labor for those articles, so far as they are
able and have opportunity, than to have
them given to them. They work, and I
deal out provisions, often when the work
does not profit me.

I say to all gruninters, grumblers,
whiners, hypocrites, and sycophants,
who snivel, crouch, and crawl around the
most contemptible of all creatures for a
slight favor. Should it enter my mind
to dig down the Twin Peaks, and I set
men to work to do so, it is none of your
business, neither is it the business of all
earth and hell, provided I pay the labor-
ers their wages. I am not to be called in
question as to what I do with my funds,
whether I build high walls or low walls,
garden walls or city walls; and if I please,
it is my right to pull down my walls to-
morrow. If anyone wishes to apostatize
upon such grounds, the quicker he does
so the better; and if he wishes to leave
the Territory, but is too poor to do so, I
will assist him to go. We are much better
off without such characters.

I preach to the people and reason
with them with regard to the dealings
of God with the children of men. Many
have apostatized because we were driven
by our enemies from Missouri, notwith-
standing they were taught that we never
should be driven, if the people would
sanctify themselves and be prepared for
the blessings in store for them. But no,
they did not sanctify themselves, and all
the subsequent schooling was necessary
to prepare the Latter-day Saints to re-
ceive the blessings of the Almighty. We
are not prepared to receive his choicest
gifts, unless we also have experience to
know what to do with them. How many
years have the Saints been taught upon
these principles, to give them an under-
standing of the dealings of the Lord with
the children of men?

When a man begins to find fault,