

Simplified Text

Document 6. Part of a letter written by Brigham Young in Great Salt Lake City to Isaac C. Haight in Cedar City on, September 10th, 1857. Isaac Haight did not receive this letter until after the massacre had happened. (Some of the words have been changed from his original words to make it easier to read).

I have your note that you wrote on the 7th of this month. Captain Van Vliet [leader of the US Army] is here, coming before the army to get supplies for them. We do not think that any part of the army will be able to reach here this fall. There are only about 850 men coming. They are now close to Laramie, [Wyoming]. A few of their supply wagons are closer to us [than the army]. The closest are at the Green River. They will not be able to come much farther because their animals aren't doing well. They cannot get here this season unless we help them, so you see that the Lord has answered our prayers and again blocked the punch that was aimed at our heads. Now about the emigration trains passing through our settlements, we must not get in their way until they are first told to keep away. You must not bother them. We think the Indians will do what they want to but you should try to keep good feelings with them. I don't know about any other trains going south. If those emigrants who are there will leave, let them go in peace. While we should be alert and always ready we should also be patient, defending ourselves and supplies, always remembering that God rules. He has delivered us again and he will always do this if we live our religion and be united in our faith and good works. All is well with us. May the Lord bless you and all saints forever. I remain as ever your brother in the Gospel of Christ. Brigham Young.

Original Text

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Your note of the 7th inst is to hand. Capt. Van Vliet, acting Commissary, is here having come in advance of the Army to procure necessaries for them. We do not expect that any part of the Army will be able to reach here this fall. There is only about 850 men coming, they are now at or near Laramie. A few of the freight trains are this side of that place, the advance of which are now on Green River. They will not be able to come much if any farther on account of their poor stock. They cannot get here this season without we help them, so you see that the Lord has answered our prayers and again averted the blow designed for our heads. In regard to emigration trains passing through our settlements we must not interfere with them until they are first notified to keep away. You must not meddle with them. The Indians we expect will do as they please but you should try and preserve good feelings with them. There are no other trains going south that I know of if those who are there will leave let them go in peace. While we should be on the alert, on hand and always ready we should also possess ourselves in patience, preserving ourselves and

property ever remembering that God rules. He has overruled for our deliverance this once again and he will always do so if we live our religion, be united in our faith and good works. All is well with us. May the Lord bless you and all saints forever. I remain as your ever brother in the Gospel of Christ. Brigham Young.