

Kirtland Council Minute Book, 1832-37

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1832

A conference of Elders convened in Kirtland on the 3rd day of December AD 1832 for the purpose of ordaining Bro Noah Packard. Present Joseph Smith Jr Sidney Rigdon Levi Hancock Solomon Humphry and F G Williams. then proceeded to ordain brother Noah Packard to be a Priest in the church of Christ which was done by the hand of Bro Joseph and prayer by Brother Sidney

F G Williams Clk of Con

Joseph Smith Jr Prsd

A council of high Priests held in Kirtland December 5, AD 1832, at the request of brother Solomon Humphry who desired to know the will of the Lord respecting him, the council opened by prayer br Joseph Smith Jr and appointed bro F G Williams Clerk, after hearing a statement from bro Humphry of his situation, it was ordered in council that br Humphry should devote himself entirely to the work of the ministry commencing in Parkman and taking Br Noah Packard of Parkman as his companion in travel and labouring in such places and regions as the lord may direct by his spirit.

There being no further business the council closed by prayer.

F.G. Williams Clk of Con.

Joseph Smith Jr Prsd

Kirtland October 10, 1832

This day the bishops council appointed a conference to be held in Bath Grefton county New Hampshire on the eight day of June AD 1833.

F.G. Williams Clk

The council held in Kirtland on the 5 day of December AD 1832 decided that Brother Horace Kingsbury should be ordained an Elder in the Church of Christ according to his desire; accordingly it was done by the hand of Brother John P. Green on the 9th day of Dec 1832

F.G. Williams Clk

Kirtland December 18th 1832

This day a council of Elders was called by Bro Curtis Hodges & Shadrack Roundy and after opening the conference by Prayer Bro Hodges arose and said it was his desire to proclaim the gospel stating that his situation was such that he could leave home and that his family was so situated that they did not need his assistance & desired to know his duty and what course to take &c as it was his determination to labour in the vineyard. After hearing Bro Hodges statement the council decided that he should diligently seek for a companion to go with him in the ministry and go forth according to the dictates of the spirit

Bro Roundy [arose] next and stated that his object in coming here was to get council as he had previously been ordained & having a witness of the spirit that it was of God and was willing to go forth and proclaim the gospel but stated to the council that his family stood in need of his labor for their support if no other way could be devised, after investigating the subject the council decided that Bro Roundy should go and act according to the dictates of the spirit, as his temporal business was as yet unsettled and would probably remain so some length of time. No further business.

F.G. Williams Clk

Kirtland Dec 19th 1832

A conference this day assembled and ordained William Smith an Elder in the Church of Christ by the hand of Lyman Johnson.

F.G. Williams Clk

A conference of High Priests assembled in the translating room in Kirtland Ohio on the 27 day of Dec AD 1832.

Present: Joseph Smith Sr. Sidney Rigdon, Orson Hyde, Joseph Smith Jr. Hiram Smith, Samuel H. Smith N K Whitney, F.G. Williams, Ezra Thayer & John Murdock commenced by prayer, then Bro Joseph arose and said, to receive revelation and the blessing of heaven it was necessary to have our minds on god and exercise faith and become of one heart and of one mind. therefore he recommended all present to pray separatly and vocally to the Lord for to reveal his will unto us concerning the upbuilding of Zion & for the benifit of the saints and for the duty and employment of the Elders. Accordingly we all bowed down before the Lord, after which each one arose and spoke in his turn his feelings, and determination to keep the commandments of God. And then proceded to receive a revelation concerning the duty [not legible] of ~~our~~ above stated 9 oclock P.M. the revelation not being finished the conference adjourned and commenced by Prayer thus proceded to receive the residue of the above revelation and it being finished and there being no further business before the conference closed the meeting by prayer in harmony with the brethren and gratitude to our heavenly Father for the great manifestation of his holy Spirit during the setting of the conference.

F.G. Williams Clk of con.

December 29th 1832 Kirtland Ohio

This day Brother Calvin Stodard came forward and gave up his licence to the Bishop and confessed that he had not magnified his office but had transgressed and been out of the way.

F.G. Williams Clk

January 2d 1833 This day a conference of Elders assembled by the request of Bro John P. Green & Philemon Duzette who desired to know the will of the Lord concerning them. it was decided by the conference that they should travel together and go east all being agreed and then commended them to the grace of God by Prayer, and then adjourned.

F.G. Williams Clk of conf

A conference of Elders assembled November 16th 1832 and ordained Bro John Boyington an Elder by Bro Joseph Smith J

F.G. Williams Clk

1833

Kirtland January 9th 1833

This day we the members of the united firm of N K Whitney &c agreed to allow Brother Fredck G Williams Three hundred dollars pr year for his services as assistant scribe to be paid by the firm.

F.G. Williams Clk

Kirtland January 13, 1833

This day a Conference of High Priests assembled by request of Bro Sidney Rigdon Present S Rigdon, J. Smith S, J Smith Jr, Hiram Smith, Samuel Smith, E Thayer, Orson Hyde, Zebedee Coltrin, N K Whitney, John Murdock, F.G. Williams & Joseph Coe, Elders Wm Smith, John Boyington & John Reed

Bro Sidney arose and stated his object in calling the meeting & opened by prayer.

The first item that came before the conference for their consideration was on the subject of the Revelation given 22 & 23 Sept 1832 relative to the Saints in Zion. It was resolved that Bro Orson Hyde & Hyrum Smith be a committe to write an Epistle to them on that subject and also on the subject of Letters written by Bros Phelps & Gilbert in the name of the conference This conference sanctioned a letter written to Broth Phelps on the 11 inst by Bro Joseph Smith J It was also resolved that the President of the High Priesthood should see to the conducting of the meetings on the sabbath days when present, & the Bishop in his absence.

Resolved also that prayer be offered up by all the members of the conference that the epistle written might have the desired effect, also that Bros Orson & Hiram have the prayers of the conference for the Holy Spirit to direct them in writing the said Epistle to the brethren in Zion. No further business the conference adjourned till Tomorrow evening, closed by prayer.

[January] 14 met agreeable to adjournment and after opening the meeting by Prayer the conference unanimously sanctioned the Epistle which was written agreeable to the afforesaid resolution as presented by Bro Orson & Hiram. There being no further business, the conference closed by Prayer

F.G. Williams Clk

Kirtland 14 Janry 1833

conference met and ordained Bro Evan Green to be a Priest in the Church of Christ by the hand of Bro Sidney Rigdon.

Kirtland January 21, 1833

A conference convened in the Translating room and ordained Brother Truman Wait a Priest in this Church of Christ under the hand of Hiram Smith

Kirtland January 22, 1833

conference of high priests convened in the council room high priests present Joseph Smith Jun President, Sidney Rigdon cheif scribe and high counciler Frederick G. Williams assistant scribe and counciler Newel K. Whitney Bishop Hiram Smith Bishops counciler, Zebedee Coltrin Joseph Smith Sr. Samuel H. Smith John Murdock, Lyman Johnson, Orson Hyde, Ezra Thair;

Elders, Levy Hancock, William Smith.

Conference opened with prayer by the President, after prayer the President spake in an unknown tongue he was followed by Br. Zebedee Coltrin and he by Bro William Smith after this the gift was poured out in a miraculous manner until all the Elders obtained the gift together with several of the members of the Church both male & female. Great and glorious were the divine manifestations of the Holy Spirit. Praises were sang to God & the Lamb besides much speaking & praying all in tongues. The conference adjourned at a late hour in the night to meet next morning at 9 oclock. closed with prayer by the President. Wednesday Janry 23d Meet agreeable to adjournment. Conference opened with Prayer by the President and after much speaking praying and singing, all done in Tongues proceded to washing hands faces feet in the name of the Lord as commanded of God each one washing his own after which the president girded himself with a towel and again washed the feet of all the Elders wiping them with the towel, his father presenting himself the president asked of him a blessing before he would wash his feet which he obtained by the laying on of his fathers hands, pronouncing upon his head that he should continue in his Priests office untill Christ come. at the close of which scene Br F G Williams being moved upon by the Holy Ghost washed the feet of the President as a token of his fixed determination to be with him in suffering or in rejoicing in life or in death and to be continually on his right hand in which thing he was accepted. The President said after he had washed the feet of the Elders, as I have done so do ye wash ye therefore one anothers feet pronouncing at the same time through the power of the Holy Ghost that the Elders were all clean from the blood of this generation but that those ~~who~~ among them who should sin wilfully after they were thus cleansed and sealed up unto eternal life should be given over unto the buffetings of Satan until the day of redemption. Having continued all day in fasting & prayer before the Lord at the close they partook of the Lords supper which was blessed by the president in the name of the Lord all

eat [ate] and drank and were filled then sang an hymn and went out

F.W. Williams Clk

Kirtland Janry 29, 1833

A conference of high Priest convened at Bro F G Williams and ordained Bro Gibson Smith an Elder

F.G. Williams Clk

Kirtland 2 day of Febry 1833

This day completed the translation and the reviewing of the New Testament and sealed up no more to be broken till it goes to Zion.

F.G. Williams Clk

Kirtland 2d Febry 1833

A Conference convened at the Translating room and ordained James Durfey an Elder in the Church of Christ under the hand of Sidney Rigdon.

F.G. Williams Clk

Kirtland 4 of Febry 1833

A Conference convened in the translating room and ordained Salmon Gee to be an Elder in this Church of Christ under the hand of Sidney Rigdon.

F.G. Williams Clk

Kirtland Febry 4th 1833

A Conference convened in the translating room and ordained Samuel B__ell an Elder in this Church of Christ under the hand of Sidney Rigdon

F.G. Williams Clk

Kirtland Feby 17th 1833

A conference of Elders assembled in the School room ant ordained John Johnson to be an Elder in this Church of Christ under the hand of Joseph Smith Jr

F.G. Williams

A conference of Elders met in Kirtland in the School room and ordained William Pratt under the hand of Sidney Rigdon to be an elder Feby 10 1833

F.G. Williams Clk

Kirtland Feby 15 1833

A Council of Elders assembled in the School room and ordained Harpin Rigs and Isaac McWethy to be Elders in this Church of Christ under the hand of Joseph Smith Jr

Kirtland 13th Feby 1833

A Council of High Priests assembled in the School room to investigate the case of Brother Burr Riggs who was accused of not magnifying his calling as a high Priest in the Church of Christ but had been guilty of neglect of duty and abusing the Elders and treating their admonition and advice with contempt after taking the case into consideration Bro Burr agreed to make satisfaction but did not show much humility. The conference adjourned by prayer.

F.G. Williams

Kirtland 26th of Feby 1833

a conference of high Priests was called again on the case of Broth Burr Riggs who was accused of neglecting to make satisfaction to the Church as he agreed and disgracing the High Priesthood by neglect of duty and saying he did [not] care how soon he was cut off from the Church. It was the unanimous voice of all the Elders present that he is not worthy of a place in the Church of Christ and was adjudged guilty and accordingly cut off from being a member of this Church of Christ.

Kirtland 12 March 1833

This day a Council of High Priests assembled in the School room and ordained Horace Cowin to be a preast under the hand of Sidney Rigdon and that he should journey with Zerubbabel Snow to the East & that Amasa Lyman & Wm F. Cahoon journey together to the East Jinkens Salsbury & Truman Wait journey together to the east and also ordained Jinken Salsbury by Hiram Smith

Kirtland 15 March 1833

A council called on the case of Broth Lake from Worster who came here professing to have receid Revelations and on investigating his case it was unanimously agreed that said Lake was under the influence of an evil spirit and took his licence as Priest from him.

F.G. Williams Clk

Kirtland March 15th 1833

Thirsday received a revelation making known that F.G.W. Should be received into the United firm in full partnership agreeable to the specification of the bond

Kirtland 18 March 1833

Ordination of Doctor Hurlburt by the hand of Sidney Rigdon to be an Elder

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Kirtland 3 June 1833

A Conference of high Priests convened in Kirtland at the Translating room Bro Sidney opened the conference by prayer first case before the conference was that of Doctor Hurlburt who was accused of unchristian conduct with the female sex while on a mission to the east it was decided that his commission be taken from him and that he be no longer a member of the Church of Christ. The next case before the conference was to ascertain what should be the dimention or size of the house that is to be built for a hou of worship and the school of the prophet and received a

revelation on the size of the house the word of the lord was that it shall be fifty five feet wide and sixty five feet long in the inner court and the conference appointed Bro Joseph Jr Sidney Rigdon and Frederick Williams to obtain a draft or construction of the inner court of the house.

F.G. Williams Clk P.T.

Kirtland May 2d 1833

A presiding council held in Norton Township Madina County Ohio Sidney Rigdon presided after examination into the standing of Baldwin Welton Aron Smith [Bro.] Hayes Elders and James Braden priest it was decided that their ordination was illegal and that the churches should not receive them as Elders nor J Braden as Priest recorded in Kirtland the above date by the decision of the whole presidency

Joseph Smith Jr

Sidney Rigdon

F.G. Williams

Prests of the High Priesthood

A conference of High Priests met in Kirtland on the 4th of June 1833 in the translating room and took into consideration how the french farm should be disposed of the council could not agree who should take the charge of it but all agreed to enquire of the lord accordinly we received a revilation which decided that Broth N K Whitney should take the charge thereof and also that brother John Johnson be admitted as a member of the united firm accordingly he was ordained unto the high Priesthood and admitted.

F.G. Williams Clk P.T.

Doctor Hurlburt (These brethren having come to Kirtland
Joseph Wood (and on the 19th day of March a conference
George Gee (was called to inquire into their motives in
Daniel Copley (coming to Kirtland &c. Brother Joseph Wood
William Pratt (& William Pratt arose and stated that they
Isaac H. Bishop (came in from their mission for the purpose

of settling their private business to prepare the way for them to go forth to proclaim the Gospel

Next arose Bro Daniel and said he came to know the will of the Lord concerning him George Gee also said he came to know the will of the Lord and to do some business Brother Hurlburt also said he came to obtain information.

Broth Isaac Bishop also arose and said he came for information and desired to know his duty. After calling upon the Lord to direct in council it was agreed that Bro. Hurlburt and Bro Daniel should journey together to the east & proclaim by the way, and that Bro Wood and Bro Pratt journey together to the east after settling their business, and Broth George Gee after finding that he had no special business was sharply reprov'd and desired not running to Kirtland not having any business without paying for his bo[a]rd and that all who go forth to proclaim use their influence to procure relief for the poor in Kirtland.

F.G. Williams Ck P.T.

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thus, and again verely I say unto thy brethren Sidney and Frederick their sins are forgiven them also and they are accounted equal in holding the keys of this last kingdom, and again I give unto you a commandment that you continue in this ministry and presidency and when you have finished the translating of the prophets you shall from thenceforth preside over the affairs of the Church and the School from time to time as shall be manifest by the comforter receive revelation to unfold the mysteries of the Kingdom and set in order the Church. Acordingly Bro Joseph proceded to and ordained them by the laying on of hands to be equal with him in holding the keys of the Kingdom and also the Presidency of the high Priesthood after which several exortations were given to faithfulness and obedience to the commandments of God and much useful instruction given for the benefit of the saints with a promise that the pure in heart that were present should see a heavenly vision and after remaining for a short time in secret prayer the promise was verified to many present having the eyes of their understandings opened so as to behold many things after which many of the brethren saw a heavenly vision of the Saviour and concourses of angels and many other things of which each one has a record of what they saw &c.

F.G. Williams Ck P.T.

Kirtland 23d of March 1833

A council of High Priests & Elders assembled in the school room at 9 oclock agreeable to previous arangments. After opening the council by prayer by Broth Joseph it was agreed that br. Joseph Coe and brother Moses Dailey should procede to make purchase of certain farms or to

obtain, or to obtain their terms of such, and and that Bro E. Thair be appointed to obtain the price of Pete French farm and the brethren agreed to continue in prayer and fasting for the ultimate success of their mission after an absence of about three hours Bro Coe & Bro Dailey returned and made report as follows: That Elijah Smith would sell his farm for four thousand dollars and that Mr. Morley would sell his farm for twenty one hundred dollars, and also bro Thair returned and reported that Peter French would sell his farm for five thousand dollars and after the report of the brethren it was put to vote whether ~~it was~~ the property should be purchased and decided in the affirmative it was then agreed that bro Ezra Thair and Joseph Coe should superintend the purchasing of said farms and to have the prayer of the brethren and that they should be ordained to that office accordingly Sidney Rigdon ordained them as general agents to be set apart to act as such in this eastern branch of the Church. There being no further business the council closed by prayer.

F.G. Williams Clk P.T.

Kirtland 2d April 1833

A council of High Priests assembled in the school room and appointed Bro Fredck G. Williams to be an agent to supertend and employ some person or persons to carry on the brick yard on the french farm and also letting out the farm. This council also authorized [?] Broth E Thair to purchase the tannery belonging to Arnold Mason in Kirtland no further business the council closed.

F.G. Williams Clk P.T.

Kirtland 30 of April 1833

A conference of High Priests convened in the school room. The meeting commenced with prayer by Bro Joseph the council being organized in due form Bro Joseph saw that it was necessary that a subscription should be opened to procure money to pay for the use of the house that meetings were held in the past season. Accordingly the conference appointed bro Albert Brown to circulate a subscription paper for that purpose next thing in question was the expediency of John P. Green going to Parkman to take the charge of that branch of the Church. it was decided that he should have letters of recommendation and an Epistle to that church and take the oversight thereof and as soon as is convenient move to that place it was also decided that that Sister Vienna Jaquish should not immediately procede on her journey to Zion but to wait untill William Hobart gets ready and go in company with him no further business the conference closed.

F.G. Williams Clk P.T.

A conference of High Priests assembled in Kirtland May the 4th 1833 and appointed Jared Carter moderator who opened the conference with prayer after which Bro Jared arose and stated the necessity of building a school house for the purpose of accomodating the Elders who should come into receive their education for the ministry according to a revelation given on that subject March 8, 1833 voted accordingly that a committe he appointed to superintend getting subscription for the purpose the following persons were appointed a committee by the voice of the conference viz: Hiram Smith Jared Carter Reynolds Cahoon there being no further business the conference closed.

F. G. Williams clk. P.T.

This day called a conference of High Priests 6th June 1833. Bro Joseph opened by prayer. Orson Hyde being nominated a Clerk for the presidency of the High Priesthood Seconded and duly chosen by vote, and took his seat to act. The occasion of the conference being called, was this: to council the committee who were appointed to take the oversight of the building of the House of the Lord. These are the names of the committee Reynolds Cahoon, Jared Carter & Hyrum Smith. It was voted by the conference that the committee proceed immediately to commence building the House or obtaining materials, stone Brick Lumber &c.

I, Doct P. Hurlbert, having been tried before the Bishops Council of High Priests in a charge of unchristian like conduct with the female sex, and myself being absent at the time and considering that strict justice was not done me, I do by these presents most solemnly enter my appeal unto the Presidents council of high priests for a rehearing according to the privilage garranteed to me in the laws of the Church which council is now assembled in the School room in Kirtland the 21st June 1833. It was motioned seconded and voted that Bro D. P. Hurlbut be granted a re-hearing Bro Joseph, the President, opened the council by prayer. The council then proceeded to ordain two High Priests to make out the number, twelve, that the council or Church court might be organized. Bro John and William Smith were ordained by the hands of Bro Sidney Rigdon by the voice of the council Bro Hurlburts case was laid before the court & the testimony against him given by Orson Hyde & Hyrum Smith and duly investigated. It was decided that Bro H should be forgiven because of the liberal confession which he made. This council decided that the Bishops council decided correctly before, and that Bro H's crime was sufficient to cut him off from the Church, but on his confession, he was restored.

Joseph Smith Jr

June 21st 1833 Bro Daniel Copley's priest licence and membership were taken from him by the Presidents court because he refused to fulfil his mission according to the council of the High

Priesthood of the holy order of God

Bro D.P. Hurlberts case was called in question this day before a general council and upon the testimony of Bro Gee of Thompson, who testified that Bro D.P.H. said that he had deceived Joseph Smith, God, or the Spirit by which he is actuated &c &c The council proceeded to cut him off from the Church. There was also corrobporating testimony brought against him by Bro Hodges

23 June 1833

The names of the Temples to be built on the painted squares as represented on the plot of the City of Zion which is now about to be forwarded thither. Nos 10,11, & 12, are to be called, House of the Lord for the presidency of the High and most holy Priesthood after the order of Melchizadeck which was after the order of the son of God upon Mount Zion City of the New Jerusalem. Nos. 7,8, & 9 The Sacred Apostolic Repository for the use of the Bishops. Nos. 4,5, & 6 The holy evangelical House for the High Priesthood of the holy order of God. Nos. 1,2, & 3 The house of the Lord for the Elders of Zion, an ensign to the nations. Nos. 22, 23, & 24 House of the Lord for the presidency of the high Priesthood after the order of Aaaron, a Standard for the people. Nos. 19,20,21, House of the Lord for the high Priesthood after the order of Aaron, the Law of the Kingdom of heaven, Messenger to the people. Nos. 16, 17, & 18 House of the Lord for the Teachers in Zion, messenger to the Church. Nos. 13, 14, & 15 House of the Lord for the Deacons in Zion, helps in government. Undermath must be written on each House-HOLINESS TO THE LORD

24 June 1833

A Council of Elders of the Church of Christ holden at Westfield June 24th AD 1833. Namely Bro Gladden Bishop Chester S. Heath Levi Gifford counselors, and a number of other Brethren. Namely George BaLesk Priest Shepen Foot Deacon Bro Joseph Paul accuser. Bro Bishop Chairman. Bro Heath Clerk. Then proceded to business after opening by prayer Bro Paul entered a complaint against Bro James Higby an Elder for circulating false and slanderous reports and not observing the order of the Gospel with evidence that was unimpeachable to substantiate the same to the satisfaction of said council which was done, and like wise from Bro Higbys own mouth and the Spirit he showed it was evident and declared guilty by the council and that he be cut off from the Church till he repent and be Baptized for the remission of sins. The council then demanded his licence & the Church Book which he utterly refused, therefore, resolved that the proceedings of this council be sent to Kirtland, and the same voted [noted?] among the churches.

Chester L. Heath Clk

Copied 29 June 1833 by Orson Hyde Clerk for the Presidency

Kirtland 13th July 1833

A Council of Elders was holden Present: G.H. Carter, Jacob Wood, Dennis Lake, Brigham Young, James Lake, Joseph Smith J, N. K. Whitney, John Smith, Luke Johnson

Brother James Lakes case was called who desired to know the will of the Lord whether he should procede on to Zion or remain in Kirtland it was decided that he should remain in Kirtland no further business the council adjourned.

F.G. Williams Clk P.T.

Kirtland 11 Sept 1833

This day the following members of the United firm residing in Kirtland, wit F.G. Williams, Joseph Smith J, Sidney Rigdon, and NK Whitney, and also Oliver Cowdery delegate to represent the residue of the said firm residing in Independence Jackson County Missouri meet in council to take into consideration the expediency of establishing a printing press in this place

First resolved by unanimous consent that a press be established and conducted under the firm of F.G.W. & Co.

Secondly Resolved that the above firm publish a paper as soon arrangments can be made entitled The Latter-day Saints Messenger and Advocate

Resolved also that the Star formerly published in Jackson County, Missouri by the firm of W.W. Phelps & Co. be printed in this place by the firm of F.G. Williams & Co to be conducted by Oliver Cowdery one of the said firm untill it is transfered to it former location

F.G. Williams

Kirtland Sept 28th 1833

This day a council of Elders convened for the purpose of taking into consideration thecase of brother John Tanner who sent his two sons to Kirtland to ascertain the will of the Lord whither he should go to Zion or move to this place. Bro Oliver opened the council by prayer. After the case was fairly laid before the council it was unanimously agreed by all present that it was the will of the Lord for all who are able and willing to build up and strengthen the Stake in Kirtland should do so therefore this is our council to our beloved brother John that he move to Kirtland

for the above named purpose.

F.G. Williams

This day a council of Elders met in Kirtland to take into consideration the cases of James Blanchard and Alonzo Rider, who, on account of their repeated transgressions, and promising to reform and never fulfilling, were cut off from the Church of Christ, and letters to this effect, were sent unto them immediately, informing them of their Excommunication, themselves not being present. Dec. 26, 1833 Also the case of Bro. Nelson Acre was taken into consideration and he was cut off from the Church, on account of his absenting himself from the meetings, and saying that he wanted no more of the Church and that he desired to be cut off &c. &c. A letter informing him of his exclusion was immediately written him. By order of the Council himself not being present.

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Kirtland Dec 26, 1833(Orson Hyde Clk

This day at evening, a Bishops Court was called to take into consideration the case of Bro. Ezekial Rider an Elder of the Church, who had said many hard things against Bro. Whitney, the Bishop of the Church. he said that Bro. Whitney was not fit for a Bishop and that he treated the Brethren who came into the Store, with disrespect that he was overbearing and fain would walk on the necks of the Brethren &c.

Bro. Story was also in a similar transgression. They were both rebuked sharply by bro. Sidney & Bro Joseph who told them that this Church must feel the wrath of God except they repent of their sins, cast away their murmurings and complainings one of another, &c. &c. Bro. Rider & Bro. Story confessed their wrongs, and all forgave one another & closed by praying to the Lord for his blessings to rest upon us

Kirtland Dec 26, 1833

Orson Hyde, Clk

This day a Bishops Court was called to notice some complaints made against Bro Elliot & wife Haggart & wife and Bro Babbit & wife and bro Jenkins Salsbury. The accused were all present. But the accusers were not present, consequently the Court adjourned "sine die"

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27 Dec 1833

(Orson Hyde Clk

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Wesley Hulbert was cited to appear before the Bishops Court this evening, at R. Cahoon's to answer to a charge or complaint made against him by Harriet Howe, Alfred Fish and others, that he, the said Hulbert, had denied the faith and had spoken reproachfully of the Church. Said that he did not believe Joseph Smith was a true Prophet &c. The Court and witnesses met according to appointment, but the said Hulbert did not appear altho he was in the place and might have appeared as well as not. consequently he was cut off from the Church.

Kirtland 2nd January 1834 Orson Hyde Clk.

This 9th day Feby 1834, a Conference of the High Priests, Elders, Priests, Teachers and Deacons of the Church of Christ in New Portage, Medina Co. Ohio, was called together at Bro Kerler's. Bro Joseph opened the Conference by prayer. Bro. A Palmer was requested to arise and relate the proceedings of a former conference, that we might have all the circumstances and situation of the Church before us. Brother Palmer refered us to Bro Bosworth for the information we desired. The case of Bro. Sidney Rigdon was taken into consideration whither he should remove from Kirtland to New Portage or not, it was decided that he should not remove. The work of the building of the House of the Lord in Kirtland was also taken into consideration it was decided that the brethren in this place should assist in erecting the house all that is in their power, that the Elders of the Church many be endowed with power from on high according to the promise of God, that the work of the father may roll forth. It was also advised that the brethren in this place, build a temporary house to meet in for the present, knowing that a stake of Zion will not be established in this place, the brethren can be able to do more towards building the house in Kirtland.

Orson Hyde Clk

Thursday evening, February 12, 1834. This evening the high Priests and Elders of the Church in Kirtland at the house of bro. Joseph Smith Jun. in Council for Church business. The council was organized, and opened by bro. Joseph Smith Jun in prayer. Bro. Joseph then rose and said: I shall now endeavor to set forth before this council, the dignity of the office which has been conferred upon me by the ministring of the Angel of God, by his own will and by the voice of this Church. I have never set before any council in all the order in which a Council ought to be conducted,

which, perhaps, has deprived the Council of some, or many blessings.

He said, that no man was capable of judging a matter in council without his own heart was pure, and that we frequently are so filled with prejudice, or have a beam in our own eye, that we are not capable of passing right decisions, &c. But to return to the subject of the order. In ancient days Councils were conducted with such strict propriety, that no one was allowed to whisper, be weary, leave the room, or get uneasy in the least, until the voice of the Lord, by revelation, or by the voice of the council by the Spirit was obtained: which has not been observed in this church to the present. It was understood in ancient days, that if one man could stay in Council another could, and if the president could spend his time, the members could also. But in our councils, generally, one would be uneasy, another asleep, one praying another not; one's mind on the business of the council and another thinking on something else &c. Our acts are recorded, and at a future day they will be laid before us, and if we should fail to judge right and injure our fellow beings, they may there perhaps condemn us; then they are of great consequence, and to me the consequence appears to be of force beyond any thing which I am able to express &c. Ask yourselves, brethren, how much you have exercised yourselves in prayer since you heard of this council; and if you are now prepared to sit in judgment upon the soul of your brother. Bro Joseph then went on to give us a relation of his situation at the time he obtained the record, the persecution he met with &c. He also told us of his transgression at the time he was translating the Book of Mormon. He also prophecied that he should stand and shine like the sun in the firmament when his enemies and the gainsayers of his testimony should be put down and cut off and their names blotted out from among men. After the council had received much good instruction from Bro. Joseph, the case of Bro. Martin Harris against whom certain charges were preferred by Bro. Sidney Rigdon. One was that he told Edqr. A.C. Russell that Joseph drank too much liquor when he was translating the Book of Mormon and that he wrestled with many men and threw them &c. Another charge was, that he exalted himself above Bro. Joseph, in that he said bro. Joseph knew not the contents of the Book of Mormon until after it was translated. Bro. Martin said he did not tell Edqr Russell that bro. Joseph drank too much liquor while translating the Book of Mormon, but this thing took place before the Book of Mormon was translated. He confessed that his mind was darkened and that he had said many things indavertently calculating to wound the feelings of his brother and promised to do better. The council forgave him and gave him much good advice. Bro Rich was called in question for transgressing the word of wisdom and for selling the revelations at an extortionary price while he was gone East with father Lions which thing Bro Rich confessed before the council and the council forgave him upon his promising to do better and reform his life.

Council then concluded by prayer by Bro. S. Rigdon

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This day, Feb. 17, 1834, a conference of High Priests assembled in Kirtland at the House of bro.

Joseph Smith Jun. They proceeded to organize the Presidents Church Council, consisting of twelve high priests, and this according to the law of God. The names of those who were chosen were Joseph Smith Jun. Sidney Rigdon and F.G. Williams Presidents, Joseph Smith Seign. John Smith, Joseph Coe, John Johnson, Martin Harris, John S. Carter, Jared Carter, Oliver Cowdery, Saml H. Smith, Orson Hyde, Sylvester Smith and Luke Johnson, counsellors. Bro. Joseph opened the Council by solem prayer. He then arose and called upon the high priests, Elders, priests, teachers and deacons that were present who had not been nominated as counsellors to pass their vote whether they were satisfied with the appointments or nomination of the twelve to compose the Church Council. It was the unanimous voice of all present that those who had been nominated, as above, should compose a standing council in Kirtland. It was also voted that when any one or more of the standing counsellors were absent, their vacancy should be filled by any high priest whom the majority of the council should nominate or choose.

