

city of the Government is supposed to

and many are over-anxious to fight, and if I was crowded into a corner and would sooner see this city laid in ashes. We are not obliged to go and enter, but now it is spring and we have

to what we have heretofore lived in. people lived in their old log houses, for years, and if we had lived here would not hear one cough where you the worst country in the world to be would be still worse if you would for you could not live there long

up in a house, since I have been in a window open; and if I am in a at once and know it will injure my here. Turn this people out of m healthy. When we sent off a Wednesday, I called upon br. Free n very ill, and believing that it he has since sent word that his and he begins to feel quite strong men and children, many of whom n sleep in wagons and they will

need to or cannot remove, but e where you please in any dry ndow and door frames and cas- t we can; we may come back y and remove the women and m and the wheat and flour and o begin, and retain the able d settlements as possible, to owing crops, &c., and when we es may come in, in welcome. my here, they would not dare

to go to any place only where Government has ordered them to build a station. Let them whip themselves; they are at this time whipt in a masterly manner, and they have done it themselves. Did you ever see any man get so angry and full of revenge that he would be glad to be able to jump up and bite his own nose, and jump until he was tired, and after all find his nose still unhurt on his face, and then begin to curse and rip about it, having nobody to spite himself upon? Our enemies are precisely in that situation. We used to say, when wishing to describe hell, that it was "to want to and can't." They "want to and can't."

If we are obliged to remove, cache and lay waste, it is for our good, it is not for our injury. "The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof," and he that cannot take joyfully the spoiling of his goods, whenever the Lord requires it to be done and it seems to be necessary, is not worthy to be a follower of the Lamb; and when the moving is over I will have just as much better a house than my present one, than it is better than the old row of log cabins we used to live in. The buildings I now have do not begin to satisfy me, for I mean to keep improving so that I will know how to help build up Zion, when I have the privilege. So also will your buildings be as much better than the ones you now occupy, as they are better than your old shanties which you first lived in, and the earth will be more productive than it has been. If we take the right track, the Lord will bless us accordingly.

Many may say, "br. Brigham, perhaps you are mistaken; you are liable to err, and if the mob should not come, after all, and we should burn up our houses and learn that the Government had actually countermanded their orders and that no armies are coming to Utah, it would be a needless destruction. We have all the time felt that there was no need of leaving our houses.— How easy it is for men to be mistaken, and we think a Prophet may be mistaken once in a while." I am just as willing as the Lord, if he is disposed to make me make mistakes, and it is none of the business of any other person. If a people do the best they know, they have the power to ask and receive, and no power can prevent it. And if the Lord wants me to make a mistake, I would as soon be mistaken as anything else, if that will save the lives of the people and give us the victory. If you get such feelings in your hearts, think of what my conclusion on the subject is, and do not come to my office to

ask me whether I am mistaken, for I want to tell you now perhaps I am.

Do I want to save you? Ask that question. But John, what are you doing? Are you not an Elder in Israel? "Yes, I am a High Priest." What is the office of an High Priest? John replies, "I do not know, without it is to whip my wife, knock down my children and make everybody obey me; and I believe a High Priest presides over an Elder." You will find some Elders just about that ignorant. Let me tell you what the office of a High Priest and an Elder is. It holds the keys of the revelation of Jesus Christ; it unlocks the gates of heaven. It opens the broad windows of revelation from eternity. John, what are you about, imagining that I may be mistaken? or that br. Heber may be mistaken? Why do you not open the windows of heaven and get revelation for yourself? and not go whining around and saying, "do you not think that you may be mistaken? Can a Prophet or an Apostle be mistaken?" Do not ask me any such question, for I will acknowledge that all the time, but I do not acknowledge that I designedly lead this people astray one hair's breadth from the truth, and I do not knowingly do a wrong, though I may commit many wrongs, and so may you. But I overlook your weaknesses, and I know by experience that the Saints lift their hearts to God that I may be led right. If I am thus borne off by your prayers and faith, with my own, and suffered to lead you wrong, it proves that your faith is vain. Do not worry. I have opened the subject and I will now sit down and let others unfold a little more. My mind is too full this morning to come to close points.

May God bless you. Amen.