stitution, to legislate upon it. If Utah
was admitted into the Union as a
sovereign State, and we chose to intro-
duce slavery here, it is not their business
to meddle with it; and even if we treated
our slaves in an oppressive manner, it
is still none of their business and they
ought not to meddle with it.

If we introduce the practice of
polygamy it is not their prerogative to
meddle with it; if we should all turn to be
Roman Catholics today, if we all turned
to the old Mother Church, it would not be
their prerogative, it would not be their
business, to meddle with us on that ac-
count. If we are Mormons or Methodists,
or worship the sun or a white dog, or
if we worship a dumb idol, or all turn
Shaking Quakers and have no wife, it
is not their prerogative to meddle with
these affairs, for in so doing they would
violate the Constitution.

There is not a Territory in the Union
that is looked upon with so suspicious
an eye as is Utah, and yet it is the only
part of the nation that cares anything
about the Constitution. What have they
done in the States? Why, in some places
they have celebrated the fourth of July
by hoisting the National flag bottom side
up, making a burlesque of the celebra-
tion, but "Utah is hell and the devil." This reminds me of a circumstance that
transpired in England. A boy was brush-
ing his shoes on Sunday morning, and a
priest observing him said, "What, do you
brush your shoes on Sunday?" "Yes, sir;
do you brush your coat?" "Yes." "Well I
suppose it is life and salvation for you to
brush your coat, but hell and damnation
for me to brush my shoes." That is the
difference.

"Mormonism" is true, and all hell
cannot overthrow it. All the devil's
servants on the earth may do all they
can, and, as brother Clinton has just
said, after twenty-six years faithful
operation and exertion by our enemies,
including the times when Joseph had
scarcely a man to stand by him, and
when the persecution was as severe on
him as it ever was in the world, what
have they accomplished? They have suc-
cceeded in making us an organized Ter-
ritory, and they are determined to make
us an independent State or Government,
and as the Lord lives it will be so. (The
congregation shouted amen.) I say, as
the Lord lives, we are bound to become
a sovereign State in the Union, or an in-
dependent nation by ourselves, and let
them drive us from this place if they can;
they cannot do it. I do not throw this
out as a banter; you Gentiles, and hick-
ory and basswood "Mormons," can write
it down if you please, but write it as I
speak it.

I wish you to understand that God
rules and reigns, that he led us to this
land and gave us a Territorial govern-
ment. Was this the design of the wicked?
No. Their design was to banish us from
the earth, but they have driven us into
notoriety and power; we are now raised
to a position where we can converse with
kings and emperors.

In the days of Joseph it was con-
sidered a great privilege to be permit-
ted to speak to a member of Congress,
but twenty-six years will not pass away
before the Elders of this Church will
be as much thought of as the kings
on their thrones. The Lord Almighty
will roll on the wheels of His work,
and none can stop them; and they can-
not drive us from these mountains, be-
cause the Lord will not suffer them to
do so. I desire them to let us alone;
"hands off and money down," we crave
no jobs and make none. Let them at-
tend to their own business, and we will
build up Zion while they go to hell. Je-
sus Christ will be the President, and
we are his officers, and they will have
to leave the ground: for they will find