fretted channels in the pale cheek of the 
mother who looked in vain for the re-
return of her son, who in the buoyancy 
of youth had gone to do battle in his 
country's cause—when I thought of the 
wife, who still watched and waited for 
the return of him whose strong arm was 
to be her support through life's dreary 
march—when I called to mind all the 
anguish these hearts felt, I exclaimed— 
That Joseph Smith was a Prophet of God, 
is witnessed by the tears and heartrend-
ing sobs of these multitudes who have 
looked and waited in vain for the return 
of their loved ones.

The Southern States were to call on 
Great Britain to assist them. Did they 
do it? Yes. The Southern States Con-
federacy sent two men, Messrs. Ma-
son and Slidell, to negotiate with the 
English government, with the view of 
getting assistance; but they were cap-
tured and brought back to the United 
States. This is a familiar matter of his-
try. England, too, was to call upon other 
nations to protect themselves against 
other nations. Has this been done? 
To answer that question we have but 
to allude to the treaties now existing 
between Great Britain and other Eu-
ropean nations. Thus you see this 
prophecy, so far as we have read it, has 
been minutely fulfilled—fulfilled in ev-
ery particular, and the rest of it will 
be, so fast as the wheels of time shall 
bring the events due; and the fulfillment 
of these prophecies prove beyond contro-
versy, that Joseph Smith was a Prophet 
of God, and "spake as he was moved upon 
by the Holy Ghost."

There is just one more item I will re-
fer to, and then close.

It was always a strange thing to me, 
that Joseph Smith should have to lay 
down his life, until I found the following 
passage of Scripture: it is contained in 
the 9th chapter of Hebrews, 16 and 17 
verses:

"For where a testament is, there must 
also of necessity be the death of the tes-
tator.

"For a testament is of force after men 
are dead: otherwise it is of no strength 
at all while the testator liveth."

Joseph was the instrument through 
which God ushered in the dispensation 
of the fullness of times—the greatest 
of all dispensations—in which God will 
complete His work, pertaining to the sal-
vation of men on the earth; it was a great 
work—Joseph was to testify of it—and 
"where a testament is there must needs 
be," says Paul, "the death of the testa-
tor." So when Joseph Smith fell by the 
old well-curb at Carthage jail, pierced 
by the bullets of assassins, he placed 
the capstone upon his mission by seal-
ing it with his blood—and from that time 
henceforth it is in force on all the world.