valleys of these mountains. Brothers
Joseph, and Hyrum, and Willard, and
Jedediah, and Parley, and a host of oth-
ers who have gone behind the veil, are
as much engaged in the establish-ment
of this kingdom, and in our welfare as a
people, as we are.

We should prize and not abuse the
blessings God has put within our power,
and improve upon the lessons we learn,
and obey the teachings given to us,
through the inspiration of the Holy
Ghost to the servants of God set to lead
us. We have everything to encourage us.
We are favored of God; and whom the
Lord favors who can successfully oppose?
Would President Buchanan have sent an
army here to lay a foundation for our de-
struction, if the eyes of his understand-
ing had not been darkened? No. If he
had been enlightened by the Holy Spirit
and could have foreseen the reward he
will meet, he would sooner have suffered
his blood to have been spilled; and it
would have been better for him. The
nation does not know what they are do-
ing, nor comprehend the fearful results
of the course they are pursuing. They are
turning the last key to rend the nation
asunder, and they will be broken as a
potter's vessel, and cast down as a na-
tion, to rise no more forever. For when-
ever the rulers of any nation trample
their own constitution and laws under
foot, and oppress and destroy the weak,
because they have the power and the
people love to have it so, they sow the
seeds of their own dissolution, and they
will reap their own destruction.

We have nothing to fear. The Lord
is with us, and will sustain and nour-
ish his Church and kingdom, as he has
done from the beginning. He sustained it
when it was surrounded by the bowels of
hell in Warsaw and Nauvoo, in Jackson,
Clay, and Caldwell counties, when it was
small as a mustard seed; and he can sus-
tain it here when it is surrounded by the
munition of rocks.

The heathen may rage and imagine a
vain thing; but the Lord will hold them
in derision and guide them as with a bit
and a hook in their jaws, while his people
shall flourish like a watered garden upon
the mountains. All the promises of God
will be fulfilled unto us. A little one shall
become a thousand, and a small one a
strong nation, and the Lord will hasten
it in its time. Amen.