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High Council

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Oliver Cowdery's

Sketch Book

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22 March, 1836.

cloven tongues, like as of fire rest
upon many, (for there were 316 pres=
=ent,) while they spake with other tongues
and prophesied.

Nauvoo October 6th AD 1839 - This day the first Conference of Elders and members of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints commenced – at which there was elected an High Council for this Stake of Zion the names of which are as follows – viz Samuel Bent – Henry G Sherwood – George W Harris – Alphus Cutler – Newel Knight – Thomas Grover – Lewis D Wilson David Fulmer – David Dort – Seynor

Brunson William Huntongton & Charles C Rich

Book 1

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Let it be hereby understood that the next 2[?] following pages herewith in this Book be and is appropriated to recording the minutes and proceedings of the High Council in and for the Church of Jesus Christ Latter day Saints at Nauvoo Ills. — ordered by Said council H G Sherwood

After organization of the offices of said church at Oct Conference 1839 the high Council first orga[n]ized and met at W D Huntingtons Oct 20 1839 to investigate the case of Harlow Redfield — who had been Suspended by and at the Oct Conference last on certain accusations then & there brought against him At this meeting of Said Council he was pres=ent - But no charge came against him — Elder Redfield then [unclear word] and confessed certain inadvertant imprudent | Not evil meaning acts that he sorrowed for and asked forgiv[e]ness for the same It was voted to forgive and restore to him all his former official Standing and fellowship the same and as fully as if no such evil insinuation had been brought againts him — and that a transcript of these proceedings be given him — and the same be

24 published in Times & Seasons

It was voted that this high Council disfellow=ship any and all persons that shall hereafter carry over or ferry (across the river) any people or freight to the Fer[r]y

injury of said ^ from Commerce to Montrose —

Voted that the horse boat be repaired from the monies recd on sale of lots in Nauvoo — and that D. C. Davis be master of Said ferry boat for the ensue=ing year —

that

Voted ^ Joseph Smith Jun and his family be exempt from receiving in furt[h]er Such a crowd throng of visitors as have formerly thronged his house and that the same be published in the Times & Seasons

Voted that this Council disfellowship any and all persons who shall knowingly Suffer and allow any animal (subject to their control) to destroy the crops

fruit as plants of the earth belonging to any other person
& to their injury

as persons - ^ and that this resolution be publish in the
Times and Seasons – adJourned untill tomorrow eve

Henry G Sherwood Clk []

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High met according to appoint or adjournment
Oct 21st 1839

1st Shall Joseph Smith Jun go to
Washing[ton] as a delegate or Not –
Ans[wer] - it is voted as follows - viz 5 of the Council
voted to have him go And 2 voted for him Not to go –
viz Samuel Bent - H G Sherwood - David
Dort - Newel Knight & Seymour Brunson are the
5 who voted to have ~~not~~ go –

And George W Harris
and William Huntington Sen Councilors voted to
have him Not go as delegate to Washington -
2nd Shall Joseph Smith Jun have a recommend
Conditioned that he goes to Washington
Ans[wer] – Yes, he Shall receive one from the Council
be

3rd Who Shall ^ Clerk to attend to the land
contracts and other business as may be needed
by Joseph Smith Jun Ans[wer] - James Mulholland

4" Who Shall be the Treasurer in the bus=
=iness of Said Church – Ans[wer] J Smith Jun

[5] Who Shall be Sub Treasurer –
Answer James Mulholland

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6 question - Who Shall be appointed to
Shew – prize – Contract and Sell Town Lots in Nauvoo
Answer - H G Sherwood – and lay it
before Joseph Smith Jun & Hiram Smith

When needful – Subject to their assistance &c
9" What Shall be a Standard price for sa[i]d
town lots for the 3 ensueing months –

Answer \$500 ie none less than \$200 –
Nor any above \$800 -

10 When & where Shall this High Council
regularly meet untill other ways directed or
provided for – Ans[wer] – at D Huntingtons eve]ry Sab=
=bath Evening —

at early candle lighting at the shop of D Huntington
 What Shall Compensate D C Davis
 while in this service of ferrying –

Answer - \$30: pr month for his servi
 ces of ferrying – employing help &c as may be
 needed – ie to See to the whole business

Voted that these proceedings be published
 in the Times & Seasons —

Voted that D C Davis pay all ferry
 monies ev[e]ry week on Saturday to the Treasurer
 also

also to keep a bill of ferriage and make 27
 Monthly returns of the same to this Council

Coppied by H G Sherwood ck []

Octr. 27. 1839 – High Council met accor
 ding to adjournment – when Joseph Smith Jun
 informed this Council the wages of his Clerk must be
 that

reconsidered – Accordingly it was - Voted ^ the wages
 of James Mulholland be \$30 " pr month during the
 times of his services as a Clerk –

Voted to discontinue the resolutions of 21 inst respect
 ing the Red Store, that the Markham house supply the place
 resolved that this Council & Treasurer pay to V Knights
 \$150 - for that portion of Ferry owned on the Iowa Side at
 Montrose as pr Charter

Voted that Sister Emmy be the
 person to Select hymns - compile & publish a
 hymn book for the use of the Church and that
 a letter be written to Brig[h]am Young at New
 york i[n]forming him of the Same and for him to
 not publish the hymns taken by him from
 Commerce

28 Voted that this Council assist in
 the Expence of publishing a humn [hymn] book
 as also the Times & Seasons —

Copied by H G Sherwood

Octr 28" 1839 – Voted to build a
 house of Stone at upper Commerce to be

used for boarding –

Voted to request Elder
Granger to assist with funds to print the hymn book
resolved that Samuel Bent - Davison Hib-

the
bard & David Dort be trustees for ^ use of build-
-ing the Stone School house now in contem-
-plation - that they circulate Subscriptions
to raise funds and pay over to the same to the
building Committy of Said house and that
Jabez Durfy & A[1]pheus Cutler be the
architects, and building Committy for sd house
to furnish a bill of articles or materials and
the probable expence of the Same —

Resolved to forth with finish the office of
J Smith, Jun and that A Ripley occupy it

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that
it for the present – voted ^ the recommends
drawn by Elder sherwood, recommending con-
stituting and appointing Joseph Smith Jun
Sidney Rigdon & Elias Higby delegates for the
Church to importune the president and
Congress of the U S for redress &c ~~the Said rec-~~
~~ommend~~ be Signed by this Council —

Copied by H G Sherwood

Nauvoo Nov. 2nd 1839 – Mr William
Thompson – Dear Sir – by the directions of Joseph
Smith Jun I write to inform you that a town lot
is selected & reserved for you Supposed to be the
one of your choice – being situated on the River a few
rods below Prest Rigdons – and is a fine and [unclear word] lot
of 11 by 12 rods square – the prices of Town
are regulated by the high Council – and the
one Selected for you is of the first sort and
comes at \$800 – The council expect to
erect for the church public & business build-
ings as soon as funds shall be recd from the

30 sale of their Lots – This was also from

Joseph who recently left here (for city wash-
=ington) in company with Prest Rigdon and
Judge Higby – very respectfully yours –

H G Sherwood for the Ch

Wm Thompson Esq }

Peor[i]a Ill. } A true Copy Sent pr order
of Joseph & the council — H G Shwrwood

Recorded by Hosea Stout —

Before I commence recording, I would just mention
that there is no minutes to be found for the month of
Nov. 1839. Which thing was laid before the High
Council, on the ninth day of October 1841.

