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Dearlly Beloved Brother J. F. Smith
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in possesion of on the subject you call for
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were called to Carthage by Gov. Ford Julius
passing the Mansion House I observed Br
Joseph & Hiram & some five or six brethren
in earnest conversation. Before the door of
the House I opened the gate and stepped in
The first words I heard was Brother Hiram
said when Law told the Mob at Carthage
that the reason he renounced Mormonism
was Joseph believed in a plurality of
of Gods. & He could never believe that
Doctrine. Brother Joseph replied what do
him I believe in a plurality of Gods I
never told him why the poor fool the Holy
Ghost told him. Now Brethren fit up our
Meeting place & I will preach you a
Sermon on the subject of a plurality of
the Gods & I will give you my Text

In advance. You will find it in the
 Revelation of St John fifth & sixth
 Verses, Unto Him that hath loved us
 And washed us from our sins in His
 Own Blood & hath made us unto our
 God, and His Father. At this moment
 and Elder came in through the gate
 Having just returned from a preaching
 Mission & Brother Joseph received him
 Very cordially & he related to Brother
 Joseph some items of his Mission and
 Said he had seen Br Oliver Cowdery
 and had a long conversation and the
 Brother Oliver bore a faithful Testimony
 to the Gospel & to the Book of Mormon and
 Said God bore witness to him out of
 Heaven that the Book of Mormon was
 Translated correctly. Br Joseph expressed
 Great sympathy for Br Oliver saying
 poor boy poor boy casting his eyes to
 the ground. And then said as they
 were translating the Book of Mormon
 at his Father in Law's in Susquehanna

County penny they were threatened
 by a Mob and in the same time Father
 Knights came down from Colwell
 Broom County New York and desired
 them to go home with him and preach
 to them in his neighbourhood and on
 account of the Mob spirit prevailing they
 concluded to go. And they were teaching
 and preaching the Gospel they were taken
 with a writ and before a Judge as false
 prophets. And the prosecuting attorney
 had conceived in his own mind
 that a few simple questions would
 convince the Court by the answers Mr
 Joseph would give that ^{the} charge was
 correct so he took out for which
 was the first Herical Jesus caught
 why we read ^{said} He created the world
 and what He done previous to that I
 have not as yet learned. This answer
 completely compounded the prosecuting
 attorney that he requested the Judge
 to dismiss the case. and went out

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To organize ^{the} Mob that was on the
put side at about this time last
year by the name of Reed, I think was
his name came in to the court and
stated he was Mr Smiths attorney and
wished to see him ⁱⁿ a private room
and was ^{put} in a back room and
when in he hoisted a window and
told Br Joseph & Oliver to flee in to
the forest which was close at hand
and they wandered in a dense
forest all night and often times
in mud and water up to their
knees. And Brother Oliver got quite
exhausted in the after part of the night
and Brother Joseph had to put his arm
around him and almost carry him
and just as the day broke in the
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and he Br Joseph leaned him against
an oak tree just outside a field
and fine Br Oliver crying out how long
O Lord O how long Br Joseph how we
got to suffer these things just this

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Mormont Peter James & John
Came to us and Ordained ^{to us}
to the Holy Apostleship and gave ^{unto} us
the Keys of the Dispensation of the fullness of time
And we had some 16 or 17 miles to go to reach
our place of residence and Brother Oliver could
travel as well as I could ^{after they Encouragement} Now as to time
and Place, I heard the Name of the Banks
of the Desquiharate river spoken ^{of} but where
it was placed I cannot tell. No doubt the
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the river. As to time I cannot be very ple-
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when they returned they had to resort to
Father Whitmore ^{at page 15} to finish the Translation
I should ^{Judge} it to the latter part of August

Now Beloved Brother I am not
writing as some of the Lords Historians
but as your friend reproducing the
last words I heard our beloved and
Gods Holy Prophet speak before his depart
Into the Eternal Heavens to dwell with
the Holy & Eternal gods forever Ever!

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I had in My power to befriend Br Joseph just before he was slain and he has befriendd Me I visited Me five times since since His Death & Brotho Hiram was with him twice. The last time but one was in this Temple in St George and Brotho Hiram was with him

I saw Br Joseph fore the first time in Genvea in 1823 and if you ware here so I could take to you ^{great} in of writing I would give you the particular of what he said I saw him next in Philadelphia in 39 and spent one day with him and other Brethren. His works Declare him to be a Great prophet. But the Testimony of the Holy Ghost give us the brightest Testimony of all else beside. Well Beloved Brotho the world is filld with wicked lying and all Manner of wicked abominations but the time is short and god has shown the the Judgements that will sweep them off of this Earth will be pleas excuse sight poor had constandy tharefore pleas Except A ewill

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Dear Broth Smith I did not tell you what caused the Greate Sympathy Which Brother Joseph Expressd for Bro Oliver. This Br I aluded too Said Br Oliver Drove His carrage under the shade of A tree by the side of the roade and held a lenthly conversation with him And among other things He said Sidney Rigdon weaned the Affections of Br Josep from Him And the Church had cast him Off And he seemed Verry Sorrowful on that Account.

Well Brother Joseph It is a sorrowful Sight to Behold the Situation of this world In its awful state of Blindness And a Bominable wickedness and to Behold the Terribl Judgement of God About to sweepe them off ef the face tharof. I have Seen some of Gods greate and Terrible Judgments which will Destroy the wicked off this Earth. I saw a greate army of the Gentiles that came against the Saints Burnt up by the fires of Heaven. It was in a Moment of time Six colums came strait down

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from heaven

The work goes on finely in the House of the Lord in this place from 85 to 120 a day. Some few of the Saints in this Place have colds. Otherwise it is a general time of health.

The Declaration of Singleton On the floor of Congress that the Mormons have not too friends in Congress. and the fact ^{that} Priests and Editors and the People generally have arraigned themselves against the Church of the Living God is a good testimony that their Iniquity is quite full. Well the Saints have Nothing to fear But to do the will of God ^{then} All will be well with us. Well Bro As to My own feelings If all the Vocabularies Of the Languages of the Whole Earth were ^{Exercised} Exhausted in ascribing Honour ^r to power and glory to God and The Lamb It would not Begin to render to them all that is Due Amen!

Well Dear Brother If you get more Than you asked for Do not Complain

J. F. Smith

Your Humble Ser

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