What for? To convert them to the ever-
lasting gospel.

We have been told by a circular let-
ter, which has been issued officially, and 
sent to various nations, that because 
the people believe in the doctrines of 
the Latter-Saints in Germany, in Scan-
dinavia, in Great Britain, etc., that the 
United States are very anxious to get 
all these governments to band together 
against what? To prevent the religious 
people who believe in these doctrines 
from emigrating from their own lands, 
to the land of America. Will these gov-
ernments respond? Will they aid the 
great government of the United States, 
to persecute religious people by trying to 
prevent them from emigrating from one 
country to another? I do not know but 
what they may; it is very doubtful, in 
my mind, whether they will go back to 
the old dark ages of persecution, and be 
united as Herod and Pilate were, in pre-
venting religious people from emigrating to other nations. It would be difficult, 
under the color of consistency, to hinder 
it. How are they going to know whether 
emigrants are Presbyterians, Baptists, 
Methodists or Latter-day Saints, when 
sailing across the great ocean. Or could 
sailing across the great ocean. Or could 
we not keep our peace so long? Would it 
be difficult for the Latter-day Saints to 
shut up the fire of truth in their hearts, 
so that no one would know them to be 
Latter-day Saints for ten long days? I 
expect that would be the difficult part of 
the undertaking. We feel to rejoice so in 
the Gospel, in the great plan of salvation, 
that we can hardly hold our peace for ten 
days; though if it were really necessary, I 
think some of us could manage to do so.

Well, supposing we landed safely, and 
held our peace, and should take the rail-
road cars for Chicago, say, whose busi-
ness is it? And supposing we concluded 
then to take the cars for Omaha, whose 
business is it? And at Omaha, suppos-
ing we should get it into our heads to 
come further west, and should then pur-
chase a ticket for Ogden, have we not the 
right to do so? Is our government going 
to employ runners and spies to find out 
every man's religious views, who passes 
over the various railroads? I am inclined 
to think not; I do not believe they have 
reached that stage yet.

But now concerning the justice of 
these matters. Supposing that we do 
preach what the world calls "Mor-
onism" from the time we embark, un-
til the time of our landing, because we 
believe in the Lord Jesus Christ, be-
cause we believe in repenting of our 
sins, and because we believe in baptism 
by immersion for the remission of 
sins, and because we believe in the 
plural order of marriage, as taught in 
the Bible, have they the right to shut 
down the gate against us? When I 
say a right, I mean a Constitutional 
right. Is not this country open to all 
nations? Is it not called by every peo-
ple, "the asylum of the oppressed of all 
nations?" They have not yet passed a