When on a consideration of the matter, it was found,
that there were some minutes lost; or otherwise
misaid and not now to be had; the Council
gave me orders to proceed without them, that the
recording might not be longer retarded.

But, however, before I commence, I will State, that
among other acts, that are now missing is the
one appointing Randolph Alexander a Clerk
of the said High Council; also an act

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appointing Alpheus Cutler and Jabez Durfee to build
by them

the Stone School House which was to be done ^ for
Sixteen hundred dollars; Should the aforesaid lost
minutes ever be found they will be inserted in the
record and a reference mad to them on the margin.

Oct the 10th 1841. Hosea Stout Clerk.

The High Council of the Church of Jesus Christ
of Latter Day Saints of Nauvoo Illinois met at Elder
O. Granger's Sunday evening December 1st 1839. –
1st motioned and seconded that Hiram Smith, Geo
W. Harris, and Oliver Granger be a committee to
cause a petition to go to the Legislature to discontinue
certain parts of the City of Nauvoo - and also of
Commerce and all other needful acts and alterations
in relation to the aforesaid Cities. —

2nd Voted that Hiram Smith be appointed to
furnish with the needful maps and plots for the

alteration of the Cities named in the first motion. –
 3rd Voted that Seymoure Brunson be appointed to circulate a petition for subscribers as named in the first motion.

4th Motioned and voted that Bishop Edward
 Partridge

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Partridge be appointed to draft a piece to be published in the "Times and Seasons" informing our brethren in the west that it is improper to remove from the west to locate in Kirtland Ohio and such as do will be disfellowshipped by this Council. -

5th Voted that Vincent Knight, - Alonson Ripley and Henry G. Sherwood be a committe[e] to assist the committee named in the first motion. –

6th Voted that the subscriptions for monies &c subscribed at October Conference be put into the care of Vincent Knight and that he report to this Council of all that he shall receive on said subscriptions. –

7th Voted that this Council sustain Vincent Knight in cutting and providing five hundred steam boat

cords of ^ wood. – Minutes read and approved.

Council adjourned untill Sabbath the 8th inst at Oliver Grainger's at 2 o'clock P. M.

Coppied On the 10th day of Oct A. D. 1841.

By Hosea Stout Clerk.

Dec 8th 1839. The High Council of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints of

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 Nauvoo, Illinois met according to adjournment at Elder Graingers. —

1st Motioned and voted that the Bishop be instructed to secure the cow belonging to Sister Orson Pratt & that it be kept for her use when needed at this place viz: Nauvoo.

2nd Voted that whereas Elder Thomas Grover made known certain embarras[s]ments of his for having Signed to obtain monies for the redemption of certain goods and furniture - and to more fully

understand investigate or adjust it. It was agreed to suspend its investigation for the present. -

3^d Voted that the three Trustees appointed for the building the School House be delegated to obtain funds at the credit of the Church funds to complete the building thereof. -

4th Voted that the address presented, to warn our brethren against returning to Kirtland be accepted and published in the "Times and Seasons."

5th Voted that the Clerk of this Council give a letter of recommendation to Elder Oliver Olney Stating his good Standing and fellowship in this Church as an Elder. —

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6th Voted that Elder O. Grainger procure a butcher - provide a place to raise or hang up beeves - and agree on the price for butchering a beef or hog. -

Minutes approved &c. Adjourned.

Recorded on the 10th day of Oct A. D. 1841

By Hosea Stout Clerk

X Copy of power of Attorney to Charles Rich
The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter day Saints
By their High Council at Nauvoo Illinois

By this presents do constitute and appoint Elder Charles Rich their agent with power in their name and for the use of Said Church to ask for of, and receive of William Thompson, William Johnson or any other person or persons any & sum or

all ^ Sums of money or monies that may be obtained in payment or in part payment for a town lots or a lot in the town of Nauvoo Illinois - and for the same to receipt and secure as their agent for all such funds as fully as they the Church or their Council could do were they personally present at the doing thereof. Done by order of the

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High Council aforesaid on the 8th day of
December A. D. 1839 - Signed

H. G. Sherwood Clk.

Recorded on the 10th day of Oct. A. D. 1841.

By Hosea Stout Clerk.

December 15th 1839 The High Council of the Church of Jesus Christ Latter Day Saints of Nauvoo Illinois met at O. Graingers. —

1st Motioned that the committee for the building the Stone School House be delegated to obtain a loan of two hundred dollars for a length of time at } in providing their discretion. - } in his own way & use his own judgement ^

2nd voted that Bishop Knights provide ^ for the families of Joseph Smith, Sidney Rigdon, and Porter Rockwell, during their absence to Washing= ton. 3rd Voted that whereas Elder Sherwood being appointed to settle (for the Church) the estate of Elder Mulholland Deceased it is now voted that the settlement be suspended for the present = But that Elder Sherwood be hereby authorised to pay such debts as have accrued for done

services ^ on the house of Elder Mulholland and Elder Elijah Abel

^ for making his coffin. -

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4th voted that Brs Annis, Boseth, and Edmunds be approbated in building a water mill adjoining to this City plot viz Nauvoo. -

Minutes read and approved adjourned to our next regular meeting. H G. Sherwood Clerk.

Recorded on the 11th day of Oct. A. D. 1841.

By Hosea Stout Clerk.

December 22nd 1839. The High Council of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints of Nauvoo Illinois met at O. Grangers.

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1st Voted that Bishop Knight have the di^tating and laying out of the subscription of Benjn. Bently to be applied to the use of Sister O. Pratt for her support Adjourned untill next regular meeting viz 29th inst

H. G. Sherwood Clerk

Recorded on the 11th day of October A. D. 1841

By Hosea Stout Clerk.

December 26th 1839. The High Council of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints of Nauvoo Illinois met at O. Granger's.

1st Voted that the money which Seymour Brunson received, by donation, be handed over to Hiram

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Smith for the benefit of the brethren at the City of Washington. 2nd Voted that a letter by the authority of the High Council at this place, be written and directed to John P. Green, in Quincy informing him that a complaint has been made against him for detaining money put into his hands for the benefit of the Printing Office –

The aforesaid letter was written by Elder H. G Sherwood.

3rd Voted that Seymour Brunson be a Committee-man obtain a of

to ^ loan ^ certain monies to the amount of two thousand six hundred dollars, if possible. –

4th A charge prefer[r]ed against Eliphas Marsh and wife,

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by Nathan ^ Knight, for circulating slanderous reports against himself and wife. —

5th Voted that two only shall speak on the present case who were Samuel Bent and George W. Harris

The ~~charge was~~ parties went into an examination of the charge, which charge was partially sustained and after the pleadings were over the parties were reconciled and the charge settled without a vote of the Council. –

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6th Voted that all persons are discou[n]tenanced ^ this Council, who detains monies in their hands, which is for the beefit of the printing office. – this should have been [unclear word] the 3rd article but was omit[t]ed through mistake

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7th Voted that the Council adjourn. —

Henry G. Sherwood Clk

Recorded on the 15th day of October A. D. 1841.

