

Lockport

July 15th 1846

My Dear Friend

I am gratified and
 pleased to have received your kind letter of April
 and sincerely hope you may be able to write often.
 You should not send me your letters for they
 are really very interesting to me, and Mr. Hill
 has expressed himself as highly pleased with them.
 You are also very kind to give friends than
 you think send - some very sorry it is for you
 either mentally or physically to write them.
 I wish we might sometime meet, I should be
 glad to come to England, were it possible, or
 I should be glad to have you come here, at the
 same time I am anxious to see your father & Mother
 but I am at present obliged to stay here, we rent
 a house and I do my own work the most of
 the time, Ann Elizabeth's boys and myself are alone
 only when my sister comes and stays, she is
 a widow, her children all married, and
 she is not house keeping, we have everything to
 buy and I brought very little with me, to buy
 some bedding and clothing was what I had
 in my trunk with, and I of course am not
 wealthy, but that is the least of my troubles, my husband
 gave me two hundred dollars to come with
 and he has fully provided for all my necessities,
 Mr. Hill and I correspond often, and we
 are good friends, we realize that we have made
 very great mistakes, which, as they have been
 well known to us, we must both suffer the consequences.
 He was more than willing that I should leave
 Utah, but how could I stay there? with all my
 old friends esteemed ^{me} as nothing but a traitor

to their cause. I was unpleasantly situated, for various reasons, my detestation seemed unbearable, Anne Eliza, my only sister, and she wished to bring her children away, so it would be something else but some time, and I am probably as contented as a man shall be in this world, although I feel a great deal of anxiety from my views, but I will still endeavor to be as well as I can, and I have ever been kind to me as possible under the circumstances, Eliza seems all enjoyment, but I am not later, at least, this is my experience, I think my letter to you should not be made public, they are for your private use, only designed for friends who will I trust make due allowance for my imperfections, whatever I have said about Joseph Smith, whatever is true in every particular yet I have some feelings toward his name, on the contrary I wish them well, but I am surprised that Emma will testify that Eliza was not practical in Joseph's day, but I think there was a deal of Joseph she told me so herself, Mother Grayson, who your mother will remember, told me she was sealed to Hyacinth Smith, she was a close girl living in Joseph's house at one time, and Emma told me she was all out in her right, why did she do this? But I did not witness this myself, or cannot testify to it in a court of justice, yet it was true if we may accept the testimony of many persons whose names I can not recollect, Helen Kimball and Sarah Ann Whitney were also among the victims, Helen was only fourteen years old when she was given to the prophet's seven girls, and

from Boston, and may also say, far better
 Bilate was both shocked and ^{stayed} grieved
 occasion. I am a British woman all this, but I do
 not wish to quarrel with her about it, for she
 has undoubtedly had troubles enough, I think I could
 ever write towards a hundred women who were
 denied to parish, many of them already having husbands
~~at that time, and the "nephew" said, - we must~~
 compass to come and visit their wives.
 Please ask your mother if she should question
 for a moment the veracity of such women
 as Miss Kimball, Fanny Pierrey, or Mother
 Gauger, I mention these because she knew
 them, but there are hundreds equally as good
 who have, and will testify to the existence
 of polygamy in Joseph's day, I should be glad
~~to think it should be made public if you~~
 think it would be productive of the least good.
 And I will leave it to your judgement who you
 shall read my lessons to. I know the organizers often
 contact these points and I am not able to debate
 the subject, but I should like to have your mother
 and brother know the truth about it.
 I do not know that the "dealings" commenced in Kirtland
 but I am greatly satisfied that something similar
 commenced, and my judgement is principally formed
 from what Fanny Niles told me herself concerning
 her reasons for leaving "Sister Emma".
 Blyss appears to be a blighting curse upon the women
 of Utah, there are hundreds of ~~of the type of~~
 systems that show lay in the cemetery in Salt Lake City,
 Sister Bilate Kimball is one among the number,
 Her husband was a tyrant of the "first water".

... break his spirit he
 killed him. I have never discovered this trait
 in his character until years after we left the States.
 But he was only following in the footsteps of his
 Master Brigham. And what was the life of
 a man who was even a thousand miles from
 with the "breaking up of the Kingdom".
 ... helpfully in some of our meetings, as was usual, as
 he would have to be for what he had done, and
 humbled himself in the "valley of humiliation"
 where it was too late. He only lived about a year
 after being laid down, and during that year he not only
 mourned his loss sincerely, but he looked and
 acted like a man that was thoroughly dis-
 gusted with the system he had for so many
 years been trying to propagate. He was not a
 leaver Brigham, and he was not in
 in council, and was at heart an apostle,
 yet he had between 20 and 30 disciples and
 very many children, and what would the man
 do but desire death. All this was hidden up
 as much as possible; and it would only be
 talked of among his most intimate friends, to
 whom he would at times talk freely, but the
 "brethren" would be sure to know of it. The
 remark that they were sorry brother Palmer was
 under a cloud, but he would come out all right, &c.
 But these things need not be repeated I suppose.
 ... why I have done so, but
 without comment. I cannot tell where to stop.
 If I had the strength I could write a larger
 book than Amos' has, and have had more experience.