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Thomas Reynolds, 1840-1844

[Full-text transcription of: Letter from L. B. Fleak, Iowa to Governor Reynolds, Jefferson City, Mo.]

L B Fleak
about Jos Smith
Free: L. B. Fleak PM
at Keokuk I.T.
His Excellency Thos Reynolds
Jefferson City

[illegible] Steam Packet [“Rosalie” crossed out])
[Leander]) Mo
to St. Louis

Octo 1842

Keokuk I.T. Oct 7th 1842

Gov Reynolds
Dear Sir

I hasten to correct the information
which I gave you per last nights Boat respecting
the supposed arrest of Jo Smith

Smith is Not arrested, as was reported. This I have
from my brother (the same that addressed me the note that
I enclosed to you) and I know it can be relied upon

The note before me ^ from him is dated at Nauvoo & was written
the morning after the other was written. What can
be the object of the Mormons in reporting his
arrest I cannot conjecture, they must have some
thing in view. I shall be in Nauvoo tomorrow –
and should any thing transpire worthy of
notice I will again write you. In the mean
time the plan proposed in my note of the
5th Ins will be vigorously prosecuted

The Reward has had one salutary effect, it
has stopped their settling in our Town & those
that had come down have returned to Nauvoo.

Very Respectfully
Your obdt servt
L. B. Fleak