By Hosea Stout Clerk. –

December 29th 1839. – The High Council of the Church of Jesus Christ Latter Day Saints of Nauvoo Illinois met at Elder O. Grangers. –

1st Motion. Voted that Elder O. Granger be tolerated in using any monies that shall come into his hands or possession to enable him to pay four hundred dollars that ~~tha~~ he obtained from Brother Herrinshaw for the use of our breth[r]en who are delegated to Washington = provided that he (Herrinshaw) does not take lands or a lot in pay= =ment for the monies so borrowed by O. Granger. –

+ 2nd Voted that Alpheus Cutler be appointed and authorized to purchase, for the use of the Church a certain piece or parcel of Gover[n]ment land Situate near this place, viz. Nauvoo. –

3rd Voted that Charles C. Rich go and see [name added: William] Casper, for the purpose of borrowing monies of him also that Alpheus Cutler be appointed to give all the assistance to obtain said monies in his power. –

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4th Voted that Charles C. Rich shall have a certificate given him authorizing him to obtain the above named money

5th Voted that Charles C. Rich be authorised in said certificate to use the names of the High Council; if it shall be considered necessary to the amount of five hundred dollars or under. –

6th Voted that Edward Partridge be appointed to write a letter to be published in next number of the "Times and Seasons," on the geathering of the Saints to this place -

7th Voted that the Editors of the "Times and Seasons" be directed to incert in their next number that ten thousand copies of the hymn books will be printed, also that the Book of Mormon will be printed in this place, under the inspection of the First Presidency,

as

as soon, ^ as money can be raised to defray the expencs of the same. – Adjourned R. Alexander Clerk
Recorded on the 15th day of Oct A. D. 1841. –

By Hosea Stout Clerk –

December 30th 1839. The High Council of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints of Nauvoo Illinois met at

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1st Voted that Committee be appointed for the purpose of transacting the business relative to the request of our

Brethren in Washington City. –

2nd Voted that Alonson Ripley be committy-man to transact the business on the other side of the river relative to the present affair. –

3rd Voted that Seymoure Brunson and Charles C. Rich be Committy-men to transact the business in Quincy and the regions round about, relative to the present occasion. –

4th Voted that Zenos H. Gurley be Committy-man to transact our business at Mc Comb. –

5th Voted that Pres^t Hyrum Smith, Bishop E. Partridge, and Bishop Vinson Knight be Councillors to instruct the Brethren coming to this place relative to the present affair. –

Recorded on the 18th day of October 1841.

By Hosea Stout Clerk. -

January the 5th 1840. – The High Council of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints of Nauvoo Illinois met in Council

1st Voted that Elder O. Granger and Stephen

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Markham be appointed committy-men to Settle a difficulty that seems to exist between Elders Wandle Mace, Reynolds Cahoon, and Brother George W. Rogers and report the Same to the High Council of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints in Nauvoo Illinois Adjourned till 12th Ist'

Recorded on the 9th day of January 1842. –

By Hosea Stout Clerk.

January the 8th 1840. The High Council of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints met in Nauvoo Illinois. –

1st Voted that we make a mortgauge on lands in Iowa Territory to Brother Isaac Davis for money loaned also a note of hand Signed by the High Council of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints at Nauvoo Illinois to be presented to the effect the above loan (if needful) furthur=
=more a delegate to be sent to Br Davis with the mortgauge and note to effect Said loan. –

2nd Votes that there be a letter, immediately, written to Br. Seymoure Brunson at Springfield authoris=
=ing and directing him to make loans of all monies possible for the relief of the poor Saints. –

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3rd Voted that Brother Oliver Olney be appointed and authorised to receive such subscriptions as Bishop Knights holds in his hand. —

4th Voted that Bishop Knights be directed to deliver over Such subscriptions to Br Olney. —

5th Voted that the eighteen dollars obtained by Br Zenos H. Gurey be given into the hands of Elder Henry G. Sherwood. —

6th Voted that Thomas Grover be committy-man to transact buisness in this place and round-about relative to the present occasion. —

7th Voted that each one of the committy-men have an extract or copy of the letters from our Brethrtin in ~~Washington~~ Congress. —

8 " Voted that Edward Partridge be appointed to draft an instrument of writing authorising each commtty-man to obtain monies for the relief and benefit of the Church of Jesus Christ. —

9th Voted that H. G. Sherwood be appointed to make every discovery possible of all such persons as has been tresspassing on the Church by cutting certain timbers wrongfully and unjustly and to bring all

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Such before the authorities of the Church.

Adjourned. Recorded on the 9th day of January 1842.

By Hosea Stout Clerk. —

January the 12th 1840. — The High Council of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints of Nauvoo met at O. Granger's.

1st A Charge has been prefered against George W. Harris by Brs Annis and Fuller which Charge is posponed for trial till Brother Joseph Smith jr shall be present. —

2nd The above Charge is dropped, by Br Fuller the amount of money being paid, by the voice of the Council and charged to Joseph Smith Jr and the parties reconciled to each other. —

3rd A memmorial to go before Congress by a delagate, after (it was) assigned by the brethren was read — the sending said memmorial and delagate was disapproved by the Council. — Adjourned. —

Recorded on the 12 day of January 1842
 By Hosea Stout Clerk. —
 January 19th 1840 The High Council of the
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 of Nauvoo met at Elder O. Gangers. —

1st Elder Charles C Rich reported that he had obtained
 a loan of five hundred dollars of Isaac Davis on mortg=
 =auged Security of lands for six months as directed in former
 meetings of this Council.

2nd It was voted – the expense of recording Said mortga
 =uge be paid by the said Church

3rd Whereas a note of five hundred dollars was
 made by this Council to Isaac Davis – It is voted that
 note

Elder Rich return said ^ to this Council – It is this day
 vote it

done & by ^ ~~order~~ of is burned – also certain credentials
 authorizing Elder Rich to loan monies are also returned
 & burned by order of this Council.

4th It is voted that the above named five hundred
 dollars be placed in the hands of Elder O Granger
 to be disposed of by the Council of Pres^t Hyrum Smith
 to

according ^ the intention for which it was obtained

5 Voted that a City Lot in Nauvoo be donated to
 Br James Hendrix and that a Committee of three
 viz: C. C. Rich, Thomas Grover, & Tarlton Lewis be
 appointed a committee to build a house for
 James Hendrix on the aforesaid Lot. –

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6 Voted that a City Lot in Nauvoo be donated to
 Father Joseph Knight and that the same Comty
 that is appointed to build a house for James Hendrix
 be also a Comty to build one for Father Knight
 immediately after having built James Hendrix's
 house. – Adjourned H. G. Sherwood Clerk pro. tem.

Recorded on the 22nd day of January 1842 –

By Hosea Stout Clerk. —

February 2nd 1840 The High Council of the Church of
 Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints of Nauvoo met at O.
 Grangers. –

1st The case of Brother Francis G. Bishop was taken up and reconsidered (which case had been appealed from the Seventies) who hitherto had been suspended by a decision of the Quorum of seventies.

