and that plan was to obtain our sacred records and destroy them and also obtain

testimony from them to our overthrow. They gave him to understand that this was to be accomplished by the means of a man in our midst who had free access to the records and who had agreed to put them in possession of them. They finally told brother Parker that the man who was to do this was W. W. Phelps and Parker was told by several that Phelps was the man on whom they depended to get the records. I went over to Dr Richards and found that all the records were safe in his hands. There was also considerable fears entertained that bro. Cahoon is not true to us. A. Babbit is suspected from good evidence of being treacherous and of conspiring with the mob to overthrow us. Truly we are in the midst of perilous time amongst false brethren. P.M I attended the High Priest quorum. The subject of the two sticks was discussed but concluded that we none of us knew the full meaning of the language but the opinion is that the stick of Joseph refers to the Records of all the scattered tribes except Judah. Evening I attended singing school.

28 October 1844 • Monday At the office all day. Lidia came home. My mind feels troubled all day. Evening attended the Lodge

29 October 1844 • Tuesday At the Office all day. There seems to be considerable feeling between the Temple Committee and Weeks and the Trustees. There seems to be much ranting and jealousy, and little disposition to become reconciled. Evening at home.

30 October 1844 • Wednesday At the Temple Office all day. A.M. went to see Prest Young about the Committee and some matters of my own. P.M. The Twelve came up to the office and talked over the matters between the Committee and Weeks. There was nothing done of much consequence but the parties expressed themselves partially satisfied. Evening attended singing

school. Walked home with Diana Farr and Eunice Billings and Helen Kimball.

31 October 1844 • Thursday At the Office all day. conversed with H. C. K concerning Booths and Mary Aspen. Evening at home

1 November 1844 • Friday At the office all day. Wrote three affidavits on behalf of John A. Swearingen Evening in Council with the Twelve and then lectured in the Masonic Hall.

2 November 1844 • Saturday A.M. went to see A. H. At the office the remainder of the day Evening at prest. Youngs but he was gone away and I then went to the Lodge

3 November 1844 • Sunday A.M went up to Godards. Afterward at home all day writing music Evening attended singing School

4 November 1844 • Monday At the office all day. Evening attended Lodge

5 November 1844 • Tuesday At the office all day. Evening at home

6 November 1844 • Wednesday At the Office all day Evening attended singing school.

7 November 1844 • Thursday A.M. at the office Rode with prest Young & Jno Taylor & G. Miller to Houglands &c. Settled with B. Meginnes. he claims to have paid his tithing in full to Oct. 12th. 1844 and we owe him as he says \$190.50 which he wants in Cash or materials to

build. This is in consequence of his giving up 40 acres of land which he paid for and we cant secure the title. I don't consider that he is entitled to but \$19. in Cash & the balance in Property. P.M. I was at the office the Trustees borrowed of brother Cutler of the sisters money \$150. to send by John D. Parker to purchase Lumber They gave a receipt & took one from Parker. Evening I attended the Lodge & spoke on the subject of raising funds to pay off the debt we owe to Forgens &c

8 November 1844 • Friday At the office. P.M. went to see Jane Hardman she prefers me for a Saviour to any one else, so she says. Evening I attended the Lodge

9 November 1844 • Saturday A.M. went with N. K. W. to look at Tomlinsons lot & thence to the Steam Boat landing. Afterward at the office at 3 P.M. started for St. Louis. Bishop George Miller rowed me over the River. I took the stage at Montros for Keokuk. We had a very dangerous journey, having a new driver and being very dark. We were very near being upset several times and lost the road, but arrived safe at Keokuk about 8 o clock, and there being no Boat there I went to bed

10 November 1844 • Sunday Spent the A.M. at the Rapid Hotel reading &c. Saw sister Clark on her return from St. Louis. She gives a gloomy story about freight &c. About 11 o clock the S. D. "Iron City" came down & I went on Board. Soon after the "Die Vernon" came up and she being a swifter Boat I concluded to go on her. The weather became very cold & snowed some. We arrived in St. Louis on Tuesday about 3 o clock P.M. I went & found I. Needham where I lodged until my return home. As I was walking down the Front Street I saw a man engaged

cutting a stone monument. I was amazed to see the words already cut on the monument, viz. "high water June 27th 1844." This was the day when this generation rejected the Prophet of God When he and his brother Hyrum the Patriarch was murdered at Carthage Jail by a wicked mob. And this was the day when the water overflowed the Missouri at the highest when the "front Street" of St. Louis was covered 8 feet deep with the flood. I suppose they never considered that this monument pointed directly to the day when they murdered the men of God. But I thought of it and could not help but wonder at the circumstances. I feel to hope that the monument will stand to put future generations in remembrance of the circumstances and time of the murder. After I got rested a little I went out a little while to prize the goods I wanted &c.

13 November 1844 • Wednesday After breakfast I went to see what prospect there was to get a Boat but could see no possibility to get away to day. I went round again to find out the prices of the goods I wanted. I also went to visit several of the saints whom I knew in England. In the evening I went to a large fire in second Street where 2 or 3 houses burned down. I then called to see Wm. Goer and family.

14 November 1844 • Thursday I spent the day in making purchases of small articles. Saw Amos Davis who informed that he had made arrangements with Morrison to take his freight from Keokuk to Nauvoo and said that would be far cheaper than any other way. I concluded I would return on the S. B. "Monona" to Keokuk and get my freight up by Morrison also.

15 November 1844 • Friday I was very busy all day purchasing my goods. I paid for Iron \$90.50 Sugar \$1.8. Powder \$48. Salt \$15.62 and Leather \$30.49. besides purchasing a number

of other articles. About 10 o clock brother Martindle arrived with A. Lymans family on board the "Herald." My money run short but fortunately he had some for the Temple which I got and borrowed \$10. making in all \$25. This releived me and enabled me to purchase some things which I would have had to leave. I got my business done about 3 o clock and went on board the Boat. We did not leave St. Louis till about 7 o clock. We arrived at Keokuk about day break on

17 November 1844 • Sunday and immediately found Morrison who was there waiting for us.

We commenced unloading the freight on his keel but it would not hold it all and I had to engage another one after we got the freight on the keels Brother Martindle & myself engaged a Coach for us & sister Lyman and children to take us to Montrose, but after waiting till we got out of patience and sister Lyman said she should not wait any longer for the Coach she took the children and followed the keels and got aboard of one Brother Martindle and myself concluded to go on foot and we should get there before them and would get teams ready to haul away the freight.

We got to Montrose about 4 o clock we found that the Ferry would not go over that night and we could not get our freight over. Davis went with me to Schofields to ask the privilege of putting my freight in his Grocery, and when I told him it was Temple freight he said he would charge me nothing at Keokuk they would charge me \$1.25 pr ton for 1 night. Brother Davis then said he would engage to find men to put the freight on the Ferry Gratis and he would ferry it over the river gratis, in the morning. When we had made this arrangement we got a man to take us over the River in a Skiff. I got home about 5 o clock and found my family all well except my little Wm. Heber who seemed considerable sick. My heart rejoiced before God to meet with my family once more, and I feel to thank him with all my soul for his kindness to them and for their kindness to me. I love my family dearly, yea with a love unspeakable for I cannot express it and

pray God the eternal father to bless them with a fulness of blessings even knowledge and wisdom and peace and joy in the Holy Ghost, that they may rejoice forever. O God be gracious to my family. Bless them with a fulness of blessings and health, and the glory of thy kingdom. Father wilt thou give me their full affections, and my heart shall praise thee. Soon after I got home Prest. Young and Bishop Whitney came to see me. Brother Whitney tarried about 2 hours.

18 November 1844 • Monday I went over the river to see about the Keels which did not arrive last night. They got up soon after 10 o'clock. There was a number of brethren ready to put my stuff in the Ferry and it was soon safe in Nauvoo. Brother Seeley who owned the Keel allowed me to apply his services on his tithing so that it cost me very little to come from Keokuk. Teams soon came and at about 3 my freight was all safely landed at the Temple. I went up a little while and found things prosperous.

19 November 1844 • Tuesday At the Temple Office. P.M. went to see Jane Hardman. evening at home. Sister Whitney & Sara Ann was there on a visit. Wm. Heber continues very sick. Brother Miller annointed him & we laid hands on him & blessed him in the name of the Lord. I have never seen him so sick before, but I think he will soon be better. At night, I retired and prayed for him according to the order of the priesthood

20 November 1844 • Wednesday At the office all day. P.M. went with Prest. Young to see sister Jane Hardman. Prest. Young blessed her with the blessings of the ever lasting covenant and she was sealed up to eternal life and to W. C. for time and for all eternity This morning brother Cutler & Weeks and player quarreled very bitterly They manifest very hard feelings

towards each other, and especially brother Cutler who seems very bitter and wrathful. Brother Miller and I went out to show land to a sister but she did not buy. Evening I attended singing school.

21 November 1844 • Thursday This morning brothers Cahoon, Weeks & Player have quarreled again I think there is wrong on both sides. Cahoon shook his fist in Week's face several times which I saw at a distance, and they say he threaten to whip Weeks. It grieves my heart to witness these things and I'm afraid the Lord is not pleased with it. O that we as brethren could walk hand in hand and build each other up with blessings and words of consolation. I was at the office. We moved into the new office in P. P. Pratt's store today. Evening I went to brother H. C. Kimball's awhile and then to see J. H. & prospered.

22 November 1844 • Friday A.M. went with Whitney to see prest. Young. Afterwards at the office. Gave a Deed of Lot QB148 to George N. Oman at A. W. Babbitt's request. He says Snyder has wrote to him requesting him to attend to it. This evening brother Cutler paid Powers & Adams a load of Corn to make Wm. L. Cutler a pair of Boots A thing which according to the usage of all other hands on the Temple by the Committee is extremely unjust No other hands can have corn to pay for any thing if they were freezing & scarcely can get corn for bread to sustain them on the works. I attempted to get a pair of Boots for myself at the same place & requested to pay in beef but in consequence of the prejudice of the Committee I could not have them, but W. L. Cutler can have a pair of \$7. Boots and pay corn for them although he is not working on the Temple. I record this because I consider the transaction a very unjust one and consider that I with other hands have been abused.

