done, and men will be condemned, and
men will be justified and women will be
justified according to the testimony of
the faithful servants of God, each one in
his place and station; but Joseph, hold-
ing the keys, and presiding over all, sub-
ordinate, however, to him from whom he
received the keys, as he (Peter) will be
subordinate to the Son of God who placed
them upon him; each one in his dispen-
sation; each one in his place: each ex-
ercising the authority of his Priesthood;
each man honoring God according to his
faithfulness and diligence in magnifying
that Priesthood and calling that God has
placed upon him; and each woman in her
place receiving her share of glory and
honor according to her faithfulness in
keeping the commandments of God, and
honoring the Priesthood.

I present this matter before you that
you may see that when Joseph died he
had embodied in him all the keys and
all the authority, all the powers and all
the qualifications necessary for the head
of a dispensation, to stand at the head
of this great last dispensation. They
had been bestowed upon him through
the providences of God, and through the
command of God to his faithful servants
who lived in ancient days. There was
no end scarcely, in many respects, to the
knowledge that he received. He was vis-
ited constantly by angels; and the Son
of God Himself condescended to come
and minister unto him, the Father hav-
ing also shown Himself unto him; and
these various angels, the heads of dis-
pensations, having also ministered unto
him. Moroni, in the beginning, as you
know, to prepare him for his mission,
came and ministered and talked to him
from time to time, and he had vision af-
ter vision in order that his mind might be
fully saturated with a knowledge of the
things of God, and that he might com-
prehend the great and holy calling that
God had bestowed upon him. In this re-
spect he stands unique. There is no man
in this dispensation can occupy the sta-
tion that he, Joseph did, God having re-
served him and ordained him for that po-
tion, and bestowed upon him the nec-
essary power. Think of what he passed
through! Think of his afflictions, and
think of his dauntless character! Did
anyone ever see him falter? Did anyone
ever see him flinch? Did anyone ever see
any lack in him of the power necessary to
enable him to stand with dignity in the
midst of his enemies, or lacking in dig-
nity in the performance of his duties as a
servant of the living God? God gave him
peculiar power in this respect. He was
filled with integrity to God; with such in-
tegrity as was not known among men.
He was like an angel of God among them.
Notwithstanding all that he had to en-
dure, and the peculiar circumstances in
which he was so often placed, and the
great responsibility that weighed con-
stantly upon him, he never faltered; the
feeling of fear or trembling never crossed
him—at least he never exhibited it in his
feelings or actions. God sustained him to
the very last, and was with him, and bore
him off triumphant even in his death.

While he was in possession of all his
faculties, and likely to live for many
years to lead the Church—in fact the
people believed that he would live to
redeem Zion—when he was thus situ-
atated, impressed by the Spirit and power
of God, he called together our lead-
ing men, and he bestowed upon the
Twelve Apostles all the keys and au-
thority and power that he himself pos-
sessed and that he had received from the