2nd Voted that two only speak on the present case pending who were Samuel Bent & David Dort. —

that

3rd Voted ^ the former suspension be null and void & consid=
=ered illegal with regard to F. G Bishop, because he was a High Priest — that he be restored & placed immediately under the care of the High Priest-hood — that this be published in the "Times & Seasons" and that he have a certificate to that amount, to be written by H. G. Sherwood. —

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4th Votes that the money which is in the hands of Alpheus Cutler be delivered over in the hands of this Council & to be in the care of Samuel Bent for the purpose of liquidating certain debts, in part, Viz: At Washington \$~~50-00~~, to ~~John~~ D. C. Davis \$20.00, For lumber \$100.00, the remainder for the disposal of the High Council. —

5th Voted that Alpheus Cutler & Samuel Bent be permitted & authorised to make a loan of certain money not to exceed Sixteen. dollars for the benefit of the Church. Adjourned till 2 o'clock 9th Ins^t

Recorded on the 29th day of January A. D. 1842. —

By Hosea Stout Clerk. —

February the 9th 1840. — The High Council of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints of Nauvoo. met in council at O. Grangers. —

1st Voted that this Council receive Sixteen dollars 12½ cents of John A. Hicks & pay the same over to Br John Slingerland to be paid again to J. A. Hicks on the day April

Sixth ^ of ^ proximo Adjourned. Recorded on the 29th day of January A. D. 1842. By Hosea Stout Clerk. —

February the 23rd 1840. - the High Council of the church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints of Nauvoo

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1st Voted that H. G> Sherwood pay \$5.00 to Br. Fisher

2nd O. Granger reported that Samuel Bent had paid \$5.00 to him on account D/ C. Davis — also \$0.87½ cents

for John Slingerland which, with \$16.12½ cents received heretofore of J. A. Hicks has been paid to J. Slingerland & endorsed on S. Rigdon's & G. W. Robinson's note it being \$20.00.

3rd Voted that the notes given into the hands of Bishop E. Partridge, by certain individuals, by consecration for the Lord's House in Far West be returned to the Same by him. —

4th Voted that Bishop E. Partridge bring forward such papers as he may deem necessary to put into the hands of this council. — Adjourned. —

Recorded on the 29th day of January AD. 1842.

By Hosea Stout Clerk

March the 1st 1840. - The High Council of the church of Jesus Christ of Latter day Saints of Nauvoo Illinois met in council at O. Granger's
1st A charge was preferred against Randolph Alexander by William Law – but upon the advice of

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President Joseph Smith jr it was laid over till the next meeting of the council - that the parties may have a chance to settle their own difficulty according to the Laws of the Church. —

2nd A charge had been sustained against B[r] John Lawson by Harlow Redfield in Pike County Ill and John Lawson was disfellowshipped after which he appealed to this council. Harlow Redfield appeared but John Lawson not being present it was

Voted that the case be laid over until he have a chance to be present & have a fair investigation

3rd That S. Edwards like wise had ~~and~~ appealed case from the same place and at the same time which was voted that he also have a chance to be present at the investigation of his case.

4th Voted that Br Ishom have a Lot given or granted him in Nauvoo Illinois in full payment of certain orders that were given into the hands of Bp. E. Partridge now in the hands of this Council, amounting to \$900.

5 Voted that Bp E. Partridge do & shall have given into the hands of the Presidency

certain notes, orders, & receipts which he has formally held. Adjourned till 2 o'clock 8th Inst

Randolph Alexander Clerk

Recorded on the 1st day of February AD 1842

By Hosea Stout Clerk

March 8th 1840. The High Council of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints of Nauvoo, Illinois met at O. Granger's.

1st ~~Ran Alexander~~ Randolph Alexander informed the Council that he wished to be exonerated from the office of Clerk for this Council in consequence of the weakness of his eyes.

2nd On motion of C. C. Rich, Hosea Stout was appointed Clerk pro. tempon of the High Council in the place of R. Alexander [unclear word]

4th A charge was preferred against David W. Rogers by Joseph Smith, jr. for unchristianlike conduct which was referred to George W. Harris, David Dort and Thomas Grover, who were to labor with him and report the same to the council.

5 A letter to Edward Partridge, from John Whitmer of Caldwell County Missouri, containing proposals concerning a mortgage on certain lands, held by E. Partridge, in Caldwell County Missouri, was presented to the council by Joseph Smith jr for their advice where upon it was voted that he (E Partridge[]) should not accept of said proposals.

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6th Voted that [—] Peter Hawes be appointed to negotiate a loan of one thousand dollars, to be paid to William White on certain lands. -

7th Voted that the Council purchase the horses, waggon, and harness belonging to George W. Harris - and that the horses are purchased for the use of the Ferry Boat and that the waggon and harness be for the use of President Joseph Smith jr. - and that G. W. Harris be assisted to pay a debt of \$25. to Amos Davis if he cannot other wise pay it himself and that \$30. be cancelled which he owes to President Joseph Smith jr Adjourned. Hosea Stout Clerk pro tem.

Recorded on the 7th of February 1842 by Hosea Stout Clerk

March 15, 1840. The High Council of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints of Nauvoo Illinois met at O. Grangers

1st The charge against D. W. Rogers was again taken up but it was laid over for trial till the 29th inst.

2nd Voted that a committee of three be appointed to Superintend the affairs of the Ferry.

3 Voted that the above committee consist of the First Presidency of the Church of Jesus Christ. Adjourned

Hosea Stout Clerk pro tem.

Recorded on the 7th day of Febr 1842 by Hosea Stout
Clerk

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March the 16th 1840. The High Council of the Church of Jesus
Christ of Latter Day Saints of Nauvoo Illinois at J. Smith jr's
1st Prayer by Hyrum Smith.

Resolution 2nd That a letter be directed to Elias Higbee at
of

Washington City, approving ^ the measures which he is now taking

Resolution 3rd That Alonson Ripley, Seymoure Brunson,
Charles C. Rich, Francis M. Higbee, Stephen Markham, Henry
G. Sherwood, Lyman Wight, Thomas Grover, King Follett,
Tarlton Lewis, Amanda Smith, Isaac Laney, Sister
Merrick, Edward Partridge, Lyman Leonard, Samuel
Bent, Parley P. Pratt, Chapman Duncan, Porter Rockwell,
Thorrett Parsons, Smith Umphry, John M. Burke, Harvey
Redfield, Erastus Snow, George A. Smith, Ellis Emes,
Olive Emes, William Seely, Rebecca Judd, William
Chaplin, Dr. Isacc Galland, Heber C. Kimball, Ira
S. Miles, Alma Smith, Elias Smith, Oliver Olney,

&

Zebediah Robinson Sidney Rigdon, ^ Hyrum Smith
have their names sent to Elias Higbee, at the City of
Washington, that he may order subpoenas for them, as
witnesses in the suit now before Congress, by the Church
of Latter Day Saints, against the State of Missouri, for
a redress of grievances

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Resolution 4th That Robert B. Thompson write the above
letter and names to Elias Higbee at Washington City
Adjourned. Alonson Ripley Clerk Pro. tem.

Recorded on the 8th of Feb. 1842 by Hosea Stout Clerk
March the 22nd 1840: The High Council of the Church
of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints of Nauvoo Illinois met
at

^ O. Grainger's. –

1st Voted that Henry G. Sherwood continue, manager
of the house formerly owned by James Mulholand dec^d
and that he procure the same for the use of his widow
as soon as practible.

2nd Voted that the money held by Samuel Bent, amounting

to 48 dollars. be reserved by him & paid to Murry Seaman when directed by the High Council.
 Voted that Alpheus Cutler & Jabez Durfee, the committee, for the building of the School House, be settled with. relative to the funds put into their hands for the building of the said House, as soon as it can be attended to. Adjourned Hosea Stout Clk pro tem.
 Recorded on the 8th February by Hosea Stout Clerk-
 March the 29th 1840 The High Council of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints of Nauvoo Illinois met the house of O. Granger's
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1st Voted that C. C. Rich answer a letter from Daniel Bliss, to the High Council, requesting their advise relative to his moving to Ohio, and that he be refered to the council given in the Second number of the "Times & Seasons" on that subject and that if he move he must do it without the further influence of the High Council.