Evening brother Kimball sent for me to write two letters for him. We had considerable talk on the priesthood. Margaret dont seem happy which makes my head ache.

23 November 1844 • Saturday A.M. went to Aaron Johnsons to see about exchanging George W. Omans Deed for Snyders which was done. Afterwards at the office all day.

24 November 1844 • Sunday At the office all day writing music for the Concert. Evening at the singing School.

25 November 1844 • Monday At the office all day. Evening writing music till 11 o clock I began to have the cholic very bad.

26 November 1844 • Tuesday At home all day very sick with the cholic. Mother & John came

27 November 1844 • Wednesday Still very sick with the Cholic all day.

28 November 1844 • Thursday At the office all day but quite unwell. Settled with Lucian B. Adams by giving up the Deed for 1760 acres of Prarie land and giving 4 notes for 136.65 each for the money received Evening writing music at the office.

29 November 1844 • Friday At the office all day. Evening balancing Store Books for Nauvoo House.

30 November 1844 • Saturday At the Temple Office all day Evening writing music for concert.

1 December 1844 • Sunday At the office all day writing music. Evening attended singing school.

2 December 1844 • Monday At the office all day. Wrote an article for the neighbor. The brethren had a council at Dr Richards but I was not permitted to be there, probably they did not think worthwhile to tell me. I feel sorry and grieved at heart, but dont intend they shall know it. Evening writing Music

3 December 1844 • Tuesday At the office all day. Evening writing Music.

4 December 1844 • Wednesday At the Office all day. The weather has become almost like spring quite mild and pleasant. Evening we had a little rain. I attended the singing school in the Concert Hall for the first time we met in it. Goddard was sick & we did not sing much. I walked home with D. F. and E. M. Kimball. May the Lord bless them & comfort them by his spirit. Yea O Lord bless them with intelligence and pure heads that they may ever do right & be saved from the snares and follies to which they are liable and continually exposed.

5 December 1844 • Thursday This morning we have pleasant weather again, quite mild and warm for this Season. I was at the office all day. At noon we had some conversation concerning recorders for the Baptisms of our dead &c. We feel very anxious on the matter but have little

prospect of anything being done very speedily. I feel very anxious on the subject myself, in as much as the Records of our Baptisms for our dead have not been kept in order for near 2 years back. The minutes have been kept on loose slips of paper and are liable to be lost and they have not been kept according to the order of God. There is so much treachery in man that it is hard to find a man who can be trusted with those Records for they cannot be public property. In as much as they will have to contain histories pertaining to the transactions of individuals which never must be public. Dr Richards remains very sick & I fear if he do not change his mode of living he will die P.M. Prest. Young & H. C. Kimball came to the office & had a council with the Trustees and Committee on the subject of raising about \$3100. which has got to be paid within three months or we lose a large portion of the Land. It was agreed to draw an order on those who hold the penny subscriptions for glass & nails the order read as follows:

"To Mrs Mary Smith & Mercy R. Thompson

Dr Sisters:

"We are under the necessity of raising a considerable sum of money for the use of the Church within a few days. We have councilled together on the subject and have considered it wisdom to call upon you for the money in your hands donated by the sisters as penny subscriptions. You will therefore please deliver the same to Bishop Whitney when he presents this order.

"Done by order of the Quorum of the Twelve for and in behalf of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints.

Brigham Young Pres. of the Quorum of the Twelve

Nauvoo Decr. 5th 1844

Wm. Clayton Clerk"

The reason why this was done was this. We are paying interest on money which we owe, and this money is laying to no purpose. It will save so much interest & when the Church want the Glass & nails it can be raised. Brother Kimball asked Prest. Young concerning D. Farr. He gave full consent & ordered Bro. K. to attend to it. I feel humbly grateful for this grant. And feel to ask the father in the name of Jesus to give me favor in her eyes & the eyes of her parents that I may receive the gift in full. Evening writing words in the Music Books.

6 December 1844 • Friday This A.M. the weather seems to be changing. We have a little snow, but it is not very cold. I have bought Orson Pratt's Stove for \$18.--in cash and provisions or \$13.--in small cash for the Music Hall. The last of the faces in the Capitals was put on the Temple today at 20 minutes before 1 o'clock. It would have been up about 11 o'clock, but for an accident which might have done much damage but fortunately no injury was done. This stone is the heaviest one on the wall by considerable. When they got it about half way up one of the shives in the nearest block broke in two, consequently they could neither raise the stone nor let it down without a new shive. They however made fast the rope and soon put in another shive and proceeded to work until they got the stone fixed in its place on the wall. The first & last of the Capitals were cut by Charles Lambert & Harvey Stanley. The whole have been set by Wm. W. Player general under feelings of the keenest kind in consequent of a prejudice in the minds of some men in authority against him. He has worked on the walls in tears day after day and I think he has been badly dealt with.

The weather has been remarkable good during the fall and the Capitols have all been put

up since November 23rd during which time the works have been suspended about the space of three weeks. About 2 hours after this last stone was placed on the Wall it commenced to snow severely and continued until it lays about 4 inches deep. It has also grown very cold. It appears that the Lord has held up the weather untill we have got the Capitols in there places. Much anxiety has been felt by the brethren to get the faces up where they would be safe in as much as a very little accident might ruin them and their cost is something like \$300.-

7 December 1844 • Saturday At the office all day evening writing for the Concert.

8 December 1844 • Sunday About 12 o'clock this morning my wife began to be unwell & continued to grow gradually worse until 1/4 before three when she was delivered of a daughter. The child is very fat and both are doing well.

A.M. I was at the office writing for the choir P.M attended the High Priests quorum.
Evening attended singing school.

9 December 1844 • Monday At the office all day. My wife & child are both doing well and I feel to thank my heavenly father for all his mercies to my family. Evening at home. Helen M. Kimball and Diantha Farr came to see my folks and being the first who came to see my child I gave them the privilege of naming her which they did namely "Helen Diantha Clayton" but my folks did not like it. I named it Vilate Ruth. I had some conversation with Diantha and she seems to feel right but like many others has many sectarian temptations &c.

10 December 1844 • Tuesday At the office all day comparing books. Received of Bro Cutler

\$195.-- and receipted to him on the order together with \$150. borrowed previously. Evening at home.

11 December 1844 • Wednesday At the office all day. Evening at the Hall with the choir. H. M. Kimball says D. has changed mind on which account I cannot help but feel sorry, but I feel in my heart to say the Lords will be done. If it is not best I hope it will be frustrated, but if it is right I pray that it may yet be accomplished

12 December 1844 • Thursday At the office all day my family are doing well. Ruth and the babe have been downstairs all day and seem very comfortable. O God I thank thee for thy kindness to me and my house, for thy goodness is unspeakable and I will praise thee. My feelings are humble and my heart is full of grief because of some things, but the goodness of God is sufficient to enable me to rejoice in the midst of sorrow.

Evening I attended at Wm. F. Cahoons with the Concert choir for the seventies Hall. D. was there but no words passed.

13 December 1844 • Friday At the office. The weather is very cold this morning. The carpenters have finished in the Concert Hall, and the Lath are all on. Evening met the other Trustees of the "Nauvoo Concert Hall" to prepare our report for sunday evening

14 December 1844 • Saturday At the office all day. Evening met with the band at the Hall.

15 December 1844 • Sunday At the office all day regulating the notes in the hands of the

Trustees. O. Spencer read a letter which he had wrote in answer to one from Babbit. It appears that the Legislature are bent on taking away our charter. Babbit is instructed not to admit of a modified charter, but to either have a whole charter or none. Evening met with the choir. The Trustees made their report which was unanimously accepted. The Hall is now about \$350. in debt after having paid out shares to the amount of \$500. It was intended to enlarge the Capitol stock to \$1000, but no action can be taken under two weeks according to our by-laws. Bro. Goddard & Cahoon and myself were appointed Trustees. After this business the Concert choir practiced some but the weather being extremely cold we did not do much.

16 December 1844 • Monday This day the weather is tremendous cold. I received an order from the City Council to issue orders to the City Councillors and also to audit the Scrip in the hands of the Trustees. I was at the office all day but felt quite unwell. Evening at home.

17 December 1844 • Tuesday At the office all day. Borrowed of Dr Doremus \$350. to pay to Rhodes. Gave a Deed to Isaac Chase for L2B69. & took up Josephs certificate. Wrote a letter for Prest. Young to H. R. Hotchkiss. Evening attended meeting at R. Cahoons.

18 December 1844 • Wednesday At the office all day. Paid D. H. Wells \$103. for C. Robison & took Robisons note. Evening attended singing school. Prest Young H. C. Kimball & N. K. Whitney was there.

19 December 1844 • Thursday At the office all day. Read 2 letters from Er Woodruff to Prest Young concerning Wm Smith & G. J. Adams showing that they are in opposition to the Twelve.

and have collected money in the east for the Temple & have used it. There are warrants out for them in N. York and Boston and all seems confusion and sorrow wherever they go. Evening at the office writing music.

20 December 1844 • Friday At the office all day. Composed a song for the choir to the tune "sweet[home?]" Prest. Young, Kimball, & G. A. Smith was at the office and decided that brother Lotts tithing be entered in full to Jny 9. 44 we settled with brother Maybary for 10 acres of land. He turned \$100. on tithing \$2.50 to the Nauvoo House to make up payment for 2 shares and I paid him the shares. Received of Emma Smith \$50 in Gold to pay her taxes & gave her a receipt from the Trustees. The weather is much more warm to day and the snow melts some. Had some conversation with brother Cahoon respecting making a feast for the poor and proposed to do it on New Year day. Esqr Wells agreed to give ten dollars. Evening attended with the choir.

21 December 1844 • Saturday At the office all day. It is agreed to provide the poor a dinner on New Years day for which I feel thankful for the Lord knows I would rather see the poor sit down together and be in their midst, than to feast with kings, presidents, governors or statesmen except they be the Lords noblemen. Evening attended the Library theatre

22 December 1844 • Sunday Met with the brethren of the first quorum to pray & counsel. My wife and O. Pratts wife, P. P. Pratts wife and A. Lymans wife was voted in we have to use to greatest care and caution & dare not let it be known that we meet. Evening I attended singing school.

