

Flask

Wm. of So. Smith

Mrs. J. P. Heath & P. H.
at Newcastle Iowa City

Mrs. Excellency Gov. Reynolds
Jefferson City Mo

To be mailed at St. Louis

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Important

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His Excellency Gov Reynolds

Dear Sir

I have just this ^{hour} ~~moment~~ recd intelligence from Nauvoo that the Mormon Prophet Joe Smith has this day been arrested on your requisition. He sent down for one of our attorneys & it was from him that I obtained the above information. The amount of it will be this Smith will be rescued by those devils which surround him & then will be another war more bloody than those villians say theirs was, in Ind.

Nothing can save Smith this time, nine tenths of our Citizens will support the Sheriff although he belongs to another State. The news of his arrest had not been here one hour before every Mormon in our town had left for Nauvoo. I shall be with the Sheriff this evening and on my return again I will write you & from this time until he is safely conveyed into your State you may expect a note from me every Mail.

You could do nothing else that would have given the people of this Country & of Illinois the satisfaction that this requisition had given them.

Very Respectfully,

Wm. Pitt Rivers

S. J. Peck