

Arguing between the emigrants and Mormon settlers got worse as the emigrants traveled south. Emigrants were angry that the Mormons would not sell them supplies. Some members of the wagon train told the Mormons they would help the US Army that was coming. Some local Mormon leaders wanted to hurt them, and scatter their cattle. Other local leaders, disagreed but were afraid to stop the attack. John D Lee, a friend of the Paiute Indians, lead an Indian raid on the emigrants. For five days, the Indians and John D. Lee attacked the emigrants who had circled their wagons for defense. While the fighting was going on the Mormons sent a messenger to Brigham Young to see what they should do. Brigham Young was 250 miles away. Members of the Mormon militia killed an emigrant man who was out looking for stray cattle. They tried to kill his partner but he escaped and rode back to the circled wagons. Because the emigrants knew that Mormons were involved in the attack, Mormon leaders decided that the entire party must die. They were afraid that the emigrants would tell other people what the Mormons had done. The Mormon militia tricked the emigrants to leave their wagons and began killing them. Indians who were hiding helped the Mormons. Two days after the attack the messenger that had been sent to get Brigham Young's advice returned with the message from Brigham Young to let the emigrants pass. (**Anger and Fear Theory**)