

[Folder number 6] Citty of Nauvoo

Dear Sir¹⁶ with feeling of no ordinary kind I address you at this time Is [I] say in my heart we are far apart that hinders an intimacy that would between us exist I have so much to write that I do not know where to begin as much is doing It would make you laugh To see what is doing in these parts all is in commotion The old and young is all a talking and looking and gazing to see what will be done to get things straightened amongst the L— [LDS] Adultery fornication Laciveosnes is a speaking loud of it doings as The story is babys is found in the river sily put away that is making a disturbance among the boatman because of clogging the boat in passing the rapids Much is doing that is pleasing At the same time doings that comes under the head of people of God they like the sow have fast ben a wallowing that they are about covered with mud I have a History of their ungodly doing that is ready to go to the press It will speak to them at the same time raise raise a mist that I shall have a chance to make you a visit I will take the tale with me and give you a correct history of what is and has ben and the situation of our friends

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As much is doing in the name of the Lord I feel to do as I am shone I often have ben shone my course to take That all mite move in order as is desired by the Antient of Days as this is a time of their sitting I to them draw near As I call it an honour with them to meet I have by them much instructions received that tends to strengthen And enliven the mind I now am called on a work for to do that will aid much to the doings of the L.D. Saints A temporal kingdom Is now to be reared by him that has wisdom That is of God that the saints on Earth may have a standing in honour of the Father and Son as was spoken of by the Antients that should in the last days take place Thou art called by the Orthoroty of the Council of Heaven to prepare for a new order of things As you have much before you to do that is a waiting for you to be about it you have got in a measure threw with the history or foibles of the Church that you now are called to publish to the world that the secrets in past may be made known of what has took place in this age of time You are now called to receive and secure the treasures of the Earth to do such things as will establish such things as shone to you to do from time to time Let your mind be to gain information respecting establishing a new stake of Zion at

16. No name given as to whom this letter was written.

17. Unsure as to what "not read" means here.

Squaw Grove¹⁸ and Johnsons Grove¹⁹ as you have ben shone after you have come back from St Louis you then will be caled to go directly and secure the two places get a quit claims²⁰ deed of all the wrights at both places of timber You are 1st caled to go and do it without being incumberd with your family. You can go as the way opens before you with team or other ways You have much now to do in a short time as you will be directed by me that have taken a stand with you for a short time that I can teach you and se that you make no mismoves in your doings I am Hipsebah²¹ one of the Antient of days that have this day sit in connections with others to do and establish certin things that to be don to forward the work of the Lord You are caled on the morrow to receive the treasures of the Earth in gold and silver that was put away by the antient Nephites on the bank of the River below this at a place whire you will be shone you are caled to secure it by digging and receiving it to your care

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My mind has ben running on things that is past and gone more perticularly from 1839 I then was visited by a messenger from above that spoke his mind to me That did me supprise He told of a work that of me was required to move in connection With the messengers above This to me was supprising As the Messenger I well knew that appeard to me in person and freely spoke his mind. His Name was David Pattin²² one of the twelve Apostles chosen in the

18. Squaw Grove, Illinois, is a township about two hundred miles northeast of Nauvoo. White settlers began coming into the area and claiming land in the mid-1830s. Squaw Grove is believed to have been the first township settled in De Kalb County. Henry L. Boies, *History of De Kalb County, Illinois*, 506–7.

19. Johnson's Grove was the site where the first white inhabitants settled in that part of De Kalb County, Illinois. It is located within Clinton Township about sixty miles west of Chicago, but there is nothing there today. There is a Johnson's Grove Cemetery not far from Johnson Grove site.

20. A deed of release; an instrument by which all claims to an estate are relinquished to another without any covenant or warranty, express or implied. *Webster's Dictionary* (1828), s.v. "Quitclaim."

21. According to Olney, Hipsebah was one of the Ancient of Days who visited and gave him instructions. There is no Hipsebah in the Bible or Book of Mormon; however, there is a Hephzi-bah mentioned in 2 Kings 21:1. She was the wife of King Hezekiah of Judah and mother of King Manasseh. Hipsebah was not a totally uncommon name during the lifetime of Oliver Olney. A number of people named Hipsebah lived in the nineteenth century, almost all them women.

22. The messenger said to have visited Olney was the deceased David W. Patten. Patten was born at Theresa, New York on November 14, 1799. He was introduced to Mormonism by his brother John, who also baptized David in June 1832. David Patten was chosen as one of the first members of Mormonism's Quorum of Twelve