2nd The charge against David W. Rogers was brought up and no one appearing against him to sustain it he was acquitted ~~of all the accusations brought against him~~

3 Samuel Bent reported that he had paid \$20 dollars Murry Semans for which he had a receipt from him ~~and~~ which act was accepted by the Council who of Murry Seaman

~~and~~ received the receipt ^ for said money of S. Bent, amounting to \$28 dollars, be paid to Murry Seman on demand and that he take his reciept for the Same.

And, also, that Alpheus Cutler pay ten dollars; and H. G. Sherwood pay five dollars, which is coming from them to Murry Seman, as soon as, they can obtain it and also take his reciept for the Same.

5th Voted that the clerk of the High Council keep a record of all the minutes of the Council in

[Note: on left side of page 53 at three locations: Page 47, 50; Page 52; Page 49]

54 Minutes of the High Council of Nauvoo Book 1 a book while he acts as ~~clerk~~ clerk: And that Henry G. Sherwood compile all the minutes of the Council prior to that time. – Adjourned. Hosea Stout Clerk Pro tem.
 Recorded on the 9th of Feb 1842 by Hosea Stout Clerk
 April the 6th 1840. The High Council of the

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints of Nauvoo Illinois met at the stand for the General Conference.

1 John Carroll made application to the Council for them to
debt,

discharge a ^ due him from the Church, amounting to \$52.25 cents. He also stated that he wished to have it off-set against a debt due Jacob Gates, from him, of the same amount(i. E) if that demand could be cancelled with Gates it would satisfy him for his demand.

2nd On Motion it was voted that Samuel Bent, should see Jacob Gates & make arrangements with him to that effect, provided he would accede to it. Adjourned.

Hosea Stout Clerk pro. tem.

Recorded on the 14th 18 of Febr. 1842 by Hosea Stout Clk
April 12th 1840 The High Council of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter day Saints of Nauvoo Ill met in council at the house of J. Smith jr.

1 A charge was prefered against Alonson Ripley by

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Alva Keller for taking rails from his lot.

After the matter had been explained by Pres^t Joseph Smith jr. the charge was withdrawn.

2 " President Joseph Smith jr. spoke relative to Elder Oliver Graner's going to the East to settle some business transactions for the church, recomending that the Council should appoint some one to go with him. -

3rd On motion it was voted that Hyrum Smith go with O. Granger to assist him in the aforesaid buisness transaction.

4th Voted that Pres^t Joseph Smith jr. make the necessary credentials for Oliver Granger and Hyrum Smith, concer=
=ning their buisnes transactions in the East. -

Adjourned. Hosea Stout Clerk Pro tem. -

Recorded on the 14th February 1842 by Hosea Stout Clerk.
April 19th 1840. - The High Council of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints of Nauvoo Illinois met in council at the house of William Law. -

1. Voted that the house which Hyrum Smith now lives
own

in be reserved for his ^ use and benefit.

~~furnish the council with~~

2nd Voted that Jabez Durfee ^ make a bill of items of
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all the expences which he has ^ to, on the school house, to be laid before the High Council. -

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3rd A charge was preferred against John A Hicks by John P. Greene for slanderously accusing him of lying with out any cause or provocation.

4th Voted that the trial above named be put off untill the 2nd day of May next.

5th Voted that John P. Green make a report of his committee-ship, while in Quincy Illinois, (for the relief of the poor) as touching debts involving on him and other matters, at the meeting of the next council. –

5th Voted that Bishop Vinson Knight be instructed to procure a horse for Br. Parrish. –

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6th Voted that the Council hereafter meet at the office of Pres^t Joseph Smith jr every Saturday at 2 o'clock P. M. – Adjourned Hosea Stout Clerk Pro tem.

Recorded February 14th 1842 by Hosea Stout Clerk -

April 25th 1840 The High Council of the Church of Jesus Chris[t] of Latter Day Saints of Nauvoo Illinois met in council at the house of Pres^t William Law

Elder J. P. Green, according to the decision of the last council, made a report of his committee-ship while in Quincy Illinois, as touching debts involving on him and other matters, as: follows:

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"Quincy May 1839 To save the committee of the Church at Quincy from being sued, I, in person became, responsible to Dr. H. Rogers for the sum of \$47.75 cents for ferrying the poor across the Mississippi river.

Also to Dr. R. N. Ralston for the sum of \$15.87 cts – for house rent for women whose [–] lawful protectors were shut up in jail or driven from their aid.

The former is now paid by myself, the latter remains to be paid and rests on my shoulders. I do pray the Councilors to consider the above report and repay the above amount to me, if they can in righteousness"

He further added - That there was also \$17.50 cents involving on him, due to Edward Partridge from the said committee of Quincy & Far West

2 On motion Resolve, that the [–] above report

be laid over for the present. until inquiry can be made concerning the property belonging to the above named committees of Quincy & Far West

3. On motion Resolve, That Thomas Grover be appointed to make inquiry concerning the property of said Committee of Quincy & Far West and see to having it applied to the liquidating the said debts

58 Minutes of the High Council of Nauvoo Book 1 involving on Elder J. P. Green and Bishop Edward Partridge. Adjourned Hosea Stout Clerk Pro. tem. May 2nd 1840 The High Council of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints of Nauvoo Illinois met in Council at the house of Pres^t William Law

1. On motion – Resolved - That the rails formerly belonging to the City plot shall be applied as Bp Alonson Ripley and President Joseph Smith jr.

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shall ^ proper and also that those who have unlawfully taken any of the above mentioned rails shall restore the same or render a recompence for the same to the satisfaction of Bp Ripley and Pres^t J. Smith jr.

2nd In as much as, H. G. Sherwood, C. C. Rich, & D. B. Huntington have been appointed a committee by a publick meeting of the Church at Nauvoo, to contract for the building of houses for some of the wives of the Twelve, it was—

Resolve - That they shall also contract for the fencing and ploughing of the lots on which the houses are to be built and that the labor be paid in town lots in Nauvoo according to the

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The charge against John A Hicks by John P. Green April 19th 1840 was taken up. Six were appointed to speak on the case viz (3) L. D. Wilson, (4) Alpheus Cutler, (5) David Fulmer, (6) G. W. Harris, (7) Seymour Brunson (8) and Thomas Grover. J. A. Hicks objected to Elder T. Grover acting but his objections not being sufficient the Council decided that he should Stand in his place After the evidences were given (the charge being s

sustained in part) the Council —

Resolved - That John A. Hicks make a satisfactory confession to John P. Green for wrongfully assailing his character. and also that he publish a piece in the "Times & Seasons" stating that in consequence of a different arrangement made by the parties donating the horse, (about which he accused him of lying) unknown to J. P. Green, he (J A Hicks) wrongfully accused him of lying and that he further state that he is sorry for what he has done

After which decision of the Council J. A. Hicks
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Hosea Stout Clerk pro tem.

June 12th 1840 - The High Council of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints of Nauvoo, Illinois met in council at the office of Joseph Smith jr

1. It was Resolved - That the Council procure goods from William Law's store, not exceeding \$50, for the relief of Alpheus Cutler; that he may be enabled to carry on the building of the School house and the same to be charged to his account for Adjourned. Hosea Stout Clk pro. tem.

