

Chenango County - Bainbridge March 8 - 1842

Sir I write to you under peculiar circumstances
having been confined to my room for 5 weeks and now
sit up but a few hours at a time a few letters came to me
in - winter by chance I understood no answer had been
given I volunteered to answer being at present out of a
civil Office what I state of fact I am responsible for
however mark so - So. Smith Senior lived in Vermont
connected with a band of counterfeiters - ran - came to
Mohawk river - eloped (seduced a married woman) to Canada
came to P^{er}lm^y ^{State} I firmly believe ^{my} ^{affidavit}
^{may be} had to identify ^{like father like son} So. Smith (Norman) came here when about
17-18 y. of age in the capacity of Glass Looker or position
then at that time his physiognomy indicated almost
every thing rather than notice good common sound sense
Sir I do think I am not mistaken in the above -
You may then enquire ask me behold what So. had done
I say So. is the cat, pass the Lion is behind the curtain you
then enquire who is the Lion I say Mrs. Rigdon was not the
Lion until after the Book of Mormon was printed
he may be the Lion now as yet enquire who the Lion (partly)
was I say 2 individuals names of 2 I keep for present - I am well
aware that it went the round in many P^{er} papers that
the B. of M. was written first for amusement and received a Dr^{op}
ing by some individual said by some to - Mr. Rigdon
Sir this is incorrect I can prove (absolute) Mrs. Rigdon
did not 2 individuals did (not boasting) please
(I have retired a few hours commence again) So. engaged the
attention of a few individuals given to the marvelous things for
money. Salt Don Our Golden Our Silver Our and almost any thing
every thing until civil authority brought up So. standing as
the boys say under the Vagrants act So. was condemned
whisker came to So. off off - took Leg Brawl (on Queen -)
all things straight So. was not seen in our town for
2 years or more (except in Dark corners) his haunt was
P^{er}lm^y and Harmony (Perm.) Bainbridge (in the Dark) making
a triangle - here for 2 y. and more So. mind kept some
tract (only more hellish) stimulated by 2 individuals (above)

and perhaps by supposing himself to be considered ^{the} ~~an~~
Author of a Bible in ~~the~~ ~~country~~

After 2 years from the time of So's first trial he appeared
in our place bold as a Lion again So. was arrested ex officio
- nation had So. placed in law Statute of Limitations
So. was no sooner set on his trial than arrested again
brought before me in an adjoining County only 6
miles distant trial protracted 23 hours the prosecution was
Bonded by a Gentleman well skilled in the Science of Law proof
manifested by I think 43 Witnesses Proof So. a Vigilant
idler Lazy (not Drunkard) but now and then Drunk Liar
Deceiver So. a nuisance to Good Society So. was asked by witnesses
if he could see or tell more than others So. said he could not
and desire any thing for a living I would and then get a
Shilling the Court then on you see made So. any thing
but a good man - your son to Day

An anecdote anecdote - So. and others were Digging for
a Chest of money in night could not obtain it
they Procured one thing and another together with
Black Bitch the Bitch was offered a ^{sworn} ~~sworn~~
good sprinkled prayer made at the time (no money obtained)
The above Sworn to on trial - I in a small Volume
at least might might be filled similar to the above
I had intended to give to you the ~~character~~ - character
of the mormons who went from here - here you see was
mormonism was general pilgryng first started for holy
Land I would, some were Infidel Universalists some had
been Baptists & Presbyterians several Methodists well I think
with 2 exceptions were rejected some abandoned Drunkards
our place I will cleanse - Mr. Stowers a plume horse man
of Property say \$5 or 6000 given to the mormons followed
So. to Ohio soon returned and now here or not far from this
place - Sir some of the mormons were good neighbours
So. did not have connection with individuals in Otsego Co. to my
knowledge Sir I am fatigued I close I write to you in confidence
you will without doubt show this to confidential friends if a fact
you wish to make use of Do so please manifest as much patience
in - as I have in -
Respect Yours
Josh K. Noble

at least one Refused
in Sir So confirm in a last trial Nov 2 of Summer

P.S. Sir I give you no advice — But were I to write on Mo-
I would begin at least where So. begins to dig for money I would follow
So. step by step with the eye of ^{an} eagle by affidavit and certificate I want
Scientific facts but perhaps your Book may be in press — one need not
may be inspired than it might be of one ^{you} enquire who could
collect facts you see might if here I understand here could ^{you} require
could you I say I could and I think have it near right a common
blipping attorney (circumstances) I have 8 children 7 of which look to
me for support this depends principally on my Duty expending (expense)

Sir becase on the 21st of this send me your address — soon Please send if
convenient now and then a Mormon Paper (old same thing) or paper
from your place — Direct J. K. Noble Broome Co. Colusa Co. Winevy
P. O. I live one mile from O. 5 from Bainbridge O. J. K. N.

Again P.S. anecdote (bullish) a Mormon ^{in open Court} Bloom
So. Smith cast a Devil out of him (Mormon) and said
how D. L. Look, said Deuce was a body of Light and
Gave a Relation of a whole Process — now the man
was a ^{very} good man (on some men) ^{very} Devised So: present
and silent — (Silence given consent) follow the argument
Sir I think I have written fairly — you may think so (Patience)
Sir the same Man or (about) said an angel of Light or
some holy being dwelt from heaven told him (Mormon)
a certain fact — the whole Process above has been Proved
to be a foolish & affidavit is now in my Possession

Sir I think I now will be silent — Sir I have a great
anxiety for the success of your undertaking Sir be Determined
onward march &c. — J. K. N.

P.S. Sir if you want any information of me Please let me know by post
— now I say — hold on J. K. N. — J. K. N.

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