23 December 1844 • Monday This morning brother Cyril & Anson Call came to the Trustees to have some settlement about the Wiggans Farm. They have offered to settle the matter if the Trustees will pay to Cyril \$600. \$100 on tithing & the balance in money or something to pay his debts. He owns 116 acres. Anson offers to take \$300. in property for 76 acres. The other 40 acres belongs to sister Holbrook and they think she will take \$100. for her interest. at the office all day. Evening D. F. came to my house and I had a long talk with her. She feels well and says she will do right.

24 December 1844 • Tuesday At the office all day. Made Deed to Stephen Chase for L1B121 Also Deed to Wm. E. Higginbotham for E1/4L2B71 And a Deed to Preece and others for 1 acre in W 1/2 of SE25-7-9 Evening I went to converse with brother Farr concerning D. He and sister Farr feels well towards me and are quite willing to give me what I ask. He wishes to converse with brother Kimball and D. before he decides. Thus has my prayer been answered to the full, and my heart is full of joy and gratitude to God for his mercies to me and my house. If my heart was as pure as I desire it should be, no sin nor evil would ever be found there but I am subject to vanity

25 December 1844 • Wednesday This is Christmas day. The weather is warm and the roads extremely muddy I was at the office until 2 o clock. Afterwards I went with the Band to Collidges. We had a very pleasant interview. Prest Young, H. C. Kimball G. A. Smith A. Lyman, & John Taylor and their Ladies were all there. After we got through playing prest Young read some remarks expressive of his good feelings and love for the brethren. His remarks were very profitable. He said the Lord would never suffer us to overcome our enemies while we

cherish feelings of revenge. When we prevail over our enemies it must be from a sense of duty and not of revenge.

News has come that the Legislature has taken away all our Charters and laid us open to all the ravages of mobs & murderers

26 December 1844 • Thursday At the office all day. Paid Rhodes \$1000.- of which \$43 applied on Fosters old note & the balance on a \$1415 of mine & Joseph's. Evening D. F. came to my house and tarried over night. She feels right. Sara Ann Whitney & her cousin was there all the afternoon. Bros. Whitney & Miller called on their way home & took some pie and beer with me.

It seems a time glum and sorry although the brethren are feasting almost every day. We have a right to feast and to remember the poor in our feasts. The mob are threatening hard again. They say we shall not put in another crop &c. The whole States seem filled with murder and mobocracy and are filled with wrath against the saints. It is a gloomy time but God is our trust.

27 December 1844 • Friday At the office all day. Pres. Young came up in the morning & said that Er Babbit had returned & brought very favorable tidings respecting the prospects of our Charters being sustained. This seems to brighten up the prospect a little. Evening there was meeting in the seventies Hall of the City Council, the High Council and leading members of the church. The Governors message was read, after which brother Babbit made a report of his proceedings. The message is a garbled maisstatement of fact generally with a little truth mingled occasionally. It is evident that he is accused by his enemies of being at least accessory to the shedding of innocent blood and this message is designed to wipe off the stain. It is better than

we expected from him but it is far from doing justice to our cause Er Babbit stated that there is a tremendous prejudice in both houses against us and a determination to destroy if possible, but the Governors message had a visible good effect and tended to change the feeling of many of the members of both houses very much. Davis was arrested & he expects will be put in jail at Rushville.

After brother Babbit got through there was several speeches delivered by the brethren. Orson Spencer spoke little an inspired man. Prest. Youngs remarks were very well adapted to the occasion. There was a vote taken by unanimous acclamation to sustain the whole Charter and the meeting instructed Er Babbit to contend for the whole inch by inch &, if the Legislature take any part of it away they do it at their own risk for we will never willingly consent to relinquish one jot of it. The meeting was highly interesting and will be profitable. After meeting I asked brother Farr if he had come to a conclusion & he gave assent to my request and seemed to feel well.

28 December 1844 • Saturday At the office all day. Evening at the Library Theatre. very crowded.

29 December 1844 • Sunday At the Seventies Hall all day. The didication was conducted in the morning by addresses from R. Cahoon P.M. by John C. Page evening at singing school. There is a most wicked conspiracy amongst some & I spoke considerable on the subject.

30 December 1844 • Monday At the office all day. Evening at home. This night was appointed

for Bro. & sister Farr to come on a visit with Diantha but Aarons wife was taken sick & Mrs Farr had to go there so they did not come

31 December 1844 • Tuesday At the office all day. Settled with Miles Anderson for Josephs due bills by paying him a wagon value \$90. Hay \$5.-and E1/4L2B140 for \$238.35. I had some talk with brother Cutler concerning Diantha and Franklin. He seems angry with D. because he says she has encouraged him very much, and never said anything to the contrary. I hope she is not treacherous. This A.M. went to Whitneys & to look at lots. P.M. carried a message to Betty Morgan The weather is very moderate & looks like spring. Tis so warm & changeable that many folks are sick with colds. My little Wm. Heber was very sick this morning Evening brother Kimball blest my child and named it Vilate Ruth Clayton Walked out with D. and had a long talk with her. She seems to feel right towards me

January 1845

1 January 1845 • Wednesday This is New Years day and a very pleasant day it is. I went up to the office a little while & then to the Seventies Hall. Wrote the dedication prayer from the mouth of president Young.

P.M. at the office. Brother Whitney says that brothers Cutler & Cahoon & Cahoons sons quarreled again with Weeks in the office. They seem to have a very bitter spirit and are doing wrong. Brother Cutler prophesys that the Temple will never be built &c and seems to be using an influence against the Trustees all the while. The family all run together and appear very much dissatisfied with me on account of D. F. May the Lord smile upon them that their hearts may be soften and they do right

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Reflections

The year 1844 has passed away with all its sorrows joys and extraordinary scenes It has long been anticipated that this year would be pregnant with remarkable events and many have ventured to prophesy great things, to take place in the year 1844. Amongst the rest "Miller" has long prophesied the total overthrow and destruction of the world and the triumphant appearance of the Savior to reign on the earth. This, according to his predictions was to have taken place in March last. But when the appointed day passed over & the world still remained as before, the Millerites set the time at the 18th April, but that day also passed over and the earth remained unmoved. They then changed the time to this last fall. and seemed assured that a total overthrow must take place this year but the year has passed and the earth yet remains writhing beneath her ponderous load, of corruption, murder, envy, blasphemy, robbing, lying, backbiting, whoring, and hellish traditions, sustained by a sectarian priesthood, whose officers are the legitimate sons and daughters of the great whore of all the earth, who in old times were amongst the foremost to inbrue their hands in the blood of the son of God, and who in these days delight in the same things. Oh the length, breadth, the height, the depth of the darkness and false traditions of this ungodly generation, who spurn the light of eternal truth from them and murder the Hearalds of salvation. They know not the things which would bring them peace. They will not listen to the voice of God although he speaks from the heavens & declares his work with a voice like thunder, or with intelligence which is light as the sun at Meridian height. They have wrapt themselves close in the mantle of error & tradition. They lay slumbering in the arms of Satan under whose caresses they feel perfectly safe and at ease. Their habitations are guarded by the sword of wicked kings and deceived hirelings and their whole course and mightiest efforts are to hedge up the way so that the principles of eternal truth and salvation shall not penetrate their murderous

hearts. They make their boast of religion, but it is without righteousness. They delight themselves in the form of godliness but the power thereof they deny. They make fond professions of their love towards God but they know him not, and his ways to them are a vexation and displeasure. They profess to be heralds of salvation, but they are messengers of damnation, to lead the innocent & ignorant mass through the realms of darkness and despair, for the very light of which they make their boast is the cone of darkness itself and their heaven would be a hell of hells to an intelligent mind who has once tasted of the realities of the eternal kingdom of the God of Abraham. These characters with mobocratic governments at their right hand, and Satan at their head run this little world and their united efforts are to destroy the few who seek to serve God according to his ordinances, to crush the little mustard seed, and to grind the little stone to powder, and by every possible means prevent the spread of salvation and eternal life amongst the inhabitants of this earth. But God is with his saints. He is their rear guard & their leader and his Holy Angels are the guardians of his children and they fear not. Notwithstanding the prophecies of Miller have failed, there has some very important scenes transpired during the past year. The organization of the kingdom of God on the 11th March last is one important event. This organization was called the council of fifty or kingdom of God and was titled by revelation as follows, "Verily thus saith the Lord, this is the name by which you shall be called, the kingdom of God and his law, with the keys and power thereof and judgments in the hands of his servants Ahman Christ." In this council was the plan arranged for supporting president Joseph Smith as a candidate for the presidency of the U.S. Pres. Joseph was the standing chairman of the council and myself the clerk. In this council was also devised the plan of establishing an immigration to Texas and plans laid for the exaltation of a standard and ensign of truths for the nations of the earth. In this council was the plan devised to restore the Ancients

to the knowledge of the truth and the restoration of union and peace amongst ourselves. In this council was prest. Joseph chosen as our prophet Priest, & King by Hosannas. In this council was the principles of eternal truths rolled forth to the hearers without reserve and the hearts of the servants of God made to rejoice exceedingly.

