their religion, they shall never be con-
confounded, worlds without end. Never be
afraid; your hearts are brave, your arms
are strong, and God is our defense. There
are those among us who are timid, and
are apt to flee from under the protect-
ing care of our heavenly Father, and
be caught weak and unprotected by the
very enemy they are trying to escape
from.

We will cling to the Constitution of
our country, and to the Government that
reveres that sacred charter of freemen’s
rights; and, if necessary, pour out our
best blood for the defense of every good
and righteous principle.

I heard a gentleman say, not long
ago, that he was going to stick to the
Union. When the Southern revolt tran-
spired, it was asked of him, “Where is
the Union now? There are now two Gov-
ernments, instead of one.” His reply was,
that he should stick to the Government
that protected him in the possession of
freemen’s rights. The spirit and letter
of our Constitution and laws will always
give us our rights, and under them we
could have served God in Missouri and
Illinois as well as in the courts of high
heaven. But the administrators of the
law trampled it under their feet, and
willfully and openly desecrated the holy
principles held forth in the Constitution
of our country.

The kingdom of God has sustained
me a good while, and I mean to stick to
it. We shall form a State Government,
and you need not fear any consequences
that may arise from such a course. You
may tell your neighbors that in this step
we do not violate any law, nor in the
least transcend the bounds of our rights.
If we do not do this, we are living be-
neath those rights set forth in the Decla-
ration of Independence, and the priv-
ileges granted to us in the Constitution
of the United States which our fathers
bought so dearly for us. Let us unfurl the
stars and stripes—the flag of our coun-
try; let us sustain the Constitution that
our fathers have bequeathed to us in let-
ters of blood; and those who violate it will
have to meet the crushing and damning
penalties that will bury them in the mire
of everlasting disgrace. If we sustain it,
it will be sustained; otherwise it will not.

Let us so live that the spirits and
power of our religion will be constantly
with us; that the Holy Ghost will be our
constant companion, opening for us an
unobstructed intercourse with our heav-
enly Father and his Son Jesus Christ,
and all is right—there is no danger then.
Our own evils make for us danger; and
if chastisement comes upon us, it is the
result of our own unrighteous acts. But
if we live our religion, honor our God
and his Priesthood, then we shall honor
every wholesome government and law
there is upon the earth, and become
aliens to all unrighteous, unjust, and
unlawful administrators, wherever they
may be found. In the various nations,
kingdoms, and governments of the world
are to be found laws, ordinances and
statutes as good as can be made for mor-
tal man.

We have forsaken the kingdom of
darkness, have come out in open rebel-
lon to the power of the Devil on this
earth, and I for one will fight him, so
help me God, as long as there is breath
in my body, and do all in my power
to overthrow his government and rule.
And if he complains that I am infring-
ing upon his ground, I shall very politely
ask him to go to his own place, where
he belongs. If any among this commu-
nity want to sustain the Government of
the Devil, in preference to the kingdom
of God, I wish them to go where they
belong. I want to sustain the govern-
ment of Heaven, and shall stick fast to
it, by the help of God. If we sustain it, it