

The word and will of the Lord concerning the camp of Israel
in their journeying to the West.

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Let all the people of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, and those who journey with them, be organized into companies with a covenant and promise to keep all the commandments and statutes of the Lord our God. Let the companies be organized with Captains of hundreds, captains of fifties and captains of tens, with a President and his two councillors at their head under the direction of the smaller Apostles, and this shall be our Covenant which we will walk in, all the Ordinances of the Lord.

Let each company provide themselves with all the means Waggons Providing Clothing, and other necessaries for the journey, that they can. When the companies are organized, let them go to with this might, to prepare for those who are to tarry.

Let each Company with their Captains and Presidents decide how many can go next Spring; then choose out a sufficient number of ~~the~~ able bodied and expert men, to take teams, seeds and farming utensils to go as Pioneers, to prepare for putting in Spring Crops.

Let each Company bear an equal proportion, according to the dividends of their Property, in tithing the Poor, the Widows, the Fatherless and the families of those who have gone into the army, that the ~~of~~ the Widows and the Fatherless come not up into the ears of the Lord against thy People.

Let each company prepare houses and fields for raising grain; for those who are to remain behind this season, and this is the will of the Lord concerning his people; Let every man use all his influence and Property, to remove this people to the place where the Lord shall locate a Stake of Zion; and if ye do this with a pure heart, in all faithfulness, ye shall be blessed, Iow shall be blessed in your flocks, and in your herds, and in your fields, and in your houses, and in your families - Let my servants Ezra T. Benson and Erastus Snow organize a Company; and

let my servant Obed Pratt and Wilford Woodruff organize a company; Also let my servants Amasa Lyman and George A. Smith organize a Company; and appoint Presidents and Captains of hundreds and of fifties and of tens; and let my servants that have been appointed, go and teach this my will to thy Saints, that they may be ready to go to a land of peace.

So thy way and do as I have told you; and fear not thine enemies; for they shall not have power to stop my work. (Zion shall be redeemed in mine own due time, and if any man shall seek to build up himself, and subvert not my Council, he shall have no power, and his folly shall be made manifest, but ye and keep all your pledges, one with another, and covet not that which is thy brother's - Keep yourselves from evil, to take the name of thy God in vain, for I am the Lord your God even the God of Abraham, and of Isaac, and of Jacob - I am he who led the Children of Israel out of the Land of Egypt and my arm is stretched out in the last days to save my people Israel. Cease to contend one with another Cease to speak evil

one of another. Cease to murmur, and let your words tend to edifying one another. If thou knowest of thy neighbor, thou shalt utter that which thou hast borrowed; and if thou canst not repay, thou go straightway and tell thy neighbor, lest he condemn thee. If thou shalt find that which thy neighbor has lost, thou shalt make diligent search, till thou shalt deliver it to him again. Thou shalt be diligent in judging what thou hast, that thou mayest be a wise steward; for it is the gift of the Lord thy God and thou art his steward. If thou art merry, praise the Lord with singing, with music with dancing, and with a psalm of praise and thanksgiving. If thou art sorrowful call on the Lord thy God with supplications that your souls may be joyful.

Fear not thine enemies, for they are in mine hand, and I will do my pleasure with them, my people must be tried in all things, that they may be prepared to receive the glory that I have for them, even the glory of Zion, and he that will not bear chastisement, is not worthy of my Kingdom - Let him that is ignorant, learn wisdom by humbling himself and calling upon the Lord his God, that his eyes may be opened, that

he may see, and his ears opened that he may hear; for my spirit is sent forth into the world to enlighten the humble and contrite; and to the condemnation of the ungodly -
 they brethren have rejected you and your testimony, even the nation that has driven you out, and now cometh the day of their calamity even the days of sorrow like a woman that is taken in travail; and their sorrow shall be great; unless they speedily repent; ye are my speedily! for they killed the Prophets, and they that were sent unto them; and they have shed the innocent blood, which crieth from the ground against them, therefore I will not be at these things, for ye are not few; thou canst not yet hear my stay; but thou shalt behold it if ye are faithful in keeping all my words that I have given you from the days of Adam to Abraham; from Abraham to Moses; from Moses to Jesus and the Apostles and from Jesus and his Apostles to Joseph Smith whom I do call upon by mine Angels my ministering servants; and by mine own voice out of the heavens, to bring forth my work; which foundation he did lay and was faithful and I took him for myself, many have marvelled because of his death, but it was needful that he should seal his testimony with his blood, that he might be honored, and the wicked might be condemned. Have I not delivered you from your enemies, only in that I have left a witness of my name? Now therefore, hearken O ye People of my Church and ye Elders listen together, you have received my stay, be diligent in keeping all my commandments that judgments come upon you, and your faith fail you and your enemies triumph over you. So no more at present Amen and Amen

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St. Johns, Arizona Nov. 1, 1926. -
 This document was received by the undersigned

This day from Sister Eliza Luella Stewart Udall wife of Dr. David W. Udall and daughter of Dr. Levi Stewart of Nevada Utah. - She received this paper one year ago from her brother W. F. Stewart now living at Alamo, Nevada. This document was found among their father's papers. -

Their father, as Sister Udall understands it, came across the plains in Brigham Young's Company in 1848. He had a plural wife in Nauvoo. Feb 7, 1833 he married Melinda Howard. She died in Nov. 21, 1854 in Salt Lake City, Utah. In Nov. 1845 in Nauvoo, Ill. he married Charity Holdaway Richard P. Lyman son of Francis M. Lyman and grandson of Amasa M. Lyman.

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Carey Amasa M. Lyman
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