Another important event is the tremendous overflowing of the Rivers in this western county whereby hundreds of acres and even miles of land was completely deluged and all the crops destroyed and the inhabitants rendered houseless and homeless on the low lands of the Missouri and Mississippi. But the most important & melancholy event is the cruel massacre of our beloved brethren Joseph and Hyrum Smith the Prophet and Patriarch of the Most High God in Carthage Jail on the 27th June last while under the protection of the law of the State & the sacred pledge of the governor and faith of the State for their safety. By this tragedy the State of Illinois has stained herself with the innocent blood of two of the best men who ever lived on the earth. They have trampled upon the most sacred rights ever granted to man. They have rejected the word of God and his gospel, and caused the innocent, unoffending friends and brethren of those two men the most cruel agony and sorrow. The saints have sustained a loss which cannot be recovered untill our brethren shall rise again & take the lead of the people again. The governor of the State has stained himself with this transaction and has lost the confidence of this people. Tis something remarkable that the water overflowed the highest on the very day of the murder of our brethren and the Citizens of St. Louis have erected a stone monument with the inscription, "High Water June 27 1844" and in the hearts of the saints is indelibly wrote, "our brethren Joseph & Hyrum Smith were murdered on the 27th June 1844 in Carthage Jail by a lawless mob who have been suffered to escape and the State is guilty of innocent blood"

William Law one of the councillors to the first presidency apostatized during the past year

and was one of the ring leaders in getting up the murder of the brethren Sidney Rigdon the other councillor to the first presidency has apostatized, drawn of a party and endeavor to bring vengeance and extermination upon all the friends of the prophet who are left on the earth. I was admitted a member of the first quorum and a member of the council of fifty. I have received two companions, received two children and buried one. In the whole, it has been a year of great events and it closes with the blessing of the Almighty God in the midst of his Saints and their never seemed to be a better feeling than at the present. Saints feel united to sustain the Twelve and things look well considering the loses we have endeavored and the continued efforts of the enemy to bring destruction and ruin upon us

The New Year finds my family well and enjoying the blessings of life and peace, and the most perfect and kind feeling. I have good prospect of adding another crown to my family which is a source of great consolation to me and now Oh God thou knowest that for thy past mercies thy servant feels grateful, for thou hast been a father to me & mine through the year. Thou hast bestowed many blessings upon me. Thou hast preserved my life. Thou hast given me favor in the eyes of thy servants. Thou hast preserved me from following in the tracts of apostates and thou has done for me more than I have deserved. And now Oh God I will praise thee. I will speak good of thy name for all thy mercies and I here record my gratitude to thee and my confidence in thy work & my determination to endure to the end. And now O God I ask thee in the name of Jesus Christ thy son to take charge of me this year also. Wilt thou O Lord spare my life through this year. And untill I have accomplished all things pertaining to my salvation & to the salvation of all pertaining to me. Wilt thou O Lord preserve me this year from sinning against thee, from the powers of darkness and from follie Will thou preserve me from the hands of my enemies and from all who seek my hurt. Will thou save me from having hard feelings

against my brethren and will thou O Lord continue to give me favor in their eyes. May my conduct continually be such as to secure their good feelings and entire confidence. May the windows of heaven be open to thy servant that I may grow in intelligence and knowledge of the laws of thine eternal kingdom. May I grow in wisdom, humility, virtue, patience and gratitude to thee, yea O Lord and may my heart be purified so that it will be fit for the principles of eternal truth to abide there forever. O God thou knowest that I desire to do thy will, therefore wilt thou O Lord save me from sinning against thee. And now O Lord bless my wife with a pure heart. May she be healthy and may the spirit of wisdom and truth and peace abide in her heart forever. May she be a help to thy servant and may she strive always to do thy servant good. O Lord bless each of my children with good health. May their lives be spared and no evil befall them. May their lives be precious in thy sight and may they be preserved unto thy servant. And now O Lord I ask thee to help Margaret Yea will thou fill herewith thy spirit. May her heart be pure and may her entire affections be placed upon her companion so that peace and joy may be the portion of both of them forever. Wilt thou save her from temptations and sickness and may her life be precious in thy sight. Yea O Lord and give her companion favor in her eyes that she may love him with undeviating love. May her heart expand & her mind grow more and more intelligent. May she love the family in which she lives and may she be a comfort to those who esteem her highly and love her dearly. And wilt thou O Lord remember my other two friends to preserve them from evil and from faltering in the way May they be true to their companions for eternity and may their hearts be filled with joy and peace.

And now O God I ask thee to bless thy handmaid D. Farr. May her heart become pure as the gold seven times purified May her affections be deeply grounded upon her intended companion, and may she be a comfort to him in the hour of trouble May she no longer delight in

this society of the gay and trifling, but may she begin from this hour to delight in the society of those who continually strive to do thy will. May she grow in wisdom and virtue and every good principle, and may she gain favor in thy sight, and in the estimation of thy servant, and may the covenant she now designs to enter in to never be violated nor infringed upon but may it be a source of comfort to her and her companion forever May she never be tempted to integrity or unfaithfulness, but may the secrets which may be committed be locked up in her breast, as secure as eternity. Now Lord I humbly ask thee to seal these blessings upon her and upon those above named to be manifest to the joy of our hearts. And O Lord I ask thee to bless my fathers house and be merciful to him and his house forever. May they be brought to the obedience of thy truths and be saved in thine everlasting kingdom. I also ask thee to bless my wifes mother that she may delight in the principles of eternal truth and may she be a comfort and a blessing to her children. All these blessings I humbly ask in the name of Jesus Christ thy Son & the praise & gratitude of my heart shall ascend unto thee forever Even so let it be. Amen.

2 January 1845 • Thursday At the office all day. P.M. in council with the Trustees, Temple Committee & Prest. Young. H. C. Kimball & O. Pratt of the Twelve. Bro. Cutler denied being dissatisfied with the Twelve or any of their movement although we could see plain he felt very different to what he appeared. Cahoon came out in blank opposition to prest. Young but said he was willing to abide council. They are both very bitter against Weeks and said many hard things and seem irreconcilable. O that these things may be done away and peace and harmony prevail. Evening I went to see D. F who was sick I think she will cease to join the parties of follie.

3 January 1845 • Friday At the office all day. Evening at home. C. W. Patten called to ask

information on some subjects. Dr. Richards and wife also called.

4 January 1845 • Saturday At the office all day. Felt bad to be brought into jeopardy by those who profess to be my friends, for doing them a kindness. I told bro. Cutler concerning his son Franklin & B. F. & they have brought me into trouble about it & brothers Young & Kimball seem to have some feelings against me for it. Evening D. came & we had a pleasant interview

5 January 1845 • Sunday A.M. at the office P.M at the High Priest quorum. Evening at the singing school.

6 January 1845 • Monday At the office all day. Evening at D. S. Cahoons with some of the Band. Margt went with. Bro. Kimball was there. We had a very pleasant meeting.

7 January 1845 • Tuesday At the office all day. Evening went to brother Farrs & talked with him.

8 January 1845 • Wednesday At the Seventies Hall all day at the family meeting of the Richards' Youngs & Havens. Phineas Richards presided. We had a very pleasant meeting and much good instruction from Presidents Young & Kimball. Evening at home had conversation with D. F.

9 January 1845 • Thursday At the office all day. Prest. Young & Kimball came. They brought a letter from Wm. Smith which I read & then wrote an answer from Prest. Young &

Kimballs dictation in reply to his. Margt came up to see S. A. Whitney & spent the afternoon. Evening I went to brother Kimball but he was gone to the Policemens feast. I waited until about 7 1/2 o'clock. He came at that time & we went over to brother Farris to spend a little season together. Winslow Farr was married to Olive H. Freeman for time & all eternity. After which the seal of the covenant was put upon Diantha. The question was asked of each one present, did they freely give her up, and they all signified their willingness by saying they had no objections. There was present Winslow Farr her father & his wife. Also Loren Farr & Nancy his wife and William Walker & Olive his wife.

The blessings pronounced upon her head were great and one promise was that her seed should become numerous as the sands on the seashore. H. C. K. gave her some very good advice afterward & she seems to feel well. She was born in the Town of Charleston Orleans County State of Vermont on the twelvth of October 1828 making her 16 years old last October. May she never violate her covenant, but may she with her companion realize to the full all the blessings promised. And may there never be the first jar or unkind feeling towards each other exist to all eternity is thy prayer of thy servant William O Lord and may it be ever so Amen. We had a very pleasant interview and parted about 8 1/2 o'clock.

10 January 1845 • Friday At the office all day. Evening at home. Had a long talk with Ruth

11 January 1845 • Saturday At the office all day. Considerable snow fell last night and this evening it is growing very cold. Took tea with Joseph C. Kingsbury & Sara Ann. Evening at home.

12 January 1845 • Sunday At the Council Hall. Er H. C. Kimball preached. He used many figures to illustrate his ideas amongst the rest when speaking of the unwillingness of the saints to abide the laws of exaltation. He said that the church was like a swarm of Bees, who when they want to increase the king & queen go & seek a new location and when they have found it they come back to the hive & persuade the young folks out but as soon as they begin to fly the old women & young women run with their old tin Kettles and pans and cow Bells, tickling to drown the voice of the king and throw them into a confusion and prevent their enlargement. Just so with the saints when any seem disposed to enlarge their kingdom and godhead the old women & young women run with their old kettles & pans & cow Bells to drown the sound of the leaders and throw the saints into confusion and keep them shut up in their old traditions After he got through O. Pratt added an idea on the extent & magnitude of the planetary system and the beautiful adaptation to the enlargement of the saints. It was a very interesting meeting.

P.M. attended the H. P. quorum with Aaron Farr. I conversed with him concerning D. in Margarets hearing and she felt bad. Prest. Young, Kimball & others attended the quorum and selected 50 of the members to go on a mission till about April 1st. Evening met with the first quorum at Parleys. Joseph Young & his wife were annointed with the second ordinance. D. was at my house with I got home and tarried with us all night

13 January 1845 • Monday This A.M. I had some talk with D in bed. All things seemed to go right. At the office all day. Made Deed to E. Oakley for 40 acres in S. W. corner of S. W. 5-6-8. Evening I tarried at home

14 January 1845 • Tuesday At the office all day. Settled with Henry Kearns, and concluded to

let him have 35 between Brinkerhoff & Kinsey S. W. 9-6-8 Evening rode out with Lot to A. Farris. Talked with Aaron considerable also with D. and was with her until 12 1/2 and accomplished the desire of my heart by gaining victory over her feelings May the Lord bless her until her cup shall run over and her heart be as pure as gold.

15 January 1845 • Wednesday A.M. went to see the collector to pay Taxes but he was not prepared. Afterwards at the office. Saw Alice Hardman at P. P Pratts. She seemed cheerful and feels about right. The weather is very mild and pleasant. A little incline for rain.

