

Ms
James & Arthur
Liberty Blount County
Mo



Ms

Little
10th

Quincy March 21 1841

Sir I have just returned from Nauvoo and to confess the truth to you I consider the prospects for collecting debts this season very poor the fact is the Mormons are naturally poor and what property there is among them Joseph and his associates contrive to make use of for public or Church uses buildings &c. He has got large quantities of land in his hands & although it is encumbered with claims on it, had little he yet he sells it to the brethren at a great advance and dreams them of all he can - and the most that is going among them is building the Temple, & this they do by tithing, that is, each man gives every 10th day & thus they keep the work a going on but this only serves to reduce and enslave these people, & besides this they have a Legion, you know, which they spend much time in disciplining, they trained every day while I was there, your Missourians was took out they have about 800 now and more coming in every day

Moreover I discovered by talking with Smith and others that they feel very hostile toward you and Mr Arthur & others there In fact Smith said to me that if you or Arthur ~~were~~ ~~came~~ ~~there~~ collecting debts you would not be safe for he had boys there that would put a ball through you

as quick as he would snap his thumb
From all I could learn and discover
I think that you would be in danger
among them unless they were restrained
through fear alone, and I must confess
that I found their feelings much more
hostile than I expected, and I state the
facts to you, but I do it in confidence
hoping you will not expose me in so
doing — They say that you and Mr
Arthur turned their enemy &c. &c.

I am satisfied that they will not be
disposed to compromise, or do any thing
about the Deletts, and I confess I know
not what course would be best to pursue

Yours with respect John Corvill

N. B. Do not forget to send the pamphlet
as soon as it is out J. C.

Liberty Bell Co.
New York Channel
Boston, requesting
you: to correspond with
you: of all: on subject
of American debts.

His Excellency John Reynolds
Governor of Massachusetts
Boston City

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J. B. Almon



Samuel
Arthur

Liberty April 5 1844.
Sir. We enclose for your perusal
the enclosed letter from John
Cornell, formerly a Member of
the Mormon Church, and late
of the Legislature of Mo.

We have claims on the Mormon
to amount some 6 or 8,000 dollars
and they are due to other Merchants
of our place some \$20 to 25,000.
From the letter of Cornell you will
see what means we have to collect
it - Now without wishing to expose
McCarron to the vengeance of the
Mormons we respectfully request
you to correspond with the Gov
of Mo in order to see if there be
no way by which innocent
Creditors can go in safety to
Missouri to collect their debts.
This letter portrays the true character
of Smith & we have no doubt he
is villain enough to do as he
says he would.

Yours Ours very truly
Wm. P. & G. H. 20.
His Excellency } James H. Arthur
The President }
Gov. Mo. }