Providing that no council shall be held unless seven of the above named counsellors are present, or their successors. The above named counsellors all manifested a willingness to act according to their appointments, the Lord being their helper. Bro Hyrum Smith acted in the place of John Smith. There were nine high priests present and acted in the appointment of the above named counsellors, also seventeen Elders, and four priests with thirteen private members. Bro Joseph then said he would show the order of councils in ancient days (See 27 & 28 pages) as shown to him by vision. The law ~~and~~ by which to govern the Council in the Church of Christ. Jerusalem was the seat of the Church Council in ancient days. The apostle, Peter, was the president of the Council ~~in ancient days~~ and held the keys of the Kingdom of God on the earth was appointed to this office by the voice of the Savior and acknowledged in it by the voice of the Church. He had two men appointed as Counsellors with him, and in case Peter was absent, his counsellors could transact business, or either one of them. The President could also transact business alone. It was not the order of heaven in ancient councils to plead for and against the guilty as in our judicial courts (so called) but that every counsellor when he arose to speak, should speak precisely according to evidence and according to the teaching of the Spirit of the Lord, that no counsellor should attempt to screen the guilty when his guilt was manifest. That the person acused before the high council had a right to one half the members of the council to plead his cause, in order that his case might be fairly presented before the President that a decission might be rendered according to truth and righteousness. If the case was not a very difficult one to investigate, two of the Counsellors only, spoke, one ~~for the accused~~ ~~and one against~~ on one side and one on the other according to evidence. If the case was more difficult, according to the judgment of the Council, two were to speak on each side, and if more difficult, three might Speak on each side, and three only. Those who spoke in Council were chosen by the council and that too by casting lots. Those who were thus chosen to speak, took their regular turn, in speaking. Bro Joseph said that this organization was an ensample to the high priests in their councils abroad, and a copy of their proceedings be transmitted to the seat of the gover[n]ment of the Church to be recorded on the general record. In all cases, the accuser and the accused have a perfect right to speak for themselves before the council. The councils abroad, have a right and it is their duty to appoint a president for the time being for themselves. If in case the parties are not

satisfied with the decision of the council abroad, they have a right to an appeal to the Bishops Court, and from there to the presidents Council which is an end of all strife

The remaining six counsellors who do not speak in Council, are to hear patiently the reasoning of the others and correct all errors which they may discover, and after decision is rendered by the president, if these remaining counsellors can throw any further light upon the subject, so as to correct the decision of the president, they have the liberty so to do, otherwise it stands and the majority of the council must rule. It was then voted by all present that they desired to come under the present order of things which they all considered to be the will of God. Many questions have been asked during the time of the organization of the Council and doubtless some errors have been committed, it was, therefore, voted by all present that Bro. Joseph should make all necessary corrections by the Spirit of inspiration hereafter. Oliver Cowdery drew no. one by lot. Joseph Coe drew No 2. Samuel H Smith drew No 3. Luke Johnson drew No 4. John S Carter drew No 5. Sylvester Smith drew No 6. Oliver Cowdery, Samuel H Smith and John S Carter speak for and on the part of the accuser. Joseph Coe, Luke Johnson and Sylvester Smith, speak for and on the part of the accused. The remaining six counsellors are to sit and hear patiently and correct errors if they discover them. ~~The Council~~ John Johnson drew No 7. Orson Hyde drew No 8, Jared Carter drew No 9. Joseph Smith Seignr drew No 10, John Smith drew No 11, Martin Harris drew No 12. The council adjourned then, until wednesday at 10 O clk A.M.

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The above items have been corrected according to the resolution passed in the same, and the following is the correction.

1834

Kirtland Feb 17, 1834.

This day a general council of 24 high Priests assembled at the house of Joseph Smith Junr. by revelation and proceeded to organize the high council of the Church of Christ, which was to consist of twelve high priests, and one, or three presidents, as the case ~~may~~ might require. This high council ~~is~~ was appointed by revelation, for the purpose of settling important difficulties which ~~may~~ might arise in the Church, which ~~can~~ could not be settled by the Church, or the bishop's council to the satisfaction of the parties

Joseph Smith Junr.

Sidney Rigdon and

Frederick G Williams were

acknowledged presidents, by the voice of the council; and

Joseph Smith Seign	Jared Carter
John Smith	Oliver Cowdery
Joseph Coe	Saml. H Smith
John Johnson	Orson Hyde
Martin Harris	Sylvester Smith and
John S Carter	Luke Johnson, high priests,

were chosen to be a standing council for the Church, by the unanimous voice of the Council.

The above named counsellors were then asked whether they accepted their appointment, and whether they would act in that office according to the law of Heaven: to which they all answered, that they accepted their several appointments, and would fill their offices according to the grace of God bestowed upon them.

The numbers composing the Council, who voted in the name, and for the church in appointing the above named counsellors, were forty three. As follows: Nine high priests, Seventeen elders, four priests, and thirteen members.

_____ Voted, that ~~this~~ the high council cannot have power to act without seven of the above named counsellors, or their regularly appointed successors, are present; these seven shall have power to appoint other high priests whom they may consider worthy and capable to act in the place of absent counsellors.

Voted, that whenever any vacancy shall occur by the death, removal from office for transgression, or removal from the bounds of this church government of any one of the above named counsellors, it shall be filled by the nomination of the president, or presidents and sanctioned by the voice of a general ~~Conference~~ council of high Priests convened for that purpose to act in the name of the Church.

The president of the church, who is also the president of the Council, is appointed by the voice of the Saviour and acknowledged in his administration by the voice of the Church, and it is according to the dignity of his office that he should preside over the high council of the Church, and it is his privilege to be assisted by two other presidents, appointed after the same manner that he himself was appointed, and in case of the absences of one or both of those who are appointed to assist him, he has power to preside over the council without an assistant, and in case that he himself is absent, the other presidents have power to preside in his stead, both or either of them.

Whenever a high council of the Church of Christ, is regularly organized according to the foregoing pattern, it shall be the duty of the twelve counsellors to cast lots by numbers and thereby ascertain who of the twelve shall speak first, commencing with Number One, and so in

succession to numbers twelve.

Whenever this council convenes to act upon any case, ~~in the church~~ the twelve counsellors shall consider whether it is a difficult one or not. If it is not, two only of the counsellors shall speak upon it according to the form above written; but if it is thought to be a ~~more~~ difficult ~~one~~, four shall be appointed, and if more difficult, six: but in no case ~~not more than six members shall~~ shall more than six be appointed to speak. The accused in all cases has a right to one half of the council to prevent insult or injustice; and the counsellors appointed to speak before the council, are to present the case after the evidence is examined, in its true light before the Council, and every man is to speak according to equity and justice.

Those counsellors who draw even numbers, that is, 2, 4, 6, 8, 10 and 12, are the individuals who are to stand up in the behalf of the accused and prevent insult or injustice.

In all cases the accuser and the accused shall have a privilege of speaking for themselves before the Council, after the evidences are heard, and the Counsellors who are appointed to speak on the case, have finished their remarks.

After the evidences are heard; the counsellors, accuser and the accused, have spoken, the president shall give a decision according to the understanding which he shall have of the case, and call upon the twelve Counsellors to sanction the same by their voices.

But should the remaining Counsellors who have not spoken, or any one of them, after hearing the evidence and pleadings impartially, discover an error in the decision of the president, they can manifest it, and the case shall have a re-hearing; and if after a careful rehearing, any additional light is thrown upon the case, the descision shall be altered accordingly; but in case no additional light is given, the first decision shall stand; the majority of the Council haveing power to determine the same.

In cases of difficulty respecting doctrine, or principle, if there is not a sufficiency written to make the case clear to the mind of the Council, the president may inquire and obtain the send of the Lord by revelation.

The high priests, when abroad, have power to call and organize a council after the manner of the foregoing, to settle difficulties when the parties, or either of them shall request it and the said council of high priests shall have power to appoint one of their own number to preside over such council ~~by appointing or chooseing one of their numbers to preside over the council~~ for the time being.

It shall be the duty of said council to transmit, immediately, a copy of their proceedings, with a full statement of the testimony ~~with~~ accompanying their decision, to the high council at the seat of the government of the Church.

Should the parties, or either of them, be dissatisfied with the decision of said Council, they may appeal to the high Council at the seat of the general government of the church, and have a

re-hearing, which case shall there be conducted according to former pattern written, as though no such descision had been ~~passed~~ made.

This council of high priests abroad, is only to be called on the most difficult cases of church matter; and no common or ordinary case is to be sufficient to call such councils. The travelling or located high priests abroad, have the power to say whether it is necessary to call such a council or not.

The twelve counsellors then proceeded to cast lots or ballot, to ascertain who should speak first, and the following was the result, viz:

Oliver Cowdery drew No. 1	John Johnson drew No 7
Joseph Coe " " 2	Orson Hyde " " 8
Saml. H Smith " " 3	Jared Carter " " 9
Luke Johnson " " 4	Joseph Smith Sen " " 10
John S Carter " " 5	John Smith " " 11
Sylvester Smith " " 6	Martin Harris " " 12

Council then adjourned to meet on wednesday the 19th Inst at 10 Oclk A.M.

Orson Hyde Clk

Resolved, that the president or presidents at the seat of general church government, shall have power to determine whether any such case as may be appealed, is justly entitled to a re-hearing after examineing the appeal and the evidences and statements accompanying it.

Kirtland Feb 19, 1834.

The council assembled pursuant to adjournment. Joseph Smith Jnr. opened the council by reading the 3rd Chap of Lord's prophecy, and prayer. After which he arose before the council, and said, that he had laboured the day before with all the strength and wisdom that he had given him in making the corrections, necessary in the last council minutes, which he would now read before this council. He asked the council for their attention, that they might rightly judge upon the truth and propriety of these minutes, as all were equally interested in them &c. He also urged the necessity of prayer, that the Spirit might be given, that the things of the Spirit might be judged thereby; because the carnal mind cannot discern the things of God &c. He then proceeded to read the minutes and afterwards, made some remarks, when it was decided by the members of the council present, that it might be read a second time. Sidney Ridgon then proceeded to read the minutes or constitution of the high council the second time, remarking at the time, that it

could not be justly urged to be read at this time, as the hour was passed which was appointed for the council to assemble. An impropriety by some was discovered in the commencement of the minutes, as it says, a council of high priests, and afterwards says, that elders, priests and private members acted in said council. Said objections were corrected, and the minutes read the third time by Oliver Cowdery. The questions were then asked, whether the present council acknowledge the same, and receive them for a form or constitution of the high council of the Church of Christ hereafter. The document was received by the unanimous voice of the Council, with this provision, that, if the president should hereafter discover any lack in the same he should be privileged to fill it up.

The number present who received the above named document was twenty six high priests, eighteen Elders, three priests, one teacher and fourteen private members, making in all, sixty two

After much good instruction, Joseph the president, laid his [hands] upon the heads of the two assistant presidents and pronounced a blessing upon them, that they might have wisdom to magnify their office, and power over all the power of the adversary. He also laid his hands upon the twelve counsellors and commanded a blessing to rest upon them, that they might have wisdom and power to counsel in righteousness upon all subjects that might be laid before them. He also prayed that they might be delivered from those evils to which they were most exposed and that their lives might be prolonged on the earth.

Joseph Smith Sen. then laid his hands upon the head of his son, Joseph, and said: Joseph, I lay my hands upon thy head, and pronounce the blessings of thy progenitors upon thee, that thou mayest hold the keys of the mysteries of the Kingdom of heaven until the coming of the Lord, Amen. He, also laid his hands upon the head of his son Samuel and said, Saml., I lay my hands upon thy head and pronounce the blessing of thy progenitors upon thee, that thou mayest remain a priest of the most high God and like Samuel of old, hear his voice saying, Samuel, Samuel, Amen.

John Johnson, also, laid his hands upon the head of his Son Luke and said, my Father in Heaven, I ask thee to bless this my son according to the blessings of his forefathers, that he may be strengthened in his ministry according to his holy calling, Amen.

The president then gave the assistant presidents a Solem charge to do their duty in righteousness and in the fear of God. He also charged the twelve counsellors in a similar manner, all in the name of Jesus Christ. We then, all raised our hands to heaven in token of the everlasting covenant, and the Lord blessed us with his spirit. He then said the council was organized according to the ancient order, and also according to the mind of the Lord.

The Case of E. Thayer a high priest, against Curtis Hodges Sen., an elder in the church, was laid before the council as contained in the following declaration.

Kirtland Feb 19, 1834.

To the president of the high council of the church of Christ: The following charges, I prefer against brother Curtis Hodges Sen. an elder of this Church.

First, an error in Spirit, and secondly an error in address, or communication: which was in loud speaking, and a want of clearness in articulation, which was calculated to do injury to the cause of God; and also of contending or persisting that that was a good, or proper spirit which actuated him to thus speak, all of which, I consider unbecomeing an elder in this church and request a hearing before the high council

Signd Ezra Thayer.

Bro. Hodges plead not quilty of the above charges.

Father Lions was called on for evidence to substantiate the above charges, and his testimony was pointed against bro. Hodges. Bro. Story was then called on to tell what he knew about the case, and he said that bro. H. talked so loud, at a prayer meeting, that the neighbours came out to see if some one was not hurt. At another meeting, he said that bro. Thayer rebuked him for his error, but he did not receive the rebuke he said also that he raised his voice so high that he could not articulate so as to be understood, and that his teaching brought a damper on the meeting, and was not edifying.

Bro. E. Babbit was then called upon, and he said that bro. Hodges was guilty of hollowing so loud that he, in a measure, lost his voice, and uttered but little else distinctly, than "Glory to heavens King," and in fine, his testimony was pointed against bro. H. Bro. T. Wait was then called upon and he testified about the same things. Closed the examination of witnesses and bro. O. Cowdery stood up on the part of the accuser and laid open the case handsomely and clearly. Bro. J. Coe stood up on the part of the accused, but could say but few words.

The accuser and the accused then spoke for themselves, after which, the president arose and laid open the case still more plain and gave his decision; which was, that the charges in the declaration had been fairly sustained by good witnesses, also, that bro. H. ought to have confessed when rebuked by bro Thayer also that if he had the spirit of the Lord at the meetings when he hollowed, he must have abused it, and grived it away. all the council agreed with the decision. Bro. Hodges then arose and said, that he then saw his wrong, but never saw it before and appeared to feel thankful that he saw it, he said he had learned more during this trial, than he had since he came into the church. Confessed freely his error, and said he would attend to overcoming that evil, the Lord being his helper

The council then adjourned to meet again tomorrow evening 20th Inst.

Orson Hyde Clk

Oliver Cowdery do

Kirtland, 20 Feb'y, 1834.

High council met this evening according to appointment to determine concerning the elders going out to preach &c. The president opened the council by prayer.

At a church meeting held in Pennsylvania, Erie Co. and Springfield Township by Orson Pratt & Lyman Johnson, high priests, Some of the members of the church refused to partake of the Sacrament because the Elder administering it did not observe the words of wisdom to obey them. Lyman argued that they were justified in so doing because the Elder was in transgression. Orson argued that the church was bound to receive the supper under the administration of an Elder so long as he retained his office, or licence. Voted that six counsellors should speak upon the subject, or case.

The council then proceeded to try the question, whether disobedience to the word of wisdom was a transgression sufficient to deprive an official member from holding an office in the church, after having it sufficiently taught him. Samuel H Smith, Luke Johnson, John S Carter, Sylvester Smith, John Johnson and Orson Hyde were called to speak upon the case then before the council. After the counsellors had spoken, the President proceeded to give a decision: "That no official member in this church is worthy to hold an office after having the words of wisdom properly taught to him, and he, the official member, neglecting to comply with, or obey them; after which the counsellors voted according to the same.["]

The president then asked if there were any Elders present who would go to Canada and preach the gospel to that people; for they have written, said he, a number of letters for help; and the whole council felt as though the Spirit required brethren to go there. It was, therefore, decided by the council that Lyman Johnson and Milton Holmes should travel together into Canada, and also that Zebedee Coultrin and Henry Herriman travel together into Can[a]da. It was also decided that Jared Carter and Phineas Young travel together if they can arrange their affairs at home so as to be liberated. It was also decided that Bro. Oliver Granger should travel eastward as soon as his circumstances will permit, and that he should travel alone on account of his age. It was also decided that bro. Martin Harris should travel alone whenever he travels. Bro's John S Carter & Jesse Smith travel east together as soon as they can. The council also decided that bro. Brigham Young should travel alone, it being his own choice. Decided also, that James Durfee and Edmund Marvin should travel together eastward. Also that Sidney Rigdon and John P Green go to Strongsville. Also that bro's. Orson Pratt and Harrison Sagers travel together for the time being, and that there should be a general conference in Saco in the State of Maine on the 13 day of Jun 1834. It was furthermore voted that bro. Orson Hyde, accompanied by bro Orson Pratt, go east to obtain donations for Zion, and means to redeem the farm on which the house of the Lord Stands. The church and council then prayed with uplifted hands that they might be prospered in their Mission. Conference adjourned after the usual form by Order of the Conference

Orson Hyde &
Oliver Cowdery.
Clerks

Kirtland, Feb. 24, 1834.

The high council of the Church met this day at the house of Joseph Smith Junr. for the purpose of giving an audience or hearing to Lyman Wight and Parley Pratt, representatives from Zion, to represent to us the state of the Church in that place.

Joseph, the president, opened the council by prayer. Two of the standing counsellors were absent, namely, Joseph Coe and John Smith. Hyrum Smith was chosen to act in the place of John Smith and John P Green to act in the place of Joseph Coe. Thus the high council was organized and six of the counsellors were appointed to speak. Bro's P. Pratt and L. Wight, messengers from Zion, arose and laid their business before the council and delivered their messages the substance of which, was, an inquiry when, how and by what means Zion was to be redeemed from our enemies. They said that our brethern who had been driven away from their lands and scattered abroad had found so much favour in the eyes of the people that they could obtain food and raiment of them for their labour insomuch that they were comfortable. But the idea of being driven away from the land of Zion pained their very souls and they desired of God, by earnest prayer, to return with songs of everlasting joy as said Isaiah, the Prophet.

They also said that none of their lands were sold into the hands of our enemies except a piece owned by bro. Wm. E. McLellin of thirty acres which he sold into the hands of the enemy, and seven acres more which he would have sold to the enemy if a brother had not come forward & purchased it and paid him his money. bro. Joseph then arose and said that he was going to Zion to assist in redeeming it. He then called for the voice of the Council to sanction his going which was given without a descending voice. He then called for volunteers to go with him, when some thirty or forty volunteers to go who were then present at the Council. It was a question whether we should go by water or by land, and after a short investigation it was decided unanimously that we go by land. Joseph Smith Jun. was nominated and seconded to be the Commander in Chief of the Armies of Israel and the leader of those who volunteered to go and assist in the redemption of Zion and approved by the vote of all present. Council then adjourned by prayer and thanksgiving.

Orson Hyde and
Oliver Cowdery
Clks

Avon Livingston Co. N. York,

March 17, 1834

This day a Conference of Elders assembled at the house [of] Alvah Beeman. Joseph Smith Jun. Sidney Rigdon Parley Pratt Lyman Wight John Murdock Orson Pratt and Orson Hyde, high priests, and Roger Orton, Isaac McWithey, Joseph Young, Harvy Brown, Freeman Nickerson and Henry Shibly, Elders, were present. Bro. J Smith Jun. opened the conference by prayer. He then arose introduced the object of our meeting, which was to obtain young men and middle aged to go and assist in the redemption of Zion according to the commandment, and for the church to gather all their riches and send them to purchase land according to the commandment of the Lord. Also, to devise means, or obtain moneys for the relief of the brethern in Kirtland; say Two Thousand Dollars, which sum will deliver Kirtland from Debt for the present, and also to determine the course which the several shall pursue or journey when they have this place. It was proposed by bro. Joseph that father Bosley and bro. McWithey, go with him to bro. Perry's and see if, by their united efforts, they could not raise Two Thousand Dollars for the relief of Kirtland. It was voted, that, bro. R. Orton, father Bosley, father Nickerson and father McWithey, should exert themselves to obtain the said Two Thousand Dollars for the present relief of Kirtland. They all agreed to do all they could to obtain it; and they firmly believed they could obtain the amount by the first of April. It was also voted that I should tarry and preach in the regions round about until the money could be obtained and bring it immediately to Kirtland. Voted that bros Joseph Sidney Lyman Wight go to Kirtland soon. Bros John Murdock and Orson Pratt were appointed to journey to Kirtland and preach by the way. Bros. Parley Pratt & Harvy Brown were appointed to visit the Churches in Black River county and obtain all the means they could to help Zion.

Orson Hyde, Clk

Norton Medina Co. Ohio April 21, 1834. This day a conference of the Elders of the Church of Christ assembled at the dwelling house of bro. Carpenters at 10 O'clock A.M. Opened by singing, "How firm a foundation, &c." Bro. Joseph Smith Jun. read the 2nd Chapter of the prophecy of Joel & took the lead in prayer, after which, he commenced addressing the congregation, as follows. It is very difficult for us to communicate to the Churches all that God has revealed to us, in consequence of tradition; for we are differently situated from any other people that ever existed upon this Earth. Consequently those former revelations cannot be suited to our condition, because they were given to other people who were before us; but in the last days, God was to call a remnant, in which was to be deliverance, as well as in Jerusalem, and Zion. Now, if God should give no more revelations, where will we find Zion and this remnant. He said that the time was near when desolation was to cover the earth and then God would have a

place of deliverance in his remnant, and in Zion, &c. He then gave a relation of obtaining and translating the Book of Mormon, the revelation of the priesthood of Aaron, the organization of the Church in the year 1830, the revelation of the high priesthood, and the gift of the Holy Spirit poured out upon the Church, &c. Take away the book of Mormon, and the revelations, and where is our religion? We have none; for without a Zion and a place of deliverance, we must fall, because the time is near when the sun will be darkened, the moon turn to blood, the stars fall from heaven and the earth reel to and fro; then if this is the case, if we are not sanctified and gathered to the places where God has appointed, our former professions and our great love for the bible, we must fall, we cannot stand, we cannot be saved; for God will gather out his saints from the gentiles and then comes desolation or destruction and none can escape except the pure in heart who are gathered, &c.

Bro. Sidney Rigdon then addressed the conference upon certain items lying immediately before the brethren. He said, that on two points hang all the revelation which have ever been given, which are the two advents of the Messiah. The first one is past, and the second is now just before us, and consequently those who desire a part in this era which the Angel desired to look into, have to be assembled with the saints; for if they are not gathered, they must wail because of his coming. There is no part of his creation which will not feel a shock at this grand display of power, for the Ancient Saints will reign with Christ a Thousand years. The gathered Saints will dwell under that reign and those who are not gathered may expect to endure his wrath that length of time; for the rest of the dead are not to live again till the thousand years are ended. He said that he could deliver a prophecy to the brethren and sisters, not that he stood before them in the attitude of a prophet any farther then he was warranted by the written revelations of God. He said it was in vain for men in this generation to think of laying up and providing inheritances for their children except they laid it up in the place where deliverance was appointed by the voice of God; for those were to be the days of vengeance, as were in the days of Jeremiah; because, before his eyes were closed in death, the Jews were led captives and the land possessed by another people; and so in this day, while the father was laying up Gold for his son, the destroyer may lay him lifeless at his own feet, and where then is this all to transpire? Therefore, if we, the islands of the seas, and all the ends of the earth, desire an inheritance for ourselves, themselves and their children and our children, it must be obtained where God has appointed the places of deliverance. We then noticed the former covenants to Abraham, Isaac, Jacob & others of the ancients, which were to be realized in the last days, &c. After which he said there were now three great items which he would proceed to speak upon more particularly at present, which were, The deliverance of Zion. The Endowment of the Elders with power from on high according to former promises; and the spreading of the word of the Lord to the four winds. He then took up the first and gave a hint upon the great weight and importance resting upon the saints in the last days, and then gave a statement of the situation of the affairs of the brethren in Missouri, and then took up the revelation given, requiring the saints to go up for the deliverance of those who have been driven from their inheritances, and urged the importance of an obedience to the same by those who could go, & those who could not go, should help those who are going to means for their expenses.

Bro. O. Cowdery then occupied a few minutes in giving a relation of the brethren being driven out from their homes, and called upon the brethren and sisters to open their hearts and contribute to their necessities. Bro. Ambrose Palmer then made some remarks upon contributions, followed by brother Salmon Warner upon the same subject.

Bro. Joseph Bosworth occupied a short time in exhortation and instructed the brethren into the propriety of the deliverance of Zion. He said that he had no property, but if necessary for the deliverance of Zion, he would sell his own clothes at auction if he could have left him as good a garment as the Saviour had in the manger.

The time was occupied for a few minutes by two or three others upon the same subject. Bro. Joseph Smith Jun. then delivered a short prophecy, that if Zion was not delivered the time was near when all of this Church, wherever they might be found, would be persecuted and destroyed in like manner

Bro. Sidney Rigdon then took up the second item, viz; The endowment of the elders with power from on high. He gave an account of the endowment of the ancient apostles and laid before the conference the dimensions of the house to be built in Kirtland and rehearsed the promise to the elders in the last days which they were to realize after the house of the Lord was built. Bro. J. Bosworth then related a few items of a vision which he gave as a testimony of those things contained in the revelations read by Bro. Sidney, and his remarks upon that part relative to the endowment of the Elders with power from on high. Bro. Joseph then occupied a few minutes by way of explanation of the revelation concerning the building of the house of the Lord.

Bro. S. Rigdon then took up the third item, viz: The spreading of the word of the Lord. After which several brethren spoke.

The case of Bro. Thomas Tripp who had been found in transgression, was then called in question. Bro. David Evans was called upon to state what he knew concerning the case, who said that he had been guilty of improprieties with another sister when going home from a meeting by taking her by the hand. And also committed some other improprieties with another sister by drawing her breasts. He had sought witness against a sister in good standing from a wicked woman in the world. The conference then voted that Thomas Tripp be excluded from this church with the privilege of an appeal to the Bishops Council at Kirtland.

Bro. Joseph then laid hands upon certain children & blessed them in the name of the Lord. The sacrament was then administered by bro. S. Rigdon.

The number of high priests was 7

Do Elders 13

Adjourned to the Monday preceding the second Sunday in September. The conference then closed by singing, "Now my remnants of days," &c.

Oliver Cowdery
Clerk of Council

Kirtland April 4, 1834.

This evening a Council of High Priests assembled at the house of Bro. Joseph Smith Junr's to re-consider the case of Bro. Geo. F James. Bro. Joseph Smith Junr. presiding: Bro. Geo. then said, that he had often promised to take up his cross & magnify his calling, but had failed and ought to have written to bro. Joseph ere this time and given him the information that his pecuniary affairs called his attention at home which prevented his fulfilling the promise he made to Bro. Joseph in going out to proclaim the Gospel, and he sincerely asked pardon of the Lord and of his brethren, and particularly bro. Joseph. He also said he was willing to ask the forgiveness of this church. He said, that relative to certain charges, which were, that he had not attended meetings, and had treated lightly some of the weak &c. that he had attended meetings, generally, and as for speaking or treating lightly any brethren because of his weakness, was foreign from his mind and was that which he had never done, nor could ever find such principles in his bosome. Bro. Joseph said, he had no hardness, he only wished bro. George to consider this as a chastisement, and that the council were bound to notice his conduct heretofore; but now, if he, (Bro. George) was willing to walk according to the new Covenant, he should have his hand of fellowship. The council then expressed their satisfaction with bro. George's confession.

Oliver Cowdery
Clerk of Council

New Portage, Ohio Sept. 8th, 1834

Minutes of a conference of the Elders of the Church of the Latter-Day Saints, held at New Portage Ohio. September 8th 1834. After prayer by brother Joseph Smith Junr. he, brother Joseph, and Oliver Cowdery united in anointing with oil and laying hands upon a sick sister who said she was healed and requested us to pray that her faith fail not, saying, if she did not doubt she should not be afflicted any more. Brother Joseph then made a few introductory remarks upon the subject of false spirits and other items.

Brother A. Palmer made a few observations, and proceeded to present a case which had previously occasioned some difficulty in the church. It was that a certain brother Carpenter had been tried for a fault before the church when the Church gave him a certain time to reflect whether he would acknowledge or not. Brother Gordon at the time spake in tongues and declared that brother Carpenter should not have any lenity. He, brother Palmer, wished instruction on this point, whether they had proceeded right or not, as brother Carpenter was dissatisfied &c.

Brother Joseph then proceeded to give an explanation of the gift of tongues: That it was particularly instituted for the preaching of the Gospel to other nations and languages, but it was not given for the government of the Church. He further said, if brother Gordon introduced the Gift of tongues as a testimony against brother Carpenter, that it was contrary to the rules and regulations of the Church, because, in all our decisions we must judge from actual testimony. Brother Gordon said the testimony was had and the decision given before the gift of tongues was manifest. Brother Joseph advised that [we] speak in our own language in all such matters, and then the adversary cannot lead our minds astray. Brother Palmer then gave a relation of a certain difficulty which took place in a conference. He, brother Palmer presided, when several of the brethren spoke out of order and brother J. B. Bosworth refuses to submit to order according to his (brother Palmers) request. He now wished instruction on this point, whether he, or some one else should preside over this branch of the Church, and also whether such conduct could be approbated in conferences. Brother Gordon then made some remarks on the subjects which was at the time before the council.

Brother Joseph said, relative to the first question, that brother Gordons Tongues in the end, did operate as testimony, as, by his remarks in tongues, the former decision was set aside, and his taken. That it was his decision that brother Gordons manifestation was incorrect, and from a suspicious heart. He approved the first decision, but discarded the second. Brother Joseph Keeler said that in the former decision he had acted hastily himself in urging brother Carpenter to make acknowledgement without having time to reflect. He asked forgiveness wherein he had erred. Brother Gordon said he discovered that he was in an error, and was satisfied with this council, & was willing to ask forgiveness of the brethren and of the Lord. Decision was then given on the second question that brother J. B. Bosworth was out of his place in opposing brother Palmer, when he (brother Palmer) ordered the council. A vote was then taken whether the conference was satisfied with the two decisions. Passed by unanimous vote. A motion was then made and passed by unanimous vote that a letter be written to brother J. B. Bosworth informing him of the last decision, That he has acted out of place in opposing brother Palmer in a former council, when requested to take his seat, that the business might proceed according to order and that such letter be signed by the clerk of this conference, by the direction of the same. The case of brother Milton Stow was then brought up when it was proven that he had delivered prophecies at two differnt times which were not true. At one time in saying that Zion was redeemed, and at another in saying that brother Carpenter was cut off forever, and also in saying, that sister Carpenter was dead. When it was decided by vote that brother Milton Stow be, and by the decision of this conference is suspended from the priveleges of the Church of the Latter Day-Saints and from acting in the authority of an Elder in said Church of the Latter Day-Saints till he appear before the Bishops council at Kirtland and make proper satisfaction. Conference closed by prayer of the Clerk.

Oliver Cowdery

Clerk of Conference

Kirtland August 11th 1834

This day a number of high priests and elders of the church of the Latter Day Saints assembled in the new school-house in this place for the purpose of investigating a matter of difficulty growing out of certain reports or statements made by brother Sylvester Smith, one of High Counsellors of this Church, accusing brother Joseph Smith Junr. with criminal conduct during his journey to and from Missouri this Spring & Summer. After coming to order brother Joseph commenced and spake to a considerable length upon the circumstances of their journey to and from Missouri and very minutely laid open the causes out of which those jealousies of brother Sylvester and others had grown. He made a satisfactory statment concerning his rebukes and chastisements upon Sylvester & others, and also concerning the distribution of monies and other properties, calling on brethren present who accompanied him to attest to the same. All of which, was satisfactory to the brethren present as appeared by their own remarks afterward. After brother Joseph had closed his lengthy remarks brother Sylvester made some observations relative to the subject of their difficulties and begun to make a partial confession for his previous conduct, asking forgiveness for accusing brother Joseph publicly on the Saturday previous, of prophesying lies in the name of the Lord, and for abusing (as he had said) his (Sylvesters) character, before the brethern while journeying to the West. Brother Sidney Rigdon made some remarks by way of reproof upon the conduct of brother Sylvester, J. P. Green, and others followed by the Clerk after which by motion of brother S. Rigdon the assembly arranged itself into a council, brother N. K. Whitney presiding, and proceeded to discuss how this difficulty should be disposed of Brother John Smith thought that for brother Sylvester, to make a public confession in the Star would be the way to heal the wound. Brother Cahoon followed with nearly the same remarks. Brother Isaac Hill, thought it ought to be quashed here and go no farther followed with the same from brother I Bishop. Brother Samuel H Smith said that it was his opinion that brother Sylvester ought to make a more public confession, and send by letter to those who are in the same transgression with himself and inform them of this decision and then if necessary make it public in the Star. Brother Orson Hyde thought that the confession ought to be as liberal as the accusation or that it ought to be written and published. Brother J. P. Green said that if brother Sylvester would view this thing in its proper light, he would be willing to make a public confession and send forth, and he advised him to do this for the salvation of the churches abroad. Brother Isaac Story said that it was his opinion the plaster ought to be as large as the wound that a proper statement ought to be published abroad. The clerk then proposed this council send a certificate or resolution informing the churches abroad that the conduct of brother Joseph, has been investigated, and that he has acted in a proper manner and in every respect has conducted himself to the satisfaction of the church in Kirtland, and also let brother Sylvester make a proper confession following the same minutes. Brother A. Lyman, P. Shirts, T. Wait, N. Evans, A. Cutler and T. Burdick made remarks to the same effects. Brother S. Rigdon made a few remarks upon the attitude in which he, Sylvester now stands before the world in endeavoring to preach the gospel.

