circumstance, that a man should come here from the heart of the nation—
clothed, as was supposed, with every qualification to be a Governor of Utah,
and then act as he has acted. He had been through the army in the late rebel-
lion. He was a man capable, as was supposed, of understanding what was right
and proper as between the nation and any other part of the country that might
seem to feel in any wise oppressed or limited, and who would administer con-
stitutional rights and executive powers with ability and with skill. He came
here clothed with the supreme beauty of the State from whence he came. This
man by his excessive propensity for figures, as we all know, made some very
strange calculations; and then when one thing didn’t work another seemed to, un-
til our representative in Congress was removed. But by and by we are blessed
with another one in Congress to repre-
sent us there. And in a short time
we found that, with the special effort
that was being made in Washington in
our behalf, such a shadow of doubt was
cast over a certain portion of the law,
entitled the Hoar amendment, when it
was thought advisable by the Gover-
nor to execute some three hundred com-
missions, more or less, to men whom
he appointed to fill supposed vacancies
in this Territory, which if carried out
would have turned over the local au-
thority of the Territory into the hands
of the avowed enemies of this people,
but the supposed vacancies did not ex-
ist and the offices continued in the hands
of the incumbents. After all, an elec-
tion was held during the past season,
when these offices were filled by the peo-
ple’s candidates. Thus we have occasion
again to rejoice that notwithstanding an-
other desperate effort has been made to
take away the rule from the hands of the
people, and put it into the hands of their
enemies, and make us an outside Ter-
ritory, subject to their oppressions, sub-
ject to all manner of taxation that they
might please to impose upon us—we find
that the voice and vote of the people are
still triumphant, that their candidates
have gone into office, and are commis-
ioned, the selections having been made
from among those whose rights and priv-
ileges have been maintained unto them.

It is a singular feature in this mat-
ter, that the Governor has taken it into
his head to leave the Territory, just at
the time when it was supposed he would
be required to execute these commis-
sions. But without going into particu-
lars, persons of ordinary discernment ob-
serve that the course he has taken is
such that he cannot himself cheek it to
remain and issue the commissions to the
properly elected persons to rule in this
Territory; indeed it looks as though the
dishonorable, undignified course he has
taken is just what has driven him from
the Territory, to leave his duty and let
the secretary be acting governor. When
men come here full of determination to
show their bravery, their ability, smart-
ness and competency, beyond their pre-
decessors, to capture Utah, and turn her
over to the hands of the ungodly; it ap-
pears that everyone who has made such
an attempt has met with very signal de-
feat. When a man defeats himself as
perfectly as this last one has, I think
the Latter-day Saints have occasion to
thank God and take courage; we have
reason to rejoice and praise the Lord in
all these matters, for whatever our ene-
mies do, He makes it return that, like a
boomerang that is thrown out, it comes
back and strikes the person that hurled
it.