

Chenango Feb 17 1843

Mr J. Fullmer

I recd yours of the 10 Feb on the 14th
and have been so busy that I could not
answer it until now & now I will as
near as I can at this time you will
know tis a perplexing time for basing
men & my mind is fully wrought on the
business on acct of the quiet decay some
of the business I will give you a
short history of what I know about
Joseph Smith Sr I have been intimately
acquainted with him about 2 years he
then was about 20 years old or there
about I also went to school with him
one winter he was a fine lively young
man & at that time did not profess
religion he was not a popular man
although I did once in a while hear him
speak he never gathered to my
knowledge I do not believe he ever did
I will know he was no loose body for he was
no Judge of Success I told him one that is all
I ever knew he dealt in the kind I never
new him to get drunk I believe he would
now and then take a glass he never put on
en to play the slight of hand nor black
leg it was fashionable at that time to drink
Siquor I do not believe in any religion
& their fore am friendly to all I believe
that there is a heaven hell & those that do not
right but through their lives will be driv
en but still I believe I do right myself I
state this for facts that any thing from what
I have seen about Joseph Smith that is worth
than I ever felt & unlike

From
Special Agent of
Concerning
Joseph Smith
Feb 17 43
Chenango
N.Y.

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Canaan
Luzerne Co
Pa
Chenango N.Y.

I am afraid you cannot read what I have
wrote my friend for I am in a slay & tired after
doing a hard days work
I am yours truly
Joseph Stowell

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I now write you for my father he says
what I have wrote you is true he has been
acquainted with him 6 years & he never
knew anything of him but that was right
do know him to be a true & a Prophet
& Believe the Book of Mormon to be
true & all the these stories is false &
untrue that is told about Joseph Smith
In yours truly & Repply
Joseph Stowell
By J. Stowell

fatal accident which occurred on the Central Pacific Railway, at Bridge 23, about 23 miles from Truckee. At 10.30 p. m. a man named Chas. Beeler who was in the employ of Mr. Wilson, a large stock owner, while in charge of cattle which were being shipped west, from some cause slipped from one of the cars, and when picked up his head was completely severed from the body and the body was badly mangled. The trunk and separated head were brought to Truckee where Deputy Coroner Keiser was in waiting, who took the remains in charge.

Badly Injured.—On the premises of Mr. John Haslam, Nineteenth Ward, near the railroad track, there are two animals, a mare and her colt, in a most distressing condition. They have been badly injured by one of the D. and R. G. Railway trains, and while the mare might be saved, there is no hope of the colt's recovery. It would be a mercy to dispatch the poor creature at once, and thus put an end to its misery. Its right forward leg is cut off below the knee, and is dangling by the skin, while the bones about the knee are protruding. The right hip and forward foot of the mare are badly peeled, but no bones are broken. The ownership of the animals is unknown.

District Court Cases.—James Smith has been indicted by the Grand Jury for burglary on the premises of an old gentleman named Madsen, on Commercial Street, on the 2nd of last April. He was arrested at the time of the robbery, but after being bound over in \$300 to await the action of the Grand Jury was allowed to go on his own recognizance. He soon afterwards disappeared and could not be found until the other day, when he was arrested by the police for stealing clothes from Buckle & Son's tailoring establishment. After being fined by Justice G. D. Pyper \$75 and costs, he was taken before the District Court to plead to the indictment found by the Grand Jury on the score of the former burglary, and is now in custody, waiting for trial before that court.

The case of Charles Hanks, for assault and highway robbery, is in progress before Judge Hunter this afternoon. Hanks, it will be remembered, is the individual who attacked Mr. Fred Good, near the Seventh Ward Meeting house, on the 14th of last April, beating him badly and robbing him of money and other valuables.

Burglary in Ogden.—Our younger sister on the Weber has been indulging in a bona fide burglary, which furnishes excitement sufficient, to say nothing of opportunities for alliteration, to satisfy even the fastidious taste of friend *Herald* itself. The bold, bad burglary began at the Broom hotel, at 11 o'clock yesterday morning. A young man of slim build and light complexion, about 22 years of age, registered at the hotel, engaged a room, and gave the name of Ed. Gray, from Eureka, Nevada. Not content with taking possession of the room assigned him he extended his explorations through several others, the occupants of

lies in jail awaiting his examination.

A Veteran Gona.—A synopsis of the life and labors of Elder John S. Pullmer, Senr., who died at Springville on the 8th inst., has been forwarded by Brother J. M. Peirce. The deceased, who had attained the advanced age of 78 years, was stricken with paralysis on the 21st of September, 1882, and this attack was followed by two more on the 22nd and 23rd, respectively. He never afterwards recovered the use of his left arm and leg, but his intellect remained unimpaired up to the moment of his death, when he passed away peacefully. From the time he received the first stroke up to his very last breath on earth, he suffered no bodily pain. The funeral services were held at the Springville Meeting house. The deceased left a numerous posterity, and was universally esteemed as a man of integrity and a faithful Latter-day Saint.