June 20.th 1840. The High Council of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Saints of Nauvoo Illinois met in council at the office Joseph Smith jr. -

1. A memorial was presented to the council, by Elder R. B. Thompson, from President Joseph Smith jr. praying that the Council would relieve him from the temporalities of the Church

Minutes of the High Council of Nauvoo Book 1 61 which he necessarily had to engage in, In order that a location might be effected for the geathering of the saints. -

That he felt it his duty to engage, more particular =ly, in the spiritual welfare of the Saints & also, to the translating of the Egyptian Records - the Bible - &

wait upon the Lord for such revelations as may be suited to the condition & circumstances of the Church.

That in order to relieve him from the anxiety and troubles necessarily attendant on business — transactions, they would appoint some one to take charge of the City Plot & attend to the business transactions which have heretofore rested upon him

That when he is relieved from such temporal duties he would have no means of support whatever & requested that some one might be appointed to see that all his necessary wants are provided for as well as sufficient means or appropriations for a
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clerk or clerks which ^ may require to aid him in his important work.

The Council relieved President Joseph Smith jr according to the request of the memorial and

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appointed H. G. Sherwood to take charge of the City Plot and act as clerk in that business and also to attend to the disposing of the remaining lots and the business transactions which have heretofore rested upon him

Alonson Ripley was appointed steward to see that all the necessary wants of the First Presidency be supplied, as well as, to provide sufficient means or appropriations for a clerk or clerks to aid President J. Smith jr. in his important work. -

Henry G Sherwood, for and in behalf of the Church, preferred a charge against Ebenezer A. Black, for a course of fraudulent proceedings and conduct by him practiced on said Church, relative to a town lot and lots in Nauvoo, commencing in falsehood continuing in error & eventuating in unchristian-like conduct, done and conducted within the last twelve months Plead not Guilty - whereupon it was voted that 2 speak on each side to wit (9) Night (10) Huntington (11) Rich (12) Alonson Ripley pro tem. for Sherwood. The charge was fully

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sustained after which it was decided that Ebenezer

A. Black should Stand expelled from the society of the Church untill he make a satisfactory confession and restored all the damages which he has caused to be done by his unchristian-like conduct &c

Resolved that H. G. Sherwood, A. Ripley and Vinson Knight be appointed a committee to visit G. W. Robinson for the purpose of making inquiry and an examination into the affairs of the Galland purchase and also of the Church Records and make a report of the same to the High Council Adjourned. Hosea Stout Clk pro tem.

June 27th 1840. The High Council of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints of Nauvoo Illinois met in Council at the office of J. Smith jr

1 Resolved That the minutes of the last Council be always read at the beginning of the next by the Clerk, that the chain of buisness may be more easily come at and error in the Records detected.

2. Alonson Riply stated to the Council

64 Minutes of the High Council of Nauvoo that he was authorized to inform them that President Joseph Smith jr. had vetoed the proceedings of the Council in relation to the memorial on the 20th of June –

3 On motion Resolved that it be laid over, for a rehearing, till Friday next (July 3) at 1 o'clock P. M. Adjourned –

Hosea Stout Clerk pro tem

July 3rd 1840. The High Council of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints of Nauvoo Illinois met in Council at the office of Joseph Smith jr.

1 The subject of the memorial of Pres^t Joseph jr. was again taken up for a rehearing, according to the decision of the last Council (June 27) and the following resolutions were passed unanimously.

1st Resolved - that we feel perfectly satisfied with the course taken by Joseph Smith jr & feel a disposition as far as it is in our power to assist him so as to relieve him

from the temporalities of the Church in
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order that he may devote his time more particularly to the spiritualities of the same, believing by so doing we shall promote the good of the whole Church. But as he (Joseph Smith jr) is held responsible for the payment of the City Plot

^ and knowing no way to relieve him from that responsibility at present, we would request of him to act as treasurer for the City Plot and to whom those persons whom we may appoint to make sales of Lots and attend to the business affairs of the Church may at all times be responsible and make true and correct returns of all their proceedings as well as to account for all monies, properties &c which may come into their hands.

Therefore Resolved - That Elder Henry G ~~Sher~~ Sherwood act as clerk for the same. That Bishop Alonson Ripley be appointed to provide for the wants of the Presidency and make such appropriations to them and to their Clerk or Clerks which they may require.

Resolved. that the funds of the City Plot shall

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not be taken to provide for the Presidency or clerks but that the Bishops be instructed to raise funds from other sources to meet the calls made on them. And monies received for lots shall be deposited in the hands of the treasurer to liquidate the debts of the City Plot.

Resolved that the clerk shall have a stipulated sum for his services for transacting the business of the City Plot and that he receive the sum of twenty-six dollars per month for Said services. -

Resolved - that the remaining items of business relative to the memorial before the Council shall be laid over to be taken up again at the next Council.

Adjourned Hosea Stout Clerk pro tem
 July 11th 1840. High Council of the
 Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day
 Saints of Nauvoo Illinois met in Council
 at the office of Joseph Smith jr.

There was no buisness before the council
 President Joseph Smith jr was present, who
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taught the Councillors things relative to their
 duty in Council. and give the ~~following~~ following
 precedent for the Council to be guided by and
 ordered the same to be recorded to wit –

That the Council (should try no case
 without both parties being present or having
 had an opportunity to be present. neither
 should they hear one parties complaint before
 his case is brought up for trial. neither
 should they suffer the character of any one
 to be exposed before the High Council without
 the person being present and ready to defend
 him or herself - that the minds of the
 Councillors be not prejudiced for or against
 any one whose case they may possibly have
 to act upon). Adjourned

Hosea Stout Clk pro tem
 July 17th 1840. High Council of the Church
 of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints of
 Nauvoo Illinois met in Council at the
 Office of Joseph Smith jr.

By the nomination of Joseph Smith jr
 it was —

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Resolved - that Samuel Bent and G. W.
 Harris be appointed to go on a mission to
 procure money to be applied to the purpose
 of printing certain books. Adjourned.

Hosea Stout Clerk pro tem.
 July 25th 1840 - High Council of the
 Chuuch of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints
 of Nauvoo Illinois met in council at the
 office of Joseph Smith jr.

Resolved that Henry G. Sherwood be appointed to procure a horse, saddle, bridle & other necessaries for the use of John Tanner as soon as he can consistently.

Letters of recommendation for Saml Bent and G. W. Harris, for their mission to procure money for printing purposes were presented to the Council by R. B. Thompson, which were approved of and signed by the members of the Council.

Samuel Bent nominated Elias Higbee & G. W. Harris nominated John P. Green to fill their seats in the Council during

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their absence while on the mission afforsaid, which were accepted by the Council Adjourned.

Hosea Stout Clerk pro tem

August 8th 1840. High Council of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints of Nauvoo Illinois met in Council at the office of Joseph Smith jr

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1 Alpheus Cutler was appointed President of the High Council during the absence of Pres^t Samuel Bent afforsaid.

2 Elder H. G. Sherwood, in behalf of the Church, preferred a charge against Elder Moses Martin for reporting certain slanderous reports against Elders S. Brunson and Amasa Lyman and others - stating that a gang of Gadian =ton robbers were in the Church and countenanced Together with certain slanderous and unchristian= =like expressions, insinuations &c derogatory to the character of certain brethren &c Plead not guilty. Two were appointed to speak on each side namely (1) E. Higbee (2) D. Dort (3) A Cutler and (4) D. Fulmer

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The charge was sustained after which it was decided that he should stand expelled from the

Church until he should make a satisfactory confession. After which Decision he made a satisfactory confession and was received again into his former fellowship. Adjourned.

