

Mountain Iowa

Friend Leah

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It is next to impossible to get correct news from across the river. The Sheriff returned from Quincy yesterday & demanded Joe of the Marshall of Nauvoo into whose hands he had committed him for safe keeping; but he was not forthcoming, the Marshall said had let him go.

The fact is the Mormons defy all the force that can be brought against them & seem in their strength that Joe shall not be taken to Mo. Does not his conduct show the deepest guilt?

They are all in a great store - Every
old Rifle, Pistol, Cutlery, Knife etc
^{among them}
is being put in order.

If Joe does not appear
I suppose the next step will be
to offer a reward for him as a fugi-
-tive from justice - as he has now
escaped from an office of justice.

If that is done I'll be bound
justice will overtake him.

Will Mr. Now give
up the Chair? Will Gov. Poyp
be willing to put such a man
who would murder him any Month
go "whipped of Justice"? for the
good of the Country & the peace of
Society I hope not.

I will write you just

as often as any thing occurs
of interest.

Truly & Respectfully

Yours

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