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Thomas Reynolds, 1840-1844

[Full-text transcription of: Letter from A.V. B. Orr, Pennsylvania to Governor Reynolds, Jefferson City, Mo]

Pennsylvania
A.V. B on request
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Copy Sent Aug: 27 1841
J. L. Minor
Steelville Pa
July 19th (Free, crossed out)
Chester Co. Pa

To His Excellency
The Governor of Missouri
(St Louis crossed out)
Jefferson City Missouri
Steels Ville July 7th AD 1841

Sir,
Without any previous introduction I take the liberty of addressing a letter to you on a subject which from the accounts in the papers must be of some importance to your State. The Mormons have been preaching through the State of Pennsylvania & Delaware and are persuading hundreds of the lowest order to join their Standard, men who from their want of education are capable of any act however bad. Those individuals thus proselyted are taught that the State of Missouri having driven them from her limits has been guilty of an unpardonable sin & is their lawful prey if they had strength to accomplish the object. A tide of immigration of the worst characters out of every State through their means is thus [] flowing into proximity to you which judging from the trouble you have already had with them will give you yet greater unless something be done to check it. The most effectual mode for preventing this gathering of Mormons in my opinion would be an expose of their conduct in every community in which they make their appearance. And as they charge the public press with falsehoods in relation to their recent conduct the Statements thus made have done little good. As they are doing all they can in this neighborhood. And as I feel it a duty I owe my fellow citizens to forward, their further progress. I have thus taken the liberty of requesting a short account

of their Conduct from Your excellency, which will
do more in supporting this than all the newspaper
Statements that could be made. Should you think
it not beneath to you to Send any information in
relation to them, you will have the goodness to address
Dr. A.V.B. Orr. Steeles Ville Chester County Pennsylvania
I remain Sir, Your

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Servant

A. V. B. Orr

To His Excellency
The Governor of
Missouri