He was born on the 21st of July, 1807, in Luzern County, Penn., became a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in July, 1839; emigrated to Nauvoo in 1840, and from that time until the martyrdom of the Prophet and Patriarch, was intimately associated with them. He was in Carthage jail with the Prophet the night previous to the assassination, and was sent by him to subpoena witness for the approaching trial. When the Saints were driven from Nauvoo, the deceased, Almon W. Babbitt and Joseph L. Heywood were appointed Trustees-in-Trust to transact all the Church business in Nauvoo, and to help move the remainder of the Church. He arrived in the Valley in the fall of 1845, and when the Territory was organized, was a member of the Legislature, until the fall of 1852, when he was called on a mission to England, where he remained until honorably released, in 1855. While in England he was President over three large Conferences, namely; Liverpool, Manchester and Preston. After returning home he was reappointed a Colonel in the Nauvoo Legion (which office he had held in Nauvoo, where during the raid of the mob on that city, Captain Wm. Anderson expired in his arms) and held that position for a number of years, when his resignation was reluctantly received by Lieut. Gen. D. H. Wells. He was a man of unwavering integrity and never faltered, when he knew his end was approaching he called all his family that were present together, blessed them, and admonished them to be true to their covenants, and stand firm in the Church and Kingdom of God. Among his last words to them were "I cannot remain any longer with you; I am going on a great mission."

FROM THE NORTHWESTERN STATES.

RAILROAD WRECKS AND MOB VIOLENCE.

Elder Wm. M. Palmer, who presides over the Northwestern States Mission, returned this morning with

this accident, as the road employes, with characteristic taciturnity declined to say much about it. At any rate it may be presumed that these wrecks have had something to do with the frequent delays in the arrival of eastern trains, so much complained of at present.

The feeling in the North-western States, towards the Elders, was very bitter at the time Brother Palmer left, especially in Indiana, where Elders Marks and Davis were tarred and feathered. In fact no Elder had labored in that State during the past season without being subjected to the grossest of insults and outrages. In many instances the brethren were pelted with rotten eggs and tobacco quids, while preaching indoors. Still they felt determined and zealous, not in the least discouraged, and were rewarded by seeing a spirit of inquiry manifested among a great many of the people. The press and pulpit were persistent in pouring out abuse and calumny, even when perfectly apprised to the contrary of the slanders they put in circulation. President Palmer believes it will all result in benefit, and that a good work will be done there, although in some places there is a more murderous and inobedient spirit abroad than ever before.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

It is understood that President Arthur has a list of about 800 postmasters who have been appointed since Congress adjourned. They will be sent to the Senate for confirmation as soon as Congress meets.