Hosea Stout Clerk pro tem

August 17th 1842 The High Council met according to adjournment at the office of Joseph Smith jr together with the First Presidency of the Church and the High Council of the Stake in Iowa Territory

John Patten against Elijah Fordham
Charge. Unchristian conduct.

Firstly For libelous, slanderous, and infamous reports in the High Council of the Church of Latter Day Saints at Montrose, against John Patten's character; charging said Patten of being guilty of lying, theft, burglary, and attempt to murder and done in the spirit of malevolence & high toned wickedness.

Secondly. For having told a positive lie.

Thirdly. For affirming to things which he
[Note: On the date "August 17th 1842" the year should read "1840"]

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did not know in a Court of Justice thereby perjuring himself in making the following statements, to wit.

1stly. That said Patten's garden was on Mr Coleman's Claim – 2ndly. That he never saw the garden.

3rdly That the damage done by destroying said garden did not amount to five dollars

4thly That rails delivered were worth from one dollar to one dollar and a quarter and one dollar and a half: and

5thly That every person in Montrose knew that Colemans had not relinquished his claim to the land on which said Patten's garden was situated.

Fourthly. For being privy to Rogers taking my rails and destroying my garden.

Fifthly, For justifying Rogers for so doing & approving of the act or Rogers' conduct.

Sixthly For embezzeling Rogers property to prevent the payment of Rogers debts.

Seventhly For having made false statements about Rogers' pill nostrums, saying that they had had the effect in his family last fall and winter set forth by said, to wit; that he never failed of

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effecting a complete and radical cure; when it is a well know fact that Fordham and his family were sick nigh unto death during the fall and winter: thus endeavoring to vindicate the conduct of Rogers in palming his deception on community.

Eightly- For acting an unrighteous and unholy part in the High Council, and because I opposed his course he sought for evil against me, to slander and defame my character, destroy my influence and drive me from my seat in the Council- that the Council might enter immediately into the consecration law which he publicly declared was the determination of the High Council(of Montrose) and I alone opposed their proceedings and had spoken against the proceedings of the High – Council in public: stating that the council of the First Presidency was contrary to the proceedings of the High Council (of Montrose) and that Pres^t Hyrum Smith was vested with the authority of the First Presidency

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in the absence of the other two Presidents, which was contended was not so: and I was charged with weakening or deminishing the influence of the High Council (of Mont[ros]e) by speaking in publick against the proceedings of that quorum, which was the first charge made against me to drive me from the Council, and was followed by others, such as playing the violin for a negro ball; Suffering my daughter to go to balls; and then followed the slanderous & charges first mentioned in this vile ^ catalogue of crimes and misdemeanours & when President John Smith told him it was his duty to take up a labor with me, he replied, I was not worthy of his notice, of which I wish to convince him to the contrary.

After the evidences were heard, Presidents John Smith, William Marks, Hyrum Smith.

spoke on the subject. President Joseph Smith Jr then spoke at some length showing the situation of the contending parties – that there was in reality no cause of difference – that they had better be reconciled without an action

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or vote of the Council and hence forth live as brethren and never more mention their former difficulties &c upon which John Patten replied that his hand was ready – E. Fordham quickly responded to the same the parties then affectionately gave each other their hands in brotherly fellowship according to the council of President J. Smith jr without an action of the Council Adjourned. Hosea Stout Clerk pro tem. August 22nd 1840- The High Council met according to Adjournment at the office of Joseph jr.

John Zundel against Ourbough & Waggoner
Charge

For grossly slandering the Presidency of this Church and evil speaking against this Church. Having labored with them and yet they repent not neither turn from the evil

The charge was confessed on the part of the accused and they, persisting in their own course, were expelled from the Church.

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On motion of a committee appointed by the Nau[v]oo Choir and sent to the Council for that purpose it was –

1 Resolved that Benjamin S. Wilber should act as chorister or leader of the Nauvoo Choir untill further directions from the H. Council
2. Resolved- That William Marks and Peter Hawes be appointed provisions and other means necessary for the building of the School House. Adjourned

Hosea Stout Clerk pro. tem.

August 29.th 1840- Council met according to adjournment at the office of Joseph Smith jr.

Noah Packard sr. against Hyrum Dayton

Charge

For forfeiting his word and for other unchristian-like conduct.

Two were appointed to speak on the case, viz:

(5) Fulmer (6) Harris. The charge was fully sustained, after which the Council decided that the parties should abide by the last contract, about which their difficulty arose, and that

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Noah Packard sr. pay Hyrum Dayton fourteen dollars and fifty cents as soon as he can consistently. The debt, however, not to be binding upon him but left to his own conscience whether he ought to pay it or not.

The parties acceded to the decision of the Council and were reconciled to each other. Adjourned. Hosea Stout. Clerk pro. tem. September 5th 1840 High Council met in council at the office of Joseph Smith jr.

Resolved. That Austin Cowles be appointed a member of this High Council, to fill the vacancy occasioned by the death of Elder Seymour Brunson.

Joseph Smith jr against Almon Babitt

The charge was predicated upon the authority of two letters, one of the letters from Thomas Burdock, the other from Levi Richards and Oliver Granger accusing him (A Babitt) with the following charges.

1st For stating that Joseph jr had extravagantly purchased three suits of cloths while he was at Washington City and that Sidney Rigdon had

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purchased four suits at the same place, besides dresses and cloths for their families in profusion.

2nd For having stated that Joseph Smith jr, Sidney Rigdon, and Elias Higbee had stated that they were worth \$100.000 each while they were at

Washington & that Joseph Smith jr had ~~reported~~ ^{repeated} the same ~~thing~~ statement while at Philadelphia

and for stating that Oliver Granger had stated that he also, was worth as much as they (ie) 100.000

3rd For holding secret Council in the Lord's house, in Kirtland, and for locking the doors of the house, for the purpose of prohibiting certain ~~breth~~ brethren, in good standing, in the Church, from being in the Council thereby depriving them the use of the house.

(7) Thos. Grover (8) A. Cowles.

Council adjourned till the 6th of Sept. at 2' o'clock
Sept. 6th 1840. Council met according to adjournment.. When the evidences were all heard on the case pending and the council closed on both sides the parties spoke at length after which Pres^t J. Smith jr withdrew the

78 the charge and both parties were reconciled together things being adjusted to the satisfaction of both parties.)

Adjourned. Hosea Stout Clerk pro tem.

Oct. 10th 1840- The High Council met according to adjournment at the office of J. Smith jr
David Fulmer against Oliver Walker
Charge

For reporting certain slanderous stories of a fallacious ~~nature~~ and calumniating nature calculated to Stigmatize & raise a persecution against the Church & individuals in it, in this place and for a variety of unchristian-like conduct &c. Two were appointed to speak on the case namely (7) Thomas Grover (8) Austin Cowles.

The defendant plead that he was not prepared to meet the charge, it being too indefinite & he not having had notice previous to his leaving home.

The council then adjourned until the next day at 4 o'clock P. M. when the case was to be again taken up. Hosea Stout Clerk

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Oct. 11th 1840 Council met pursuant to adjournment
The charge against O. Walker was taken up.

The plaintiff proposed to withdraw the original charge and preferring another more definite which was acceded to on the part of the defendant & sanctioned by the council. after which the charge was withdrawn & the following charge was preferred.