Evening I went to the Seventies Hall. The Elders who are going out were appointed their missions. A very pleasant feeling prevailed. We had good instruction from Ers Young and Kimball. Brother Kimball speaking of the error in the Elders abroad speaking of mysteries &c and speaking of some who wanted to be masters instead of fathers, avised them not to do so and never to try to overbare &c. He also said it was not wise to require of those who wished to be baptized to pay their tithing in full. He said that a fisherman before he attempted to pull the scales off always catch the fish, and so we before we attempt to scale those who come into the church, we must must catch them first. About 8 o clock the weather grew a little warm and it commenced to lighten very much and some thunder which continued all the night till daybreak. It was a pretty severe storm and attended with heavy rain sufficient to raise the creeks and water courses considerable. This is a very singular circumstance for the time of the year. The thunder & lightening is not often exceed in the summer season

16 January 1845 • Thursday At the office all day. Read considerable in Er H. C. Kimballs journal to Prst Young & Kimball preparing for the press. Settled with E. D. Wolley & gave him

a Deed for S. W. L3B79 for \$250. It has continued to rain pretty much all day and sometimes very heavy occasionally attended with Lightning and thunder. Wrote a Bond for the agents who are about to collect funds for the Temple. Evening at brother Farrs.

17 January 1845 • Friday Went to the Mansion to pay Taxes. Paid \$1398.84 for Emme, the Trustees & others. This occupied the whole day. The weather has grown very cold. A. Hardman is at my house and tarried overnight. She feels well Evening I went again to the Mansion to correct an error in the Tax list. Called at brother Farrs and tarried till near 9 o clock. D feels grieved because Ruth & Margaret dont trust her well. I feel sorry for it

18 January 1845 • Saturday At the office all day. Wrote an abstract from brother Kimballs journal for the "Times & Season". Attended to various other business. The weather is fine but cold. Evening meet with the band.

19 January 1845 • Sunday This A.M. brother Kimball called and said he talked with brother Farrs family last evening and advised them to pray for me and sustain me. He also advised D. to be sober and walk steady. He told them he should hold the whole family responsible to see that she conducted prudently and upright. For this I feel thankful. My Wm. Heber is quite unwell again having botches and sores on his face and head. Brother Kimball said if we would wash him all over, also annoint him with oil, and wash him with spirits once a week for 7 weeks together he should be perfectly healthy and sound. I feel to do this and claim this blessing at the hands of the Lord.

I have been at the office all day settling the City Treasurers book.

I spent the evening very pleasantly at Bro Farrs with D.

20 January 1845 • Monday At the office all day. Settling the City Books, recording &c. Gave Josia Arnold a Deed for L4B79 and gave up his notes. He paid City [.....]. The weather is more moderate again. Towards evening it is cloudy but pleasant. Brother Kimball was at the office this A.M. He says he was conversing with bro Farr last evening again. Evening at home. We washed Wm. Heber with water and then with Gin. Afterwards I annointed him all over with consecrated oil and feel encouraged that he will receive great benefit from it.

21 January 1845 • Tuesday At the office all day, settling with brothers Cutler & Cahoon also with D & A Cahoon. My sisters Alice and Helen are at my house and seem in good spirits. P.M. I wrote a letter to Er P. P. Pratt concerning S.W. 4-6-8 by order of the Twelve and the Trustees. The weather is fine and pleasant like spring. I spent the evening at bro. Farrs with D.

22 January 1845 • Wednesday At the office all day. Gave a Bond to H. Kearns for the 34 1/4 acres in N.W. 9-6-8 laying between C. Kinsey and Brinkerhoffs land. Took up Josephs Bond for \$4711[?] and interest and took his note for \$100. he paying at the rate of \$12. pr acre. Took 10 with S. A. Whitney. The day is very pleasant and rather cool. Brought two rings and gave one to S. A. Whitney for painting aprons Evening attended singing school with the Concert choir. There was some little dissatisfaction by some.

23 January 1845 • Thursday At the office all day. The weather is moderate but cloudy. Bros. Miller & Whitney says the committee are very much dissatisfied with the settlement yesterday.

24 January 1845 • Friday To day the Plasterers finished plastering the Concert Hall. In the evening I went round some to notify the choir to meet tomorrow to wash it out &c. Father and brother John came in late in the evening.

A.M at the office. P.M. went to the printing office &c.

25 January 1845 • Saturday At the office all day. At 9 o clock the sisters met to wash out the Concert Hall. The following are the names of those who met to assist. Melissa I. Bigler, Nancy M. Cahoon, Prudence S. Gibbs, Diantha Farr, Catherine wife of Orson Spencer, Sara Ann Sanders, Elizabeth M. Hendrix, Juliette Baylis, Eliza Ann Havens, Maria S. Havens, Elizabeth L. Dana, Ruth Moeser, Elizabeth Forey, Harriet M. Simpson, Ellen Sophrina Pratt, Abigail Henderson and Rebecca Maria Burton. These came at 9 o clock & went cheerfully to work washing the windows, seats, floors &c, at noon the following came to assist viz. Ann Martin, Mary H. Parker, Sara M. Gibbs, Margaret Bouck, Helen M. Kimball, & Louisa Cahoon. They finished cleaning about 3 o clock and also made window blinds for the windows and put them up. They were assisted by Stephen H. Godard, Wm. F. Cahoon, Myself, Thomas M. Pearson, Charles Buck, Elisha Averett, Joseph Busby, & Joseph N. Johnson. Wm. Pitt was present to put in some glass in the windows. This company was truly a pleasant company. They were all good natured and active and showed a lively interest in the work. My heart overflowed with joy while watching their operations, and I felt in my heart to bless them

The Hall is now finished ready for the painting, and looks splendid. It is thirty feet wide by fifty feet long and Eleven feet high, arched over with [ten?] sounding jars above the ceiling to increase the sound. It has been built amidst every kind of difficulty and discouragement, in consequence of our poverty. It has cost near one thousand dollars. The main burthen has lain on

the shoulders of the Trustees whose names are H. H. Godard, W. F. Cahoon and myself Many felt to prophesy that we should never complete it but we have stuck hard to it. When the walls were first put up we were disappointed in obtaining lumber and a storm arising the walls blew down. But it is finished & my heart is truly gratified.

Evening I met with the band. Arron Farr seems to be working to get Margt. away from me. We had a long talk together on the subject.

26 January 1845 • Sunday Spent the day very pleasantly with D. F. for I felt so bad about Margt. I did not like to go to meeting. Evening met with the quorum. John E. Page & J. C. Kingsbury were received also Sara Ann Whitney, Hellen M. Kimball, Eliza R. Snow, _____ Page, _____ Pratt, Olive G. Frost, Lucy Seeley, Louisa Beaman, _____ Aaron Farr has been talking again to M. and has succeeded in alienating her feelings much.

27 January 1845 • Monday Talked with M. & Ruth. M. seems wishful to go to A if I will give her up which I will never do. My covenant is sacred and eternal. She says she will never break it and if I dont give her up she will not go. Went on the prairie with brother Miller, Huffaker and Molen to shew lands, and felt as bad as possible all day. P.M. talked with S. A. and brother Whiting who reminded me of some items of law which proves that M. cannot get away unless I break the covenant. I talked with M. again and told her these things and she seems more satisfied. Spent the evening with D at brother Farris.

28 January 1845 • Tuesday At the office all day. Talked with brother Kimball who confirmed brother Whitneys remarks and is of the same mind. He said he will converse with A and show

him that he is handling edge tools, for it cannot go down in as much as I hold more authority than he does. I again feel encouraged and my mind is easy. At 11 o'clock Pres. Young, H. C. Kimball, J. Taylor, N. K. Whitney, Geo. Miller, Elias Smith, R. Cahoon and myself (who are members of the Council of fifty) also John E. Page (not a member) went up into the council room. I read a letter from Wm. P. Richards of Macomb to Geo. Miller containing a proposition to petition Congress for a grant of 24 miles square in the pineries to be called "Mormon Reserve". The article is well got up and it was concluded to notice it and set the think in agitation in order to turn off the attention of the mobocrats until we can finish the Temple. At noon I told M what brother Kimball said and she seems to feel much better. P.M. took a quit claim Deed from Cyril Call for 116 acres of the Mgans Farm. I gave him 2 notes for \$250. each and paid \$25. which was endorsed as the first note. Spent the evening with D.

Tuesday 28th. At the office all day. conversed with sister Booth and Mary Aspen evening attended the singing school

29 January 1845 • Wednesday At the office all day. Margaret went out to fathers with him and brother John. P.M. in council with B. Young, H. C. Kimball, O. Hyde, N. K. Whitney, George Miller, A. Cutler & R. Cahoon on the subject of allowing the tithing of the committee to be entered up in full in consideration of their services. It was decided that the tithings should be entered up in full to the following names, to wit Pres. Joseph Smith, Hyrum Smith, B. Young, H. C. Kimball, W Richards, P. P. Pratt, O. Hyde, J. Taylor, G. A. Smith, A. Lyman, O. Pratt, Wm. Smith, and W. Woodruff of the Twelve. N. K. Whitney & Geo. Miller Trustees, A. Cutler and R. Cahoon committee and Wm. Clayton Recorder. Prests. Young & Kimball blessed me said I should yet be a scribe in the resurrection. Evening with Prests Young & Kimball preparing

brother Kimballs journal for the press. Afterwards with D. [-] Washed and annointed Wm. Heber the second time for the benefit of his health.

30 January 1845 • Thursday At the office all day very busy. Wrote part of H. C. Kimballs journal and preparing minutes of yesterdays council to go on the record. My wifes mother is gone over the river to John Moons. Hannah is at the point of death. D. Farr is at my house to help Ruth, she tarried overnight.

31 January 1845 • Friday Rode out with brother Miller to 21-7N.7W and bought of Mr Teawillager his farm of 80 acres for \$440--\$200 in money and the balance in property. The day was very cold and chilly. Evening at home. D. tarried at my house again. She feels well and I pray that God may help her for I believe she intends to do right.

1 February 1845 • Saturday Started out to fathers to fetch Margaret home. Called at Carthage and paid the \$400. to J. Morrison for Rhodes & took his receipt. Paid Tax on Nauvoo Brick yard. Arrived at fathers at 4 o clock. They were glad to see me. Spent the evening hunting for old papers pertaining to my fore fathers. Found some over 100 years old.

