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## Thomas Reynolds, 1840-1844

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

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Iowa Territory  
L. B. Fleet about  
the Mormons

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Keokuk IT} Free L. B. Fleak P.M.  
March 21, ) [“at Keokuk I.T.” crossed out]

His Excellency Thos Reynolds  
Jefferson City  
Missouri

Keokuk Iowa March 20<sup>th</sup> [184-]

His Excellency Thos Reynolds

Dear Sir

I have just read with pleasure of the arrest of that notorious Rockwell, and I will say to you that it has created no small excitement amongs the Mormons. I am now more than ever satisfied of the guilt of Joe & I know he fears that Rockwell will turn traitor. If the right method is pursued I am satisfied that he will do so for we all know that a midnight assassin will stop at nothing in a general way. Those villians at Nauvoo have ascertained by some means that I was watching them closely and they deceived me egregiously in regard to the location of Rockwell What I wrote you a short time ago respecting his being in the Pinery in Wisconsin was told me in a very careless manner by one of the ladies & I supposed it to be true, but I am now convinced that it was done purposely to deceive me. I fear some difficulties with them but my house [a] pretty fair ar=senal and if they interfere with me I shall give them the best show possible. I intend leaving the infernal Mormon region in one month more

Respectfully

Your obdt servt

L. B. Fleak

[written up the left hand side of the page]:

P.S. You will pardon me for writing you with so many unasked for notes. Whether welcome or not I am determined to keep you constantly advised of every movement that I am amongst them.