Brother O. Hyde moved for a decision relative to the first question (viz.) What is to be done to arrest the evil? The moderator then provided after a few remarks to give a decision according to a motion previously made (viz.) that an article be published in the Evening & the morning Star, by the direction of the council that the church in Kirtland has investigated the conduct of brother Joseph Smith Junr. while journeying to the West and returning, and that we find that he has acted in every respect in an honorable and proper manner with all monies and other properties intrusted to his charge. After which a vote was taken and carried. A motion was then made by brother O. Hyde and seconded by brother S. Rigdon that a committee of three, be appointed to write the article for the Star agreeably to the decision.

Brethren, The Clerks, Thomas Burdick and Orson Hyde were nominated and appointed by unanimous vote.

Brother Sylvester, then ~~made~~ said that he was willing to publish a confession in the Star. A motion was then made by brother J. P. Green, and seconded by the Moderator, that the above named committee be appointed to write letters in the name of the council to bro. Z. Snow, C. Snelling & J.P. Parker.

Prayer by brother S. Rigdon.

Oliver Cowdery

Clerk of Council

On the 23d of August 1834 a council convened for the purpose of hearing the resolution designed for the Star which were to be drawn up by brethren O. Cowdery, T. Burdick and O. Hyde on the subject of the difficulty existing between brother J. Smith Junr. and Sylvester Smith. Brother R. Cahoon presided in consequence of the ill health of brother N. K. Whitney. After prayer the conference proceeded to business. The clerk read the resolutions, after making a short statment of the proceedings of the council on the 11th which was sanctioned by vote. The preamble and resolutions were adopted and ordered to be printed. Brother Sylvester objected against abiding by the decision of the former council, and proceeded to justify himself in his former conduct, after which, and much discussion the following resolution was offered by the clerk and passed by unanimous vote. Resolved that in consequence of the stand our brother Sylvester Smith has taken against the former decision of this council, that we judge him guilty of a misdemeanor unbecoming a man in his high station, and except a humble confession be made to this council, he stands rebuked and disqualified to act further in his office in the church, until he make proper satisfaction, or till a trial before the bishop assisted by twelve high priests can be had. Carried by unanimous vote.

Prayer by brother S. Rigdon.

Oliver Cowdery
Clerk of Council

Conference minutes of the Church of Latter-Day Saints assembled in Kirtland August 23d 1834. After the usual form the conference [convened] and was opened by prayer when the following preamble and resolutions were read and ordered to be printed in the evening and the Morning Star and sent as a circular to the churches abroad.

Whereas a report having come to the knowledge of the church in this place censuring the conduct of brother Joseph Smith Junr. relative to his proceedings during his late journey to, and from Missouri and whereas said report was calculated to create an unfavorable influence, as regards the moral character and honesty of our brother, it becomes necessary for us to investigate the matter and report the same to our brethren abroad. Therefore, Resolved, that after hearing from the mouths of some that a suspicion rested upon their minds relative to the conduct of our brother, as regards his honesty and Godly walk we have investigated his whole proceedings, by calling upon those who accompanied him to and from Missouri and are happy to have it in our power to say to our brethren abroad, one and all, that we are satisfied with his conduct having learned from the clearest evidence that he has acted in every respect, worthy his high and responsible station in this church, and has prudently and cautiously preserved the good of this society at large and is still worthy our esteem and fellowship, and that those reports could have originated in the minds of none, except, such as either from a misunderstanding or a natural jealousy are easily led to conceive of evils where none exists.

Resolved, that we say to our brethren that while we are surrounded by thousands, eager to grasp at a shadow if they have a Hope of turning it into a falsehood for the injury of the gospel, we exhort them to be steadfast and immoveable in the truth, resting assured that while they continue to walk in the holy covenant they have professed to embrace that nothing can in the end operate against their good; and that while wickedness abounds as in days of old, the characters of those seeking the greatest good for their fellow men, will be shamefully traduced, and every act of their lives misrepresented, and a false shade drawn over their worthy deeds, calculated to create an evil prejudice in the minds of community, to prevent if possible the increase of light, the better to effect their own purposes and keep men in error. We say, dear brethren may peace and the blessings of our Lord Jesus Christ be multiplied unto you, through the knowledge of the truth forever.

Resolved, that the minutes be signed by the moderator and Clerk, and published to the churches in the Evening and the Morning Star.

Oliver Cowdery Clerk

Reynolds Cahoon Moderator

We, the undersigned members of the above named conference for the satisfaction of our brethren

abroad, feel it to be our duty to say to those with whom we have a personal acquaintance, that we were present during the foregoing investigation and cheerfully concur in the Spirit of the above minutes, and join in saying that we are perfectly satisfied, that whatever impressions may have gone abroad, or whatever may remain with any in this vicinity relative to the conduct of our brother Joseph Smith Junr. we are certain from evidence that he conducted himself in all respect as set forth in the resolutions of this conference. We are induced to make these statements, that the innocent may not suffer wrongfully and that the minds of our brethren and friends may be satisfied that every appearance of evil is, in this place, searched out, and that nothing unbecoming a society of people professing Godliness suffered to exist among them.

Ira Ames	J. B. Bosworth	Jacob Bump
Benson Vt.	From the church in Norton Silver Creek N.Y.	
Asa Lyman	Roswell Evans	Isaac Hill
Parishville N.Y.	of Waterford Vt.	East Liverpool Ohio
John Rudd	John Smith	Lorenzo Young
Springfield, Erie Co. Pa.	Pottsdam N.Y.	
Isaac Story	Orson Johnson	
Warsaw N.Y.	Bath N.H.	
Wm. Burgess	Oliver Higley	
Bolton N.Y.	Jamestown	
Jonas Putnam	Almon Shermon	
Bolton N.Y.	Pomfret N.Y.	

We, the undersigned members of this conference having accompanied brother J. Smith Junr. to and from Missouri certify that the above is a correct statement concerning his character and conduct.

Lyman Johnson

Heber C. Kimball

Kirtland Ohio August 28th 1834 This day the high council of the church of the Latter-Day Saints assembled according to directions of Newell K. Whitney bishop of this church to the brother Sylvester Smith who has been charged with a misdemeanor. Sidney Rigdon complainant

The following is a copy of the complaint,

To Newel K. Whitney, bishop of the church of the Latter Day Saints in Kirtland, Sir I prefer the following charges against Sylvester Smith, a high priest of said church. First, He has refused to submit to the decision of a council of the high priests and elders of this church held in this place on the eleventh of this month given in a case of difficulty, between said Sylvester and Joseph Smith Junr.

Second: He continues to charge said Joseph, contrary to the decision of the before mentioned council with improper conduct in his proceedings as president of the church of the Latter-Day Saints during his journey the past season, to the State of Missouri. As these things are exceedingly grievous to many of the Saints in Kirtland, and very prejudicial to the cause of truth in general, I therefore require that you summon the high council of this church, to investigate this case that a final may be had upon the same. I say the high council because it is a case affecting the presidency of said church.

Kirtland Ohio August 23 Sidney Rigdon

1834

Kirtland August 27th 1834

Brother Sylvester Smith,

Whereas complaint has been made to me by brother Sidney Rigdon, setting forth that you have been guilty of violating the laws of the Church of the latter day saints, you are therefore hereby notified to appear before the High council of High Priests to be held in the council-house in Kirtland on the 28th day of August Inst.at 10 o clock A.M. to answer to said charge agreeable to the law of the church.

N. K. Whitney, Bishop

Kirtland Ohio August 28th 1834

This day the high council of the church of the Latter-Day Saints assembled according to direction of Newel K. Whitney bishop of this church, to try brother Sylvester Smith who has been charged with a misdemeanor. Sidney Rigdon complainant. The names of the counsellors were then called and it was found that four were absent. The Bishop opened by prayer. The presidents, brother J. Smith Junr. Sidney Rigdon & F. G. Williams, then proceeded to make a nomination of a high Priest to fill the vacancy in this council occasioned by the death of our beloved brother John S. Carter. Brother Joseph Smith Junr. then nominated brother Orson Johnson and brother F.G.

Williams seconded the nomination. A vote was called and carried. Brother Joseph then called upon brother Orson to come forward & receive the ordination of high counsellor. After making a few remarks he came forward, & brother S. Rigdon then called upon the Lord in prayer and then ordained brother Orson to the said office. Brother Luke Johnson then said he wished to be excused from sitting on this council because he had been previously tempted on some matters, and that he had sinned and wished to make a more public confession than he could make here. After some remarks from the counsellors, it was decided that brother Luke continue in his seat in the council. Brother John P. Green was appointed to act in the place Sylvester, brother Amos Durfee in the place of Sylvester John Johnson sen. and Lyman Johnson in the place of Martin Harris. The counsellors were then arranged and the charge read to the council. It was agreed that six counsellors speak on the case before the council. The Bishop then gave the council their charge in the name of the Lord to act according to truth and righteousness.

Brother R. Cahoon testified that the testimony given before the council on the 11th Inst. was that brother J. Smith Junr. had conducted himself in a proper manner, while journeying to and from Missouri; and that the council considered that Sylvester had accused brother Joseph, wrongfully and was entirely in the fault. He further considered that every thing bearing or relating to this affair was had before the council and from this they gave their decision. Brother J. P. Green concurred in the foregoing statements, and he supposed that brother Sylvester saw the affair in the same light on the 11th inst. in consequence of his saying that he (Sylvester) said at the time, that he was not previously aware of the Spirit that prompted him, at the time when he made his charges against brother Joseph, Brother A. Cutler said that he considered that the evidence given before the council on the 11th was sufficient to prove that brother Joseph had conducted himself in an honorable manner during his late journey to and from Missouri, and that he considered that the evidence there given, was such that it could not be invalidated. Brother J. Bump said that previous to the council on the 11th his mind had been agitated and it was in consequence in part, of reports which had been put in circulation respecting brother Josephs conduct on his late journey to and from Missouri. But when he heard the case investigated before that council his mind was satisfied that he had been misinformed, and was fully satisfied that brother Joseph had not acted in any respect, contrary to righteousness before the Lord. Brother Asa Lyman, said that previous to the council, his mind had been agitated also, but was satisfied at the council, and he verily believed from the evidences there give, that brother J. [Smith] had not acted contrary to justice. Brother J. Bump said that his mind was excited still further, after conversing with brother Sylvester previous to the 11th which served in any degree to excite his mind further. Brother E. Bosley said that he understood the case on the 11th in the same light as stated by brethren Cahoon & Whitney. Brethren, J. Rudd, E. Rider and S. H. Smith viewed the case in the same light. Brother O. Hyde said that he considered that brother Sylvester was to send a confession in the Star, that he himself, had been in fault, and that brother Joseph had not committed fault as he (Sylvester) had previously stated. Brothern, A. Cutler, J. P. Green, E. Rider J. Bump, S. H. Smith, J. Rudd & F. G. Williams, concurred. Brother O. Cowdery said, that after listening to all the reports and evidences from the beginning up to the decision on the 11th Inst. he considered that brother Sylvester was to acknowledge that all the charges previously preferred in public

against brother J. [Smith] were ungrounded, and that he, (Sylvester) was to acknowledge the one, and the only one in the fault, touching all circumstances, transpiring between himself and brother Joseph, and that the other charges indirectly preferred as grievances of others, were also without a foundation. Brother John Smith concurred in the above. Brother C. Durfee said that he considered that brother J.[Smith] was acquitted as being guilty of any misdemeanor before the council on the 11th. Brother O. Hyde said that he accompanied brother Joseph to Missouri, from Mansfield in this State except leaving him for a short time to visit the Governor of Missouri. He was present when brother [Joseph] reprovved brother Smith [Sylvester], concerning a certain difficulty arising from a complaint concerning a certain dog. That he considered brother Joseph reproofs were just at the time, as he will recollect stating the same in substance to brother Smith. He did not consider this reproof had, any tendency to lessen the esteem of the brethren for brother Smith, but if they had, in consequence of a confession in general terms, from brother Smith, about that time, he thought that sufficient to heal every hard feeling then existing against him, or that might exist. He further said, that during his journey to the West, he could not say that he had seen any thing in brother Josephs conduct, contrary to the true principles of his profession as a man of God. Brother Luke Johnson said that he fell in company with brother J.[Smith] at Mansfield Ohio, and accompanied him the most of the way to Missouri, and that during the whole course of the journey, he did not see any thing in his conduct to lessen his esteem of him as a man of God. But he said he heard brother Joseph reprove brother Sylvester concerning a certain something, respecting some bread, he did not hear the whole, and thought at the time the reproofs were rather severe, but had learned since, they were not any more severe than were just. Brother Joseph was then called upon to make a statement concerning the transactions as they transpired at the time these reproofs were given. He said that brother J. S. Carter, came to him to know whether brother Sylvester had conducted right in the affair between him and brother P. P. Pratt, when brother Pratt called upon brother Sylvester for some bread for supper. He learned from brother Pratts mouth that brother Sylvester had more bread than he needed at the time, and directed him to some [one] else who, he (brother Sylvester) said had a sufficient. He then went with brethren Pratt & J. S. Carter to brother Sylvesters tent where bro Sylvester, justified himself in not imparting a part of his bread to brother Pratt. He then rebuked brother Sylvester for contending that he had done right in this case because if this was so, brethren might frequently retire to rest, without food, and as long as he (brother Sylvester) had bread he was bound to impart to those who had none and that under these circumstances, brother Sylvester, had conducted contrary to the principles of Christ and that his (Sylvesters) mind was darkened in consequence of this covetous Spirit.

The Moderator then adjourned the council to 9 o clock tomorrow at this place. Closed in prayer by brother H. Smith

Oliver Cowdery

Orson Hyde

Clerks

Kirtland August 29th 1834

Council being organized in due form, the testimony was continued, as follows. Brother Luke Johnson said in relation to a circumstance that transpired on the twenty five mile prairie, so called in Missouri, that by a direction from the leader of the camp he had been back to inspect the crossing at a certain creek, that when he came up with the camp he found it moving, and as he was behind he went on till he came up with brother Wights & S[ylvester] company, and found them out of the road building a fire to cook supper. As the teams passed on brother Sylvester called to the leaders of companies, those who were yet behind and asked them who they were following? whether Gen. White or some other man? Some hesitated for a little and went on. After taking supper he (brother Luke) went on with their company. When he came up with the camp from the creek, he found that the ensign or flag, commonly carried ahead for the camp to follow was then moving forward. He further said that he understood that brother Joseph was appointed to lead the camp, that he always or generally, gave orders when the camp should move forward, and when it should stop. That when on his way to the creek, the second time, he met brother Joseph, who told him that he (brother J.) should order the camp to move into the prairie. When the camp came to order in the prairie in the evening, brethren, Wight & Sylvester, were called upon to give an account of themselves, why they had sought to divide the camp? They both acknowledged that they had been out of the way by so doing and were reprov'd for their conduct. Relative to an assertion heretofore made, that brother Joseph, said at the time, throw a trumpet or horn at brother Sylvester he did not consider at the time that brother Joseph had any intentions [of throwing] it at brother Sylvester, because he might have hit him with it being so near to him as he was, it only fell to the ground near to them (his & brother Sylvester) but supposed that he had had it in his hand and only threw it down as usual, or as another man would. He further said that the reproofs given by brother Joseph at the time were no more severe than he had often heard him give previously. That he did not consider him mad as has been represented. Brother Hyrum Smith said that when the camp first came to the creek himself and brother Joseph were forward, that while the teams were crossing, brother Joseph asked whether it was advisable to move into the prairie to camp. After consultation, it was first advised to camp in the bushes near the edge of the prairie. While making preparations to incamp they were informed that a mob intended to make an attack upon them that night. They further consulted upon their situation and himself and brother Thayer were requested by brother Joseph to go on to the edge of the Prairie where they night incamp. They looked out a place but it was near the bushes, and brother Joseph gave an order to go forward into the prairie. Some complained of the order because they could not find fuel to cook their supper. They were told that it would be advisable to carry wood for that purpose. Some further remarks were offered on the subject of a visit from a mob, and preparations were made with the guns &c. Some fears were entertained for the teams and families yet crossing the creek and it was thought advisable to send back a company to guard & assist them over, among whom was brother Luke Johnson. He then took the flag or standard

(as he had previously carried it) and gave the word to move forward, and the teams, immediately began to follow. After the company had come up in the Prairie himself with brother R. Orton received an order to call upon brother L. Wight to place a strong guard around the camp that night, but he refused doing any thing further because he supposed that he (brother Hyrum) supposed he had ordered the camp into the prairie without an order from the commander of the company. He was then informed by brother Joseph that he was by his brother (J.s) order that the camp should move into the prairie. He was present when brother Joseph reproved brothers, L. Wight & Sylvester Smith and saw the transactions concerning the trumpet or horn and as to brother Josephs intention or design to throw it at brother Sylvester, he had no such thought at the time, nor could he have since that at the time when he (brother Joseph) had finished his remarks to brothers Wight & Sylvester, that he threw the horn upon the ground. That brother Wight told him the next day that he had had a jealousy exisiting in his mind against him (brother Hyrum) for some days, but now his mind was satisfied, and he had now no hardness or jealousy. He further said, that when he received the order for moving the camp into the prairie, that brothers L. Wight & Sylvester were near by.

The council then adjourned to 1 o clock P. M.

Oliver Cowdery

Orson Hyde

Clerk

One o clock P. M.

Met according to adjournment. The Clerk called the names of the Moderator, counsellors, complainant & defendant when business was resumed.

Brother Brigham Young said that he was in company with brother Joseph from about 27 miles from this place, till they arrived in Clay County Missouri. That at the time the difficulty occurred on the prairie when the camp was divided, that he concurred in what brother Hiram had said, and that he could not relate it any more particular than he (brother Hyrum) had done. He further said that he had not seen any thing in brother Joseph's conduct to justify the charge previously made by brother Sylvester, that his heart was corrupt. So far from this, he had not seen the least shadow of any thing of the kind. He had not seen any thing in his (brother Josephs) conduct during his journey to the West unbecoming his profession as a man of God. Question by brother Sylvester. Did you not think that my character was injured in the minds of the weaker part of the Camp in consequence of those reproofs and chastisements which were given me by brother Joseph? Answer. I did not. Brother Brigham further said, in relation to a certain difficulty which took place relative to a dog, that on a certain evening after crossing the Mississippi River, brother Sylvester came up with the remaining part of the camp when the dog came out and [insulted ?] him, he knew not whether he touched him or not. The next morning after hearing considerable complaint and murmuring concerning the dog, Brother Joseph spoke to several brethren present

and said, I will descend to the Spirit that is in the camp to show you the spirit you are of for I want to drive it from the camp. "The first man that kills that dog, (or my dog) I will whip him!" He thought about this time that brother Sylvester came up who said "If that dog bites me I will kill him. If you do said brother Joseph "I will whip you. If you do said brother Sylvester, I shall defend myself the best way that I can! Brother Joseph then said that he could in the name of the Lord. He (brother Joseph) asked the brethren if they were not ashamed of such a Spirit? Said he, I am. He then proceeded to reprove them for condescending to that Spirit, that they ought to be above it, that it was the spirit of a dog, and man ought never to place themselves on a level with beasts, but he possessed of a more noble disposition. He then said he had descended to that spirit in order to show the spirit which was among them. He further said that this explanation gave general satisfaction, and the most of them saw that he had only made these remarks for the purpose of instructing them and warning them against such a spirit or disposition. Brothern L. Johnson & H. C. Kimball concurred. Brother D. Elliott said he was not present when these reproofs were given in the morning that the circumstances were related to him afterward, which disaffected his mind and gave him some disagreeable feelings, that at noon, he heard brother Joseph give a further explanation, which perfectly satisfied his mind. He further said that during the forenoon he learned that there were many of the brethren dissatisfied with brother Josephs remarks concerning the dog in the morning, that after the explanation at noon was so generally given, he thought that every one in the Camp might have known it. Brother Lorenzo Booth concurred in the statement of brother Brigham Young; though he was not present in the morning when the reproofs were given concerning the dog, that he was with brother Joseph twenty seven miles from this place to Missouri and a part of the way home. That he did not see any thing in brother Josephs character derogatory to a man professing Religion. That he was present during a certain transaction, which occurred during their journey home, respecting certain articles of beading [bedding]. That he had had heard since his return, that brother Joseph Smith Junr. and Ezra Thayer had fought that he was present during the whole transaction, and that there was no fighting. He further said in relation to a certain report which had come to his knowledge since his return from Missouri. That brother Joseph had taken a bed quilt which was not his property. That while at New Portage Ohio on their way to Missouri, one of the brethren gave him (brother Joseph) two bed quilts, which he (brother Booth) had charge of as he was the individual who drove the team for brother Joseph and had charge of the baggage. That before leaving Clay County Missouri he (brother B.) took them to be washed, and after starting for home, he went and put them aboard of the waggon, the baggage of which he had the charge during their journey home. That he brought the same back with him, has seen them since and knows that the one which was said to be the property of another individual is the one which was given brother Joseph at Norton. Brother F. G. Williams, said while at Norton certain articles were handed him to mark, among which were two bed-quilts, which he marked with common ink. Has seen certain bed-quilts since his return, and has no doubt but this one in question is the one he marked. Brother B. Young further said, relative to a certain difficulty arising out of a circumstance concerning some bread. That brother J. S. Carter on their journey to Missouri on the line between Ohio and Indiana said to brother Joseph is this thing right? "What thing? concerning brother P. P.

Pratts asking brother Sylvester for some bread for supper. He then learned that brother Pratt had asked brother Sylvester for some bread, that brother Sylvester had bread at the time, but directed him to some one else, who he (brother S.) said had a sufficient. That brother Pratt called upon that individual and could not obtain any. That he was present when brother Joseph told brother Sylvester that he had not conducted right in the matter. That he ought to impart when he had in preference to directing one where he was not certain he could obtain. That by so doing some might be deprived of food at times. He further said that brother S[yvester] contended he had been right and justified his own conduct in the matter. That brother Joseph reasoned with brother Sylvester to convince him that he [,]brother S.[,] was in a fault, but he continued to justify his course till brother J. reproved him sharply. He frequently heard the brethren speak of this circumstance, and all (whom he heard say any thing on the subject) manifested a satisfaction with brother J. and thought his observations correct, and the principles which he advanced to be just. Brother Lyman Sherman said that he concurred in brother B. Youngs statement concerning the bread. That he thought that it was generally known that brother Pratt, in consequence of brother Sylvesters not furnishing him with bread, was deprived of bread that night. That at the time when he brother Joseph told him that brother Parley did not obtain any bread in consequence of the same. Brother Jacob Bump said that since the Brethrens return from the West, that he went with brother Sylvester to brother S. Rigdon to advise concerning the adjusting of certain complaints which were in circulation concerning brother Josephs conduct to and from Mo. that brother Sylvester told brother Sidney that brother Parley did obtain bread of the individual to whom he sent him. Brother O. Hyde said that he concurred in the statements of brother B. Young concerning the circumstances which transpired at the time the difficulty arose about the bread. Brothers Lyman Johnson & Heber C. Kimball concurred in the same statements. Brother Orson Hyde then exhibited an account current taken from the receipts of money and other properties expended during their late journey to and from Mo. This account was taken from _____ments kept during the journey by F.G. Williams. Brother F.G. Williams said that the account exhibited was correctly taken from his accounts as he had the charge of the monies and attended to paying it out &c. The case was then submitted to the council, and the councillors severally spake in their turns. After which the complainant and the accused also spake.

The Moderator then proceeded to give a decision, that if brother Sylvester Smith will acknowledge the following items of complaints before this council & publish the same in print, that he can remain yet a member of this church, otherwise he is expelled from the same, viz: First, he is to acknowledge that he wickedly and maliciously accused our brother J. Smith Jr. with prophesying lies in the name of the Lord once on the line between Ohio and Indiana and at another time after crossing the Mississippi River and at another time after leaving the Church in Missouri at Florida. That he is to acknowledge that in making these charges against brother J.S. Junior he has himself willfully and maliciously lied. That he has maliciously told falsehoods in saying that brother J. Smith Junior has abused him with insulting and abusive language and also injuring his character and standing before the brethren while journeying to Missouri. That he further cast out insinuations concerning brother J.S. Juniors character which was also an evil, malicious design to injure brother Josephs standing in the church. That he further acknowledge

that he has abused the former councils which have set upon this case and wickedly and maliciously insulted their just and righteous decisions. That he has further tantalized this present council in seeking to excuse himself contrary to the counselling of the counsellors. After acknowledging that it was organized by the direction of revelation. And further, that he has wilfully and maliciously lied, by saying that brother J. Smith Junr had prohibited the liberty of speech on their journey to Missouri. That he also acknowledge that he has wickedly and maliciously lied by charging brother J.S. Junr of being possessed of a heart as corrupt as hell.

The Counsellors were then called upon to give their assent to the foregoing decision and concurred in the same.

I hereby certify that the foregoing charges or complaints are just and true and hereby acknowledge the same as set forth in the decisions of this Council by signing my own proper name to their minutes with my own hand.

Sylvester Smith

The above was signed for fear of punishment

The council then proceeded to transmit some other business brother Joseph Smith Junr the president of the Church presiding. It was agreed that the church in Kirtland be instructed on their particular duties &c. on sunday and by brother Joseph. It was further decided that brother Brigham Young be appointed to take the lead in singing in our meetings. The council then closed brother Reynolds Cahoon lead in prayer at fifteen minutes before 3 O clock A.M. on Saturday the 29th, 1834.

Oliver Cowdery

Orson Hyde

Clerks

Kirtland Ohio August 4th 1834

This day a council of elders assembled for the purpose of transacting church business.

Thomas Colburn was ordained an elder and received a license.

The council resolved to send brother Z. Snow to Canada to labor in the ministry.

Oliver Cowdery

Clerk of Council

N.B. The following pertains to a trial of Sylvester Smith for a misdemeanor before a high council

held in Kirtland on the 28th and 29th of August 1834 shows the order in which the Councillors, the Complainant and the accused spoke and the length of time each occupied. It should have been recorded on the 71st page previous to the decision of the moderator.

Jared Carter commenced speaking about 15 minutes before 6 O clock P.M. and closed at 10 minutes past 6	.15
J. Smith Jun [Sen.?] commenced speaking at 10 minutes past 6 O clock, closed at 15 minutes past 6 P.M.	.05
John Smith commenced speaking at 15 minutes past 6 and closed at 25 minutes past 6 making	.10
Lyman Johnson commenced at 25 minutes past 6 and closed at 26 minutes past 6	.01
O. Cowdery commenced at 28 minutes past 6 and closed speaking 20 minutes before 9 O clock	2.12
Joseph Coe commenced speaking 20 minutes before 9 and closed 15 minutes before 9 O clock	.05
S. Rigdon commenced speaking 15 minutes before 9 and closed 25 minutes before 10 O clock	.50
O. Cowdery spoke	.07
Sylvester Smith then commenced 18 minutes before 10 and closed at 11 O clock	1.18

N.B. The following decision was given at New Portage Sept. 8th 1834 and should have been recorded on the 52 page immediately following the trial to which it belongs

Dear Brother Joseph B. Bosworth

By a decision of this conference I am directed to inform you that a previous difficulty has been presented to this body, which arose In a former council between yourself & brother Ambrose Palmer, informing us, that in a council where A. Palmer presided, according to the office of his appointment as president of this branch of the church of the Latter-Day Saints[,] you [,] when requested by him to be seated[,] refused to submit to his decision, but spake disrespectfully of our brother while acting in his calling which has occasioned a wound in this conference. It is the

decision of this conference that you come before the church (as you are not present to do it at this conference) and make the proper confession required in the Law of the Lord. Why I say disrespectfully is because when you were requested to be seated and desist speaking, you said that you had as much right to speak as he (brother Palmer) had.

Oliver Cowdery
Clerk of Conference

To Joseph B. Bosworth
a High Priest in the Church
of the Latter-Day Saints
New Portage, Ohio Sept 8th 1834

Minutes of a high council of the Church of Latter Day Saints

Sept 24th 1834

Joseph Smith Junr, Presiding

Sidney Rigdon

Frederick G. Williams Assisting

Samuel H. Smith	1	Luke Johnson	1
Orson Johnson	2	Sylvester Smith	2
John Johnson	3	Orson Hyde	3
Jared Carter	4	Joseph Smith sen.	4
John Smith	5	Martin Harris	5
Oliver Cowdery	6	Joseph Coe	6

Councillors

The council came to order and the councillors were called when it was found that Jared Carter & Martin Harris were absent. After prayer the president made some appropriate remarks when the councillors, four of their numbers to speak [sic].

The case of brother Sylvester Smith was called up to inquire whether under existing circumstances he can fill the office of high counsillor. It was decided that four counsillors speak

on the case.

viz: Samuel H. Smith Luke Johnson
Orson Johnson Orson Hyde

The counsellors severally spoke in their courses, followed by brother Sylvester. After which the assisting presidents spoke, then brother Joseph proceeded to give a decision that brother Sylvester stand no longer a high counsellor but that he retain his office of high priest and continue to lift up his voice in the name of Jesus in preaching the gospel. The names of the counsellors were then called and severally gave their assent to this decision when brother Sylvester gave his own assent with thankfulness.

This council then proceeded to fill the vacancy occasioned by the removal of brother Sylvester Smith from the office of high counsellor. Brother Joseph nominated brother Hyrum Smith to fill the vacant office, which was seconded by the clerk. The counsellors then voted for the nomination as also the conference present. Brother Joseph then took the lead in prayer after which he ordained brother Hyrum to the office of high counsellor pronouncing the blessing of the Lord upon him in his name. After which brother Joseph Smith Junr proceeded to bless him also in the name of the Lord, confirming the same blessing. The counsellors then appointed to fill the vacancies occasioned by the absence of brothers Jared Carter & Martin Harris. Brothers John P Green and Brigham Young, Elders in this Ch.

The council then proceeded to appoint a committee to arrange the items of the doctrine of Jesus Christ for the government of the church of Latter-Day Saints which church was organized and commenced its rise on the 6th of April 1830. These items are to be taken from the bible, book of mormon, and the revelations which have been given to the church up to this date or shall be, until such arrangement is made. Brother Samuel H. Smith then nominated brothers Joseph Smith Junr Oliver Cowdery Sidney Rigdon and Frederick G. Williams to compose said committee which was seconded by brother Hyrum Smith. The Counselors then gave their vote which was also agreed to by the whole conference. The council then decided that said committee, after arranging and publishing said book of covenants, have the avails of the same. The council then decided that a notice be published to the churches and conferences abroad, that high priests be ordained hereafter, in the high council at Kirtland, signed by the clerk of the council. The counselors decided that Newel K. Whitney be privileged to make such arrangements with his store as he shall deem most advisable concerning his present embarrassed circumstances. Closed in prayer by brother S. Rigdon.