The weather was pleasant & not very cold

2 February 1845 • Sunday Started for home at 11 o clock had a very pleasant journey. The weather fine & not very cold. Arrived home about 4 found my family well for which I feel thankful to my heavenly father.

3 February 1845 • Monday At the office all day. I have agreed in connexion with my family to board brother Lewis Dana a Lamanite of the Oneida tribe until next conference, the High Priest quorum have agreed to pay his board. Evening annointed Wm. Heber who continued sick afterwards spent the evening pleasantly with D.

4 February 1845 • Tuesday Met at the 70s Hall with the council of the Kingdom. There were only 25 members present viz. B. Young, S. Bent, John Smith, Alpheus Cutler, R. Cahoon, W W. Phelps, G. Miller, P. Haws, Josh. Fielding, Levi Richards, J. D. Parker, L. Woodworth, H. C. Kimball, O. Spencer, P. B. Lewis, D. D. Yearsley, C. C. Rich, O. Pratt, A. Lyman, J. W. Coolidge, O. P. Rockwood, G. A. Smith, E. Snow, Willard Richards and myself. This is the first time we met since the massacre of President Joseph & Hyrum Smith The council was reorganized and president B. Young appointed standing chairman as successor to prest. Joseph Smith by unanimous vote. The vote was then taken in ancient order on each one present & all were received by unanimous vote. The vote then passed for absent members according to their ages and stations and resulted as follows viz. Ezra Thayer, Amos Fielding, N. K. Whitney, C. P. Lott, J. M. Bernhisel, Elias Smith, O. Hyde, W. Woodworth, P. P. Pratt, D. L. Hollister, John Taylor, Wm. Smith, A. W. Babbit, J. M. Grant and P. F. Johnson were unanimously sustained & received into the new organization. The following were rejected and dropped from the council Uriah Brown, Wm. Marks, Sidney Rigdon, Lyman Wight, James Emmett, Samuel James, Edward Bonney, Alexander Badlam, George J. Adams, Meriner G. Eaton, and Lorenzo D. Wasson.

President Joseph & Hyrum Smith two of the members were martyred for the truth and John P. Green is dead, so that there is only 40 members left in the council. It was voted to fill up

the council at some future time.

The weather is extremely cold and the council adjourned at 2 1/2 after which I was at the office. Evening attended singing school.

5 February 1845 • Wednesday At the office all day recording tithings & English donations.

P.M. comparing books. The weather is more moderate. Evening at home.

6 February 1845 • Thursday At the office all day recording minutes of council &c Bro. Young says he is perfectly willing to give me a deed for my lot and enter my tithing in full to this time but he said it is doing more for me than Joseph did for anyone else and he expects I will continue to labor as faithfully as I have heretofore done which I have always intended. Evening clothed to offer prayers for Wm. H. & Vilate R. who are both very sick. Afterwards went to bro. Farris. D. is sick. Wm. Ivins was there till after 8 o'clock.

7 February 1845 • Friday At the office all day very busy recording. The weather is fine and pleasant Evening with D.

8 February 1845 • Saturday At the office all day Evening with D.

9 February 1845 • Sunday A.M. at home helping to nurse. Heber & Vilate continue sick P.M. at the H. P. quorum. Evening with D. Had a comfortable visit

10 February 1845 • Monday Rode with brother Miller 12 miles N. E. and concluded to contract

with Ferwillager for E1/2 of N. E. 21-7-7 paid him \$200.-in money and note for the balance.

The weather is very warm and pleasant. We had a very pleasant conversation on many subjects mostly relating to brother Joseph. P.M at the office. Evening Mrs Farr sent for me she was in trouble because D. had not come home from school. We had a long talk together about past days. I feel truly thankful to my heavenly father for the kind and affectionate feeling she manifest towards me and the interest she takes in D. She returned home about half past seven & I tarried with her until 9. She grows more & more indearing.

11 February 1845 • Tuesday At the office all day copying records of the kingdom. Evening attended singing school.

12 February 1845 • Wednesday At the office all day copying records of the kingdom, evening with D.

13 February 1845 • Thursday This A.M. I again annointed Wm. Heber for his health. He continues quite sick. The weather is growing quite cold again. At the office all day copying papers for brother Player Recording &c Evening at home & at brother Farris.

14 February 1845 • Friday At the office all day recording. W. H. very sick. The weather foggy & rain Father Morley came in from Lima and brought word that the mobocrats have arrested five of the brethren in that settlement charging them with stealing and have succeeded in having them committed to jail. It appears the mob have stolen property and concealed it on the premises of those brethren, then they took out a search warrant and finding the property on their

premises established the idea that the brethren are guilty. These are some of the old mobocrats transactions, designed to raise excitement against us and if possible exterminate us. They have also taken a warrant for brother Morley but he has kept out of the way. In the evening the following brethren met together to pray and ask God to thwart the plans of the mob and deliver the brethren out of their hands viz. B. Young H. C. Kimball, O. Pratt, G. A. Smith, Wd Richards, N. K. Whitney, Geo. Miller, A. Cutler, R. Cahoon, Isaac Morley, O. Spencer, Joseph Young & myself. We had a very good time and the Lord blessed us and I believe we will have the desires of our hearts. After prayers it was voted that father Morley move in to Nauvoo as soon as possible & that Solomon Hancock be appointed to preside over the Lima branch in his stead. It was also voted that Dr Bernhisel be appointed a traveling Bishop to visit the churches We had also some conversation on the subject of sending six brethren with brother Lewis Dana to the West, and especially to Texas.

15 February 1845 • Saturday At the office all day. The weather is very cold. Evening had talk with sister Farr. She is in trouble.

16 February 1845 • Sunday A.M. went to Masonic Hall A. Lyman preached on right and wrong. Spent the remainder of the day with D. The weather has been very fine and pleasant.

17 February 1845 • Monday At the office all day quite sick Evening at home. Weather quite fine

18 February 1845 • Tuesday At the office all day. Weather very fine. Council agreed to have

the works on the walls commence forthwith Evening attended singing school, afterwards at sister F's.

19 February 1845 • Wednesday At the office all day. The weather very fine and warm. Made a Deed from Davison Hibard to Trustees and paid him \$100. in silver. About 5 o'clock the atmosphere began to look black and cloudy and soon after it commenced thundering and Lightning very brisk and this was immediately followed by very heavy rain which continued till nearly 6 o'clock. I spent the evening very pleasantly with D

20 February 1845 • Thursday At the office all day chiefly settling city Treasury Books. The weather is colder & rain near all day. Evening at home.

21 February 1845 • Friday At the office all day. Weather fine Evening attended singing school.

22 February 1845 • Saturday At the office all day. Evening at home. The weather fine

23 February 1845 • Sunday A.M. at home. P.M at the H. P. quorum. Evening in Council with the Twelve and others. D. came home but I only barely got to see her.

24 February 1845 • Monday A.M. went to see D at her request she feels bad and promises to quit all acquaintance by the right one. The Lynx came up between 8 & 9 o'clock At 10 started out in company with B. Young, H. C. Kimball, A. Lyman, O. Pratt, Geo. Miller, O. D. Wooley,

George Grant, John K and John L. Smith. I rode with George Grant. The day was very fine but the roads bad and very heavy travelling. We were all well armed having about 46 loaded pistols in the company. We arrived at Macedonia about 4 1/2 P.M. Part of the company tarried at B. F. Johnsons the balance went to Wm. P. Perkins. After reading a little all the company went over to brother Perkins. I tarried there with some to supper, the rest at B. F. Johnsons. After supper we all went to brother Johnsons and spent the evening very pleasantly. Brother K sang a number of songs. I composed sixteen verses of poetry "to woman". Slept with G. Grant at Bro. Johnsons.

25 February 1845 • Thursday Took breakfast at B. F. J's and at 9 o clock we went to Wm. G. Perkins and settled the church business with B. F. Johnson, received all the papers and gave up his receipt. There had been suspicions concerning B's management but he has made a satisfactory report. After settlement the brethren amused themselves with various feats of activity &c. At 3 P.M we dined at brother Perkins on a good fat Turkey. G. Miller, E. D. Wooley, A. H. Perkins and myself then started for the Sugar bush the remainder went on visits. We found no Sugar in the woods but calling at brother A.H. Perkins we had as much as we could eat. We then went to B. F. Johnsons all the company went to meeting except myself and brother Kimball. We spent the evening in a very pleasant manner, conversing on past times and matters pertaining to ourselves O. Pratt preached at meeting followed by A. Lyman and B. Young. After meeting the company came to B. F. Johnsons & talked till 12 o clock. It was concluded best to have a guard out to night. Bro Grant & K concluded to stand they were relieved by Cyrus Daniels & B. F. Johnson. I slept with O. Pratt. About 2 o clock 8 of the police came from Nauvoo, viz. Hosea Stout, Simeon A. Dunn, Jsse P. Harmon, Joshua S. Hdman, Andrew Lytle, Howard Eagan, Wm. H. Kimball, & Robert F. Barton. They brought word that there was some

reports out in Nauvoo which had created considerable excitement. Two men came to Turleys inquiring for B. Young and H. C. Kimball. They were loaded in their pockets with arms and looked very suspicious. The brethren concluded best to send some of the police to guard those out at Macedonia and the above company started immediately.

26 February 1845 • Wednesday A.M. took breakfast at B. F. Johnsons At about 10 the company started for Nauvoo. The morning was clear and pleasant. A number of the Macedonia brethren accompanied us about seven miles through the timber, not knowing but the mob might be waiting for us in the Timber. When we arrived at a branch of Crooked Creek the company halted and brother Eagen preached the Negro Sermon. We then proceeded to the highest land above the Creek, where we formed a hollow square and prest. Young addressed the company near as follows; "for myself and on behalf of my brethren I feel to return you my sincere thanks for the kind spirit you have shown. You will now undoubtedly return home and I pray the Lord to bless you that you may return in peace and that you may seek after wisdom & prudence. In consequence of our position with our enemies we have to keep ourselves quiet and carry out all of Josephs measures. I feel to bless you in the name of the Lord Jesus that you may be wise. As to military concerns let them alone till you hear from us. The nation has severed us from them in every respect, and made us a distinct nation just as much as the Lamanites, and it is my prayer that we may soon find a place where we can have a home and live in peace according to the Law of God."