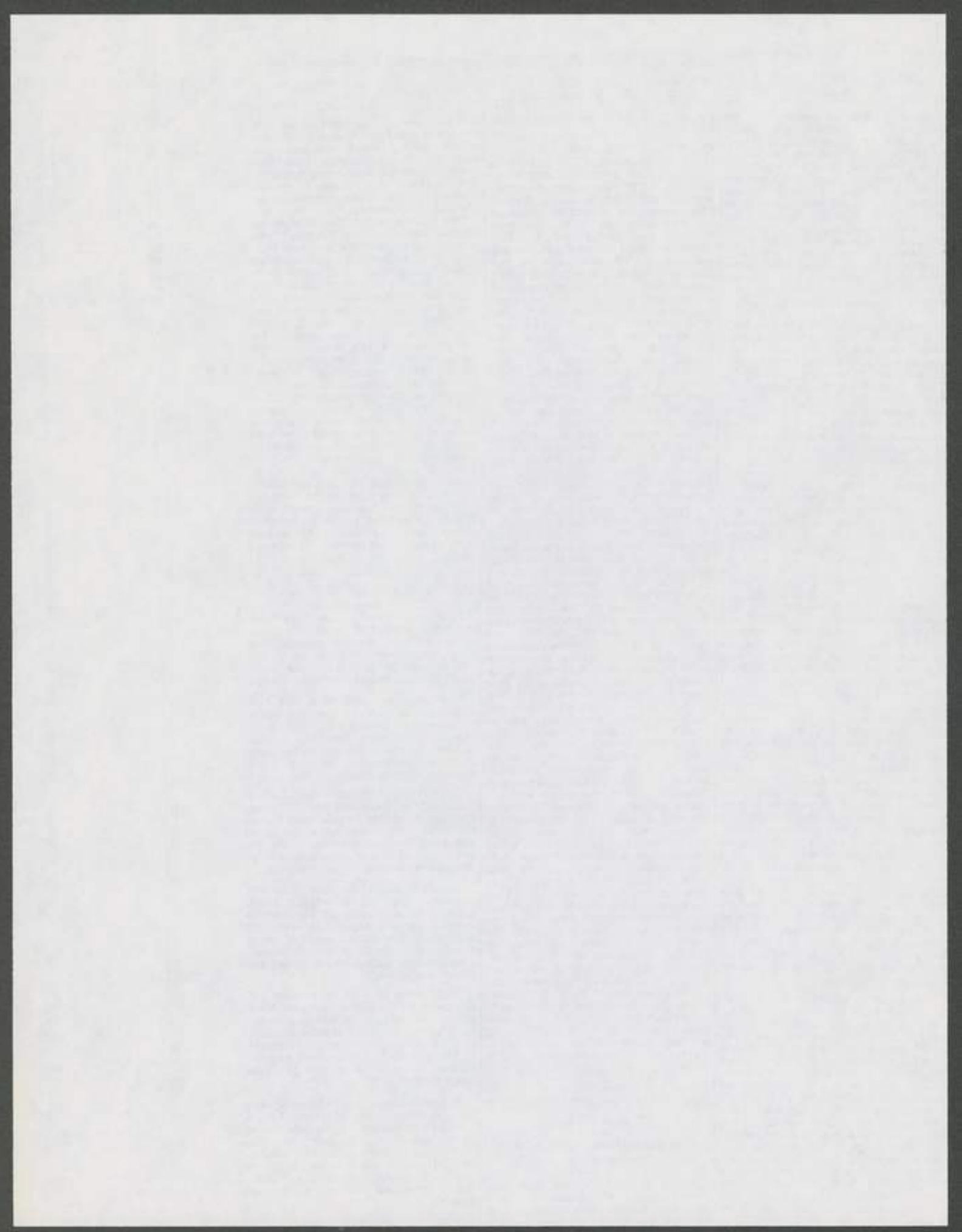
The measure prohibiting the immigration of the Chinese to this country has caused a great influx of Japanese to this country. The Golden State is likely to be soon overrun with them. As one door shuts another opens.

The Chicago Tribune nominates Edmunds of Vermont and Miller of California, as the Republican ticket for 1884. Edmunds says he does not want the nomination. We do not recollect of any prospective candidate ever admitting that he did.

Henry Study, of Ransom, Ill., left \$85,000. He was a cripple from birth. At the close of the war he donned a soldier's uniform, invented a pathetic story, and began to travel as a beggar. In three years he got over \$50,000, and on the interest he lived in idleness.

Will some of the advocates of sewerage for Salt Lake City be kind enough to suggest where the water for flushing could be obtained from, and what disposition could be made of the sewage? It appears inconsistent to advocate sewerage without exhibiting its feasibility.

An exchange says, "the prospects of the nomination of Gen. Logan for the presidency by the republican party are becoming brighter. He will certainly be nominated if Blaine or Arthur, or some other man, is not." The "some other man" condition gives the prospect plenty of scope.



a Dozen persons in this neighborhood, it would have quite a beneficial effect here; besides, it would be a vindication of the character and reputation of me also it receiving more than his share of misrepresentation and abuse. I have openly and boldly denied these charges, and although not required to prove a negative, have ^{still} agreed to do so in several instances, which if I can do, through you, will set the matter at rest in this place.

I hope you will take the trouble, (if you think me reasonable in requesting it) to answer in reply to these charges as soon as circumstances will possibly admit of your doing so; and make also such general remarks as the occasion seems to require. I should be pleased also to have the old gentleman, your father, subscribe to as much of your reply as he is knowing to.

Address to Cambridge &c as above.

Give my compliments to all that I had the pleasure of seeing at yr. house, & to Mr. Bird, should you see him.