Oliver Cowdery

Orson Hyde

Clerks

The next arrangements for the High council will be as follows.

John Johnson	Orson Johnson
Jared Carter	Hyrum Smith
John Smith	Joseph Smith Senr.
Oliver Cowdery	Orson Hyde
Samuel H. Smith	Martin Harris
Joseph Coe	Luke Johnson

Kirtland Nov. 28th 1834

A council convened this evening to transact business according to the regulations of the church

Joseph Smith Junr
Sidney Rigdon Presiding
Frederick G. Williams

John Johnson	Hyrum Smith
Jared Carter	Joseph Smith Senr.
Oliver Cowdery	Orson Hyde
Orson Johnson	Luke Johnson

Counselors present

John Johnson and Hyrum Smith were appointed to speak. A letter from the church in Lewis, Essex Co. N. Y. was presented by brothers John H. Tippets and Joseph H. Tippets and read by the clerk. Said letters contained an amount of money and other property, sent by the church in Lewis, in the care of said brethren to carry to Missouri to purchase land. These brethren wished to know the mind and advice of their brethren here, whether they had better pursue their journey or not. The two counselors then spoke, followed by F. G. W. O. Hyde, and the Clerk. After which brother Sidney Rigdon proceeded to give a decision. That after looking at all parts of the question, it was the decision, that our brethren be advised to tarry in this place during the winter. The voice of the council was taken which concurred with the decision. The two brethren respectively arose and said they were perfectly satisfied with the decision of the council. The amount donated by the church in Lewis according to their letter, in cash is, \$473.29.

The amount in other property according to their said letter, is 375.11

aggregate \$848.40

The council then decided that Joseph Smith Junr take such amount of said money as those brethren can part with for the present by giving sufficient security to be paid, with interest, by the 15th of April 1835. It was ascertained by the council Sister Caroline Tippetts held \$149.75 of the money mentioned in said letter. She was accordingly called into the council and expressed a willingness to loan the same. A note of \$280. was drawn in favor of John H. Tippetts, due April 15th 1835 and signed by Joseph Smith Junr. Oliver Cowdery & F. G. Williams and another in favor of Caroline Tippetts of \$150. due April 15th 1835 signed by Joseph Smith Jr. Oliver Cowdery & F. G. Williams. The council then closed in prayer by J. Smith Junr.

Oliver Cowdery
Clerk of Conference.

The next Counsellors will be arranged as follows.

Jared Carter	Joseph Smith Senr.
Oliver Cowdery	Orson Hyde
Orson Johnson	Luke Johnson
Samuel H. Smith	Martin Harris
John Johnson	Joseph Coe
John Smith	Hyrum Smith

The following letter was presented by John H. Tippetts and formed the subject of the preceding council. Written to brother Joseph & high council in Kirtland by Alvah L. Tippetts to be sent greeting. Brother Joseph will recollect the time I left Kirtland last winter in order to come for to dispose of the property I had in possession, which I have been striving to do, form that time till about the first of Sept last.

But I have felt very uneasy while the commandment has gone forth for the Eastern churches to flee unto the West. The first, or about the first of Sept I with 2 of my brethren took the revelation concerning the redemption of Zion, and read it and then we agreed to ask God to enable us to obey the same. As we live in the Eastern states our minds lit over these important lines, ["] Therefore a commandment I give unto all the churches, that they shall continue to gather together unto the places which I have appointed, nevertheless, as I have said unto you in a former commandment let not your gathering be in haste nor by flight, but let all things be prepared before you & in order that all things be prepared before you, observe the commandments which I have given concerning these things which saith or teacheth to purchase all the lands by money which can be purchased for money in the region round about the land which I have appointed to

be the land of Zion for the beginning of the gathering of my saints all the land which can be purchased in Jackson County, and the counties round about and have the residue in mine hands [sic]. Now verily I say unto you, let all the churches gather together all their money, let these things be done in their time [,] be not in haste, and observe to have all things prepared before you, and let honorable men be appointed even wise men and send them to purchase these lands and every church in the Eastern countries, when they are built up, if they will hearken unto this council they may buy lands and gather together upon them and in this way they may establish Zion["] [D&C 101:61-74]. And after further consideration and much prayer, we carried the case before the church in this place, which met the approbation of the same. Accordingly we strove to become of one heart and one mind, appointed a day for fasting & prayer, and asked the Lord to enable us to collect all our monies, and appointed a day for the church to come together for council. Accordingly, we came together and after consecration chose a moderator & clerk to keep the record of the church counselled together concerning property owned by the church, and commenced to make sale, and collect pay according to the voice of the church in order to collect all the monies owned by the church & by the hands of wise men, which were appointed by the voice of the church: one Elder and the other a Priest according to the will of God.

Alvah L. Tappitts

Lewis, County of Essex N. Y.

Oct. 20 1834.

A branch of the church of the Latter Day Saints, agreeable to the requirements of heaven, have strove to unite their hearts and views in order to be found spotless before the blazing throne of the great Jehovah, when he comes to make up his jewels, and for this end do send property by the hands of wise men appointed by the voice of the church, (agreeable to the revelation concerning the redemption of Zion) for the purpose of purchasing land in Jackson County or counties, round about, for the inheritance of the church. Agreeable to this we give out names with the affix[ed] sums annexed.

(Cash Property)

Alvah H. Tappitts		One hundred dollars to be
\$98.67		120.37
left in Kirtland in boots		
Joseph H. Tappitts		& shoes.
Alvah Tappitts	34.63	80.00
John H. Tappitts	171.05	51.93
Henry Adams	11.13	8.75

David Bragg	5.00	1.06
Zebulon Adams	1.75	
Caroline Tippits	151.06	107.00
Gustavus A. Perry	00.00	6.00

aggregated 848.40

The wise men are

John H. Tippits

Joseph H. Tippits

Minutes of a high council of the church of the Latter Day Saints assembled at the school Room in Kirtland Ohio Sabbath evening December 28th 1834. Sidney Rigdon presiding, who opened by prayer. The Council was organized as follows:

Jared Carter	Joseph Smith Senr.
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Oliver Cowdery, President	Orson Hyde
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Orson Johnson	Wm E. McLellin
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for

Samuel H. Smith	Luke Johnson
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John Johnson	Martin Harris
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Sylvester Smith	Joseph Coe
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for

John Smith	Hyrum Smith President
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The case of Elder Oliver Walker of Winchester Indiana, was presented to the Council by President Rigdon. Elder Walker was called to make such remarks before the council as he thought proper--who related a difficulty which formerly existed between himself and George Hartley once a member of the church in Winchester. Four councellors were appointed to speak on the case viz:

Jared Carter	Joseph Smith Senr.
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Oliver Cowdery	Orson Hyde
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The circumstances of Elder Walkers former difficulty were stated by himself, Elder [Levi]

Hancock, President Cowdery (who presided over the conference at one time when said difficulty was settled) [December 6, 1831, in Winchester, Indiana. Minutes of that conference are found in Far West Record, pp. 24-5.] President H. Smith Counsellor McLellin and President Rigdon. The counsellors then made their remarks and also Presidents F. G. Williams & J. Smith Junr. after which President Rigdon gave decision. That Elder Walker is, and has been a member of this church, and that he is and has been an Elder in the same. And that so far as has been presented to this council, nothing has been done by him, whereby he ought to be expelled from this church. A vote was called which was unanimous with said decision.

Many excellent remarks were made relative to the order of offices and titles in the church by Presidents J. Smith Junr. & S. Rigdon when a vote was called to know whether all present were satisfied with those remarks, which was also unanimous, there being no dissenting voice.

Closed by prayer of President Cowdery

Oliver Cowdery

Orson Hyde

Clerks of Council

The next council will be arranged as follows:

Orson Johnson	Luke Johnson
Samuel H. Smith	Martin Harris
John Johnson	Joseph Coe
John Smith	Hyrum Smith
Oliver Cowdery	Orson Hyde
Jared Carter	Joseph Smith Senr.

1835

Minutes of a high council, held at Kirtland Ohio Jany. 18th 1835

Joseph Smith Junr.

Sidney Rigdon

F. G. Williams

Presiding

Orson Johnson	Luke Johnson
Edmund Durfee	Martin Harris
for	
Samuel H. Smith	Joseph Coe
John Johnson	Hyrum Smith President
John Smith	Reynolds Cahoon
for	
Oliver Cowdery President	Orson Hyde
Jared Carter	Joseph Smith Senior,
President	

acting as counsellors

Certain brethren from Bolton N. Y. came forward for counsel relative to their proceeding to the West, when it was decided that three counsellors on each side be appointed to speak.

(Viz:)

Orson Johnson	Luke Johnson
Edmund Durfee	Martin Harris
John Johnson	Joseph Coe

The several counsellors who were appointed to speak addressed the council to considerable length, followed by President Williams & Rigdon. President Williams went into some minute particulars relative to the propriety of the tarrying of the brethren, before the council, and gave his mind that they stay. President Rigdon occupied considerable time and laid before the council at much length, the importance of appointing the church in this place; to move forward the great work of preparing a place in which the Elders might be endowed, and of printing and sending out the word of the Lord. President Smith took up the subject still further, and occupied a long time in presenting the importance of the same thing and gave decision that Elder Tanner assist with him might to build up the cause by tarrying in Kirtland. The vote of the council was called and passed by unanimous voice. Closed by prayer of President Williams

The next council will be arranged as follows:

John Smith	Hyrum Smith
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Oliver Cowdery	Orson Hyde
Jared Carter	Joseph Smith Senr.
Samuel H. Smith	Martin Harris
John Johnson	Joseph Coe
Orson Johnson	Luke Johnson

Oliver Cowdery clerk
of Council

Kirtland Ohio March 16th 1835

A High Council was called for church business.

Present:
Joseph Smith Junr.
Sidney Rigdon
F. G. Williams
Presiding

Counsellors

John Smith	Hyrum Smith
Oliver Cowdery	Orson Hyde
Jared Carter	Joseph Smith Senr.
Samuel H. Smith	Wm E. McLellin

for

John Johnson	Martin Harris
Orson Johnson	Leonard Rich

for

Joseph Coe

Luke Johnson

Opened by prayer of J. Smith Junr. The following charge or complaint against certain brethren therein named was presented by John Smith.

To the president of the High council of the church of Latter Day Saints in Kirtland. Brother, it having come to my knowledge that there is a difficulty existing between brethren, (Viz.) Alpheus Cutler, Asa Lyman & Reynolds Cahoon, which is injurious to the cause of truth among us. I have made an exertion to reconcile them to each other, but to no effect, I therefore lay the case before the council for decision.

John Smith

J. Smith Junr.

Kirtland March 16

1835

Counsellor John Smith being the complainant Sylvester Smith, one of the Presidents of the Seventy, was substituted in his room. It was voted that six Counsellors speak on the case

Sylvester Smith Jared Carter Orson Hyde

Oliver Cowdery Hyrum Smith Joseph Smith Senr.

John Smith opened the case in few words stating that the matter being so intricate that he could not bring it as a charge against any one of these brethren particularly, and the brethren severally were called upon to make their own remarks. After this the counsellors severally spoke and the complainant and the accused made their remarks when the case was submitted, President Williams being short, President Rigdon spoke one hour. When President J. Smith Junr proceeded to give decision. After speaking to considerable extent said: The decision is, that brother Lyman as well as brother Cutler be rebuked and stand reprov'd, until they openly acknowledge before the church, that they have injured Elder Cahoon by speaking evil of his character, and conduct without any just ground or occasion, and that as Elder Cutler has heretofore declared before the Church, that he has not murmured nor complained, because he has not received pay for working on the house to his satisfaction, and it is known to the contrary, that he be as frank in acknowledging this fact, as he had been in making the declaration. The vote was then taken and passed by unanimous voice, and the council closed by prayer of President S. Rigdon.

The next council will be arranged as follows:

Samuel H. Smith Martin Harris

John Johnson Joseph Coe

Orson Johnson Luke Johnson

John Smith	Hyrum Smith
Oliver Cowdery	Orson Hyde
Jared Carter	Joseph Smith Senr.

Oliver Cowdery Clerk
of Council

Kirtland Ohio Feb. 27th 1835

This evening a meeting of nine of the twelve of the Apostles, who had been chosen and ordained was held at the house of President Joseph Smith Junr. with Presidents Sidney Rigdon and Frederick G. Williams and certain others (Viz.) Bishop Newel K. Whitney & Elders John Smith, John Murdock and Evan M. Greene. It may be well to give, also, the names of those nine who were present. Lyman Johnson, Brigham Young, Heber C. Kimball, Orson Hyde, David W. Patten, Luke Johnson, Wm. E. McLelin, John F. Boynton & Wm. Smith. Parley P. Pratt had now gone to New Portage and Orson Pratt & Thomas B. Marsh had not yet arrived to receive their ordination. After the company were assembled, and the meeting opened by prayer of President J. Smith Junr. he (President Smith) arose and said, he had something to lay before the council, and he thought if he were heard patiently, he could lay before the council an item which they would [consider] to be of importance. He had for himself learned a fact, by experience, which on reflection, always gave him a deep sorrow. it is a fact (said President Smith) that if I now had in my possession every decision which has been had, upon important items of doctrine and duties, which have been given since the commencement of this work, I would not part with it for any sum of money, but we have neglected to take minutes of such things, thinking, perhaps, that they would never benefit us afterwards which, had we now, would decide almost any point of doctrine, which might be agitated, but, this has been neglected and now we cannot bear record to the church, and to the world, of the great and glorious manifestations which have been made to us, with that degree of power and authority, we otherwise could, if we now had these things to publish abroad. Since the Twelve are now chosen, I wish to tell them a course which they may pursue, and be benefitted hereafter, in a point of light of which they are not now aware. If they will, on every time they assemble, appoint a person to Preside over over them during the meeting and one or more to keep a record of their proceedings, and on the decision of every question or item, let it be what it may, let such decision be noted down, such decision will forever remain upon record, and appear at the time of covenant or doctrine. An item thus decided may appear at the time of little or no worth, but should it be published, and one of you lay hands on it after [,] you will find [it] of infinite worth, not only to your brethren, but it will be a feast to your own soul.

Here is another important idea. If you assemble from time to time, and proceed to discuss

important questions, and pass decisions upon the same, and fail to note them down, by & by you will be driven to straits, from which you will not be able to extricate yourselves because you may be in a situation not to bring your faith to bear with sufficient perfection or power to obtain the desired information, or perhaps, for neglecting to write these things, when God revealed them, not esteeming them of sufficient worth the Spirit may withdraw and God may be angry, and here is or was a vast knowledge of infinite importance, which is now lost. What was the cause of this? It came in consequence of Slothfulness, or a neglect to appoint a man to occupy a few moments in writing all these decisions. Here let me prophesy. The time will come, when, if you neglect to do this thing, you will fall by the hands of unrighteous men. Were you to be brought before the authorities, and, be accused of any crime or misdemeanor, and be as innocent as the angels of God, unless you can prove yourselves to have been somewhere else, your enemies will prevail over you, but if you can bring twelve men to testify that you were in a certain place at that time, you will escape their hands. Now, if you will be careful to keep minutes of these things, as I have said, it will be one of the most important records ever seen for every such decision will, ever after remain as items of doctrine and covenants. I have now placed before you these items, for your consideration, and you are left to act according to your own judgments. The council then expressed their approbation, concerning the foregoing remarks of President Smith, and proceeded to appoint Elders, Orson Hyde & Wm. E. McLelin, to serve as clerks for the meeting. After which the following quotation was prepared by President Smith (Viz:) What importance is there attached to the calling of these twelve apostles different from the other callings or offices of the Church? After some discussion by Elders, [David W.] Patten [Brigham] Young, Wm. Smith & [Wm. E.] McLelin, President Smith gave the following discussion. They are the Twelve Apostles, who are called to the office of traveling high council, who are to preside over all the churches of the Saints among the Gentiles, where there is no presidency established, and they are to travel and preach along the Gentiles, until the Lord shall command them to go to the Jews. They are to hold the keys of this ministry, to unlock the door of the kingdom of heaven unto all nations, and to preach the Gospel to every creature. This is the power, authority and virtue of their apostleship. The meeting closed by President J. Smith Junr. in Prayer

Oliver Cowdery Clerk.

New Portage June 6th 1835

Elders and brethren of the church of the Latter-Day Saints met in conference agreeably to previous notice given and organized a council at the place aforesaid. Oliver Cowdery was called to the chair and Warren A. Cowdery was duly appointed secretary. Elders present composing the council, were severally seated according to their respective ages, and then united in solemn prayer to Almighty God for wisdom to guide us in our deliberations. The church in this place was now called upon by the chair for the number, now belonging to said church, and was represented by Elder Ambrose Palmer, the presiding Elder of said Church, to be 100. Branch of the Church at Strongsville, represented by Elder Z. [Zebedee] Coultrin, to be fifteen in number. The council

then called on the presiding officer of the church, for all matters of difficulty, (if any he had.) for adjudication by the council. Elder David Matthews case was called up; he having been suspended for unchristian conduct, at a previous conference. After hearing the statements of a number of those who were acquainted with brother Matthews, the council unanimously agreed that there had been due contrition of spirit, manifested by him, in his walk and conversation, since his suspension. Brother Matthews manifested a wish, to see, an[d] converse with Israel W. Barlow, with whom his former difficulty occurred and then a decision could be made. The interview was had, and brother Matthews was restored by unanimous vote of the council. Elder J. B. Bosworth, referred a charge against Elder A. Palmer for aiding and assisting, a brother, in this church, to abscond who was involved in debt, and for acting without the counsel of the Elders or brethren of the church over which he presides. Witnesses were called on to substantiate the charges, but none were found who were willing to criminate brother Palmer, but all were compelled to say, from the conviction of their own minds, that he had acted from the best of motives. Brother Palmer confessed he had helped away the absconding brother, but no property had been secreted or carried away, that was legally tangible if he had not absconded. It also appeared in evidence that the property brother Palmer assisted to save, belonged of right, to a woman and some orphan Children, who had never been benefitted by the property received by him who contracted the debts. It was also satisfactorily proven, that no law of the land would have covered any of the property that brother Palmer assisted the absconding debtor to save, and that he might as well have moved openly as clandestinely. It was, therefore resolved from a view of all the facts, that brother Palmer should be acquitted of all the charges that were preferred against him. Council then considered an appealed case between Elders Keeler & Barkdall. Elder Barkdall preferred a claim against Elder Keeler, for services said to be rendered some eight or nine years since, and to have been awarded by a former council. It appeared there had been a division in favor of Elder Barkdall, but no testimony was produced by either of the parties to substantiate a claim or prove a payment. It was therefore, resolved that both the accused and the accuser have manifested, a bad spirit, and deserve the severe rebuke of this council.

An intermission of one hour was then agreed on by the council. At the expiration of one hour the council again assembled for business. Elders Salmon Warner & Micah B. Welton, preferred a charge with two specifications against Elder Joseph B. Bosworth. First, that he (said Bosworth) had used harsh language, and had been guilty of unchristian like conduct toward brother Meads & his wife. Second, that said Bosworth had said somethings which had tended to injure the reputation of sister Mary Ann Point. The specifications were so far substantiated by test[i]mony, that the council deemed him guilty, and that he ought to make confession to the injured and to the church. Elder Aaron Smith preferred a charge against Elder Milo Hays, for not obeying the word of wisdom and for covenant breaking. Both charges were amply sustained by testimony, and the council unanimously decided that said Hays be excluded from this church. Council adjourned.

Sabbath June 7th [1835].

A large concourse of people assembled a[nd] listened attentively to a discourse delivered by the President of the council, and those who added their testimony & enforced their exhortations by powerful appeals to the reason and good sense of the congregation. After preaching, four were baptized and added to the church.

In the evening the council was again organized and took into consideration the propriety of ordaining brother Jacob Myers to the office of Elder. Two counsellors spoke on the subject and after some remarks from the chair, it was unanimously determined to set him apart for that office. Presidents Cowdery & Whitmore then ordained him.

The case of Elders Barkdall & Keeler was again called up. Four counsellors spoke on the subject, and after remarks wer made by the chairman, it was unanimously decided that said Elders Barkdall & Keeler have one week and no more to settle their differences with each other, and make their confessions to the church or lose their standing in the same. The case of brother Bosworth was called up and he was requested to speak for himself. He acceded to the decision of the council last evening & agreed to make restitution, to father Meads, his wife, Sister Mary Ann Point and the church. The several Elders present, were admonished of the necessity of being engaged in the Ministry, and some of them were reprovod for their remissness in duty. A blessing was then pronounced and the council adjourned Sine Die.

W. A. Cowdery Clerk.
Oliver Cowdery

John Whitmer

Prests.

To the Rev. Mr. Hewett.

Sir,

In consequence of your not returning to us as we understood you at your introduction to us. It was resolved and approved in council, on the evening of the 14th Inst. that the bearer Oliver Cowdery, one of the presiding Elders of our Church, should proceed to Fairport &c. and ascertain, if possible, the cause of your delay, and this is done as one reason that we feel an anxious desire for the Salvation of the souls of men, and to satisfy your inquiries concerning the religion we Profess. If at Fairport it is the sincere desire of the council that Mr. Hewet return, that we may satisfy him concerning our Religion, and we satisfy us concerning his, for we feel as great a Desire for the welfare of his people as he can have for ours.

With respect & esteem

I am, Sir, your friend

Kirtland June 14 1835 W. W. Phelps Clerk

To the high council of the church of the Latter-Day Saints in Kirtland

Dear brethren in the Lord,

Agreeably to your instructions to me on the evening of the 14th Inst. that I should proceed immediately to Fairport, for the purpose of holding an interview with the Rev. John Hewett, late of England, on the subject of the Religion which he professes, and further present him your letter, I have to say, that he did proceed with said letter, the proceeding of which is a copy.

On my arrival at Fairport, I learned that that Mr. Hewett was not in the place, but on inquiry and request, I obtained a short interview, with Mrs. Hewitt, with whom I left your letter, requesting that Mr. Hewett, might be presented with it as early as possible. It is proper for me to add that I learned from Mrs. Hewitt, that her husband had frequently spoken of his wish to become further acquainted with this people, whom he had come out from Europe to see, and that in consequence of rain had been prevented from visiting us at an earlier date. From the short acquaintance with Mrs. Hewitt, I can add that I was treated with the politeness becoming a stranger, and have little doubt but he will eventually visit this place as this was the intimation which I received, that he was contemplating on teaching himself for at least a few months near this [place]. Accept assurances of my gratitude for the appointment I received from you, while I subscribe myself your obedient servant,

Oliver Cowdery

Kirtland Monday evening

June 15th 1835

Kirtland July 14th 1835

Council met agreeable to appointment.

Present O. Cowdery

D. Whitmer

W. W. Phelps

Presidents

F. G. Williams

J. Smith Junr.

Charges preferred against Elder Edmund Bosley and Isaac Bishop.

Council opened by singing, Awake my soul in joyful lays &c.

Prayer by D. Whitmer

E. Bosley's case [a] charge for unchristian like conduct in breaking a certain sacred covenant made Sept. 24th 1834

President J. Smith Junr. addressed the council in points of duty such as observing covenants &c. President Smith testified to the truth of the above covenant. President O. Cowdery testified that he himself framed the above covenant, and that at the time, Elder E. Bosley said that he had a witness that it was the will of the Lord that he should consecrate the surplus of what would be for his and his familys support. Bishop N. K. Whitney stated Elder Bosley agreed to let President J. Smith Junr. & others have money on loan, for the printing of the Revelations, if he could control his property in one year, or as soon as he obtained it. Decided that Elder E. Bosley broke the covenant which he made Sept. 4th 1834, therefore he is not a member of this church, unless he make satisfaction to those whom he injured.

Isaac Bishop is complained of as having spoken evil of dignities [the Lords's anointed]. Whereas Michael the Archangel, durst not bring a railing accusation against the Devil, who said that the high council had the wrong tree to bark up. Brothers J. M. Corrill states that he heard I. Bishop say the council had barked up the wrong tree. President Rigdon says that brother Shearer [?] says the same thing that J. M. Corrill did. Mr. Marks states the same things that J. M. Corrill does.

Decided that Isaac Bishop shall make public confession to the satisfaction of the injured and walk as a saint in all things.

This curse shall be upon them. The hand of the Lord shall be upon them, until they repent in sack[c]loth and ashes, and shall touch their [them] unless they repent.

Closed in prayer by Oliver Cowdery

Minutes of a council held in Kirtland Aug. 8th 1835.

President Joseph Smith, Sidney Rigdon & Oliver Cowdery Presiding.

Meeting opened by prayer of S. Rigdon. Proceeded to lay hands on the following sons of Zion and bless them as follows. Father Duncan & 6 which is recorded in the book of ordination blessings which see--- [minutes end here]

At a regular meeting of the High Council at Kirtland, convened on the 10th day of August 1835 to hear complaint of President Joseph Smith Junr. against Elder Reynolds Cahoon, Presidents S. Rigdon Oliver Cowdery & W. W. Phelps.

W. W. Phelps	Martin Harris
Orson Johnson	Joseph Smith Sen
John Smith	John Whitmer
Levi Jackman	Newel Knight
Daniel Stanton	Elias Higbee
John Gould	Oliver Granger

Prayer by President Rigdon

The following were appointed to speak

Wm. W. Phelps	Martin Harris
Orson Johnson	Joseph Smith Senr.

It was proven that Elder Cahoon had failed to do his duty in correcting his children and instructing them in the way of truth & righteousness, and after the several pleas decision was given accordingly. Elder Cahoon confessed the correctness of the decision, and promised to make public acknowledgement before the church.

Closed by prayer of the Clerk

Oliver Cowdery Clerk

Minutes of a high Council held in Kirtland Aug. 18 1835

Charge preferred against Elder Phineas B. Young by Elder T. S. Cole for unchristian like conduct.

Testimony of Elder B. Riggs, as follows, that said Elder Young, borrowed a Book of Mormon of Mr. Childs of Madison Co. N. Y. and agreed to return it, but instead of doing so, sold it, also gave another to a poor female as a deed of charity, afterward borrowed it & sold it. For which said council decided that Elder P. H. Young should be suspended from church fellowship, until he gives satisfaction to this council for this unchristian conduct.

W. Parrish Clerk

Kirtland August 19th 1835

High Council of the presidency in session in Kirtland. Charge preferred against Elder A. Babbit by Elder Charles Rich as follows. First for not keeping the word of Wisdom. Second for stating that the book of Mormon was not essential to our Salvation. 3d, That we have no articles of faith except the Bible.

Elder J. B. Smiths testimony called for. That said Elder Babbit assumed the prerogative of dictating him in his preaching, also for not keeping the word of wisdom. Elder Rich made some remarks.

Elder Babbit was called upon to speak for himself, he said he had taken the liberty to break the word of wisdom from the example of President Joseph Smith Junr & others, but acknowledged that it was wrong, that he had taught the Book of Mormon & Commandments as he had thought to be wisdom, and for the good of the cause of Christ. That he had not intended to dictate Elder J. Smith but only to advise with him. The council reprov'd him and gave him this good instruction, as follows, To observe the word of wisdom & commandments in all things, that we may be heirs to all the blessings, that God has promised, also that it is not advisable for any Elder to take wife with him on a mission to preach.

W. Parrish Clerk

General Assembly

Convened in Kirtland August 17th A.D. 1835 by the presidency of the Church of the Latter-Day Saints, for the purpose of Examining a book of commandments and covenants which has been compiled and written by the following committee, which was appointed by a general assembly of the Church in Kirtland Sept. 24th 1834 & instructing the writer of said Book. This committee was nominated, by the Speaker of the high council, seconded & voted into this office, by the whole body of the church then assembled. The names of the Committe are as follows: Joseph Smith Junr. Sidney Rigdon, Oliver Cowdery & Frederick G. Williams. This Committee having finished said Book according to the instructions given them, it was deemed necessary to call the general assembly of the Church to see whether the book be approved or not by the Authoroties of the church, that it may, if approved, become a law unto the church, and a rule of faith and practice unto the same. Therefore, this assembly was called to order & organized as follows. First the Presidents of the church in Kirtland, (Viz.)

Sidney Rigdon

Oliver Cowdery

present and took the lead of the meeting

Joseph Smith Junr.

Frederick G. Williams

absent

John Smith President also present

The High Council of Kirtland

No. 1	John Smith	Edmund Durfee
3	Samuel H. Smith	Aaron C. Lyon
5	Jared Carter	Henry G. Sherwood
	Orson Johnson	Alpheus Cutler
	M. C. Davis	Willard Woodstock
	Amos B. Orton	Giles Cook

Presidents of the High Council from Zion,

Wm. W. Phelps

&

John Whitmer

High Counsellors

Levi Jackman	Newel Knight
E. [Elisha] H. Groves	Elias Higby
Morris Phelps	Warren Parrish
James Emmit	Elias Hutchings
Z. S. Cole	Edson Barney
J. B. Smith	Alexander Badlam

The High Councils took their seats in regular order according to their appointments.

Also the seven Presidents of the Seventy Elders.

Leonard Rich Harpin Riggs
Levi Hancock Joseph Hancock
Lyman S. Ferman [Lyman R. Sherman] Almon Babitt
Sylvester Smith

Also twenty seven of the seventy Elders and sons of Zion.

The Bishop in Kirtland [Newel K. Whitney], Reynolds Cahoon & Oliver Granger acted as counsellors.

The Bishop from Zion

John Corril acted instead of Edward Partridge (absent) [and] Isaac Higby & Daniel Stanton acted as counsellors

President of the Elders: John Gould [and] Thirty one of the Elders of the church,

President of the priests: Ira Ames and Eight priests,

President of the Deacons: Wm. Burgess and one deacon

President of the Teachers, and sex Teachers. Brother Thomas Gates appointed as President to keep order among the members, and prevent disturbance in the House.

President Levi Hancock appointed to lead in singing. Sung the following Hymn, ["Glorius things of thee are spoken &c["]. Also ["When I can read my title clear &c["].

President O. Cowdery took the stand and opened the services of the day by prayer to God that his spirit might inspire us to do all business in Righteousness before him. After which sung ["Beyond these earthly scenes in sight &c["].

Then Presidents John Whitmer & Wm. W. Phelps proceeded to ordain Elder Morris Phelps to the High Priesthood of the Holy order of God by the voice of the Presidency. Laying their hands upon him they said, ["The Lord [will] instruct [thee] with all wisdom necessary to fill this important station according to the will of God. Thou shalt, if faithful, be sent to the nations of the Earth, and gather Sheaves from the East & West & from the North & South with all power necessary to accomplish thy mission. Then Presidents S.Rigdon & O. Cowdery, proceeded, by the voice of the 70 to ordain Elder Warren Parrish to the first 70 saying, ["Dear brother, in the name of Jesus Christ, we lay our hands upon thy head & ordain thee to the ministry, to bear the tidings of the fullness of the everlasting gospel to all nations kindreds, tongues & people. Yea thou shalt have power to go from nation to nation & from Island to Island & proclaim my gospel in all the different languages & tongues of the earth & shall have power over all thy enemies, & shall be a swift herald of the cross. None shall stay thy hand & if faithful

the Lord shall give thee power to fill this Mission, also wisdom from Heaven, righteousness & truth, that thou mayest accomplish the same, and in old age return to Zion bringing multitudes with thee having overcome all things and accomplished a good work to the acceptance of thy Heavenly Father to rejoice in his Kingdom with songs of Everlasting joy. All these blessings we confirm upon thy head, in the name of Jesus Christ, even so, Amen["].

