One year ago this very day, and previous
to that time, my soul was pained within
me. No tongue could tell—it could not
be portrayed before the people, the feel-
ings that I had: I could not tell them;
and I did not know but that, if I should
come out in the presence of the people
and try to speak my feelings, they would
call me crazy. However, I tried to make
the people understand my feelings, but
no tongue could tell them; and I actually
believe that I would have lived but a lit-
tle time in this existence, had not God
waked up the people. I wanted to take
up my valise and go throughout the Ter-
ritory crying, Is there a man in this Ter-
ritory for God?

If you want to know how I felt, I can-
not tell you better than by describing my
feelings in the way that I am now doing.
One day, I told a number of the brethren
how I felt, as well as I could; and brother
Jedediah M. Grant partook of the Spirit
that was in me and walked out like a
man, like a giant, and like an angel,
and he scattered the fire of the Almighty
among the people. But what was the re-
sult so far as he was concerned? He went
beyond his strength, and it cost him his
life.

There is now scarcely a man but
wants to do as God would have him do
among those who claim to be Latter-
day Saints, except those four or five that
brother Heber speaks of; hence we hold
a very large majority of that class of men
and women who desire to do precisely
as God would have them, and my heart
says, God bless the people. God bless
you, brethren and sisters. I bless you all
the time. You are near my heart, and it is
all my business to look after the welfare
of the Saints. Remember that it will be
just as much as you and I can do to pre-
pare to meet the Savior when he comes,
no matter whether we previously go into
the grave or not.

There has been a great deal said in
the lower world about this little handful
of people; for you terrify the whole world!
Not alone in the United States, but in
England, in France, in Italy, in Germany,
and in every State upon the eastern con-
tinent, the people are looking to see the
result of the present movements of our
Government towards this people. They
are looking at the Gospel we preach, the
course that we take, the influence we are
gaining, and the numbers we are gathering
to us; and they look at the subject not
only in a religious point of view, but also
in a national capacity.

Brother Heber said to you, if the
time has come, designed by the Lord
Almighty, for the thread to be cut be-
tween this people and the residue of the
world, then the Lord will suffer our en-
emies to clip the thread; and I am with
him in that sentiment. But if the time
is not come, the Lord will not suffer
them to come. If He designs that traf-
cic should continue between us and them,
that we shall have the privilege of bring-
ing our immigration, of preaching the
Gospel and saving the people, let me tell
you that they will not come; God will stop
them.

As for myself, I would just as soon
this was the time as any other. If it is the
time for the thread, in a national capac-
ity, to be severed, let it be severed. Amen
to it. But I will tell you what I have con-
cluded: when we talk of gold, of silver, of
riches, of the comforts of this world, with
me it is the kingdom of God, or nothing;
with us it must be the kingdom of God,
or nothing. I shall not go in for anything
half-way. We must have the kingdom of
God, or nothing. We are not to be over-
thrown.

Cannot this kingdom be over-
thrown? No. They might as well
try to obliterate the sun. And I
should suppose that an experience of
twenty-six years would have proven