The Macedonia brethren have parted with us in the best kind of feelings. Their names are Andrew H. Perkins, Weeden V. Akes, Charles Crisman, Thomas Callister, Edward Larkey, Elijah B. Gaylord, Aurora Shumway, Isaac Clark, Tunis Rappleye, George Wardle, Wm. D.

Johnson, Sandford Forbush, Wm. G. Perkins, John Quaile, Amos W. Condit, Seabert C. Shelton, Amanby W. Green, John Allen, Orson D. Billings, Robert Butler, Alexander Brim, Varness Brim & Cyrus Daniels. Soon after we parted with these brethren the atmosphere began to look stormy and when about 10 miles from Nauvoo it began to rain some. It continued to grow colder untill we were within a few miles of the City when it turned into a perfect snowstorm and snowed very bitterly untill evening. We arrived at 3 o'clock. The company halted opposite my house and I left them and they proceeded home. I was wet through and very cold. It took me an hour to get warm. In the evening I went over to see D. and accomplished the desire of my heart.

27 February 1845 • Thursday At the office all day, but sick and unable to work, Laid down on the bed upstairs about four hours and felt some better. Evening with D. The weather was very fine but cool

28 February 1845 • Friday At the office all day but being unwell I did not do much. P.M. in council concerning sending brother John D. Parker forthwith to fetch the Lumber contracted for last fall. It will require about \$400. which we have to borrow. Evening at singing school. The weather more moderate and the snow gone. Last evening some person or persons took Washington Peck and bedaubed him all over with privy dirt. He screamed murder as loud as he could till the police came to his assistance. This is one of those mean traitors who lurks about continually in our midst communicating with our enemies & seeking to have the twelve destroyed. He is marked as a mean conspirator along with William Marks late president of this stake also Wm. Allen and David Bryant Store keepers. There is also Peter L. Rolfe and Wm. Higbee who are continually prowling about seeking whom they can betray into the hands of the

enemies.

Reflections. This month is gone and the Saints are yet in peace although threatened on every hand by the mob the State of Illinois has severed from us every tie that could possibly bind us to them as a government, and as a last mark of their vengeance they have taken away our charter and left us open to the enemy without the least shield of law to protect us. The charter was given to us on the 16th December A.D. 1840 and was taken away on January 21st 1845 The council of revision when the charter passed was as follows, Thomas Carlin, Govr., Wm. Wilson Chief Justice, Samuel D. Lockwood, Thomas C. Brown, Walter B. Seates, associate Justices. Then the charter was repealed the council of revision consisted of the following men Thomas Ford, Governor; Wm. Wilson chief Justice and Samuel D. Lockwood, Thomas C. Brown, Walter B. Seates, Samuel H. Treat, Richard M. Young, James Shields, Jesse B. Thomas and John D. Caton associate Justices. This council had the power to prevent the repeal, but they gave it their sanction, the Masonic Fraternity have also taken away the charter of the Lodge and excluded all the Latter Day Saints Masons so that every tie is gone, and we can now rely on the arm of Jehovah alone for protection and safety from our enemies. We are an independent people claiming no aliance with any of the kingdoms of the earth. We are hunted and oppressed something like the Lamanites were on the first settlement of the United States by the whites. The mob are continually getting out writs for the best of our men and seem determined to blot us own from the face of the earth, but the kingdom is the Lords and he will do as seemeth him good though all the world boil over. There is a good union amongst the saints and they have come to the determination to let no more men be dragged out of our midst to be massacred, but if we cannot have protection from the laws of the land we will seek it from the great God and his people.

1 March 1845 • Saturday This month came in with a storm of thunder and heavy rain. My family are quite unwell, especially Wm. Heber. A.M at the office. At 10 A.M met in the Seventies Hall in the council of Fifty. The following brethren were taken in to fill up the quorum viz. Joseph Young, John E. Page, David Fullmer, Theodore Turley, Albert P. Rockwood, Jonathon Dunham & Lucian R. Foster. They subscribed to the laws of the council & covenanted before God with uplifted hands to maintain all things in violet agreeable to the order of the council. Brothers Daniel Spencer, Isaac Morley and Shadrack Roundy were selected to make up the number of 50 but they were absent & sick. Brother John Pack was admitted to sit in the place of Wilford Woodruff, John D. Lee in the place of Ezra Thayer, and Lewis Dana in the place of Amos Fielding they being absent on business. Lewis Dana is a lamanite of the oneida nation & the first Lamanite who has been admitted a member of any quorum of this church.

The object of the council was to decide whether we shall send out a company of men with brother Dana to fill Josephs measures originally adapted in the council by going West to seek out a location and a home where the saints can dwell in peace and health, and where they can erect the ensign & standard of liberty for the nations, and live by the laws of God without being oppressed and mobbed under a tyrannical government without protection from the laws. Many able speeches were made on the subject, and the council finally agreed to send out a company with brother Dana to accomplish this important object. The following brethren were selected and appointed by unanimous vote of the council for this mission, vis. Samuel Bent to be the first man and president of the mission, Jonathon Dunham next, Cyrus Daniels, Daniel Spencer, John S. Fullmer, Charles Shumway, Albert Carrington, and John W. Farnham. These brethren are expected to start immediately after conference and proceed from tribe to tribe, to unite the Lamanites and find a home for the saints. The council adjourned in the midst of the best kind of

feelings. The day was very rainy. Evening with D.

2 March 1845 • Sunday At the office all day settling City Treasury accounts. Evening had a very pleasant interview with D. The day was fine but cold.

3 March 1845 • Monday At the office all day transacting various kinds of business. The day very fine. Evening at the concert. We had a very full house and good attention. Ers Taylor and Kimball addressed the assembly very cheerfully on various subjects. Er Kimball especially on the subject of defiling the Hall by strife & division. The concert broke up at a qr past 10 in good spirits.

4 March 1845 • Tuesday Early A.M went to the office to send \$562. to Quincey by bro. Scovil for J. C. Walsh. At 9 o'clock met with the council of the kingdom of God. We had a very interesting meeting. The subject being the Oregon mission. Evening attended concert.

5 March 1845 • Wednesday A.M at the office P.M. at the Printing office. Afterwards at the Office. The day very fine and pleasant. Evening attended the Concert. Had a very pleasant time and good address from Er Kimball. Afterwards I went home with D. and had a very good time although she is in sorrow on account of her mother.

6 March 1845 • Thursday At the office all day copying records of the kingdom. The day is very fine. The Trustees have borrowed \$400 of sundry individuals to send by brother Parker to the pinery for lumber. Evening had a long talk with sister Farr about her feelings and the causes of

her sorrow. I feel as though she has given way to some things which are not right & interfered with D. as she ought not. D. felt bad and I had no comfort.

7 March 1845 • Friday At the office all day copying records of the kingdom. The day fine till noon afterwards raining. Evening turned cold at home went to bed early unwell

8 March 1845 • Saturday At the office all day. Evening D.

9 March 1845 • Sunday At the office all day. Evening with D. The weather fine but cold.

10 March 1845 • Monday At the office all day. The weather fine but cold. Copying record of tithings. John D. Parker started up the River on the Galena. While writing and copying the records of the kingdom, I was writing these words dropped by Er H. C. Kimball in the council on the 4th inst. viz. "if a man step beyond his bounds he will lose his kingdom as Lucifer did and it will be given to others who are more worthy." This idea came to my mind. It has been a doctrine taught by this church that we were in the Grand Council amongst the Gods when the organization of this world was contemplated and that the laws of government were all made and sanctioned by all present and all the ordinances and ceremonies decreed upon. Now is it not the case that the council of the kingdom of God now organized upon this earth are making laws and sanctioning principles which will in part govern the saints after the resurrection, and after death will not these laws be made known by messengers and agents as the gospel was made known to us. And is there not a similarity between this grand council & the council which sat previous to the organization of this world.

Evening attended the Concert. This afternoon four or five men came in with a writ for Charles N. Brackenbury. They arrested him at the mansion, but some of the brethren gathering round he took the opportunity to slip away. The men immediately went out of the city

11 March 1845 • Tuesday In the council of fifty all day. Cyrus Daniels was admitted a member. The subject of writing letters to the Governors and a number of other subjects was discussed. The subject of the movements of the mob was talked over and it was considered best for those who are hunted with writs to go on missions so that we may if possible evade the blow until we can finish the Temple and the Nauvoo House. It was also decided that the workmen on the walls of the Temple commence work tomorrow. Spent the evening with D. very pleasantly.

12 March 1845 • Wednesday At the office all day copying records of the kingdom. The weather very fine. Brother Player commenced on the walls just before dinner and got one stone up just as the bell rung. Demming the Sheriff is here with writs for several of the brethren. John Taylor is one of them. He says that the mob have sent messengers to the governor to inform him that we resisted the officers and requesting him to order a posse commi[tee?] to come and take Brackenbury. It is evident our situation is fast drawing to a crisis and that the mob are determined to break us up this spring. The prospect looks gloomy enough but we are in the hands of God and he will do as he thinks best. We would like to stay till we can finish the Temple and the Nauvoo house and the saints get their endowment, but if not the Lords will is our will. Evening with D. she is sick.

13 March 1845 • Thursday At the office all day copying records of the kingdom and recording

tithings. The weather very fine but cool. Evening with D till 1 o c.

14 March 1845 • Friday At the office all day, chiefly recording records of the kingdom. The weather fine but cold. About 4 o clock brother Rockwood came into the office bringing the hat and skull of Wm. Horn, who was in a wagon in the street he stated that in blasting a stone or something fell on brother Horn and nearly killed him it is not expected he can live long. They are taking him to his family a little south from this Temple where he has a wife and three children to hear the sad and mournful intelligence. This is the first accident worth notice which has ever transpired anywhere in the work of this Temple and I feel to mourn that it has happened. There has been many narrow escapes but the blessing of God has been manifestly present to protect his servants on the works. Brother Whitney tells me today that he has notified Margaret to go and receive her washings and annointing at the same time Ruth does. This makes my heart rejoice. I had heard of it on wednesday but not officially. Truly God is kind to me. I receive a great many good things at the hand of God and my brethren and I want to feel willing all the while to receive whatever comes, whether chastisement from the servants of God or persecution from the enemy and a share of sufferings with the people of God. And Oh that I may ever live faithful and endure all things that I may receive my reward in the kingdom of God with my brethren whom I love dearer than any thing else. Evening with D.