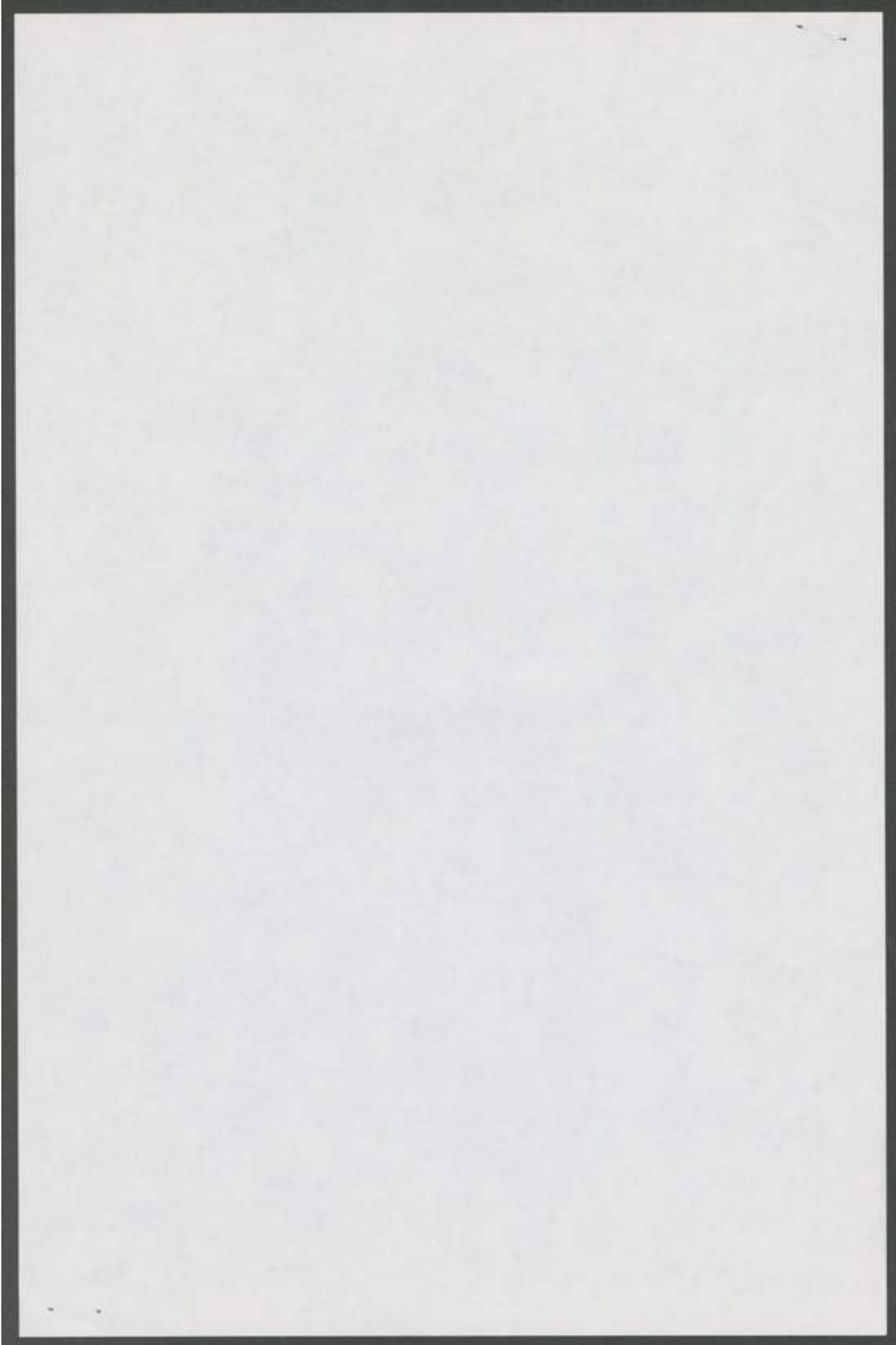
Very Respectfully

Jos. S. Fullerton

P.S. I would gladly pay the postage on this letter, but to tell the truth I have not got it. am laboring with penic or script without compensation, my best good as I may be the means of doing which may induce ^{me to} send yours without paying postage.

J. S. F.

Copy of a letter
To
Genl. Thomas
Boston & Concord



Joseph Steward Jr. Esq.
Cincinnati, N. Y.

Cantra, Cayuga Co. Penn.
February 10th 1843

Dear Sir.

I hope you will pardon
me for the liberty I am taking in addressing
you this letter, which is intended, not as an oblation,
but to elicit a statement of facts which came under
your own personal observation, or such as you know
to be facts from circumstances with which you are
well acquainted, relative to the youthful, and also
more matured character of Joseph Smith Jun, your
play mate and school fellow, but now the leader of
the "Latter day Saints."

I have been laboring now for some weeks
in this section of the Country, by way of preaching the gospel
as understood by the late Smith and others, and find here
a great deal of opposition & persecution, in consequence
of the reported bad character of Mr. Smith in his youth, and
the consequent ^{to it said} deception he is practicing upon the people.

Being convinced of the great injustice and how
unwarranted in allaying charges of the most heinous char-
acter against him, which are verily believed by
the people here, and greatly to the prejudice of
the spread of the gospel in this section; and having
recently had an opportunity of conversing with you,
(while at your house together with Mr. Bond) on the subject
and learned that you were his youthful companion,
and had, on many occasions, defended his character from
the fulsome abuse of the slanderer; I cannot forbear to
solicit from you a statement of such things as you feel
warranted in making in his defense and in defense
of the truth, & more especially as you are not a member of the ^{Church} of them.

It is here stated and verily believed, that he, Smith, was
a gambler, a Blackleg, a notorious horse jockey, an adept
at the sleight of hand or juggling, and was notorious
for frequenting grogshops, and intemperance, and that
he was also exceedingly profane, &c. &c. Now if this
matter can be answered to the satisfaction of some half

