Brother Brigham never will die by
the hand of an enemy, neither will I,
nor any of you, if you will do your duty.
Brother Brigham is just as secure as the
roots of a tree, if every limb performs its
duty. I tell you it is hard to tell things
just as a man has them in his mind. For
my own part, I have not got the lan-
guage.

Now, if you are determined to destroy
yourselves, I am perfectly willing, pro-
viding you do not destroy the fruit of
your loins; but many of you are taking a
course to destroy that by your ridiculous
fashions.

Now, suppose that any of you were
to take a tree and tie the limbs in a
strait place, so that they were obliged
to remain in it, will that tree be
as thrifty as those that are loose?
No, it will not; and if you do not
believe it, go into my garden, and you
will there see trees with the limbs cross-
ing each other at various angles; and the
consequence is that they are gnarly or
diminutive in size, and very inferior in
appearance, and perhaps they will never
produce any fruit.

Do not desire your children or your
children's children to stop their growth,
and do not you take a course to render
them impotent and imbecile. I am talk-
ing to you, ladies; and then, again, I
am talking to you, gentlemen, that wear
those hermaphrodite pantaloons.

May the Lord God bless this people,
and bless his servant that leads them;
and I bless everything that sticks to him;
and the blessings of salvation shall be
with you; for I promise you these things
in the name of Israel's God. Amen.

Through the remarks of brothers Ed-
ward Partridge and Silas Smith, who
have lately returned from their mission
to the Sandwich Islands, we are made
acquainted with a new variety of cus-
toms; and I must confess that, hearing
a relation of the customs and traditions
of the natives of those islands, I am al-
most led to believe that they are a people
very much like ourselves—that they are
entitled to the appellation of human be-
ings. They are prone to wander—prone
to weaknesses; and if they have any
knowledge of God, they are prone to for-
get him and to turn to their idols. They
are prone to be froward in all their ways,
very much like ourselves.

We believe that we have been bet-
ter taught, and that we are quite
an enlightened people. Christian Eu-
rope and America deem themselves
the most enlightened people upon the
earth; and an equal self-confidence
among those islanders is all that is
wanting to make them believe that
they know more than the Europeans
and Americans. I have an idea that