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## Thomas Reynolds, 1840-1844

[ Full-text transcription of: Letter from L. B. Fleak, Iowa to Governor Reynolds, Jefferson City, Mo. ]

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His Excellency Thos Reynolds

Sir

Yours of the 30<sup>th</sup> Ulo per Mr Ford came duly to hand last night, & I am sorry to say that the letter was not handed me until Mr Ford was on his return to Missouri

However I do not know that I could have been of any material service to him, for those renegades look upon me with suspicion

Nothing short of a reward or a regiment of Militia will get him from his hiding place A reward will, I think make or find a Judas among them, They laugh at the idea of his being removed by a hundred men, in short they say that "Brother Joseph" shall never be taken to Missouri. Our Sheriff is on the alert but I do not think he ^ (Smith) will make his appearance, soon, again on our side of the River. He was in our Town about two weeks ago, late at night. I do most sincerely hope that you will be the means of bringing this renegade to justice. I am as well satisfied, as is this whole community, that Rockwell, by the order of Smith is the person that attempted the assassination of Boggs as I am that there is such a place as Paris

You have not much to expect from Gov Carlin, he is about half Mormon himself or at least appears so from his sycophancy, when he meets those Smiths.

Should Smith make his appearance again in our Town he will be arrested, as every thing is in readiness to convey him accross the Desmoines River & in the mean time should any thing occur that would be impor= tant to be known by you I will advise you of it immedi ately. Be good enough to command me at all times

Respectfully

Your Obdt Servt  
LB Fleak