Also Brother Sherman Gilbert to the office of an Elder to bear the glad tidings of the gospel to the inhabitants of the earth. ["] Because thou hast offered thy life as a sacrifice thou shalt be numbered with the 2d 70 to proclaim the Gospel to the Nations of the Earth. The Lord shall bless thee with blessing upon blessing & wisdom upon wisdom, also visions and instructions from heaven, until thy heart is stored with all wisdom, and thou shalt have an inheritance in the land of Zion, whither thou wentest to lay down thy life for thy brethren, that thou mayest have a place to lay thy head, when thou shalt have accomplished thy mission that the Lord has allotted unto thee and if thou art faithful, all these blessings shall crown thy head, even so, Amen["].

Also Brother James Foster, blessed in the name of Jesus Christ, in the following manner. ["] Because thou didst leave thy family in thy old age and go up to Zion to redeem thy brethren, blessing after blessing shall roll upon thee until thou art satisfied, and thou shalt know the truth of the Religion that thou dost profess, by the administration of angels, and wisdom from on high shalt rest upon thee. The Lord himself shalt be upon thy right hand to uphold thee. And if thou desirest thou shalt go forth to proclaim the fullness of my gospel, with all the qualifications necessary to accomplish a good work, and if thou art faithful, thou shalt come down to thy grave in peace, having overcome all things, even so, Amen["].

Also Brother Dean Gould was blessed in the following manner. ["] In the name of Jesus Christ we pray that blessings may rest upon thee because thou wentest to Zion to lay down thy life for thy brethren. Thou art young but shalt, if faithful, be called to the ministry in maturer age, and proclaim the gospel to many people, and live to the coming of the son of man. Waters shall not drown[ed] thee, fire shall not burn thee, Enemies shall not prevail against thee if faithful & if not thy end shall be in darkness & bitterness for ever["]. If faithful, thou shalt receive all these blessings even so, Amen["].

Also Benjamin Gifford, blessed as follows, ["]In the name of Jesus Christ we ask our heavenly Father to bless thee in thy youth, & cleanse the[e] from sin, and prepare the[e] to receive an inheritance with the sons of Zion, after the scourges are over. If thou art faithful the Lord, shall give the[e] Wisdom after Wisdom, grace after grace, until thou be prepared to take in the ministry with thy brethren, and go forth and do a great work in company with them, and be equal to them in all things, & do much good in proclaiming the gospel & if faithful thou shalt return, with Joy to Zion, even so amen["].

Also Elder, Elisha H. Groves, Blessed as follows, ["]in the name of Jesus Christ, we seal the blessing of the High Priesthood upon the[e] which thou hast already received. Thy head is

already beginning to blossom for the grave, but the Lord shall give the[e] vigor of youth. Thou shalt see thy hearts desire in the redemption of Zion. Thy prayers have reached the heavens in her behalf and thou shalt see her in her glory, and leap & praise God upon her land. Thy God hath looked upon thee and preserved thee and thou shalt gather many sons and daughters to Zion, who shall be as stars in the crown of thy rejoicing. And if thou art faithful, thou shalt receive all these blessings, even so, Amen["].

Also Brother Joseph Hartshorn blessed as follows. ["]Our aged brother, with peculiar feelings, we lay our hands upon thy head, and ask our heavenly Father, in the name of Jesus Christ to bless thee. Our hearts are full of blessings for thee. Thou has despised the infirmities of age and gone with thy younger brethren to the redemption of Zion. The Lord shall give the[e] blessing upon blessing, grace after grace and lead thee quietly[?] like a child & if it be wisdom, thy hearing shall be restored, [and] if faithful angels, shall minister around thy death bed, and bear thy departing spirit like Lazarus to rest in Abrahams bosom to inherit all the glory of the celestial Kingdom, even so, Amen["].

Singing at intervals, ["]how precious is the name &c["].

Adjourned one hour. The blessings of the Spiritual Kingdom pronounced by President S. Rigdon

Met again according to adjournment and proceeded to business. Called the names of all the Presidents of the several departments of the assembly and found their quorums full. Sung the praise of God as follows, ["]All hail! the power of Jesus["]. President S. Rigdon arose & rebuked some of the Authorities for not being in their seats at the time appointed. President O. Cowdery then arose with the Book of Doctrine and Covenants (284 pages) contain[ing] the faith articles and covenants of the Latter Day Saints, then proceeded to take the vote of the whole House commencing with the President of Zion. President Wm. Wm. [sic] Phelps arose & spoke in high commendation of the book aforementioned & said, That he had examined it carefully, that it was well arranged and calculated to govern the church in righteousness, if followed would bring the members to see eye to eye. And further that he had received the testimony from God, that the Revelations and commandments contained therein are true, wherefore, he knew assuredly for himself having received witness from Heaven & not from men. President John Whitmer testified also that he was well acquainted with the work & knew it to be true and from God. President John Smith arose and testified his joy that we have at length received the long wished for document to govern the church in righteousness and bring the Elders to see eye to eye, and further that he was present when some of the revelations contained therein were given, and was satisfied they come from God.

President John Smith then called the Vote of the Presidency which was carried as follows: That they would receive the Book as the rule of their faith & practice and put themselves under the guidance of the same and also that they were satisfied with the committee that were chosen to compile it, as having discharged their duty faithfully. The vote of the High

council was then called and carried in confirmation of the above. Counsellor Levi Jackman, then arose and said that he had examined as many of the revelations contained in the book as were printed in Zion, & ~~as~~ firmly believes them as he does the Book of Mormon or the Bible and also the whole contents of the Book, he then called for the vote of the High Council from Zion, which they gave in favor of the Book and also of the committee. President Phelps then arose and read the written testimony of the 12 Apostles in favor of the Book and the Committee who compiled it. the Presidents of the 70 Apostles were then called upon to give their decision on the said Book. President Leonard Rich who was appointed to speak for the 70, on this occasion--took the Book & said that he had examined the Lectures and many of the Revelations contained in it, and was perfectly satisfied with the same, and further, that he knew that they were true by the testimony of the Holy Spirit of God given unto him; he then called for the vote of as many of the 70 as were present, which was unanimously given in favor of the Book and also that they were perfectly satisfied with the committee that compiled it. The Book was then presented to Newel K. Whitney Bishop of Kirtland, who reviewed it & testified that he had examined the Lectures that were contained in it, and that he believed them beyond a doubt, and the revelations contained in it he knew were true, for God had testified to him by his holy Spirit, for many of them were given under his roof & in his presence through President Joseph Joseph Smith Junr. the Prophet of Lord. He then called for the vote of his counsellors, which was given in favor of this Book and also of the Committee that compiled it, as having discharged their duty faithfully. The Book was then handed to counsellor Corrill, who acted in the place of Edward Partridge Bishop in Zion (absent). He said that he received it with great Joy, and was perfectly satisfied with the same, and most cordially received it as a rule of faith and practice also his entire satisfaction with the labors of the Committee. He also stated that he knew the work to be true, then called for the vote of his council which was given in favor of the book and of the committee. Elder John Gould then took the Book and said that he knew it was true and also the Book of Mormon because he had received the testimony of the Spirit in favor of them, and that he was well satisfied with the committee. He called for the voice of the Elders which was given in favor of the work & that they were satisfied with the committee. Priest Ira Ames took the Book and said, he was present in the general assembly which appointed the committee and that he was well satisfied with the fruit of their labors. He then took the Vote of the Priests, who gave their voice to receive it, being satisfied with the labors of the committee. The book being handed to Teacher Erastus Babitt. He arose and said, he had been present when one of the revelations contained in it was given, and that he received it at the time, as coming from God, and that he was willing to be governed by the rules contained in the book, for he verily believed them to be good, & he was well satisfied with the labors of the committee. He also obtained the voice of all the Teachers present in favor of the work and the Committee.

Deacon Wm. Burgess took the Book into his hands stating that he fully approved of the matter contained in it, & gave his voice in favor of the committee. There being only one Deacon present besides himself, he called upon him to give his voice concerning this book & he said he received it with Joy and was satisfied with the Committee. Brother Tho. Gates then took the Book and expressed his satisfaction with it, and also called a vote of all the members present,

both male & female, & They gave a decided voice in favor of it & also of the committee. There being a very large portion of the church present.

All of the above testimonies and votes were voluntarily & unhesitatingly given with the utmost freedom of conscience on part of the Assembly.

President Wm. W. Phelps then arose & read a chapter of Rules for Ma [illegible] among the saints. And the whole church voted to accept it. It is therefore to be attached to the book.

President O. Cowdery, then arose and read an instrument containing certain principles or items upon laws in general & church governments. Vote of the Whole house called for & unanimously given by the usual sign of uplifted hand in favor of the same.

The services of the day closed by prayer, the congregation then arose & sung a hymn ["]precious is the name &c["]. President S. Rigdon then dismissed the assembly by invoking the blessing of heaven with uplifted Hands.

Thomas Burdick

Warren Parrish

Sylvester Smith

Clerks

Kirtland August 24th 1835

Minutes of the High council of the Church held by the Presidency of the same.

It was decided after tue deliberation that Jonathan Stevens be ordained an Elder and go forth to preach the gospel, and that he situate his family in Kirtland if his circumstances permit, and that his sons Uzziel and Lyman and his son in law John [E.] Page, Elders, also situate their families here or elsewhere and go forth also and preach the gospel. It was voted that President S. Rigdon ordain brother J. Stevens an Elder which after prayer he accordingly did.

It was also further decided that brethren J. H & J. W. Tippits go to Missouri this fall to purchase land for the church in Essex N. Y. according to previous appointment by the voice of said church.

Closed by prayer of the clerk

Oliver Cowdery Clerk.

Minutes of a high council of the Presidency held Sept. 14th 1835.

It was decided that as the laborer is worthy of his hire whomever President Joseph Smith Senr. is called upon to pronounce patriarchal blessings upon the church he be paid for his time at the rate of ten dollars per week, and his expenses found. It was further decided that President Frederick G. Williams be appointed and hereafter serve as scribe to attend blessing meetings, and that he receive for his service at the same ratio, having his expenses borne also.

It was further decided that President Oliver Cowdery be appointed and that he act hereafter as recorder for the church. It was further decided that Sister Emma Smith proceed to make a selection of sacred hymns according to the revelation, and that President W. W. Phelps be appointed to revise and arrange them for printing.

O. Cowdery Clerk

September 16th 1835

The presidency of the Church assembled and appointed David Whitmer and Samuel H. Smith a committee and general agents to act in the name of and for the literary firm.

Minutes of a high council held in Kirtland Sept. 16th 1835

Sidney Rigdon, Oliver Cowdery & F. G. Williams Presidency

Samuel H. Smith	Levi Jackman
John Smith	Joseph Smith
Orson Johnson	Joseph Coe
Wm. W. Phelps	Hyrum Smith
Newel Knight	David Whitmer
John Whitmer	Giles Cook

Counsellors.

Council set in order and opened by prayer by the presidency. Complaint preferred by President J. Smith Jr. against Brother Henry Green for accusing President Joseph Smith Junr. of rebuking Brother Aldridge wrongfully & under the influence of an evil spirit. Brother Greene being absent. The presiding President Sidney Rigdon arose & said, that it was the decision of the Presidency, that the council proceed to examine the charge preferred, because brother Green had

been regularly summoned by himself.

The council appointed that one should speak on each side of the council. After which testimony was examined as follows, Elder Sylvester Smith testified that brother Green (on Monday morning last) said that brother Aldridge was justified in what he said, and that President Joseph & Hiram Smith were wrong in abusing the old man, and after Elder Smith explained the matter to him, said that if any man should do so to him, he should call him a scoundrel, and that he should say that any man who should talk as Joseph did must have the Devil in him. Elder Lorin Babit said he was present when the above conversation took place & heard a considerable part of it and fully concurred in the statement of Elder Smith. And he heard brother Green say previous to the above talk that although they accused brother Aldridge of having an evil Spirit, yet if the truth was known the Devil was in them. (Viz.) Presidents Joseph & Hyrum. for if any man should ask my opinion and then abuse me in this way, I should call him a scoundrel or a knave. President O. Cowdery said before the council that brother Aldridge was not called upon to give his opinion concerning the Book but said what he did without being called upon to speak, for the book was only handed to him and others to look at, that they might see its quality and goodness. President Joseph S. arose and stated that [he] knew brother Aldridge was under the influence of an evil spirit and had been for a long time. And Councillor Orson Johnson also said that he knew that this thing was so by what he had seen and learned, & that he had heard from credible authority that the old man had been in the habit for a long time of neglecting prayer & family worship.

Councillor Samuel then arose and spoke of the Doctrine of Christ and the duty of the Servants of God in preaching the gospel & building upon the church of Christ, to reprove error and wickedness whenever they should see them, especially in the church, and that President Smith was in the lines of his duty when he reprov'd bro. Aldridge for his evil and consequently brother Green must have been wrong in opposing him and saying that he acted like a scoundrel and that the Devil was in him.

Councillor Levi Jackman arose and said that he conceived that brother Green could not be justified in opposing the servant of the Lord while in the actual discharge of his duty, and that it is evident that Satan hath sought to make divisions in the church and hath taken the advantage of the occasion of presenting the Book to do this.

President F. G. Williams arose & said that he was disposed to exercise all the charity for brethren that he could. Yet at the same time he did not feel willing to justify wickedness nor cover or hide iniquity in the church but rather to expose it and rebuke it, that it may be brought to light. And that the wickedness of brother Green in condemning President Smith is evident from the testimony and that brother Aldridge also did act foolishly and by the influence of a wrong Spirit in questioning the integrity of the heads of the church in the purchase of the Book, & that President Smith was and, is, justifiable in doing as he has done in the matter, & should not be censured as has been done in this matter by brother Green.

President O. Cowdery then arose and showed by a few very plain remarks, how Satan, had sought from the beginning to destroy the book of Mormon, and in order to do this, had been continually leveling his shafts against the Servants of God who were called to bring it forth, and bear testimony of it to the world. And now hath sought occasion against the Servants in tempting brethren to say they had [e]quivocated in the price of the record book, which was presented last sabbath and that brother Aldridge & perhaps others fell under this evil influence & brother Green justifies them in this thing & condemns President Smith and is not and ought not to be justified in so doing. He went on further to show that the Book was purchased as cheap as it could be and was actually worth what was given for it (Id.) [?] \$12. Elder Cahoon requested leave to interrupt President Cowdery a moment to inform the council that a moment before, that brother Green had passed the house and when he told him the council was considering his case and requested him to come in, he said that he should go about his own business, and so went on his way regardless of the council. President Cowdery continued showing still further that the design of brother Aldridge or a least of the Spirit that was in him, was to destroy the character of the heads of the church, & showed that we intended to speculate out of the brethren & extort from them more than the cost of the Book. And now instead of regarding our feelings, he disregards us altogether, and shows that he has not faith in the high council. Soon after brother Green came in and said that he had been detained longer than he intended, having been to Chagrin on business & had to deliver the horse and harness to the owner before he could attend to the council.

President Rigdon then arose and decided that brother Green should not have been hindered from being here by any other business, and if so, he should have notified the council and requested an adjournment.

President Cowdery then observed that he thought the case [had been] sufficiently brought before the council and would say no more.

And President Rigdon proceeded to give his decision as follows. That brother Green should, (if he were aggrieved with President Smith) have gone and told him of his difficulty and not have said any thing about it to his neighbor. And again, that Mr. Aldridge as had been shown, has been guilty of neglecting his prayers before God, & therefore, has not had the spirit of God, to preserve him from the temptation of Satan, & has fallen into evil, and actually did wrong in raising objections to the price of the book, presented last sabbath, and was under the influence of an evil spirit. Brother Green fellowships the evil spirit in Br. Aldridge and says he is justifiable in what he has done & therefore it is evident that an evil spirit is reigning in the breast of brother Green. And it is also as evident that President Joseph Smith Junr was justified in rebuking that evil spirit & it was not only justifiable in President Smith, to rebuke that evil Spirit but also his duty as President and first high Priest in the Church of Christ appointed of God to lead the same into all righteousness. The decision then of the Presidency of the High council is in short that brother Green be & is now excluded from this church, and shall be a member no more until he come in by the ordinance of baptism as appointed by the Gospel, to be done in the church. This was agreed to by all the counsellors except Counsellor Coe, [who asked] whether Mr. Green

should not have the privilege of confessing his faults and still be retained in the Church. He, therefore, thought it was the privilege of brother Green, to have a reorganization of the council and a rehearing. This was about to be granted, and the council to be adjourned till tomorrow but Counsellor Coe requested some explanation from the President, and was instructed as follows. When a hienous crime is committed & indignatly offered to the high council then it is the privilege of the Presidency of the High council to stamp it with indignation under foot & cut off the offender as in the case just decided.

Counsellor Coe, then withdrew his objection to the decision of the Presidency, which was acknowledged by the whole house.

After prayer By President O. Cowdery

Council adjourned

Sylvester Smith Clerk

High Council held in Kirtland Sept. 19th 1835 J. Smith Junr O. Cowdery, D. Whitmer F. G. Williams S. Rigdon & Wm. W. Phelps, Presidents were present.

Counsellors.

John Smith	Joseph Smith Senr.
Orson Johnson	Joseph Coe
Newel Knight	Hyrum Smith
John Whitmer	Levi Jackman
Samuel H. Smith	Noah Packard
John Johnson	Roger Orton

Object of the council stated by President J. Smith Jur. as follows: Some weeks since Elder Jared Carter preached on the sabbath in the church, and some of the brethren found fault with his teachings, and this council was called by him (J. S. Junr) to decide this matter and to see who was in fault. Prayer by the first President and the council organized according to order, and 6 appointed to speak.

Elder Carter proceeded to speak pretty largely & explain his design in teaching as he did, saying he believed that God directed him by his spirit, & afterwards being rebuked by the Presidents, Cowdery, Rigdon & Phelps, he called upon the Lord & received again a witness of the spirit that he was right & the Presidents were wrong, Elder Carter taught in his concluding remarks that God had shown him by laying his hands upon him in Judgement & delivering him therefrom, that

he was thus rebuked by Heaven for his iniquity, and that he was made an example to the whole church, and God would curse them if they did not hold up the Committee, for he was made an example in this thing. President Rigdon arose and said, that he attended the meeting in which Elder Carter Spoke, and was certain and is certain that he did not have the spirit of wisdom to direct, and after he sat down and Elder Samuel Smith had occupied some half an hour, filled with the Spirit, he arose again and said, that if any man spoke against the Committe, God would curse him, and set the Committee away up from the common brethren, and said that God would take care of the Committee & the brethren had nothing to do with them, for their station was appointed them of God and not of man. Therefore, God will curse any man or woman in the church, who shall speak evil of the Com. That he told Elder Carter at the time in private that he did wrong, and in co[mpany], with other of the Presidents advised him, after he should fill a certain mission to the East, that he should make a confession to the Church, in order to satisfy many of the brethren, who were agrieved with him.

Wm W. Phelps then arose and said the President Rigdon has truly related the matter as far as he [has] gone, but one thing more. Elder Carter commanded the brethren to pray for the committee and demanded it in the name of the lord with an Authoritative voice & gesticulation which are not according to the meekness of the spirit of Jesus.

President O. Cowdery arose & said, ["I do not intend to occupy much time in speaking, for those who have spoken have expressed pretty much my mind & feelings on the subject, that in the advise and talk which he & the other two Presidents had given & had with Elder Carter, they did have the Spirit of meekness & only desired to do him good, & had no personal feelings, did not express any but the contrary["].

President John Whitmer concurred in the statement of the above, and said that he did not believe that God had made an example of Elder Carter, for he is not before the Church as such, and God hath not so revealed it to the Saints. And again that Elder Carter should, command the Saints to pray for the Committe, for in so doing if they did not fellowship him, they must pray for his removal, & so all his designs would be frustrated. Several others were called upon, and all testified that those things which have been expressed above are true and as they understood them. And one thing further, Eld. Carter did say that even the faults of the Committe might be charged back upon the brethren, if they neglected to pray for them. The testimony being heard, the six Counsellors proceeded to speak and the sum of their conviction upon the matter, is as follows, (Viz.) Councillor John Smith said he thought that Elder Carter did not express the feelings of his heart so as to be understood, & perhaps his heart was not so hard as his words. Father Joseph Smith Senr. said that Elder Carter was exalted and did [not] receive the admonition of the Presidents, & in consequence lost the true spirit & so has erred since the time of his discourse and needs admonishing.

Counsellor O. Johnson agreed with the above. Counsellor Coe [stated], That Elder Carter had a small degree of the Spirit in his discourse & a greater degree in his remarks afterwards, but was awkward in expressing his views, not having much of the spirit, and that the feelings of his

heart were not as expressed by his words.

An appeal was made to the Court whether this counsellor was correct in appealing to the feelings of mens hearts, and not to the words and actions, as they appeared. The Court decided that the council must be confined to facts, words and actions and not go into feelings & designs which were not expressed.

The other counsellors concurred in the above. Counsellor Hyrum Smith [stated], That Elder Carter had been blessed of God & by the prayer of faith the sick had been healed under his administration, yet he doth not always have the Gift of God and wisdom to direct, so in the case before the court. Pride had engendered in his heart a desire to excell, and the spirit of meekness was withdrawn and he left to err, as has been shown by the testimony, because he is not yet perfect. But he erred in understanding, and his words were wrong, yet the spirit of his heart or the integrity of the same might be good in the main. Elder Carter then arose and said that he was willing to acknowledge his faults, and that he lacked wisdom. He went on to explain how he had erred and why, being seized with the Cholera, while at the East after leaving Kirtland, he called upon God for deliverance & finally received the spirit of God which healed him, & he then thought & he then thought it was the same spirit which he had when preaching in Kirtland. When he was through President O. Cowdery arose and said that the others (Presidents Rigdon & Phelps) had requested him to speak and they would say nothing as it was getting late and the case was already plain before the Court. He showed that a man might be highly excited, and yet within have the Spirit of God or of Satan but it came by his own Spirit or judgement, therefore, some things may be of God, others of man & others from the Adversary. And Eld. Carter had in his sermon, some of the spirit of God, but in his last remarks he had it not, but his own spirit of self justification & pride, commanding in the name of Jesus and not by the spirit of Jesus, or of meekness, & was very wrong in this thing. Also in exalting the Committee above the brethren, is [as] if they might not be touched by the brethren. And again when Eld. Carter was healed it came in answer to his earnest prayers before God, but his impressions about being made an example to the church, were not an answer to prayer, and might be wrong.

President F. G. Williams arose and gave his decision as follows. That brother Carter did err with his lips in speaking. And also erred in understanding the Presidents who labored with him for it, & misinterpreted their admonitions, which led him into what has followed, and finally has brought him before this council.

President David Whitmer then arose and said that according to the testimony it is plain that Elder Carter has lacked in humility and also in confidence in his brethren and erred as expressed by President Williams.

President Joseph Smith Junr, then arose and said that the decision of his mind is that brother Jared erred in judgement in not understanding what the brethren desired of him when they labored with him, and he erred in spirit when he was taught in the church, the things testified of here. And that the hand of the destroyer was laid upon him because he had a rebellious spirit,

from the beginning, and the word of the Lord, had been spoken by my mouth, that it should [be] upon him and this council should see it and now that he has been seized by the destroyer comes in fulfilment of his word, and God required him to bear testimony of it before the church and warn them to be careful & not do as he had done. But instead of doing this, he said he would prove the Book of Mormon, and one thing or another not being sufficiently humble to deliver just the message that was required, and so he stumbled and could not get the spirit, and the brethren were not edified, and he did not do the thing that God required, but erred in choosing words to communicate his thoughts. Such as commanding the prayers of the church instead of soliciting them, and also of making himself an example for the Church, when it was only the things which he suffered which were to be as a check upon transgressors. His rebelling against the advise and counsel of the Presidents was the cause of his falling to the hands of the Destroyer, again as he had done before when he rebelled against the counsel that was given him by the Authorities of the church. And that in all this Elder Carter has not designed to do wickedly, but he erred in judgement and deserves reproof. And the decision is that he shall acknowledge his errors on the morrow before the congregation, and say brethren, ["I am fully convinced that I have erred in spirit in my remarks before you, when I spoke here a few Sabbaths since & now I ask your forgiveness["]. And if he do this in full faith and is truly humble before God, Then God will bless him abundantly as he hath not been wont to do. Eld. C. arose and justified the decision of the court and promised to comply with the same.

Closed by Prayer of J. Smith Junr. Sylvester Smith Clerk

Kirtland Ohio Sept 26th 1835

The council of the Presidency of the Church of the Latter Day Saints, consisting of Joseph Smith Junr. Sidney Rigdon David Whitmer, Wm. W. Phelps John Whitmer, Hyrum Smith & Oliver Cowdery met to take into consideration, the case of the twelve who had been previously reprovved in consequence of certain letters, and reports coming to the ears of the council.

First: the items contained in Elder W. A. Cowdery's letter in connexion with certain other reports derogatory to the character and teaching of the twelve were taken up. From the testimony of several witnesses (the twelve) it was proven before the council that said complaints originated in the minds of persons whose minds were darkened in consequence of covetousness or some other cause other than the spirit of truth.

Secondly: An item contained in Elder Wm. E. McLelins letter to his wife expressing dissatisfaction with President Rigdon's school. Elder Orson Hyde was also designated with Elder McLelin, or blamed with him in the matter. In the same they were found to be in the fault, which they frankly confessed and were forgiven.

Sept. 28th 1835.

Counsellors

Sidney Rigdon	Joseph Smith Junr.
John Smith	Joseph Smith Senr.
Thomas B. Marsh	John Johnson
Samuel H. Smith	Jared Carter
Roger Orton	Levi Jackman
Newel Knight	Orson Pratt.

Oliver Cowdery, Hyrum Smith & John Whitmer Presiding

Names of counsellors called, and all present. Council opened by prayer.

President O. Cowdery then rose and named the order of the day and of the council with a solemn charge to the same relative to their duty, which remarks and instructions were received by the counsellors, which they signified by the uplifted hand. Six counsellors were chosen to investigate the cases that were to be brought before them (Viz.) Three for, and three against the accused or in behalf of the church, 1st Charge preferred by the twelve, against Gladden Bishop for advancing heretical doctrines which were derogatory to the character of the Church of the Latter Day Saints.

Much altercation followed, whether his case could be legally brought before this court or not, which was decided in the affirmative.

Elder Wm. Smith called as testimony testified as follows concerning the two witnesses spoken of in the Prophecies. That he observed to a brother with whom he was talking, he might be one of them & he might be one himself. That he intended to prophecy the night that an advertisement was put up by an enemy saying that the Mormon Prophet and others were to be sold at auction in public. That he should not be surprised if the man that put up the advertisement should die at the time of the sale. Elder Young corroborated the above testimony that said that [Gladden] Bishop was very erroneous in his tenets of faith. Elder Boynton called, and gave evidence in corroboration of the above.

Elder Marsh testifyeth that said [Gladden] Bishop frequently told of women falling in love with him, that he observed frequently when passing people that they felt his spirit. That he was indolent, so much so, that his presence was oppressive and his absence desirable.

Elder L. Johnson testified as follows that on a former trial before a council of the twelve for error in Doctrine. That he might be one of the two witnesses spoken of in the Prophets, that he ought

not to travel and preach on account of the women so often falling in love with him. That he was not humble when reprov'd but justified himself and preferred a charge against the counsel for treating him so harsh as they had.

Elder Wm. Smith testified that said [Gladden] Bishop after taking a stand against them finally said, that it was all right, that they had dealt with him in righteousness.

Elder Marsh acquiesced with the above, and states also that he believes them capable of teaching in righteousness if he would.

Also B. Young corroborated the above, that he yielded after being overcome and that he is capable of magnifying his calling if he would.

Elder Kimball's testimony corresponds with the above, also that said [Gladden] Bishop said after he saw that his case was hopeless, that the council had turned him wrongside out, that he is capable of magnifying his calling if he would.

Eld. J. P. Green corroborated the above testimony in full, also in addition to the above, that he was so indolent, that he would not help himself to a drink of water. That he proposed to establish the Authority of the Book of Mormon and did not. That is not from the Bible.

Cause submitted. Council adjourned for one hour.

After noon counsellors names called, all in their seats. Pleading commenced and the cause ably defended on both sides, & concluded and submitted the cause to the court for a decision.

Br. Bishop then rose and made an humble confession for his transgression and asked forgiveness of the High Council and all the church. That he intended to learn wisdom from the revelations that God has given and submitted himself to the decision of the court, being perfectly satisfied with the whole course of the trial. After much good instruction delivered by the Presidency they decided that the travelling council of twelve on his case, was in righteousness, also that his confession be published in the Messenger & Advocate & he be received in full fellowship and receive his ordination and license again as before. Submitted to the 12 counsellors. They also decided that they acquiesce in the decision of the Presidency Council adjourned for one hour.

Met on the adjournment and called the counsellors who were all in their seats, except one whose place was supplied. The court then proceeded to ordain Brother C. Bishop to the office of an Elder.

W. Parrish Clerk

Charges preferred against Lorenzo L. Lewis for adultery according to general report amongst the

Brethren by P. R. Cahoon

The accused plead not guilty to the charge preferred above. The accusation is now preferred of an illicit intercourse with a female. The Defendant confesses that he has disgraced the girl, himself & the church but plead not guilty to the charge of illicit intercourse.

Elder T. Marsh called as testimony and sayeth, when called upon to ordain said Lewis to an official station in the church said that his feelings revolted at the idea of his being ordained, yet submitted although president of the council an account of brother Potters saying that he had the testimony of the Spirit of the Lord that he should be ordained.

Elder McLelin testifies that brother Lewis told him of his engagement to marry, but said on his advising him to do so, he chose to procrastinate the time and did not tell him of the circumstances that he was in [in] consequence of his intercourse with her.

Elder D. W. Patten [testifies] That he (Lewis) should have married in a short time if he had not been called off.

Elder Wm. Smith testifieth that brother Lewis desired to return home from Fredona and not go out on a mission on account of his engagement to marry, but they, the counsellors insisted on his going on a mission.

Elder McLelin saith that Brother Lewis wrote a letter after he started to his intended wife, & family, that he should not be at home for some time.

Pleadings on both sides were heard. The accused called upon to make remarks, but submitted the cause. The accused was called upon & confessed that he had done wickedly & had made all the reparation he could in his confession in the early part of this litigation and requested his name to be taken off from the Church records, or dispose of him according to the mind of the Spirit and submitted to the decision of the court.

The Presidency decided that Brother Loyd L. Lewis be cut off from the Church, being satisfied that the charge preferred is substantiated by evidence & the spirit of the Lord, but if he repent and humble himself to the satisfaction of the church, he shall be received into it again, and receive his license. The counsellors aquiesce in the above decision.

Council adjourned till tomorrow morning 9' oclock

W. Parrish Clerk

Tuesday morning 10 o clock council met. Counsellors names were called, all in their seats except one whose place was supplied.

Council opened by prayer.

1st Charge preferred against Allen Avery an appealed case from an Elder Court in Zion who took away his license for rebelling against their decision. Brother Avery came forward & frankly & readily complied with the requisitions of the council to the entire satisfaction of all & the court decided that he be restored to full fellowship & receive his license that is the office of an Elder. The counsellors acquiesced in the above decision and he was ordained accordingly.

2d Elder P. H. Youngs case called in question. Charge preferred against him by Z. S. Cole.

Accuser & Accused present.

Elder P. B. Young accused of unchristian like conduct. The accused states as follows, that he left this place to go East on a Mission to preach the 24th June last, had three Books of Mormon, sold one to Brother Babit, and disposed of one more. Afterwards obtained two more of Mr. Harris. Went to Madison and left one with Ruth Judd, not sold, obtained one of Mr. Childs and told him if he returned that way he would have it, if not, he would give him another when he should visit his friends in Kirtland.

That he after obtained the one he left with Mrs. Ruth Judd by her consent, & sold it, that he on his return, returned Mr. Childs his book, & took his receipt, which he exhibited to the court.

Cause submitted to the court for their decision.

They decide that there is not cause of action upon the charges preferred, and that he is honorably acquitted & shall receive his license again.

