

Montrose May 14<sup>th</sup> 1842

To His Excellency  
Governor Reynolds,  
Sir

We have just rec<sup>d</sup> via  
Mr. Loring information that Ex Gov. Poyy  
of your state was murdered in his own house  
on the 9<sup>th</sup> Inst that suspicion was cast  
so that the awful deed had been committed  
by a follower of the wretched impostor Joe  
Smith.

If it is true that Gov. Poyy  
has been murdered & that it is not satisfactorily  
known who committed the murder,  
then I should not entertain a doubt that  
it was done by some of Joe's minions at  
his instigation. He has sworn vengeance pub-  
licly against Gov. Poyy ever since he  
settled in this neighborhood. A friend of mine  
was present to day when the news was  
made known to Joe - he exclaimed in

that "it was too good to be true"; but  
he hoped to G-d it was so.

Almost every Mormon has rejoiced  
over the scheme and many of them  
say that he ought to have been killed  
long ago; and one leading Mormon  
remarked that he had no doubt but  
a Mormon had done it.

It is now three years since  
they settled in this country, and they  
have gained ~~any~~ ~~thing~~ but a character  
for good order & honesty.

Their City Nauvoo is directly  
opposite this. We look upon them as  
a Manditti, called together by their  
leaders for the purpose of forming a new  
perfect organization, to carry out the  
swindling & treacherable plan.

I have heard the leaders publicly  
encourage their people to steal from Missio-  
naries. The citizens here and in Illinois

am much excited agt the growing no-  
of the infamous conduct; and every  
body here wishes that (if Joe is a fu-  
gitive from justice from your state) a  
requisition may soon be made by your  
Excellency for his arrest.

You will pardon the liberty  
I have taken in addressing you on this sub-  
ject. My only object is to make  
you acquainted with the  
means in which these Normans  
received the news of Gov Poff's death,  
and if the perpetrator has not been discov-  
ered is now known, so may be well  
to direct public attention in this di-  
rection towards a man too who has  
been prophesied that he would come  
to an awful end.

Very Respectfully  
Your Obedt Servt  
D. W. Ribbourn P. M.  
Mountrose Lee Co. Iowa

B. M. Kilburn  
P. M. in Iowa -  
about November

Northwest Iowa } Free  
Mar 19<sup>th</sup> } D. M. Kilburn  
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To his Excellency  
Governor Reynolds  
Jefferson City  
Mo

May 1842

