

[Folder number 9] Citty of Nauvoo August 16th 1842

Being caled on by a Messenger from above, to meet in Council, With the Antient of Days, on this the sixteenth day of August 1842. With them I meet And with them I Sympethise of things that is about to transpire, amongst the Church of Latter day Saints. The leaders of the Church is first in voge, that a decision on them is past, that because of their works being unjust, and rejecting the Council of God; and putting To defiance his power and araising up In their Own strength, that from them, Is now to be taken, their gifts. And they left in their own strength altho many to them is a looking—and cheerfully moves under Their watch care, But the anger of the Lord is kindled, at what is and has ben daily a goin on. Because of such doings, In his name; he of late has visited, And vewed them, and given directions what to do, to those of this Servents, The Antient of Days, as they now have mett in Council, a decision by them is made—That a scourge must chasten them, untill they se the folly of their doings. Their destiny is determind by the Council—That has on Earth took a stand, that their folly is first to come to light, by being published, To the world. At the same time A confusion- amongst them, Is decreed, by the order of Heaven, that will cause an excitement- amongst those that do not with them coencide A war of Extermination¹⁰, is also decreed, That will usher in, as soon as their works is known. Then a work of Importance is to

10. Several times in Olney's writings he states that a war of extermination is decreed against the Saints because of their evil doings or bad works. His use of the phrase "war of extermination" is interesting. Amid the hostilities between Mormons and non-Mormons in Missouri, on July 4, 1838, Sidney Rigdon, counselor to Joseph Smith, gave a sermon in Far West, Missouri. It was a fiery sermon which included the following statement: "Our rights shall no more be trampled on with impunity; the man, or the set of men who attempt it, do it at the expense of their lives. And that mob that comes on us to disturb us, it shall be between us and them a war of extermination; for we will follow them until the last drop of their blood is spilled; or else they will have to exterminate us, for we will carry the seat of war to their own houses and their own families, and one party or the other shall be utterly destroyed." Peter Crawley, "Two Rare Missouri Documents," 527. The speech given by Rigdon was published in pamphlet form and picked up by several Missouri newspapers. See Crawley, 517–27, for the document in its entirety. On October 27, 1838, Missouri Governor Lilburn W. Boggs issued what has become known as the "extermination order." Using words similar to Rigdon's July 4th oration, the order stated that the Mormons "must be treated as enemies, and exterminated or driven from the State." See Garr, Cannon, and Cowan, *Encyclopedia*, 351. Olney would have experienced the persecutions suffered by Mormons in Missouri and was driven out of the state as a result of the extermination order. Yet, in this entry of his writings, he also uses a comparable phrase, stating that "a war of extermination" had been decreed "by the order of heaven."

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Again I am caled my mind to prepare to [receive?] such things as will satisfy my mind As I long have had before me a senry of things That has ben to me a trouble time and again I[t] was shone to me some twelve months ago but have toiled for it but not got it as yet But its now said to me the prise