The counsellors acquiesced in full with the above decision. Court Adjourned for one hour.

W. Parrish Clerk

Afternoon, Council met on adjournment, Counsellors names called, all present.

Charge preferred against Lorenzo Young, which is this[,] that poor men ought not to raise up seed or children. Preferred by W. W. Phelps.

President O. Cowdery testified that the above declaration fell from the lips of said Young at the home of President J. Smith Junr. also that he believed it was right to have sexual intercourse notwithstanding. President J. Smith Junr. corroborates the above testimony, also that he did not intend to have any more children. After hearing [the evidence], The case was fairly laid open by the counsellors on both sides. The accuser made his remarks. The accused then arose and made an humble acknowledgement to the satisfaction of the Presidency & counsellors who retian him in full fellowship as an Elder in the church of the Latter Day Saints. Council adjourned Sine Die

W. Parrish Clerk

Minutes of a High Council met Oct 3d. 1835

Presiding Presidents, H. Smith & D. Whitmer.

Counsellors

Sidney Rigdon	Joseph Smith Junr.
John Smith	Joseph Smith senior
William Smith	J. Johnson
J. Carter	S. H. Smith
R. Orton	Luke Johnson
Noah Packard	O. Johnson

Opened as usual by Prayer.

Charge preferred against Elder John Gould & Dean Gould as follows, ["]Joseph Smith Junr. President of the church of the Latter Day Saints, Greeting

Sir, I prefer certain charges against Elder John Gould, (Viz.) of making expressions which is calculated to do injury to the great cause which we have expoused and manifesting a very strong dissatisfaction against the teachings of the Presidency of the church. Also Dean Gould for using wrong expressions and threat[e]ning the Elders of the Church.

yours &c.

Kirtland Oct. 2d 1835 R. Cahoon["]

After conversing on this subject, it was agreed by Complainant & Defendant, that the matter should be talked over, and no doubt entertained but an amicable adjustment of this matter could be effected. After diguting [discussing] the matter all difference of feelings was allayed and the wound was healed. Charge preferred against Dean Gould, That he spoke unadvisedly against S. Rigdon. Dean Gould acknowledged his wrongs & was forgiven.

Closed in prayer by John Whitmer Clerk

Kirtland Oct. 29th 1835

This day a High Council was called at E. Bosleys for the purpose of trying certain cases.

Names of the counsellors present

David W. Patten	John Smith
Brigham Young	Wm. E. McLellin
John F. Boynton	Orson Hyde
Joseph Coe	Simeon Carter
Lyman Sherman	Alpheus Cutler
James Emmitt	S. J. Griffin

After the council had taken their seats according to their respective numbers President O. Cowdery opened the council by prayer.

A charge was read against David Elliott & wife preferred by Elder Wm. Smith for abusing their daughter by beating and whipping her. Two counsellors on each side were appointed to speak. (Viz.) David W. Patten and Brigham Young on one side and on the other John Smith & Wm. E. McLellin. Witnesses on part of complainant were Aaron C. Lyon & his wife Roxana.

Aaron C. Lyon testified that said Elliotts girl came to his house and complained that her father had abused her, and whipped her & that same marks were found upon her arms, body &c. when she had been whipped. This circumstance took place about ten days since. The girl was about fifteen years old, and that she said she would, or had a mind to make away with herself, hang herself or something of the kind to get rid of her trouble and affliction. The testimony of Roxana Lyons was that Mrs. Elliott threatened to take the broomstick and kill her, and also confirmed the testimony of her husband.

Sister Osgood testifies, that some three years since she (Sister Osgood) lived at said Elliotts and that the girl told her that she was sorry that sister Osgood was going to leave her father, for said she, ["I know how I shall fare when you leave, I shall run away or destroy myself[,]["] and went down into the well for the purpose of drowning herself but was prevented by sister Osgood.

Testimony of Erastis Babbit was that the people of Chagrin where the circumstances took place, were much excited about the affair, and that it was a topic of public conversation.

The testimony of President Smith was that he was at their house in Chagrin and talked with the girl, and with her parents, and that he was satisfied that the girl was in the fault, and that the neighbors were trying to create a difficulty.

Testimony of Brother Elliotts father was that the girl was refractory and stubborn, and would sometimes vary from the truth and had never seen brother or Sister Elliot abuse her. After the Counsellors had made their observations, the accuser and the accused were heard. The

Presidents then proceeded to give the following decision. That the complaint was not without foundation, Yet the charge had not been fully sustained, but he has acted injudiciously and brought a disgrace upon himself, upon his daughter & upon this Church, because he ought to have trained his child in a way, that she should not have required the rod at the age of 15 years.

Council adjourned till candle light.

Council again convened and Hezekiah Fisk was appointed in the room of Alpheus Cutler, who was absent and Almon Babbit in the place of Joseph Coe. After the Council was organized, a charge was preferred against Mary Elliot for abusing said E[lliott]s daughter as referred to before, and also abusing the rest of her children, by Wm. Smith.

Six were appointed to speak on this case. Testimony of Sister Childs was that she lived in the house with Sister Elliot confessed her wrong and promised to do so no more[,] consequently the council forgave her. Brother Elliott made his confession and was forgiven, and both he and his wife were restored to fellowship.

Council Closed by prayer by President Rigdon.

Orson Hyde Clerk

A council of High Priests & Elders of the Church of Latter Day Saints held at New Portage, Ohio Nov. 18th 1835. Ambrose Palmer, J. B. Bosworth & Thomas Gordon, High Priests. Salmon Warner, Wm. Fry, Jeremiah Moley, Anthony Cooper, John McLay, Michael B. Welton & Julius Black Elders and some private members.

Ambrose Palmer presided at said council.

This council has been called together and is prepared to hear and try a difficulty between brother Joseph Keeler and sister Clarissa Matthews.

Sister Clarissa Matthews brings a complaint against brother Elder Reuban Keeler, as follows. For prosecuting in a court of Law and taking their property on execution: Notwithstanding that he had received his pay or the most part of it, and refusing to allow them for what they had paid to him, also forfeiting his word as he had previously stated to her, that he would not take their property in such a manner, and also for oppressing her family in an unchristian like manner.

To the foregoing charges brother Elder ~~Reuben~~ Keeler plead not guilty. The council after hearing the testimony and patiently investigating the case, found him guilty of the first and last charges, and made their decision as follows. That brother Keeler discharge a judgement and cost of about fifteen dollars which he obtained against David Matthews, before John C. Stearns, a

justice of the peace at New Portage, and relinquish the property now under execution and also that he, said Keeler, should stay the proceedings on another Judgement of about three dollars or so, for a short space of time, that said Matthews could pay it short of knowing his property sold on execution. To this decision Brother Keeler refused to comply, and said that he would appeal it to the high council at Kirtland. To whom we address these minutes

Ambrose Palmer P[residing] Elder

Joseph B. Bosworth. Clerk

Council of High Priests and Elders, held in the presence of the members of the
Church of the Latter-Day Saints Kirtland Nov. 22d 1835.

President Joseph Smith Junr. & Sidney Rigdon, Presiding

Sylvester Smith appointed Clerk.

To the case of A. J. Squires presented by J. Smith. Mr. Squires had been an ordained Elder in the Church and for a time preached the gospel successfully, but after a while sent his license in a letter to President Smith requesting to be excused from laboring longer in the vineyard. This evening he came forward before the church and confessed that he had been in temptation and fallen into Error, so much so as to go and join the Methodists, yet says he was not in faith with their doctrine. He now says he desires to return to the fellowship of the church and asks forgiveness of the brethren and a restoration of his license. President Smith arose & spoke at considerable length on the impropriety of turning away from the truth and going after a people so destitute, of the spirit of righteousness as the Methodists. President Rigdon also labored quite lengthily to show the folly of fellowshiping any doctrine or spirit aside from that of Christ. After which Mr. Squires arose & said he felt fire in determination of doing the will of God in all things, or as far as in him lies, is sorry for his faults and by the grace of God will forsake them in future. President Rigdon then called for the vote of the Church & received it in favor of restoring him to fellowship, and the office of Elder also, and that the clerk give him a License.

Sylvester Smith Clerk.

This certifies that the above named A. J. Squires received his License agreeably to
the decision of the conference on the 22d of Nov. 1835

Sylvester Smith Clerk

At a meeting of the High Council of the Church of the Latter Day Saints held in
Kirtland, December 28th 1835

President Sidney Rigdon presiding

Counsellors

W. E. McLelin	Orson Hyde
D. W. Patten	Lyman Johnson
John Smith	Samuel H. Smith
Orson Johnson	Martin Harris
Jared Carter	Brigham Young
Luke Johnson	Parley P. Pratt

Prayer by President Rigdon.

The following complaint was presented by J. Smith Jr. [""]To the Presidents of the High Council,

Brethren, Almon Babbit has been misrepresenting me to certain of the brethren. I therefore prefer a complaint to the council that the subject may be investigated, that my character and influence may be preserved as far as it can in righteousness.

Yours in the bonds of the New &
everlasting covenant
Joseph Smith Junr.[""]

It was decided that three should speak on each side. Elder L. Wight was called and stated what led to the affair was a difference in opinion respecting keeping their meeting. Elder Babbit said J. Smith Junr. got mad because he got overpowered in argument as Babbit had remarked before L. Wight, said men would get over the Mark, in advocating error. Babbit said a man must be a very weak man if he could not argue against the truth without being swerved. Babbit said he (Smith) got mad because he was overpowered in argument. There would have been no disturbance if he had not got mad. Elder Orton agreed with what L. Wight had stated. Dont [doesn't] know whether the conversation was heard by any one else. Babbit said he could read Tho. Paine or any other work without being swerved. B[abbit] Said this by the door of the House, and appeared dissatisfied with J. Smiths bad spirit. Elder L. Wight thought Babbit showed a bad spirit against J. Smith.

Elder L[yman] Sherman called. [Sherman] Had not heard Babbit say anything against J. Smith Junr. Council asked Sherman if he had seen Babbit exhibit a restless or a dissatisfied spirit. Says, that on the Flats one or two days after the transaction at the debate, Babbit said of his

party. If it was not able one way, it was another, by knocking down. Sherman understood, that if they could not overpower by arguement, they would by knocking down but said in a jesting way. Babbit said we would not have had any difficulty, if J. Smith had not have got mad. Babbit has a singular Spirit. Babbit gave him an idea that he had a difficulty with J. Smith. Benj Johnson called. [Johnson] said he thought J. Smith was riled and Wm. Smith was mad. Brigham Young called. [Young] said that Eld. B[abbit] agreed with Bishop, respecting being swerved when debating questions, must be weak minded. Babbit said Smith would not have wanted the school broke up, if they had not got defeated. [Brigham] Young did not hear any thing from Smith at school that was calculated to hurt feelings and character, he also thinks he Babbit cast reflections on the whole Presidency as well as J. Smith Junr. and that what Babbit said was calculated to hurt J. Smith. Babbit said that Smith was against the school.

Elder O. Hyde knows Babbit wanted the school to continue and said Smith had tended school till the disturbance & had it not been for this circumstance he (Smith) would have been willing for it to continue. [He] heard this statement from Eld. Bishop and not from Babbit respecting reading Tho. Paine without having his faith shaken.

Eld. Sherman thinks if Babbit means all he says he is a singular man, & Babbit said if it had not been for J. Smith getting mad there would have been no difficulty. Eld. Rich called. [Rich] stated that from what he heard from Babbit, he thought he had nothing against J. Smith Junr. Elder Orton stated that Babbit said the school would have continued if J. Smith Junr. had not got mad. He also thought that Babbit and Bishop had the spirit of the debating school.

Counsellors spoke to the case

President H. Smith addressed the council

President Williams then addressed the council

President S. Rigdon then rose and delivered the decision. That Eld. Babbit shall confess that for the want of conformity to the spirit of God he has let the adversary get the possession of his heart in consequence of which, he has spoken things falsely to the injury of J. Smith Junr., and by injuring him he has insulted the feelings of the church of Christ. And that he shall confess publicly to the satisfaction of his brethren.

This decision was confirmed by the whole council, Elder Babbit rose and confessed that he was to blame, for speaking about Brother Smith as he did, & that he said them in anger. And that he never meant to rise up in rebelling against the government of the church. And that in a bad spirit he said what was proved and sees it was wrong to talk as he did about Brother J. Smith, and that he thought he would give B. J. Smith as good as he sent [?], as he did.

Elder Babbit confesses that he had injured J. S. character and is sorry for it, but is not willing to confess that he did, and cannot confess all that President Rigdon has said in his speech. Says he knows this council said he has done wrong and is willing to confess it. The decision is

correct, Brother Babbit confessed to all present the charges above stated to the satisfaction of most of the brethren present.

Kirtland Decr 29th 1835

["]To the honorable Presidency of the Church of Christ of the Latter Day Saints.

I prefer the following charges against Elder Wm. Smith

1st Unchristian like conduct in speaking disrespectfully of President Joseph Smith Junr. and the revelations & commandments given through him.

2d For attempting to inflict personal wisdom on President J. Smith Junr.

Orson Johnson["]

1836

Kirtland January 2d 1836

High council met in the school Room agreeably to previous arrangement.

Present.
F. G. Williams
Oliver Cowdery
David Whitmer
Presidents

Name of Counsellors

Brigham Young	Parley P. Pratt
Thomas B. Marsh	Heber C. Kimball
Wm. E. McLelin	David W. Patten
Martin Harris	Simeon Carter
Solomon Hancock	Newel Knight
Levi Jackman	Calvin Bebee

President Williams arose and read the charge preferred against Wm. Smith by O. Johnson bearing date Decr. 29th 1835, and proceeded to make some very appropriate remarks touching

the case now before them, after which the council was opened by prayer.

Elder Wm. Smith then arose and asked permission to speak. He then in the spirit of meekness and humility confessed the charges preferred against him by Elder Orson Johnson and asked the forgiveness of the Presidency & council and the whole congregation present, he also covenants to make confession before the church the same as before this council.

The council on the side of justice arose and expressed their entire satisfaction with his confession and resigned him into the hands of Mercy. A vote was then called of the council and congregation to raise hands if they were satisfied with his confession, which they did with apparent cheerfulness & with united consent.

President J. Smith Junr. then proposed that Vincent Knight & Thomas Grover be ordained to the office of Elders in the Church of the Latter-Day Saints on Sunday the 3d Inst. in the public congregation. A Vote was called & carried to that effect.

Elder Babbit arose & confessed the charges that were preferred against him by President J. Smith Junr. in a former council. A vote was called and carried in his favor and he restored to fellowship in the Church. Voted that Hiram Dayton be ordained to the office of an Elder.

Council adjourned by Prayer

W. Parrish Clerk

Kirtland Ohio January 30th 1836

At a conference of the Presidency of the church of the Latter Day Saints, it [was] resolved, that no one be ordained to an office in the Church in Kirtland without the voice of the several quorums when assembled for church business. Carried unanimously.

2d Resolved that Alvah Beaman, the President of the Elders, be directed to give to the Presidents of the Church, a list of the names of the several Elders comprising his quorum and all other Elders in Kirtland not belonging to any quorum now established. Carried unanimously.

3d Resolved that Harvey Whitlock be restored to the church in full fellowship on his being rebaptized and after be ordained to the High Priesthood. carried unanimously.

Oliver Cowdery

Clerk of conference.

Friday evening, February 12th 1836

Council convened in the House of the Lord for the purpose of taking into consideration the subject of ordaining men to the office of Elder and other Offices in the Church of Christ of Latter Day Saints.

Opened by singing and prayer.

The following resolutions were offered by the Presidency for discussion.

1st Resolved that no one be ordained to any office in the Church in this stake of Zion at Kirtland without the unanimous voice of the several bodies that constitute this quorum, who are appointed to do church business in the name of ~~the~~ said Church. (Viz.) The Presidency of the Church and Council, The twelve Apostles of the Lamb, The twelve High Counsellors of Kirtland, The twelve Counsellors of Zion, The Bishop of Kirtland, and his counsellors, The Bishop of Zion and his Counsellors, and the seven Presidents of Seventies, until otherwise ordered by said quorum.

2d Resolved that none be ordained in the branches of said church abroad, unless they are recommended by the voice of the respective branches of the church to which they belong to the general conference appointed by the heads of the Church and from that conference receive their ordination.

The foregoing were concurred in by the President of the Seventies.

W. Parrish Clerk.

Saturday 1 o'clock P.M. February 13[, 1836]

The council of the twelve Apostles met in the house of the Lord, and after prayer & consultation, upon the nature and accuracy [?] of the preceding. It was unanimously agreed to offer the following amendment to the 2d resolution (perfectly acquiescing with the first) (Viz.) That none be ordained to any office in the branches ~~of the church abroad~~ to which they belong to a general conference, appointed by those, or under the direction of those who are designated in the Book of Covenants as having authority to ordain and sit in order all the Officers of the church abroad & from that conference receive their ordination

T. B. Marsh, Chairman Orson Hyde Clerks of

W. E. McLelin the twelve

Kirtland Feb. 17th 1836

The High Council of Kirtland Met in the House of the Lord at 6 o'clock P.M. and after prayer by Counsellor Green proceeded to discuss the matter of the subject of ordination as laid

before us in the proceeding councils, and also the amendment of the Twelve apostles. After discussing the resolutions drawn up by the Presidents. Voted unanimously that it should remain, and also a vote based upon the amendment of the Twelve Apostles, & voted unanimously that it should be rejected.

Joseph C. Kingsbury, Clerk

Kirtland Feb. 18th 1836

The high council of Zion met in the upper room of the Printing Office at 7 o'clock P.M. and after prayer by Counsellor Knight, proceeded to discuss the subject of ordination as laid before us in the resolutions of the proceeding councils and also the amendment of the twelve Apostles. After discussing the resolutions drawn up by Presidents, Voted unanimously, that they should remain, and that we perfectly acquiesce in said resolutions without any alteration or amendment.

Elias Higby Clerk

Kirtland Ohio Feb. 22d 1836

The Presidency of the Church met and took into consideration the foregoing resolutions previously presented to the Twelve Apostles (Dated Feb. 12th 1836) The Presidents of the seventies, The High council of the church for Zion & for Kirtland, and after due deliberation it was unanimously agreed that the original resolutions be adopted without amendments.

Oliver Cowdery Clerk of Council

Report, of a Committee appointed by the Authorities of the Church of Latter Day Saints, assembled in the house of the Lord in Kirtland Feb. 24 1836 for the purpose of drafting resolutions relative to the manner of granting licenses, to the official [members of the Church].

Kirtland Ohio March 3d 1836

The following Authorities of the Church of Latter-Day Saints assembled in the House of the Lord according to adjournment for the purpose of transacting business for the Church (Viz.) The Presidency of the Church, The Twelve Apostles of the Lamb, the twelve high counsellors of the Church in Kirtland, The twelve High Counsellors of the church in Zion, The Bishop and his counsellors of Kirtland, The Bishop and counsellors of Zion, The seven Presidents of the Seventies, The President and Counsellors of the High Priests, The President and counsellors of the Elders, The President and counsellors of the Priests, The President and counsellors of the

Teachers, and the President and counsellors of the Deacons. Opened by singing & Prayer.

The committee appointed on the 24th of February to draft resolutions for the better regulation of Licensing the official Members of said church, made their report, which was read three times by the chairman of said Committee. After which an addition was made to the 6th article, extending the power of the chairman & clerk. The following is a copy of the Report of a Committee appointed by the Authorities of the church [of] Latter-Day Saints, assembled in the House of the Lord in Kirtland. Feb. 24th 1836, for the purpose of drafting resolutions to regulate the manner of licences to the official members of said church which were to be presented to said Authorities for their consideration.

Whereas the records of the several conferences, held by the Elders of the church, and the ordinations of many of the official members of the same, in many cases have been imperfectly kept since its organization, to avoid ever after, any inconvenience, difficulty or injury in consequence of such neglect your committee recommend.

1st That all licences hereafter granted by these authorities assembled as a quorum or by general conference held for the purpose of transacting the business of the church, be recorded at full length, by a clerk, appointed for that purpose in a in a book to be kept in this branch of the church until it shall be thought advisable by the heads of the church, to order other books and appoint other clerks to record record licenses as above. And that said recording clerk be required to endorse a certificate under his own hand and signature on the back of said licences, specifying the time when & place where such license was recorded, and also a reference to the letter and page of the Book containing the same.

2d That this quorum appoint two persons to sign Licences given as afore said, one as chairman, and the other as clerk of conference, and that it shall be the duty of said person appointed to sign licenses as clerk of conference immediately thereafter, to deliver the same into the hands of the recording Clerk.

3d That all general conferences abroad give each individual, whom they ordained a certificate signed by the chairman & Clerk of said conference and stating the time and place of such conference, and the office to which the individual has been ordained, and that when such certificate has been forwarded to the person hereafter authorized to sign licences as clerk of conference, such person shall together with the chairman of conference, immediately sign a license, and said clerk of conference shall, after the same has been recorded forward it to the proper person.

4th That all official members in good standing & fellowship in the various branches of this church, are requested to forward their present licenses accompanied accompanied by ~~their~~ a certificate of their virtues & faithful walk before the Lord, signed by the chairman and clerk, of a general conference, or by the clerk of the branch of the church in which such official member resides, by the advi[c]e & direction of such Church, to the clerk of conference whose duty it shall be to fill a new license as directed in the 3d article. And that all licenses signed recorded and

endorsed, as specified in the first article shall be considered good and valid to all intents & purposes in the business, and spiritual affairs of this church as a religious society, or before any court of record of this or any court of record of this [sic] or any ~~court~~ of other country wherein preachers of the Gospel are entitled to special privileges, answering in all respects as an original record without the necessity of referring to any other document.

5 That the recording clerk be required to publish quarterly in a paper published by some member or members of this church, a list of the names of the several persons for whom he has recorded licenses within the last quarter.

6 That this quorum appoint two persons to sign as chairman and clerk of conference, Pro. Tempore licenses for the standing chairman and clerk who shall be appointed as named in the 2d article and also to act in their absence in signing other licenses. as specified in the foregoing article

Kirtland Feb. 27 1836

Oliver Cowdery

Orson Hyde

Sylvester Smith

Committee

The several bodies were then called upon for their decision upon the foregoing report. The Deacons being first called upon gave a unanimous vote in favor of the same. The teachers were then called upon, and voted unanimously in favor of the report. The quorum of Priests received it by a unanimous vote. The Bishop & council of Kirtland received it unanimously. The Bishop and council of Zion received it without a dissenting voice The Elders passed it unanimously. The High Priests also. The President of the Seventies. The High counsellors of Zion, The High counsellors of Kirtland, The Twelve Apostles and the Presidency, all concurred in the reception of said report.

Joseph Smith Junr. was nominated as standing chairman & Frederick G. Williams as clerk.

Sidney Rigdon as chairman and Oliver Cowdery as Clerk pro tem pore.

The several bodies were then called to vote upon the above nominations which passed by unanimous vote.

The resolutions offered to the quorums on the 12th of February regulating ordinations were then read, when a discussion was had after which the Twelve recalled their previous amendment except three, (Viz.) John F. Boynton, Orson Pratt & Lyman Johnson.

Council closed by prayer of Bishop Partridge

Oliver Cowdery

Clerk

Kirtland Ohio March 19th 1836

Elders Orson Pratt, John F. Boynton, and Lyman Johnson Met the Presidency of the church and verbally withdrew all objections to the first resolution presented to the quorums by the Presidency on the 12th of February for the regulation of ordinations.

Oliver Cowdery

Clerk of Conference

Kirtland Feb. 24th 1836

The several quorums met in the House of the Lord, to conclude the business concerning the ordination of official members in the church of Christ, of the Latter Day Saints, also to ordain the following members to the Office of Elders in said Church.

Opened by prayer

The names of Wm. Wightman & Charles Wightman were presented and a vote of the whole assembly called and passed unanimously, that they be received. Copeland Hubbards name presented, objections were raised and his name dropped.

Henry Grant	Rejected
Henry Baldwin	"
Moses Tracey	"
John B. Coppentis	"
David Cluff	Received
Buhias Dustan	Rejected
Samuel Hale	"
Truman Jackson	Received

Mahew Hillman	Rejected
Isaac Cleaveland	Rejected
Albert Miner	"
Jamon Aldrich	"
Naman Blodgete	"
Elias Hart	"
Nathan Staker	"
Reuben Barton	Received
Daniel Miles	"
George Dunn	Rejected
John H. Almsby	"
Joel Godard	"
Henry Garrit	"
Willim Bartler	"

Moses Daily [s] name presented for the office of the High Priesthood. Vote passed unanimously.

O. Cowdery Orson Hyde & Sylvester Smith were nominated and seconded to write rules and regulations concerning licenses. Vote called and unanimously passed.

Thomas Burdick was nominated and seconded to officiate as Clerk to record licenses. Vote called & unanimously passed. Nominated and seconded that the calls for preaching in the Vicinity round about be attended to under the direction of the 12 and the Presidency of the 70. Council adjourned till Thursday evening the 4th of March 1836.

Closed by singing & prayer

W. Parrish Clerk

Kirtland March 17th 1836

The several quorums met in the House of the Lord for Church business, and after prayer the following names were presented requesting to be ordained (viz.)

John Gaylord ['s] name presented for ordination to the office of an Elder.

Daniel Johnson['s] name	presented	rejected
Samuel Thomson	"	"
Joseph Ball	"	"
Erastus B. Wightman	"	received
Osmeyn McDuel [?]	"	"
Chapman Dunken	"	"
Henry Green	"	rejected
Joshua Bosley	"	agreed
Heman Hyde	"	"
Closed by prayer		

O. Cowdery Clerk of Conference

Ordination Blessings

Kirtland February 14 1835

This day a meeting was called of those who journeyed to Zion for the purpose of [assisting ?] the foundation of its redemption last season with as many more of the Brethren & Sisters as felt disposed to attend. President Joseph Smith Junr. presided over the meeting. After the Congregation assembled, he arose and requested the attention and read the 15th chapter of John and said, let us endeavor to solemnize our mind that we may receive a blessing by calling on the Lord & said let us pray.

After an appropriate, and affecting prayer was made the Brethern who went to Zion, were requested to take their seats together in one part of the house by themselves. President Smith arose and stated the reason why this meeting was called. It was this. God had commanded it and it was made known to him by vision and by the Holy Spirit. He then gave a relation of some of the circumstances attending us while journeying to Zion, our trials, sufferings &c. &c. He said God had not designed all this for nothing, but he had it in remembrance yet, and those who went to Zion, with a determination to lay down their lives, if necessary, it was the Will of God, that they should be ordained to the ministry and go forth to prune the vineyard for the last times, or the coming of the Lord which was nigh, even fifty six years, should wind up the scene. He said many things, such as the weak things, even the smallest and weakest among us shall be powerful and mighty and great things, should be accomplished by you even from this hour. He said, you

should begin to feel the whisperings of the Spirit of God, and the works of God shall begin to break forth from this time. You shall be endowed with power from on high.

President Smith then called upon all those who went to Zion to know if they were agreed with him in the statements which he had made, he said if you are ["] arise upon your feet, ["] all arose upon their feet. He then called upon the balance of the congregation to know also, if they would sanction the movement. They all raised the right hand. The names of those who went to Zion are as follows.

Joseph Smith Junr	1	Bur Riggs	29
F.G. Williams		2 Lewis Robbins	30
Hyrum Smith	3	Darwin Richardson	31
Martin Harris	4	Joseph Young	32
Roger Orton	5	Alexander Badlam	33
J. B. Smith	6	Solomon Angell	34
William Smith		7 John Parker	35
Harvey Stanley	8	Levi Hancock	36
Jedediah Grant	9	Daniel Stevens	37
Lyman Johnson	10	Bradford Elliott	38
Lyman Sherman	11	Hiram Stratton	39
Joseph Hancock	12	David Elliotte	40
Brigham Young	13	Luke Johnson	41
Lyman Smith	14	Alman Babbit	42
H. C. Kimball		15 Orson Hyde	43
Lorenzo Booth	16	Sylvester Smith	44
Zera S. Cole	17	David W. Patten	45
Leonard Rich	18	Wm. Pratt	46
Harrison Burgess	19	S. W. Denton	47
Alden Burdick	20	[Joseph] Bates Nobles	48
Hiram Winters	21	Elias Hutchings	49

William F. Cahoon	22	Charles Kelly	50
Harpin Riggs	23	Ezra Thayer	51
Libeus T. Coon	24	John Murdock	52
Nathan B. Balwin	25	H[azen] Aldrich	53
Benjamin Winchester	26	J. Salisbury	54
James L. Thompson	27	P. Buchanan	55
Henry Shibley	28	P. P. Pratt	56

A Hymn was then sung for dismissal (viz.) Hark listen to the trumpeters they call for volunteers. President Hyrum Smith closed by prayer and dismissed for one hour.

Met pursuant to adjournment & president Hyrum Smith opened the meeting by Prayer. President J. Smith Junr. arose and said. The first business of the meeting was for the three witnesses of the Book of Mormon, to pray each one and then proceed to choose twelve men from the Church as Apostles to go to all nations, Kindred tongue and people. The three Witnesses united in prayer (Viz.) Oliver Cowdery, David Whitmer & Martin Harris. These three Witnesses were then blessed by the laying on of the hands of the Presidency. They then according to a former commandment, proceeded to make choice of the twelve. The names are as follows

Lyman Johnson	1	Lyman Johnson, Brigham Young
Brigham Young	2	and H. C. Kimball came forward
H. C. Kimball	3	and the three witnesses laid
Orson Hyde	4	their hands upon each ones head
David W. Patten	5	and prayed separately. The
Luke Johnson	6	blessing of L. Johnson was in the
Wm. E. McLelin	7	name of Jesus Christ, that he
John F. Boynton	8	should bear the tidings of
Orson Pratt	9	salvation to nations, tongues and
Wm. Smith	10	people, until the utmost corners
Thomas B. Marsh	11	of the earth shall hear the tidings,
Parley P. Pratt	12	and that he shall be a witness

of the things of God to nations & tongues, and that Holy Angels shall administer to him occasionally, and that no power of the enemy shall prevent him from going forth and doing the work of the Lord. And that he shall live until the gathering was accomplished, according to the Holy Prophets. And that he should be like unto Enoch And your faith shall be like unto his, and he shall be called great among all the living and Satan shall tremble before thee, and that he shall see the Saviour come and stand on the Earth with power and great glory. The blessing of Brigham Young was as follows, That he should be strong in Body, that he may go forth and gather the Elect preparatory to the great day of the coming of the Lord, and that he might be strong and mighty declaring the tidings to nations that know not God, that he may add ten talents, that he may come to Zion with many sheaves. He shall go forth from land to land from sea to sea and shall behold Heavenly Messengers going forth, & his life shall be prolonged, and the Holy Priesthood is confirmed upon thee, that he may do wonders in the name of Jesus, that he may cast out Devils, heal the sick raise the dead, open the eyes of the blind, go forth from land to land and from sea to sea, and that heathen nations shall even call him God himself, if he did not rebuke them.

Heber C. Kimball, blessing was in substance as follows. That he shall be made like unto those who have been blessed before him and be favored with the same blessings. That he might receive visions, the ministration of angels and hear their voices & even come into the presence of God. That many millions may be converted by his instrumentality. That Angels may waft him from place to place and that he may stand unto the coming of our Lord and receive a crown ~~over~~ in the kingdom of our Lord, that he be made acquainted with the day when Christ shall come, that he shall be made perfect in faith and that the deaf shall hear, the lame shall walk, the blind shall see, and greater things than these may he do, that he shall have boldness of speech before the nations and great power &c.

A hymn was then sung. Glorious things of the[e] are spoken. The congregation was then dismissed by J. Smith Junr.

Sunday, Feb. 15th at 9 o'clock A.M. the congregation again assembled & President Cowdery arose and made some observations upon the nature of the meeting and then prayed unto the Lord for his assistance &c&c.