To the High Council in & for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints at Nauvoo Illinois

For and in behalf of said Church I prefer a charge against Elder Oliver Walker for several different offences herein after set forth as said to be by him done, performed, said & committed - as also, various duties omitted &c. all of which were done at different times, periods, places & seasons subsequent to Sept. 1st A.D. 1838. To wit. For a general course of procedure, of acts, doings & words and suggestions by him the said Elder Oliver Walker, done performed, said, spoken, hinted at, & suggested: both directly and indirectly & as being calculated to be derogatory to the character of the heads and leaders of the Church & extremely injurious & hurtful to the upbuilding, welfare, being and advancement

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advancement of the same, viz. For fleeing from, quitting & deserting the society, ranks & needs of his brethren in times of difficulty, with and danger from their enemies "the mob" restraining from the use of his brethren, his influence, efforts, & needful assistance, at such times of need as also, for joining with, and strengthening the hands, will, evil pursuits, & designs of the mob and Gentile enemies of the Church by expressions, hints & suggestions of a wavering & dubious nature respecting the faith & order of the Church and of the professed calling, qualifications, proceedings &c. of Joseph Smith jr. as a seer, prophet, and one called to bring to light the fullness of the gospel &c in these last days. Likewise for advancing, ideas, notions, or opinions that the different orders or sects - viz Methodists & others could, by a pursuit in their faith, order & pursuits as readily obtain every Celestial attainment & gospel advantage as they could by embracing & pursuing the system

brought forth by Joseph Smith jr in these last

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days & moreover for suggesting within the last six month at Alton, Nauvoo, intermediate and adjacent places that in the Church at Nauvoo there did exist a set of pilferers, who were actually thieving, robing, plundering, taking & unlawfully carrying away from Missouri certain goods & chattles, wares & property & that the act & acts of such supposed thieving &c was fostered & conducted by the knowledge & approbation of the heads & leaders of the Church, viz; by the Presidency & High Council; all of which items set forth as aforesaid together with any & all corroborating acts, doings, hints, expressions & suggestions in any way belonging to or connected with any or all of the aforesaid accusations he the said Oliver Walker is hereby notified to prepare to defend in said trial. Dated Oct 11th 1840 Nauvoo.

David Fulmer

After this second charge was preferred, he the said Oliver Walker, plead that he was not prepared to defend himself, When the trial was adjourned, according to his own choice untill the next April Conference. Adjourned.

Hosea Stout Clk pro tem

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Oct. 17th 184 . High Council met according to adjournment at the office of J. Smith jr
H. G. Sherwood against William Gregory
Charge

In consequence of the circulation of various reports purporting to have originated by, and come from, and circulated by him the Said William Gregory: to wit; that he had spread abroad certain slanderous reports & insinuations that go to carry an idea that much pilfering, pillaging, plundering, stealing, &c. is practiced by members of Said Church & that such practice is known to, & tolerated, by, the heads & leaders of the Church (or certain of them) & that the

appointment of a committee to detect such nominal or all real thefts &c was an appointment calculated in its nature to smother & cover up, and blind the minds
 the
 of the more honest of ^ said Church.

Moreover for pretending that such accused pilfering party or part of thereof, had

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Stolen his oxen when in fact his oxen were where he left them & not stolen. And for suspicion that he himself either alone or in company are in the like pilfering practice as is said that he accused others of. & that he spreads such slanders to blind the honest & smother his own thefts &c. for and in behalf of said Church. dated, Nauvoo. 14th Oct 1840

The trial of the above charge was adjourned until next Saturday. Neither of the parties being ready for trial.

Resolved- That the trustees of the School house be instructed to settle with the committee of the same on Wednesday next the 21st inst. Adjourned. Hosea Stout Clerk pro tem

Oct 24th 1840 The High Council met according to adjournment at the office of Joseph Smith jr

Resolved- That Elias Higbee be appointed President pro tem. of the Council, to fill the vacancy of President Alpheus Cutler resigned.

The charge against William Gregory
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preferred Oct 17th, was brought up for trial according to adjournment. Two were appointed to speak on the case viz. (7) Grover (8)] A. Cowles

The defendant plead not guilty. The evidences were then taken or heard. The charge was sustained and after the pleadings were over, he, the defendant, made an humble ~~and~~ confession to the satisfaction both of the Council & plaintiff
 Adjourned. Hosea Stout Clerk pro tem.

Oct. 31st 1840- High Council met according to adjournment at the office of J. Smith jr.

Henry G. Sherwood against John Huntsman
Done for and in behalf of the Church

Charge

For knowingly, willfully, wrongfully and unlawfully, by craft and fallacious tales and acts interrupting, breaking up and destroying certain bargains and bargaining which I was about to complete for the use and benefit of the said Church & the better locating certain to build up the Town of Nauvoo. viz: brothers Allred & Parker and others Dated Oct 16th 1840.

The plaintiff plead not guilty 85

Two were appointed to speak on the case to wit (9) Knight (10) and Huntington. The evidence was heard. The charge was sustained after which it was decided that Alpheus Cutler & Elias Higbee be appointed to receive propositions of satisfaction, from the defendant relative to the injury which the Church has received by his interference in the aforementioned bargains &c mentioned in the foregoing charge
Adjourned Hosea Stout Clerk pro tem.

Nov 7th 1840 – The High Council met according to adjournment at the office of Joseph jr.

Resolved - That Charles C. Rich have the avails of a certain waggon, sufficient. to enable him to pay a note of hand, given by him =self and others, for, and in behalf of the Church, due six months after date, payable to Phillip C Quick, given July 9th 1839 amounting to about forty dollars.

Adjourned Hosea Stout Clerk pro. tem.

Nov. 28th 1840 Council met according to adjournment at the office of Joseph Smith jr.

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Resolved - That Hosea Stout be appointed Clerk of the High Council of Nauvoo Illinois.

William Huntington sr, against
Robert D. Foster.

Charge

"Firstly, for ~~lying~~, slandering the authorities of the Church.

Secondly, For lying, profane swearing, and individual abuse and for other unchristian-like conduct." Dated Nauvoo Nov. 20th 1840.

The defendant plead not guilty: (11) Charles C Rich (and (12) H. G Sherwood were appointed to speak on the case. After the evidences were partly Given the trial was adjourned untill the 12th day of Dec next. Adjourned.

Hosea Stout Clerk

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Dec the 12th 12th 1840 Council met according to adjournment at the office of Joseph Smith.

The Charge against Robert D. Foster presented Nov. 28th 1840, was again brought up for trial,

previous according to ^ adjournment

The Council proceeded to the examination of of the witnesses untill 12 o'clock when the Council adjourned one hour — After which the Council met according to adj^t & again proceeded to the examination of witnesses untill dark and then adjourned untill the next day at 10 o'clock A. M.

Dec 13th 1840 Council met according to adj^t and again proceeded to the examination of witnesses. At one o'clock Council adjourned one hour - After which met according to adj^t and again proceeded to the further examination of witnesses untill about dark when all of the witnesses being ~~through~~ examined the Council was adjourned untill Dec 20th 1840.

88 Dec 20th 1840 Council met again according to previous adj^t at the house of Joseph Smith jr to decide the charge against [t]

R. D. Foster.

The case was Submitted to the First Presidency (who also presided in Council during the course of said trial) by mutual consent of the parties without making pleas on either side.

The Presidency decided that he (R D F), should be acquitted of the charges brought against him which was voted unanimous-ly by the Council. Adjourned

Hosea Stout Clerk.

[end of record]

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