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Mr. J. P. Smith
at Newbury, Q. A.
Sir, I beg to
acknowledge the
receipt of your
kind letter of
the 10th inst.

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His Excellency Gov Reynolds

Sir

Enclosed you will find a letter from the Post Master at Montrose 12 miles above this place & opposite the Mormon City, it contains all the information that can be had up to that time

Smith is now skulking around in this Territory and will probably stay here until a requisition on our Gov. drives him somewhere else. He was in our Town at 12 o'clock last night consulting one of our Attorneys. The cause of his being given up to the Marshal of the City of Nauvoo was this, they have an Ordinance in their City which prohibits any persons being taken away from there without a hearing, & the Sheriff who arrested him having no Counsel was obliged to go to Quincy to procure it. In his absence Smith procured an examination before a Mormon Mayor & of course was liberated.

The Mormons say that Smith shall not be taken to Missouri, that they will fight & all this. We had a sample of what in your State, I will write you often as I can obtain any information

Very Respectfully
Your Obedt Servt

W. H. Peak