After which a number of certificates were read and accepted from brethren that recently returned from Zion. Then President Cowdery called forward Orson Hyde, David W. Patten, and Luke Johnson and proceeded to their ordination & blessing.

Orson Hyde blessing. Oliver Cowdery proceeded and called upon the Lord to smile upon him and that his faith shall be perfect, and that the blessings promised shall be realized. He shall be made mighty and be endowed with power from on high, and go forth to the nations of the earth to proclaim the gospel. That he shall escape all the pollutions of the world. The Angels shall uphold him, and that he shall go forth according to the commandment, both to Jew & Gentile and shall go to all nations, kingdoms and tongues ~~and shall~~ All who hear his voice, shall

acknowledge him to be a servant of God. He shall be equal in holding the Keys of the Kingdom. He shall stand on the earth and bring souls till Christ comes. We know that he loves thee, and may this thy servant be able to walk through pestilence and not be harmed. The powers of darkness shall have no ascending over him. He shall have power to smite the earth with pestilence, to divide waters and lead through the Saints. He shall go from land to land and from sea to sea. He shall be like unto one of the three Nephites

David W. Pattens blessing. O God, give this, thy servant a knowledge of thy will. May he be like one of old who bore testimony of Jesus. May he be new man from this day forth. He shall be equal with his brethren, the twelve, and have all the qualifications of the Prophets before him. May his body be strong and never be weary. May he walk and not faint. May he have power over all diseases, and faith according to his desires. May the Heavens be opened upon him speedily, that he may bear testimony from knowledge, that he may go to nations and isles afar off. May he have a knowledge of the things of the kingdom from the beginning and be able to tear town priest-craft like a Lion. May he have power to smite his enemies before him, with utter destruction. May he continue till the Lord comes. O Father we seal these blessings upon him, even so Amen.

Luke Johnsons blessing

Our Father, in Heaven look upon in mercy upon us and upon this thy servant whom we ordain to the ministry of the twelve. He shall be prepared and preserved and become like those we have blessed before him. The nations shall tremble before him. He shall hear the voice of God, he shall comfort the hearts of the saints always. The angels shall bear him up till he shall finish his ministry. He shall be delivered and come forth with Israel. He shall bear testimony to the kings of the earth, and hold communion with the Father, with the son and with the general assembly and church of the first born. If cast into prison he shall be able to comfort the hearts of his comrades. His tongue shall be loosed and he shall have power to lead many to Zion and set down with them, and the Ancient of Days shall pronounce this blessing. That you have been faithful. He shall have strength wisdom & power. He shall go among the covenant people and speak all their tongues where he shall go. All these blessings we confirm upon him in the name of Jesus. Amen.

Wm. E. McLelins blessing.

In the name of the Lord, Wisdom & intelligence shall be poured out upon him, to enable him to perform the great work that is incumbent upon him. That he may be spared until the saints are gathered, that he may stand before Kings and Rulers to bear testimony, and be upheld by holy Angels, and the nations of the earth shall acknowledge that God has sent him. He shall have power to overcome his enemies, and his life shall be spared in the midst of pestilence and destruction, and in the midst of his enemies. He shall be a prince and a saviour to Gods people. The Tempter shall not overcome him, nor his enemies prevail against him. The Heavens shall be opened unto him as unto men in days of old. He shall be mighty in the hands of God, and shall

convince thousands that God has sent him, and his days may be prolonged until the coming of the son of man. He shall be wafted as on eagles wings from country to country and from people to people and be able to do wonders in the midst of this generation, Even so Amen.

John F. Boyntons blessing

Thou hast prevailed, and thou shalt declare the gospel unto many nations. Thou shalt be made mighty before God. And although thou shalt be cast out from the face of men, yet thou shalt have power to prevail, thou shalt lead the Elect triumphantly to the places of refuge. Thou shalt be like thy brethren who have been blessed before thee. Thou shalt stand in that day of calamity when the wicked shall be consumed and present unto the Father, spotless, the fruit of thy labor. Thou shalt overcome all the evils that are in the world. Thou shalt have wisdom to put to silence all the wisdom of the wise, and thou shalt see the face of thy Redeemer in the flesh. These blessings ~~were~~ are pronounced and sealed upon thee even so Amen.

Williams Smiths blessing

That he may be purified in heart, that he may have communion with God. That he may be equal with his brethren in holding the keys of this ministry That he may be kept and be instrumental in leading Israel forth, that he may be delivered from the hands of those who seek to destroy him. That he may be enabled to bear testimony to the nations, that Jesus lives. That he may stand in the midst of pestilence and destruction, he shall be mighty in the hands of God, in bringing about the restoration of Israel. The nations shall rejoice at the greatness of the gifts which God has bestowed upon him, That his tongue shall be loosed, he shall have power to do great things in the name of Jesus. He shall be preserved and remain on the earth until Christ shall come to take vengeance on the wicked. Confirmed.

Kirtland February 21st 1835

Pursuant to adjournment a meeting of the Church of the Latter Day Saints was held and proceeded as follows, (Viz.) Meeting opened by prayer, of President David Whitmer. President O. Cowdery addressed the congregation briefly and then Elder Parly P. Pratt was called to the stand and ordained as one of the Twelve, by J. Smith Junr. D. Whitmer & O. Cowdery

Parley P. Pratts blessing as pronounced upon him by O. Cowdery, O Lord smile from Heaven upon this thy servant, forgive his sins, sanctify his heart and prepare him to receive the blessing. Increase his love for thee and for thy cause, increase his intelligence, communicate to him all that wisdom, that prudence, and that understanding which re- he needs as a minister of Righteousness, and to magnify the Apostleship where unto he is called. May a double portion of that spirit which was communicated to the Diciples of of our Lord & Saviour, to lead them unto all truth, rest down upon him, go with him where he goes that nothing shall prevail against him. That he may be delivered from prisons from the power of his enemies, and from the adversary of

all righteousness. May he be able to mount up on wings as an Eagle, to run and not be weary, to walk and not faint. May he have great wisdom & intelligence and be able to lend them out through this thorny maze. Let sickness and death have no power over him. Let him be equal with his brethren in bringing many sons and daughters to glory, and many nations to a knowledge of the truth. Great blessings shall rest upon thee. Thy faith shall increase. Thou shalt have great power to prevail. The veil of the heavens shall be rolled up. Thou shalt be permitted to gaze within it and receive instruction from on high. No arm that is formed and lifted against thee shall prosper, no power shall prevail for thou shalt have power with God and shall proclaim his gospel. Thou wilt be afflicted, but thou shalt be delivered and conquer all thy foes. Thine office shall never be taken from thee. Thou shalt be called great. Angels shall carry thee from place to place. Thy sins are forgiven, and thy name written in the lambs book of life. Even so Amen.

The following charge was then given P. P. Pratt by President O. Cowdery.

I am aware, Dear Brother, that the mind naturally claims something new but the same thing rehearsed frequently profits us. You will have the same difficulties to encounter in fulfilling this ministry, that the ancient Apostles had. You have enlisted in a cause that requires your whole attention, you ought therefore to count the cost, and become a polished shaft, to become a polished shaft and then you must be sensible requires the labor of years and your station requires a perfect polish. It is required, not merely to travel a few miles in this country, but in distant countries. You must endure much labor, much toil, and many privations to become perfectly polished. Your calling is not like that of the husbandman, to cultivate a stinted portion of the planet on which we dwell, and when heaven has given the former and the latter rain, and mellow autumn refined his fruit, gather it in and congratulate himself for a season in the remission of his toils, while he anticipates his winter evenings of relaxation and fireside enjoyment. That Dear Mother, it is far otherwise with you. Your labor must be incessant and your toil great. You must go forth and labor till the great work is done. It will require a series of years to accomplish it. But you will have this pleasing consolation that your Heavenly Father requires it, the fact is this, the work is his, and he will not only cheer you, animate you & buoy you up in your pilgrimage, in your arduous toils, but when your work is done and your labor over, he will take you to himself. But before this consummation of your felicity bring your mind to bear upon what will be imperiously required of you to accomplish the great work that is before you. Count well the cost. You have read of the trials and persecutions of ancient days. Has not bitter experience taught you that they are the same now? You will be dragged before the authorities, for the religion you profess, and it were better not to set out than to start, look back, or shrink when dangers threaten upon you, or appalling death stares you in the face. I have spoken these things, Dear Brother, because I have seen them in visions. There are strong dungeons and gloomy prisons for you. These should not appall you. You must be called good or bad men. The ancients passed through the same. They had this testimony, that they had seen the Saviour after he rose from the dead. You must bear [the] same testimony, or your mission, your labor, your toil will be in vain, You must bear the same testimony, that there is but one God and one Mediator; he that has seen him will know him and testify of him. Beware of Pride, beware of evil; shun the very appearance of

it, for the time is coming when if you do not hear to these things you will have a fall. Among your many afflictions you will have many blessings, also, but you must pass through many afflictions in order to receive the glory that is in reserve for you. You will see thousands who when the first see you will know nothing about salvation by Jesus Christ, you shall see a nation born in a day. A great work lies before you & the time is near, when you must bid farewell to your native land, cross the mighty deep and sound the tocsin of alarm to other nations, kindreds, tongues and people. Remember that all your hopes of deliverance from danger & from death will rest upon your faithfulness to God in his cause. You must necessarily serve him with a perfect heart and a willing mind. Avoid striff and vain glory, think not yourself better than your brethren, but pray for them, as well as for yourself, and if you are faithful, great will be your blessing, but if you are not your stewardship will be taken from you, and another appointed in you stead.

Elder Pratt gave his hand to President O. Cowdery and said he had received ordination and should fulfill the ministry according to the grace given him. To which the President replied, Go forth and Angels shall bear thee up and thou shalt come forth at the last day bringing many with thee.

Then was Thomas B. Marshs; Blessing by O. Cowdery. Dear Brother, You are to be a minister of righteousness and to this ministry and Apostleship you are now to be ordained, and May all temporal and Spiritual blessings attend you. Your sins are forgiven you and you are to go forth and preach the everlasting Gospel. You shall travel from Kingdom to Kingdom and from nation to nation. Angels shall bear the[e] up, and thou shalt be instrumental in bringing thousands of the redeemed of the Lord to Zion. President David Whitmer sealed the above blessing upon him, even so Amen.

Orson Pratts, blessing

Dear Brother, you are chosen, and set apart to be ordained to this Apostleship and the ministry you shall go forth and preach the gospel and do a mighty work. You shall be sustained. The Holy Spirit shall enlighten thy mind. Thou shalt travel from nation to nation. The Lord God shall preserve thee and return thee safe with songs of everlasting joy upon thy head. The above was confirmed, by President David Whitmer.

The following charge was given to the Twelve by President O. Cowdery.

Dear Brethren, previously to delivering the charge I shall read a part of a revelation. It is known to you that previous to the organizing of this church in 1830 The Lord gave revelations or the Church could not have been organized. The people of this Church were weak in faith compared with the ancients. Those who embarked in this cause were desirous to know how the work was to be conducted. They read many things in the Book of Mormon concerning their duty and the way the great work ought to be done, but the minds of men were so constructed, that they will not believe without a testimony of seeing or hearing. The Lord gave us a revelation, that in process of time there should be Twelve chosen to preach his gospel to Jew & Gentile. Our minds have been on a constant stretch to find who these Twelve were.

When the time should come we could not tell, but we sought the Lord by fasting and prayer to have our lives prolonged to see this day, to see you, and to take a retrospect of the difficulties through which we have passed, but, having seen the day, it becomes my duty to deliver to you a charge. And first, a few remarks respecting your ministry. You have many Revelations put into your hands. Revelations to make you acquainted with the nature of your Mission. You will have difficulties by reason of your visiting all the nations of the world. You will need wisdom in a tenfold proportion to what you have ever had. You will have to combat all the prejudices of all nations. He then read Revelation, and proceeded to say, Have you desired this ministry with all your hearts, if you have desired it, you are called of God not of man, to go into all the world. He read again from the Revelation, what the Lord said to the 12. Brethren you have your duty presented in this revelation. You have been ordained to the Holy Priesthood. You have received it from those who had their power and authority from an angel. You are to preach the gospel to every nation. should you in the least degree come short of your duty, great will be your condemnation, for the greater the calling, the greater the transgression. I, therefore, warn you to cultivate great humility, for I know the pride of the human heart. Beware, lest the flatterers of the world lift you up. Beware lest your afflictions are captivated by worldly objects. Let your ministry be first. Remember the souls of men are committed to your charge, and if you mind your calling you shall always prosper. You have been indebted to other men in the first instance for evidence on that you have acted. But it is necessary that you receive a testimony from Heaven for yourselves, so that you can bear testimony to the truth of the Book of Mormon. And that you have seen the face of God; that is more than the testimony of an Angel. When the proper time arrives you shall be able to bear this testimony to the world. When you bear testimony that you have seen God. This testimony God will never suffer to fall, but will bear you out. Although many will not give heed, yet others will. You will, therefore see the necessity of getting this testimony from heaven. Never cease striving until you have seen God, face to face. Strengthen your faith, cast off your doubts, your sins and all your unbelief and nothing can prevent you from coming to God. Your ordination is not full and complete till God has laid his hand upon you. We require as much to qualify us as did those who have gone before us. God is the same. If the Saviour in former days laid his hands upon on his deciples. Why not in the latter Days. With regard to superiority I must make a few remarks. The ancient Apostles sought to be great, but, brethren lest the seeds of discord be sown in this matter, understand particularly the voice of the Spirit on this occasion. God does not love you better or more than others. You are to contend for the faith once delivered to the Saints. Jacob, you know wrestled till he obtained. It was by fervent prayer and diligent search that you have obtained the testimony you are now able to bear. You are as one, you are equal in bearing the keys of the kingdom to all nations. You are called to preach the gospel of the son of God to the nations of the earth.

It is the will of your Heavenly Father that you proclaim his gospel to the ends of the earth, and the Islands of the Sea. Be zealous to save souls. The soul of one man is as precious as the soul of another. You are to bear this message to those who consider themselves wise and such may persecute you. They may seek your life. The adversary has always sought the life of the servants

of God. You are, therefore, to be prepared at all times to make a sacrifice of your lives, should God require them in the advancement and building up of his cause. Murmur not at God. Be always prayerful, be always watchful. You will bear with me while I relieve the feelings of my heart. We shall not see another day like this. The time has fully come. The voice of the spirit has come to set these men apart. You will see the time when you will desire to see such a day as this, and you will not see it. Every heart wishes you peace & prosperity but the scene, with you, will inevitably change. Let no man take your bishopric, and beware that you lose not your crowns. It will require your whole souls. It will require courage like Enochs. The time is near when you will be in the midst of congregations, who will gnash their teeth upon you. This gospel must roll and will roll till it fills the whole Earth. Did I say congregations would gnash upon you, yea I say nations will gnash upon you. You will be considered the worst of Men. Be not discouraged at this. When God pours out his Spirit the enemy will rage, but, God remember is on your right hand and on your left. A man though he may be considered the worst, has joy who is conscious that he pleases God. The lives of those who proclaim the true gospel will be in danger, this has been the case ever since the days of righteous Abel. The same opposition has been manifest whenever men came forward to publish the gospel. The time is coming when you will be considered the worst by many & by some the best of men. The time is coming, when you will be perfectly familiar with the things of God. This testimony will make those who do not believe your testimony, seek your lives. But there are whole nations, who will receive your testimony. They will call you good men. Be not lifted up when you are called good men. Remember you are young men, and you shall be spared. I include the other three. Bear them in mind in your prayers carry their cases to a throne of grace. Although they are not present, yet you and they are equal. This appointment is calculated to create an affection in you, for each other, stronger than death.

You will travel to other Nations, Bear each other in mind. If one or more is cast into prisons, let the others pray for him and deliver him by their prayers. Your lives shall be in great jeopardy, but the promise of God, is that you shall be delivered. Remember you are not to go to other nations, till you receive your endowment. Tarry at Kirtland until you are endowed with power from on high. You need a fountain of wisdom, knowledge, and intelligence such as you never had. Relative to the endowment, I make a remark or two, that there be no mistake. The world cannot receive the things of God. He can endow you without worldly pomp or great parade. He can give you that wisdom, that intelligence in that power which characterized the ancient Saints and now characterizes the inhabitants of the upper world. The greatness of your commission consists in this; you are to hold the keys of this ministry. You are to go to the nations afar off; nations that sit in darkness. The [time] is coming when the work of God must be done. Israel shall be gathered. The seed of Jacob shall be gathered from their long dispersion. There will be a feast to Israel, the elect of God. It is a sorrowful tale but the gospel must be preached and his [,] Gods[,] ministers be rejected, but where can Israel be found and receive your testimony, and not rejoice? No where. The Prophecies are full of great things that are to take place in the last days. After the Elect is gathered out, destruction shall come on the inhabitants of the Earth. All nations shall feel the wrath of God, after they have been warned by the saints of the Most High. If you will not warn them others will and you will lose your crowns. You must

prepare your minds to bid a long farewell to Kirtland, even till the great day come. You will see what you never expected to see. You will need the mind of Enoch or Elijah & the faith of the brother of Jared. You must be prepared to walk by faith, however, appalling the prospect to human view. You and each of you should feel the force of the imperious mandate, Son go labor in my vineyard, and cheerfully receive what comes but in the end you will stand while others will fall. You have read in the Revelation concerning ordination. Beware how you ordain, for all nations are not like this nation. They will willingly receive the ordinances at your hand to put you out of the way. There will be times when nothing but the angels of God can deliver you out of their hand. We appeal to your intelligence, we appeal to your understanding, that we have so far discharged our duty to you. We consider it one of the greatest condescensions of our Heavenly Father in pointing you out to us. You will be stewards over this ministry.

We have work to do that no other man can do. You must proclaim the Gospel in its simplicity and purity, and we commend you to God and the word of his grace. You have our best wishes, you have our most fervent prayers that you may be able to bear this testimony, that you have seen the face of God. Therefore, call upon him in faith and mighty prayer, till you prevail, for it is your duty and your privilege to bear such testimony for yourselves. We now exhort you to be faithful to fulfill your calling, there must be no lack here. You must fulfill in all things, and permit us to repeat, all nations have a claim on you. You are bound together as the three witnesses were. You, Notwithstanding can part & meet & meet and part again till your heads are silvered over with age.

He then took them separately by the hand and said, Do you with full purpose of heart take part in this ministry to proclaim the gospel with all diligence with these your brethren, according to the tenor and intent of the charge you have received, each of which answered in the affirmative.

Kirtland February 28th 1835.

The hour for meeting having arrived Pres. S. Rigdon arose and made some observations, relative to the business before the meeting, then proceeded to open by prayer. The following are some of the names and ordination blessings of the Seventy who were called and to be sent forth.

Hiram Winters	Nathan B. Baldwin
Elias Hutchins	Burr Riggs
Henry Shibley	Lewis Robbins
Roger Orton	Darwin Richardson
J. B. Smith	Joseph Young

Harvy Stanley	Alexander Badlam
Jedediah Grant	Zebedee Coltrin
Lyman Sherman Smith	Solomon Angel
Joseph Hancock	John D. Parker
Lyman Smith	Daniel Stevens
Peter Buchanan	Hiram Stratton
David Elliott	Sylvester Smith
Almon Babbitt	Wm. Pratt
Levi Gifford	Ezra Thayer
Joseph B. Nobles	Levi Hancock
Lorenzo Booth	Salmon Warner
Zera S. Cole	Israel Barlow
Leonard Rich	Willard Snow
Harrison Burgess	Hazen Aldrich
Allen Burdick	Charles Kelly
Wm. F. Cahoon	Jenkins Salisbury
Harpin Riggs	George A. Smith

R. Ortons Blessing

You shall be blessed more than once your heart desired. You shall go forth and preach the everlasting gospel. You shall be delivered from your enemies. If there be no other way to escape them, you shall walk upon waters. We ordain you to be one of the Seventy. Your tongue shall be loosed. The Heavens shall be open your head. And you shall say as Paul of old, I have heard things unutterable. You shall have the gift of faith. You shall have power to heal the sick, open the eyes of the blind, loose the tongue of the dumb and cause the lame to leap as an heart. You shall escape destruction, and bring to pass much righteousness.

J. B. Smith's Blessing

You shall be made mighty in the hand of God in doing good. You shall go from land to land and from city to city. And if you shall command the wicked to be smitten they shall be

smitten, and you shall turn rivers out of their course if needful. You shall have power over winds and waves, and if you are faithful, you shall see many seafaring men converted and lead them to Zion. You shall go even to the dark Isles of the sea. All your evil propensities shall be taken from you if you are faithful in your calling. The angels shall have charge over you and bear you up, even so Amen

Harvey Stanley's Blessing

You shall receive a part of this ministry to bear Glad tidings to the Gentiles. In the day of pestilance and war you shall be preserved, and no man from this day forth shall despise your youth, but you shall become a polished shaft before God. Your heart shall expand until you become a man of great wisdom. You shall see the face of your Redeemer and he shall lay his hand upon you. If all nations shall combine against you, You shall be preserved. You shall be sent for by Kings and they shall hear and dismiss thee with honor You shall be spoken of among all nations as one of the wonders of this generation. You shall be made glad to see your fathers house coming to a knowledge of the truth Even so Amen.

Jedediah Grant's Blessing

You shall be made mighty in the name of your Redeemer. Your heart shall be filled with perfect love. You shall be made mighty like Enoch You shall be preserved from the ravages of wild beasts, the roar of lions, and the arm of the destroyer. You shall have power to heal the sick and to smite the waters. And you shall not sleep in the Earth, but do great things in the name of God. You shall teach the Gentiles in their own tongues the peaceable things of the Kingdom. You shall return to Zion in a good old age with an army of Saints composed of many kindreds and tongues You shall be called the son of consolation You shall be counsellor in the house of God. Amen.

Lyman Sherman's Blessing

Your ministry shall be great and you shall proclaim to various nations. Your faith shall be unshaken and you shall be delivered from great afflictions. You shall travel much and have power over evil and evil powers. You are a chosen vessel of the Lord. You shall be called a son of thunder. You shall receive many scourgings from the wicked but they shall not kill you, but they chase and you shall hide from them and be delivered. Your eyes are doomed to see desolations great & wonderful. You shall lead a flock to Zion from the abodes of poverty. You shall return to the society of your family and that shall be a scene of rejoicing. You shall teach in ten different tongues. The wicked shall yet stone you and leave you for dead, but you shall be restored & do great good. Amen.

Joseph Hancock's Blessing

You are blessed and shall be above that which your heart has conceived to ask for. You shall wade through much tribulation. Your life shall be preserved, although many shall seek it.

You shall speak in many tongues, and hear many speak in your own. You have a great work to perform in a far distant climb from this. You shall see great desolations. You shall see bands of Robbers like the Gadianon, spoiling and laying waste. Your enemies shall not have power over you. You have to go far East & many shall call you blessed father and look up to you as such, and you shall be a protector to the innocent. Even so Amen.

Lyman Smith's Blessing

The Lord has raised you up, called & chosen you and your heart shall be set upon your ministry, you shall stand in it and have power to preach, baptize & heal the sick. From this hour, you must think not of clothing, bread, or even life, but your mind must be diligent although you have many years to live. You shall be the son of the waters and preach in ships & on ships, and whole crews shall be converted and follow you to Zion. You were chosen from childhood to bring to pass much righteousness. You shall hear the voice of the Lord, and answer here am I. And the Lord will reveal unto you great things. even so Amen

Adjourned till 10 o clock tomorrow

Prayer by S. Rigdon

Kirtland ~~Feb~~ March 1st 1835

Meeting convened at 3 o clock P. M. after ~~the death~~ funeral of Elder Seth Johnson.

David Elliott's Blessing

You shall be one of the Seventy. Satan has desired to have you that he might sift you as wheat, but the Lord has upheld you. The Lord has chosen you. You shall be an instrument in [the] hands of God of turning Idolators to the Lord. You shall receive great power from God. You shall have power over darkness & pestilence. Gods power shall be manifested through you. And after you have done great things you shall return to your family in safety & peace and you shall not be a whit behind those of the same ministry with you. Even so amen.

Bradford Elliot's blessing

You are a child but your Heavenly Father designs to train you up for usefulness. We confirm upon you the Priesthood. We seal upon your head all the blessings of the Ancients. You shall indue time be sent forth among the nations and be an instrument in the hands of God of doing much good. You shall live to a good old age and see the prophecies fulfilled on the head of Joseph. You shall see the son of God coming from far. You shall be among that number who shall see the Lord descend, and be among that number. Even so Amen.

Almon Babbitt's Blessing

The Lord has accepted your sacrifice. You shall be sent among the Gentiles and preach the gospel from land to land and from Isle to Isle. Your soul shall be compassionate. You shall be a son of consolation. You shall be like John the beloved disciple. You shall have power with God, that no tongue now can describe. You shall see many days and have long life. The Angels shall guard you and minister to you. You shall go where your heart desires, for you shall have great power with God. You shall have power over diseases and plagues and do great good. Even so Amen.

Levi Gifford's Blessing

You are a strange kind of man, curious spirits trouble you, but in the name of the Lord Jesus we rebuke all the evil Spirits that have troubled you and say to you that you shall overcome them. You shall have power to show the simplicity and truth of the Gospel, and you shall have a peculiar gift to speak in other tongues and convince many. You shall be equal to your brethren in this Ministry. You shall be much persecuted but if your faith fail not, you shall return in peace. Even so Amen.

J. B. Noble's Blessing

You are a chosen vessel, even one of the horns of Joseph. Great things will the Lord require at your hand, for you shall push the righteous together from the ends of the earth, in hundreds and thousands. The vision of Heaven shall be opened upon your head. You shall have power over all things in the name of the Lord. Angels saw thee ages since & rejoiced over thee, Amen.

Lorenzo Booth's Blessing

Your faithfulness has brought down great blessings upon your head, and you shall continue to receive them, for you shall have liberally of all the blessings which the Spiritual Kingdom can bestow. You shall have the wisdom of the serpent with the harmlessness of the Dove in proclaiming the Gospel. You shall teach idolatrous nations and converse with their priests and convert many. The Lord has proved you and found you worthy. You shall have peculiar faculty or sagacity in teaching and have great power. And the blessing of Abraham, Isaac & Jacob shall rest upon you. Your life shall be preserved & prolonged and you shall return to Zion leading a company in peace. Amen.

Zera S. Cole Blessing

The Lord called you when you obeyed the Gospel and you are one of the Seventy and he will receive nothing but all your time and talents. You are disposed to be a son of thunder, but if you are not very faithful you will fall and another will take your crown. But if you are faithful you shall overcome all things, and if so in your old age this pleasing reflection shall be your greatest joy. You shall pass through a scene where you shall hear many cry Hosanna, Hosanna, because they heard the truth at your mouth. Amen.

Leonard Rich's Blessing

Thou hast been ordained an high Priest, we seal upon thee this ministry. Tho[u] hast approved thyself before God. Thou hast called upon him to make thee an instrument in doing a great work and thou shalt do it. Thou hast longed to do great things and thou shalt do them by going to distant nations. Thy desire shall be granted in gathering up the Lord's Elect. Thou shalt go and return with many blessings upon thy head, with songs of everlasting joy and no power shall overcome thee. Even so Amen.

March 1st 1835

The council met this morning (Sabbath) to proceed with the ordination of the 70. There being several who had been recently baptized present, and being expedient that they should be confirmed, and also that the sacrament should be administered to the Church, the business of ordination was suspended for a short time. President Joseph Smith Junr. addressed the church & the council and the church upon the propriety upon the propriety of attending to this ordinance with pure hearts, and pure desires. He touched upon the propriety of this institution in the church & urged the vast importance of doing it with acceptance to the Lord. He asked how long do you suppose a man may partake of this ordinance unworthily and the Lord not withdraw his spirit from him? How long will he thus trifle with sacred things and the Lord not give him over to the buffetings of Satan until the day of Redemption? The church should know if they are unworthy, from time to time, to partake. The servants of the Lord will be forbidden to administer it. Therefore our heart ought ~~ought~~ to humble themselves, and we to repent of our sins, and put away evil from among us. Some further remarks were made and the sacrament was then administered. The council then proceeded to business and the following names were called. (Viz.) Levi W. Hancock, Salmon Warner, and Israel Barlow.

Levi W. Hancock

A prayer was put up that he might be strong in his mission to the Gentiles, that the Lord would open to him the mysteries of the Kingdom, the [that] he be supported in faith, and that he have strength to withstand all the temptations of the Adversary. That he might have wisdom to proclaim the Gospel in different languages. It was prophecied that he would need much power at times to be delivered from his enemies. That his heart must be stedfast or he would be overcome in executing his commission. But if faithful, should have power over all things that opposed his way, and return with the Lords servants and receive the approbation of his Heavenly Father and plaudits, Well done good and faithful Servant, enter into the joy of thy Lord. and on thy head we confirm these blessings. Even so Amen.

Salmon Warner

Because thou hast offered thy life for the release of thy brethren, who were in affliction, it

is the will of thy Heavenly Father that thou shouldst bear the testimony of salvation to many people who have not heard the sound thereof. Thou shalt be a son of consolation. If the Lord command the[e] to go to the Islands of the Seas, his hand will support thee. If he calls the[e] to ride upon ships to proclaim the gospel his power will sustain thee. If thou art faithful, the Lord will make thy mission prosperous. Thou wilt have persecutions as well as thy other brethren. When thou hast executed thy mission, if it please thy God, thou shalt return and enjoy the rest of the Saints, even a thousand years and also in eternity. Even so Amen.

Hazen Aldrich

Thou Shalt go forth to the nations which ar[e] afar off even to those who are at the remotest corners of the Earth. And we ask our Heavenly Father in the name of Jesus, that thy mind may expand, thy heart be enlarged and be instructed in the mysteries of Godliness. We also ask that no sin be laid to thy charge when thou art called to give an account of thy ministry. We ask the Lord to make thee a swift Messenger to the Nations, and if thou will set thy heart to seek and serve the Lord from this time, thou shalt go forth & be greatly blessed in calling the children of men to repentance and the Elect of the Lord to Zion. Thou shalt endure fatigues and Hardships and not be overcome. And thou shalt be a good soldier searching out the honest in heart in the remotest corner of the earth. Thou shalt have this blessing if thou art faithful. Amen.

John Murdock

You are not set apart as one of the 70 but to continue as you have been. To be ready to go at the command of the Lord, where he may see proper to send thee. Tho[u] art blessed. The Lord shall bless thee in thy bashot[?] and in thy store. Thou shalt have an additional degree of wisdom. Thine eyes shall yet be opened to see those things which thou hast not seen. Thou art feeble, therefore, [we] pray that thou mayst be made strong. [that] thou mayest be prepared to go forth as may be required of thee. We pray that thou mayest be endowed with power with thy brethren. In common with thy brethren thou shalt have much joy and also much sorrow. Thy enemies will seek thy destruction. We therefore seal upon thee those blessings which have heretofore been pronounced upon thee even in thy patriarchal Blessing. Amen.

Willard Snow-one of the 70

We confirm your ministry and set you apart as one of the 70. You shall be a witness of the Lord whithersoever you are sent, and testify of the things that are coming on the earth. You shall have the same power as has been confirmed on your brethren, with all the blessings and privileges thereunto belonging. You shall go to distant lands and if you desire it with all your heart you shall return. But if you desire you may be received up into the bosom of your Heavenly Father in Distant land, from all trouble into the Celestial kingdom. Amen.

Charles Kelly

We ordain you to be an Elder in the church of Christ and one of the 70 to be sent forth

among the nations, to teach the gospel in the name of Jesus. Unless you seek the Lord with all your heart more than you have ever done, you shall die and not live. If you had not gone to Zion to lay down your life for your brethren you would not now receive this ministry. But if you seek it you shall be comforted of the Lord while you are far distant among the nations. The powers & blessings necessary to fulfil this ministry shall be conferred upon you and you shall return to be a comfort to your family, although you have wounded and grieved them. Amen.