15 March 1845 • Saturday A.M at the office copying records of the kingdom. The brethren who went out with Brackenbury to Augusta for trial have returned bringing word that the enemies were not ready and they will have to again on Wednesday. P.M. at the High Council taking

minutes. G. J. Adams had his trial. Prsts. Young and H. C. Kimball were witnesses against him. Many hard things were proven against him which he confessed and begged for mercy It was decided that he write a confession of his wickedness, and agree to be one with the Twelve and do right here after, which he agreed to. The property in his hands belonging to the Temple he promised to bring and have a settlement. It was a good and interesting season and will do Adams much good. It was also decided that the operations of the damn be suspended until we obtain a charter from the U.S. and that the brethren turn their labor on their gardens & the Temple. About sundown the Twelve & Trustees adjourned to the "Mansion" where Amasa Lyman related his success during his late mission to Emmetts company. He represents the company as being in a deplorable state cause chiefly by the rigid enforcement of Emmetts measures. He have limited their food to three gills of corn each pr day. The company seem distressed and the probability many will soon return to Nauvoo. After hearing this report we all went to supper provided by bro. Pack. The company consisted of B Young H. C. Kimball, W. Richards, J. Taylor, G. A. Smith, O. Pratt, A. Lyman, N. K. Whitney Geo. Miller & myself & J. E. Page. After supper we retired upstairs & brother A. Lyman finished his report. While engaged here the band came in & began to play. We went into the dining room and spent about 2 hours hearing the band play, brother K sing and brother Eagen preach his negro Sermon. We had a pleasant time of it. We broke up about 10 o clock. This has been a day of good, many good things accomplished and good feelings throughout.

16 March 1845 • Sunday A.M. at the office afterwards spent the day with D. who was sick and alone. I did this to be company for her and to save her from being intrapped in the company of

those who object is to do her no good. The company again started out with Brackenbury for trial. At the stand prest. Young called upon the brethren to come out with all the force they could muster to work on the Temple, also to quite the dam and all other public works for that purpose and the Nauvoo House

17 March 1845 • Monday At the office all day chiefly copying records of the kingdom. The weather very cold. About 105 extra hands came to work on the Temple besides about 30 teams, and the works seemed to move in earnest. Evening went over to Fs but D was with W. Ivins till after 8 o clock.

18 March 1845 • Tuesday In the council of Fifty all day D Spencer was admitted a member. The subject of the western Missouri was most on hand and all seemed interested fully in it. The day has been tremendous cold. Evening with D a little but she had company

19 March 1845 • Wednesday At the office all day A.M. recording tithings. P.M copying records of the kingdom. The day very cold. Evening with D. but was quite unwell.

20 March 1845 • Thursday At the office all day A.M recorded tithings afterward copying records of the kingdom. The day is warmer than yesterday. Some of the Twelve were here counselling on the subject of petitioning to have the City sent off in ten precincts with two constables to each precinct. There are quite a multitude of hands to work on the Temple. Evening at Pitts with Concert party

21 March 1845 • Friday At the office all day recording tithings. Presn Young, Kimball, Page & Babbit held a council concerning Brackenbury going to Judge Young for trial at Quincey It was decided that bro. Babbit go with him. We paid him \$12. for expenses. The stone setters put up the last arch in the second tier of the large Windows The weather is fine and must warmer. Evening with D.

22 March 1845 • Saturday At the Council of the Kingdom all day. The Western Mission occupied near all the day. The subject of the Nauvoo House Printing Office, Church History & organization of the City were matters talked over. Evening with D. who is quite sick again The weather has been warm & cloudy

23 March 1845 • Sunday This A.M. Lidia came come in good health and spirits. The weather is fine but cold. At the office all day examining the books of the Nauvoo House and making out a report of the situation of the stock. Evening attended singing school. Afterwards with D. till late, she is quite sick.

24 March 1845 • Monday At the office all day not doing a great deal but chiefly recording the minutes of the council of Fifty. The weather is very fine and not very cold. Ruth & Margt. went to brother Fosters to have their likenesses taken. D. is better. Evening met with Pitts concert party afterwards

25 March 1845 • Tuesday At the council of fifty all day. The subject of the Nauvoo House and Organization of the City was the principle topics of conversation. Evening with D. Weather fine

26 March 1845 • Wednesday At the office all day writing H. C. Kimballs speech before the Concert on the 5th inst. for the press. The weather very pleasant brother Perkins brings word that the mob are making preparations to make a break upon us about court time, which is the third monday in May. They are collecting cannon and organizing themselves for a general rush. Word has also come that there is an outbreak amongst the citizens of Keokuk and Nashville, Montrose &c Iowa Territory, arising out of a dispute about the timber between the New York land speculating company and the old settlers. Report says the people are all in arms and it is expected blood will be shed. Brothers Hyde and Ludington have returned from Mississippi and a few brethren with them. They brought \$567.05 for the Temple. Reports come to my ears every few days that some of my brethren are using some kind of influence with my companions to have them leave me. My mind is overwhelmed with sorry for if my brethren are not my friends where shall I go. If I have displeased them why not tell me. I am a perfect slave to them all the while. I have as much work to receive the tithings for the Temple as an ordinary penman could keep up with, but more than this I spend about 3 and 4 days a week in council and recording records of the kingdom. I have also spent day after day writing brother Kimballs journal for the press, besides writing letters and attending to a multitude of contingent business. I have two dollars a day for six days in the week and spend near every sabbath for no compensation. Other men who dont do half the work have a great deal more money and good property for their comfort than I have and they seem to be extolled to the skies. The church has given me a poor lot for an inheritance but they have also given other men better lots who work no harder than I do and have more money to sport in. All this I can get along with and feel well, but to have my brethren use a secret influence to sap my peace and the peace of my companions seems to hard to bear. My suspicions may be wrong but they come from a source which I cannot easily doubt. Evening at home sick

27 March 1845 • Thursday A.M rode with bro Miller to Steam Boat landing to see Amos Fielding company. Amos landed last night with a company of about 50. he left about as many more in St. Louis. Afterwards at the Temple office recording records of the Kingdom at 11 went to council with pres. B. Young H. C. Kimball, O. Hyde, O. Pratt, W. Richards, J. E. Page, R. Cahoon, A. Fielding, A. Cutler, G. Miller, N. K. Whitney, L. Young, J. Taylor, A. Lyman, G. A. Smith in brother Cutlers room. The subject was as to whether we shall send a few faithful men to get in amongst the enemies and find out their secret movements and if possible harm all their plans. Pres'n Young says we shall not be attacked by the mob this year and wants to urge the building of the Temple and Nauvoo House. The subject of Loomis getting a License to sell Liquors also came up and it was decided that the prest. speak to the boys and have them get up a party and accommodate Loomis with a row and help his whiskey to spread itself, and probably improve his Accouters and glasses &c. It was agreed to enter into arrangements to purchase another raft of pine lumber. It was decided to let all old claims against the church go and not distress the church by paying them. It was decided to let Pullin & Hile each make 350,000 bricks at \$.50 pr thousands delivered at the Nauvoo House.

The last of the Trumpets was put up on the wall about 3 o clock also one of the springers for the big arch on the West end. F.M. Edwards came down from Emmetts company and brings word that the Marshall of Iowa City was going with 150 men to attach some property which Emmett has kept. He thinks there will be bloodshed and that the Indians would assist Emmetts company. The weather is very fine and warm. I had some talk with brother Kimball he denys having said any thing to any of my friends only to stand true to me. Evening I went to see Amos Fielding and received two pen knives and a dressing case. Called to see D.

28 March 1845 • Friday At the office all day copying records of the kingdom. The weather very fine and warm. Sister Whitney went to attend to anointing my wife and Margaret but was again prevented through Sarah Ann not being there in season. At 4 I went to meet the band at the mansion in company with my wife & Margaret & Diantha. A number of the Twelve were present with their wives. We played till about 8 o'clock when we were invited in to supper after all the rest of the company had eat. But having had little since morning the smell of victuals made me sick & I could not bear to stay in the room. I grew worse and had to go home. O. P. Rockwell took a buggy and carried me and my wife home.

29 March 1845 • Saturday At home all day quite sick with violent head ache and pain in my limbs. At 4 went up to the office to pay Call some money but he did not come. I went over to see D.

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30 March 1845 • Sunday At home all day sick. A. Hardman came down. Evening I went to see D. Had a comfortable visit.

31 March 1845 • Monday At the office quite unwell. Last night we had a rain storm and to day the weather is very cold. Paid Cyril Call \$225. and took up one note. Councilled with Scovil & pres'n Young concerning the Lodge affairs. P.M. brothers Tippetts & Murdock came and brought considerable property for the Temple.

On Saturday Ruth and Margaret received their anointing for which I feel thankful. Margaret had some good instructions and she feels satisfied and reconciled. She says she will

never leave me on any consideration. Evening the weather is very cold Went to brother Farrs a little while afterwards at home. Margaret says she is afraid she is in danger as she was once before.

The month of March is over and my family are alive and well for which I feel thankful to God and may his mercies continue to me and to my house that we may serve him with a single eye and undivided heart and receive our inheritance together in the eternal world is the wish of thy servant. O Lord so let it be. Amen.

During the month my mind has frequently been much weighed down through the vast press of business crowding on me, and the small prospect of its growing any better. I have labored diligently and faithfully but seem to get worse behind. My health seems to be impairing and sinking, and it seems impossible to get rest enough to recruit my strength. I still feel determined to do all I can and be as faithful as I know as I know how for that is the desire of my heart, but my greatest desire is to so live that I may secure for myself and mine the highest degree of exaltation and glory which is possible for me to obtain, and to be with my friend Joseph Smith in the eternal world.