Brunswick Septr. 1838.

His Excellency
Hon. Lilburn W. Boggs.

Dear Sir. Our Country is in a complete ferment, & our families are rendered daily unhappy, in consequence of the reports which are constantly coming in concerning the hostile intentions of the Mormons and their allies, as it is currently reported & believed that they have ingratiated themselves with the Indians (and indeed they say so) to assist them in their diabolical career.

The fears of the people are greatly excited, & nothing is now talked of but the contemplated struggle, and plans seem to be devising all around us for the most efficient protection against their encroachments. A deadly hostility is kept constantly alive on their borders, & our old neighbors & friends are petitioning help from abroad to relieve them in their present difficulties. Being remote from the immediate vicinity of the Mormon troubles, we can give but a little of authentic data on which to act. but we are strongly of the opinion, that there is a deeply laid scheme existing among these fanatics, that will be highly destructive in character, & at once subversive the rights & liberties of the people. We have the best authority for believing

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that in their public teachings, their people are taught to believe & expect that immense num:
:bers of Indians of various tribes are only waiting the signal for a general rise, when, as they state it, the flying or destroying Angel will go through the land, & work the general destruction of all that are not Mormons. It is not our object at the present to trouble you with a detail of all the reports in reference to this affair, but we will state a case within our own knowledge, coming from a man, who left this neighborhood to join the Mormons, & who has had the reputation among the Citizens of Charleton County, for a number of years, as being a man of strict veracity. He has returned perfectly satisfied, that their object is every thing the opposite of Christian feeling and principle. The following statement, which he makes, is given at his own request, & under his own hand—

"I have resided among the people called Mor:
:mons about five months during which time I have had frequent opportunities of meeting with them, both in their public & in their private associations, & have sought every possible opportunity of acquiring information—

I distinctly recollect hearing Joseph Smith, the prophet, state, in a public discourse, that he had fourteen thousand men, not belonging to the Church, ready, at a moment's warn:
:ing (which was generally understood to mean Indians)—

It was a very common source of rejoicing among all classes, even the women and children participating, that the time had arrived, when all the wicked should be destroyed from the face of the earth, & that the Indians would be the principal means by which this object would be accomplished —

There is a common feeling amongst them, amounting to a conspiracy, to protect one another against the Civil officers of the County, even if it should be attended with death —

The public teachers have recently been very urgent in soliciting the people to fly to their Forts for protection, as the time had arrived, when the flying Angel should pass through the land accompanied by the Indians, to accomplish the work of destruction — and furthermore stating that they will have enough to do, to protect themselves while this work is going on —"

Nathan Mears

From the above facts, added to the general reports, we have, with due consideration, thought proper to suggest to your Excellency, the propriety of issuing orders to the militia, so that in case of necessity they may be called on according to the exigency of circumstances —

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