George A. Smith

Thou shalt go forth and carry the gospel to the nations who sit in darkness. We seal upon thee the power of this ministry; if, thou art faithful from this hour. Thou shalt receive a fullness of Joy. Thou shalt ask and the Lord will give. Tho[u] shalt ask and he will give again. Thou shalt see the glory of the Lord. Thou shalt see great things and contemplate mighty things. Thy heart shall desire to see this work of God roll on and thou shalt see it. We seal another another blessing upon thee. Thou shalt return with thy brethren here ~~after~~ After thou hast labored much and suffered much, & thy coming in shall be greater than thy going out. These blessings we confirm upon the[e] in the name of the Lord Jesus. Amen.

Jenkins Salisbury

We ordain you to be an Elder in the church of Latter-Day Saints and one of the 70 to go into all the world to preach the gospel to every creature. You shall have the powers blessings and privileges of this ministry, equal to any of your brethren. You shall go forth, but shall return to the embraces of your family, and they shall have much peace with you. Amen.

Peter Buchanan

We ordain you to be an Elder to go forth and preach the Gospel, baptize & lay on hands. Tho[u] art a vessel chosen of God to bear the news of salvation to the Gentiles. Thou hast long sought this mission. Thou shalt go forth according to the desires of thy heart. Thou shalt see the work of the Lord prosper in thy hand. Thou shalt open the plan of salvation to those who know it not. You shall be enabled to proclaim it effectually. You shall speak in all the languages whithersoever the Lord shall send thee. You shall have power over diseases, if faithful. The right hand of the Lord shall be underneath thee. The angels shall have charges concerning thee. Thou shalt return to Zion when thy work is done. Thou shalt have many visions and power to call many into the covenant. Amen.

Alexander Badlam

We ordain you an Elder and one of the Seventy. The Lord has looked upon you and seen your desires to become an instrument to do good. You shall be sent to the nations afar off, and you shall preach to them of whom now you have no knowledge. You shall go and shall have no rest without you are engaged in your Ministry. You shall go to the remote corners of the earth and teach and preach, and bring multitudes to the truth. And you shall be an instrument to fulfil

an ancient Prophecy to bring in the remnants of Moab, & Elam. Jeremiah saw you in his vision and you shall bring many multitudes to Zion. After you have finished your ministry you shall return and embrace your companion and you both shall rejoice together. And we seal upon you this day that you shall [have] part in the reign of a 1000 years on the earth. Amen.

Zebedee Coltrin

We seal your ministry anew unto you. And you shall go as far as the Lord shall send you. And if there are Islands not yet found by the world, you are the one who shall go and hunt them up and preach to all nations, and you shall have power to fulfil this your ministry. You shall be an instrument changed throughout and prepared to do good.

You shall have heavenly visions and the ministry of Angels shall be your lot. You shall have great faith to perform your work. You shall go to Islands that are not troubled with Priests, and convert and depopulate them, and bring them to Zion and join your brethren with great rejoicing. Amen.

Solomon Angel

We ordain you to be one of the 70 and an Elder in the Church of the Latter Day Saints. Your tongue shall be loosed and you shall have much knowledge & wisdom to teach all the revelations which you have received through others. You shall, if you diligently seek after wisdom, not be a whit behind your Brethren in this ministry. You shall have power to fill your days with usefulness and have favor in the eyes of God, and men and not be persecuted as some of your brethren. These blessings are for you and your offspring, and finally you shall return and rejoice if faithful with your Brethren & family upon this land. Amen.

John D. Parker

We ordain you to be one of the 70. You shall be a messenger to both civilized and uncivilized and you shall be sent and you shall proclaim the gospel to both poor & rich. You shall proclaim from kingdom to kingdom and from land to land and you shall have all the powers necessary to fill this ministry with dignity, with honor and much usefulness, and in the end you shall return to your own land and enjoy the rest of the saints. Amen.

Daniel Stevens

Tho[u] had many patriarchal blessings pronounced upon thee and we confirm them all upon thee. No man can fill this mission unless he be a man of God. You shall (if very faithful) have all the powers necessary to fill this ministry. You shall travel and journey much, and do great things in the name of the Lord and bring many to the New Covenant and return after having done much in the Ministry. Amen.

This being done Elder Brigham Young arose and in the Spirit of God sung a song of Zion in a foreign tongue. After which he delivered a very animated address to to his brother ministers.

Meeting proceeded.

Hiram Stratten

In the name of the Lord Jesus we ordain you to be an Elder and one of the 70. You shall have part in this ministry because the Lord has proved you, that you would lay down your life for your brethren. If you are faithful you shall have great power, and that which shall be peculiar to yourself. You have a part in this ministry and shall be able to fill it. You shall be sent afar off to preach the gospel to barbarous nations. You shall be preserved while afar off but you shall be drawn in close straits, but nevertheless you shall gather up those who will hear you. And when you return, you shall be altogether changed and be a man beloved of the Lord and of the faithful. Amen.

Sylvester Smith

We seal your Ministry upon your ministry upon your head, and also ordain you to be one of the 70 and a President among the 70. Your mind shall become pure and chaste, and the importance of your calling shall lie near your heart from this hour. You shall preside with dignity and with honor forever. You shall have great affliction and persecution because of your office. Your enemies shall seek your life with great diligence, but if you dedicate your all to God, you shall be preserved if you keep his covenant and turn away from none of it. You shall have great power and wisdom & do great good before the Lord. You shall travel from land to land and from Kingdom to Kingdom, and you shall stand before and preach to Kings, and have power over great men, and poor men & show forth signs and wonders to whom signs and wonders will be profitable, and in a good old age you shall return with rejoicing and bring many sheaves with you. Then shall you rest and your last days shall be your best days. Amen.

William Pratt

We ordain you and set you apart to be one of the 70 to preach the Gospel to the Gentiles. If you seek with all your heart you shall go to other lands and preach the gospel in others tongues & do a good and a great work. You shall have success in your ministry, and convert many in the nations who will hear you and lead this to Zion the Land of your home. Amen.

S.W. Denton

We ordain you to be an Elder in the Church of Christ. You have seen affliction with the children of Zion. You shall see many days & great events rolling one after another and many scenes rolling together. If you desire it with all your heart you shall stand on the land of Zion when the Lord descends. You shall have much strength. Your mind shall be filled with wisdom. You shall be as those who are raised up from infancy in the nurture and admonition of the Lord. You shall have the ministring of Angels to prepare you for your many duties. Amen.

Ezra Thayer

Blessed thou art and blessed shalt thou be for thou art one of the 70. You shall go to the nations and teach them in their own tongues, the things of the kingdom. You shall be delivered from your enemies and go and preach from land to land and you shall yet have all the promises that the Lord has ever given in this church fulfilled. You shall Lead many to Zion and yet you shall have rejoicings with your family and no man shall take your blessings. Even so Amen.

Harrison Burgess

We ordain you to be an Elder in the Church of Christ and one of the 70. May you be sanctified and filled with light and intelligence. That the importance and duty of your office may be near your heart. You shall go to all the nations afar off and to the Islands of the sea. You shall speak languages that you have never heard even twelve. God will prepare you for a great work & you shall do it. You shall have power given you to perform all the duties of your calling, and you shall bear a testimony that shall convince many. And if you are faithful you shall in the end of your ministry return to this land with much rejoicing. Amen.

Alden Burdick

We ordain you to be an Elder in the Church of the Latter day Saints. When you did obey the gospel the eye of the Lord was upon you, and you are now called and set apart. You shall go to many land[s] & Islands, where missionaries are now stationed, and some of them shall receive the truth at your mouth. You shall have powers over all weapons formed against you. You shall see the Heavens opened and the spirits of the Just shall minister to you and you receive great ~~good~~ wisdom from the Lord and do great good in his name. When you are old you shall return to your native land, and you and your posterity are blessed and shall be to the latest generation, because you will run when the Lord calls & go when he sends. even so Amen.

Wm. F. Cahoon

We set you apart to be one of the 70. You are young and we pray the Lord to guard you against the follies of youth. That you may be humble and conquer all your evil propensities incident to youth. But if you do not forsake all evil when you go forth among the nations, you shall never return. It is with you death or victory. You shall go to many nations and kingdoms, but you must begin from this very hour to reform. If you do you shall do great good and bring [to] pass much righteousness, because you have desired it. You shall become a polished shaft, and rejoice amidst many converts & return with much joy to your native land. We seal blessings upon you upon condition of your faithfulness. Amen.

Harpin Riggs

We renew upon you your commission and also set you apart to be one of the 70. You shall be a witness not only to other nations, but also to this. You shall yet declare that you have seen the Heavens opened and that the Lord Jesus, lives because you have seen him. And you shall be ministered unto by holy Angels. You shall speak to them in their own language, and you

shall have great wisdom to teach and to set in order the things of Jesus. And you shall see good days and many of them. A multitude of blessings are in the Heavens for you. Finally you shall return to your native land with much rejoicing. Amen.

Nathan B. Baldwin

We ordain you to be an Elder & one of the 70 and because you have been willing to suffer & die for your brethren. You are chosen to go forth and bear good tidings to the nations, even those who are afar off. And although your mission will frequently lead you among rude nations, yet if you are faithful in all things you shall be blessed among them. They will not seek your life, for you shall be a saviour to them, and bring them rejoicing to Zion in peace. Amen.

Benjamin Winchester

You are a child. Your mind is yet tender, therefore, you are not of mature age to go forth, but we secure unto you the holy ministry. You shall yet if faithful be ordained. You will live in a day of great howling and mourning among the nations. you shall [have] power to be a comforter of many, and teach them the way of life and tell them of a land of safety, and will hear you and you shall push many people to Zion. And if you desire it with all your heart you shall stand upon the earth when the Saviour comes and reign with him in glory after he comes, but if you desire it you shall be taken as Enoch, Elijah, Even so, Amen.

Burr Riggs.

We ordain you to be an Elder in the Church of of God to go forth and preach the Gospel. May the past history of your life serve as an everlasting lesson to you. For you must go to distant nations and from this hour you must begin to prepare your business for in temporal labors you shall not be prospered. Therefore, go forth and preach the gospel and you shall live of the gospel. You shall be among the nations that are afar off and you shall speak unto them in their own tongues and stand before the great ones of the earth and cause them to tremble before you with the mighty power of God manifested through you. And if you are faithful you shall return and rejoice in this land again.

Lewis Robbins.

We confirm the ordination of your previous eldership upon you. You shall be sent among the Nations that are afar off and you shall have visions and knowledge, and not be a whit behind the chiefest of your brethren of the same office. And although your enemies shall be furiously enraged against you and should hunt you, & hunt you, but they shall not harm you, but you shall go back and teach and convince the honest in heart. And you shall have all power that is necessary even over waters, floods, fir[e]s & winds in order to accomplish your ministry. And finally you (after doing much good) shall return, being called the friend of God. Amen.

Darwin Richardson

We ordain you an Elder and one of the Seventy. You have given testimony that you were willing to lay down your life. The Lord will therefore, from this hour give you great light, understanding and wisdom and power also, for the Lord will send you afar off and you shall teach a multitude of nations in their own tongues. And you shall go [to] the Islands and teach, and even depopulate them for you shall lead them to Zion. Your enemies shall not have power over you, though they may desire it. But when you are a very old man you shall stand on the earth and see the Lord Jesus appear. And if you desire it you shall be changed in the twinkling of an eye, and enter upon the Millennial reign. Amen.

Joseph Young

We seal your Ministry upon you and also set you apart to be one of the 70 and also to be one of the Presidents of that Mission to preside with thy brethren. You shall magnify this high calling, and your heart shall be much expanded to love mankind and desire their salvation. You shall travel much and preach much, work much righteousness and exert all your powers in going forth to do good from nation to nation & from land to land. You shall have much persecution and shall be in perils oft. Your enemies will seek your life much and cunningly. But if you will consecrate your life and your all and be faithful you shall overcome and be preserved and at the end of your ministry you shall return with singing and rejoicing. You shall have power over fire water and all evil. You shall be one of the horns of Joseph to push the nations together from the ends of the earth. These blessings we pronounce upon you, and none shall take them from you if you are faithful. Amen.

Hiram Winters

Being an Elder, in the Church, his office was confirmed upon him and great blessings pronounced upon him. That he should be a consoler and comforter of the poor so long as he should live & that he should have visions of Heaven. &c. Amen.

Elias Hutchings,

Ordained, but no record of prophecy or blessings

Henry Shibley

We ordain you to be one of the 70. You shall do great good in your father's family, for they shall listen to your voice. You shall be delivered from prison, into which thou shalt be cast in thy old age. Thou shalt live to a good old age and bring to pass much righteousness.

Hyrum Smith

If thou desirest to go to the ends of the earth, thou mayest. Thy heart shall be enlarged. Thou shalt escape all the calamities which are coming on the earth. And if thou desirest thou mayest bring many souls to Jesus. Thou shalt be able to comprehend all things concerning this

Kingdom. Great shall be thy blessing. Thou shalt be able to speak and no man shall gainsay. Thou shalt have power to escape the hand of thine enemies. Thy life shall be sought with untiring zeal, but thou shalt escape. If it please thee, and thou desirest thou shalt have the power voluntarily to lay down thy life to glorify God. Thou shalt be spared to preside over one of the Stakes of Zion, which shall hereafter be appointed, and thou shalt be unto it like one of the seven Angels who were appointed over the seven Churches. Amen.

Frederick G. Williams

Thou art blessed. Thou shalt stand before the great men of the earth. Thy mind shall expand and thou shalt be enabled to waft thyself as upon the wings of the wind. Thou shalt stand according to thy desires and see the face of thy Redeemer. Thy blessings are confirmed upon thee. The Heavenly hosts are rejoicing over thee. Twice thou hast been to the Land of Zion. The Lord has sustained thee for a wise purpose. Thy mind and thy [heart] shalt be enlarged, and thou shalt make known the gospel to the great ones of the earth. And shall yet lead them to Zion. If thou desirest thou shalt rise upon the wings of the morning and not be an inhabitant of the grave. Thou shalt be one who shall preside over Zion. All these blessings we seal and confirm upon thee. Amen.

Kirland May 2d 1835

According to appointment the Presidency, the Twelve a part of the Seventy, and some other Elders of the church met in conference this morning in order to consult the affairs of the church &c. Conference was opened by Elder Brigham Young by prayer. President J. Smith Junr. presiding. After conference was opened and the Twelve took their seats, he stated that it would be the duty of the twelve to appoint the oldest one of their number to preside in their councils, beginning at the oldest and so on until the youngest has presided and then beginning at the oldest again. &c. The Twelve took their Seats regularly according to their ages as follows. T. B. Marsh David W. Patten, Brigham Young, Heber C. Kimball Orson Hyde, Wm. E. McLelin Parley P. Pratt, ~~J. H. Boynton~~ Luke Johnson William Smith Orson Pratt John F. Boynton & Lyman Johnson. The president then stated that the Twelve will have no right to go into Zion or any of its stakes and there undertake to regulate the the affairs thereof where there is a standing High Council. But it is their duty to go abroad and regulate all matters relative to the different branches of the Church. When the Twelve are together, or a quorum of them in any church, they will have to do business by the voice of the Church. No standing high council has authority to go into the Churches abroad and regulate the matters thereof, for this belongs to the Twelve. No High Council will ever be established only in Zion or one of its stakes. When the twelve pass a decision it is in the name of the church. Therefore, it is valid. No individual has a right to go into any church and ordain any minister for the Church, unless it is by the Voice of the Church. No Elder has a right to go into any branch of the church and appoint meetings or regulate the church without the consent or voice of the presiding Elder of said branch. If the first Seventy are all occupied, and there is a call for more laborers it will be the duty of the seven presidents of the first seventy to call and ordain other Seventy and send them forth to labor, in the vineyard until if

need be they set a part apart seven times Seventy, even until there shall be one hundred & forty and four thousand. The Seventy are not to attend the conferences of the Twelve unless they are called upon or requested to by the Twelve. The twelve and the Seventy have particularly to depend upon their Ministry for their support and that of their families, and they have a right by virtue of their offices to call upon the Church to assist them.

Elder Henry Harrison was called forward & ordained to be one of the 70. President Joseph Young's circumstances were considered relative to his traveling in the vineyard, and it was unanimously agreed & voted, that he should hold himself in readiness to go at the call of the Twelve, when the Lord opens the way. President Sylvester Smith's circumstances were considered and determined as follows the former.

President Lyman Sherman do.

President Leonard Rich do.

President Hazen Aldrich do.

President Zebedee Coltrin do.

President Levi Hancock do.

Elder Hiram Winter's case and circumstances were considered and voted that he hold himself in readiness to travel in the ministry at the call of the president of the 70 when the Lord opens the way.

Elder Elias Hutchings voted that he be called upon when his circumstances will permit.

Elder Henry Shibley voted that he hold himself ready to go when called upon. Elder Roger Orton do.

Jeremiah B. Smith do.

Harvey Stanley do.

Jedediah Grant do.

Joseph Hancock Voted to be called upon when his circumstances will permit.

Lyman Smith to go when called upon.

David Elliott to be called upon when his circumstances will permit

Almon Babbitt to hold himself in readiness

Levi Gifford to be called upon when his circumstances will permit

Lorenzo Booth do.

Zera S. Cole	do.
Harrison Burgess	do.
Alden Burdick	do.
Wm. F. Cahoon	do.
Harpin Riggs	do.
Alexander Badlam	do.
Solomon Angell	do.
Bates Nobles	to hold himself readiness
Nathan B. Baldwin	"
Burr Riggs	"
Lewis Robbins	"
Darwin Richardson	"
John D. Parker	"
Daniel Stevens	"

Conference adjourned for one hour

Met again according to adjournment with the addition of the High council of Kirtland. The Bishop & and his council from Zion and the Bishop & his council of Kirtland.

Hiram Stratten to hold himself in readiness

Ezra Thayer's case was called up and he was suspended as an Elder and member until an investigation could be had before the Bishop's court. A complaint having been entered to the Bishop's court against him by Oliver Granger.

Wm. D. Pratt, To go when circumstances permit.

Jenkins Salisbury	do.
Salmon Warner	do.
Israel Barlow	do.
Charles Kelly	do.

Alexander Whitesides do.

Hiram Blackman do.

George W. Brooks do.

Jacob Chapman do.

Stephen Winchester do.

Lorenzo Barnes then came forward and received his ordination as one of the 70 Henry Bennor as the former

Michael Griffith do.

Royal Barney[?] do.

Libbies T. Coon do.

Zerubabel Snow, to hold himself in readiness

Willard Snow do.

George A. Smith do.

David Evans do.

Jesse Harmon do.

Milo Andrus do.

Harry Brown do.

Jesse Huntsman do.

Henry Harriman do.

Lorenzo Barnes do.

These men's circumstances and cases were considered and they were disposed of as the council directed. The Elders of Kirtland and its vicinity were next called upon or their circumstances were considered. Their names being enrolled. President J. Smith Junr. arose with the list in his hand and made some very appropriate remarks, relative to the deliverance of Zion and so much of the Authority being present, he moved that we never give up the struggle for Zion even until Death, or until Zion is Redeemed. The vote was unanimous and with apparent deep feeling. Voted that all the Elders of the Church are bound to travel in the World to preach the gospel with all their might mind & Strength when their circumstances will admit of it, and that the door is now opened. Motioned, seconded & voted that Elder Brigham Young, John P. Green

& Amos Orton are appointed to go and preach the gospel to the remnants of Joseph, the door to be opened by ~~Motioned, seconded & voted~~ Elder B. Young and this will open a door to all the house of Joseph.

Motioned, seconded & voted that when another Seventy is required, the presidency of the first Seventy, shall choose ordain and set them apart from among the most experienced Elders of the Church.

Motioned, Seconded & voted, that whenever the labor of other Seventy if required and they are to be set apart & ordained to that office. Those who are residing at Kirtland and the regions round about, who can come to Kirtland, do so and be set apart and ordained to that office by the Presidency of the Church in Kirtland. But the Presidency of the 70 are to choose of the most experienced Elders abroad and ordain & set apart to that office but are not to do it at Zion or any of the stakes thereof.

Conference closed by prayer by President S. Rigdon

Wm. E. McLelin Clerk

Kirtland March 7th 1835

This day a Meeting of the Church of Latter Day Saints was called in this place for the purpose of blessing in the name of the Lord, those who have heretofore assisted in building by their labor & other means, the house of the Lord in this place. The forenoon was occupied by Pr. J. Smith Junr. in remarks to the Church, upon the propriety and necessity of purifying itself. In the P.M. the names of ~~the~~ several, those who had assisted to build the house were taken and further remarks were made by president J. Smith Junr. He said that those who had distinguished themselves Thus far by consecrating to the upbuilding of said house as well as laboring were to be remembered. That those who build it should own it, and have the control of it. After further remarks he proceeded to call a vote of those who had performed this labor, whether they would still go on and perform the remaining part of the same.

Passed by unanimous voice.

———~~The Presidency were blessed.~~

President Sidney Rigdon was nominated to officiate in Laying on hands in the name of the Lord to bestow the blessings.

The Presidency were blessed and Reynolds Cahoon Hyrum Smith & Jared Carter, the building Committee. The last were not present but their right in the house was preserved.

Names of those who were blessed in consequence of their working on the House of the Lord in Kirtland and those also who consecrated to its upbuilding

Sidney Rigdon	Giles Cook
Joseph Smith Junr.	M.C. Davis
F.G. Williams	Jaman Aldrich
J. Smith, Senior	John Young Senior
Oliver Cowdery	Ezra Strong
N.K. Whitney	Joel McWithee
R. Cahoon	Matthew Foy
Hyrum Smith	James Randal
Jared Carter	John P. Green
Jacob Bump	Aaron C. Lyon
Artemas Millet	Thomas Burdick
Alpheus Cutler	Truman Wait
Asa Lyman	Edmund Bosley
Josiah Butterfield	William Bosley
Noah Packard	William Perry
Jonas Putman	Don Carlos Smith
Isaac Hill	Shadrack Roundy
Edmund Durfee Sen.	Joel Johnson
Edmund Durfee Junr.	Oliver Higly
Gideon Ormsby	Sunday P.M. March 8 [1835]
Albert Miner	Evan M. Green
Ira Ames	Levi Osgood
Salmon Gee	Alpheus Harmon
Peter Shirts	Joseph C. Kingsbury
Isaac Hubbard	Ira Bond

Horace Burgess	A.H. Brewster
Dexter Stillman	Samuel Thompson
Amos F. Herrick	John Ormsby
Mahew Hillman	Luman Carter
William Carter	John Smith
William Burgess	Samuel H. Smith
Thomas Fisher	John Tanner
Storry Fish	Henry G. Sherwood
Amos R. Orton	Sidney Tanner
Alman Sherman	Joseph H. Tippits
Warren Smith	Robert Dugley
Moses Bailey	Erastus Babbitt[?]
Sebe Ives	Samuel Canfield
Andrew H. Aldrich	Phineas H. Young
Ebenezer Jennings	Samuel Rolf
Oliver Granger	Calvin W. Stoddard
Orson Johnson	Josiah Fuller
James Lake	Erastus Rudd
Wm. Redfield	Isaac G. Bishop
Cyrus Lake	Roswell Murry
Harvey Smith	Benjamin Wells
Isaac Cleavenland	Nehemiah Harmon
Wm. Barker	Oliver Wetherby
Samuel S. Brannon	Thomas Hancock
John Wheeler	Joshua Grant

Henry Baker	William Draper
Wm. Fisk	Ransom Vanburen
Henry Wilcox	Tunis Rappallee
George Gee	John Reed
Lorenzo Young	Samuel Wilcox
David Claugh	Benjamin Johnson
James Durfee	
Joseph Coe	
Thomas Gates	
Loren Babbit	
Blake Baldwin	
Joseph B. Bosworth	
Gad Yale	
John Johnson	

Reynolds Cahoon, Jacob Bump and Artemas Millet were then blessed with the blessings of Heaven and a right in the House of the Lord in this place agreeably to the labor and expense they have performed on the same. Alpheus Cutler Asa Lyman & Josiah Butterfield were next called who received the like blessing. The right here spoken of is according to each mans labor or amount of donations. Noah Packard Jonas Putnam & Isaac Hill were called Elder Packard was promised wisdom and ability to proclaim the gospel in addition to a place in the House. Edmund Durfee senr. Edmund Junr. and Gideon Ormsby were next called and received promises of a right in the House. Edmund Durfee Junr. was also ordained an Elder. Albert Miner, Ira Ames & Salmon Gee were next called and received like blessings. Peter Shirts Isaac Hubbard & Horace Burgess were then called & blessed Brother Shirts was ordained an Elder. H. Burgess was also ordained Dexter Stillman Amos F. Herrick & Matthew Hillman were called & blessed. M. C. Davis, Giels Cook Junr. and Wm. Burgess. Giles Cook Junr. & M. C. Davis were ordained Elders. Wm. Carter Jaman Aldrich & John Young Senior were next called. Wm. Carter who was blind, was promised a blessing of being restored to sight if faithful.

Ezra Strong, Joel McWithy & Matthew Foy were called. James Randall John P. Green and Aaron C. Lyon were next called.

John P. Green was ordained a missionary to the Lamanites after others have unlocked the

door; with a promise of gathering many to Zion, and of returning at the end of his mission with great joy to enjoy the blessings of his family. Thomas Burdick, Truman Wait, and Edmund Bosley were called. Elder Burdick was promised a blessing of health (if faithful). Elder Bosley was told, that God had a work for him, to go and preach the gospel to the sectarian priests of this age. to call after them, and hunt them up, wherever he could hear of them. To preach the gospel to them whether they will hear or not.

Wm. Bosley, Wm. Perry & Don Carlos Smith, Wm. Bosley & Wm. Perry were ordained Elders. D.C. Smith was blessed with a promise of having wisdom to proclaim the gospel and also to write in wisdom. Shadrack Roundy, Joel Johnson & Oliver Higly blessed.

Closed by prayer of President S. Rigdon

Sabbath morning March 8th 1835

Pursuant to adjournment the Church met for the purpose of further blessing those who had assisted in building the House of the Lord in Kirtland. Evan M. Green, Levi Osgood and Alpheus Harmon were called to the stand & blessed. Joseph C. Kingsbury Ira Bond and Z.H. Brewster were called next. Samuel Tompkins, John Ormsby Luman Carter John Smith Samuel H. Smith & Thomas Fisher, Blessed.

Sterry Fisk Amos R. Orton and Almon Sherman. Brother Fisk whose family was afflicted was promised a blessing if faithful. Amos R. Orton was ordained an Elder and a missionary to the Lamanites. Andrew H. Aldrich, Thomas Baily and Sebe Ives Blessed. Ebenezer Jennings, Oliver Granger, Orson Johnson, Warren Smith, James Lake & Wm. Redfield, B. Wm. Redfield was ordained an Elder.

Cyrus Lake, Harvey Smith, Isaac Cleaveland, Wm. Baker Samuel S. Branan John Wheeler, Henry Baker Wm. Fisk Henry Wilcox George W. Gee, Lorenzo Young & David Clough--Blessed. Elder Young was set apart a missionary to the Lamanites. James Durfee Joseph Coe, Thomas Gates Loren Babbit, Blake Baldwin and Joseph B. Baldwin, Blessed. Gad Yale, John Johnson & John Tanner called & Blessed. Gad Yale being one who went for the relief of their afflicted brethren in Mo. and received a blessing accordingly. Henry G. Sherwood Sidney Tanner. Joseph H. Tippits, Robert Quigley Erastus Babbit and Samuel Canfield, Blessed.

Samuel Canfield was ordained an Elder Phineas H. Young Samuel Rolf & Calvin H. Stoddard. Phineas H. Young was ordained a missionary to the Lamanites. Erastus Rudd, Josiah Fuller, Isaac H. Bishop Roswell Murry, Benjamin Wells, Nehemiah Harmon Thomas Hancock, Oliver Weatherby, Joshua Grant Junr. Wm. Draper Jur Ransom Vanburen & Tunis Rappalee Blessed. John Reed & Samuel Wilcox Blessed.

Moses Martin who went to Mo. was set apart to be one of the 70. If thou art not purified thou wilt not be able to execute thy commission. Thou wilt fall into snares and into the hands of

enemies who will take thy life Thou must begin to make a complete reformation in thy self.

Oliver Cowdery, Clerk

The following are five members of such as belong to the Seventy but the time of their ordination cannot be accurately ascertained.

Milo Andress, Joseph Winchester, Zerubabel Snow, Kim Heem [Heman] T. Hyde Henry Brown Nelson Higgins Hezekiah Fisk, many blessings were promised upon his head but he is not one of the 70 James L. Thompson had many blessings but was not ordained. Henry Beeman ordained one of the 70 Jesse Huntsman Jesse Huntsman--Royal Barney, Zebedee Coltrin Henry Harriman all to be attached to the Seventy.

Lorenzo Barns one of the Seventy.

Kirtland March 28th 1836

This afternoon the Twelve met in council and had a time of general confession.

On reviewing our past course we are satisfied and feel to confess also that we have not realized the importance of our calling to that degree that we ought, we have been light minded and vain and in many things done wrong, wrong. For all these things we have asked forgiveness of our Heavenly Father, and wherein we have grieved or wounded the feelings of the Presidency we ask their forgiveness.

The time has come when we are about to separate, and when we shall meet again, God only knows. We therefore feel to ask him whom we have acknowledged to be our Prophet and Seer that he enquire of God for us and obtain a written revelation (if consistent) that we may look upon it when we are separated, that our hearts may be comforted. Our worthiness has not inspired us to make this request but our unworthiness.

We have unitedly asked God, our Heavenly Father to grant unto us through his Seer, a revelation of his mind and will concerning our duty the coming season even a great revelation that will enlarge our hearts, comfort us in adversity and brighten our hopes amidst the power of Darkness.

To President J. Smith Junr.
Orson Hyde

Kirtland Ohio
Wm. E. McLelin

Clerks

Kirtland April 2d 1836

The following individuals comprising the firm of F. G. Williams & Co. (viz.) Joseph Smith Junr. Sidney Rigdon Oliver Cowdery, W. W. Phelps, John Whitmer, and F. G. Williams, met in the upper room in the printing office to take into consideration, the situation of the firm in a pecuniary point of view, to devise ways & means to discharge the debts, to make a partial division of of stock and to release from the responsibility of the company Messrs. Wm. W. Phelps & John Whitmer. First. We deem it wisdom, considering the importance of our contributing all in our power for the redemption of Zion, that J. Smith Junr. and Oliver Cowdery be a board or committee whose duty it shall be to raise all the money they can in Righteousness, for a season, to send by, or to certain wise men appointed to purchase land in Zion in obedience to a revelation or command of the Lord for the mutual benefit of the said company or firm aforesaid.

Second. It is mutually agreed that Sidney Rigdon & F. G. Williams exert themselves in devising ways & means with the stock on hand, the available outstanding claims of the firm and such other means as they may deem most proper to discharge the company debts.

Third. It is also mutually understood & agreed that W. W. Phelps, J. Whitmer & David Whitmer, have five hundred Books of Doctrine & Covenants when bound and five hundred hymn books together with the subscription list for the Messenger & Advocate and Northern Times now due the firm in Clay Co. Missouri, and that Messrs. W. W. Phelps & John Whitmer be released from the responsibility of all claims on them or either of them, as joint partners in the firm aforesaid.

W. A. Cowdery Clerk

We the undersigned from a long and intimate acquaintance with the Bearer, brother Lyman Wight, from the instructions he has received, the accurate knowledge he has of Zion and her present situation, we cheerfully recommend him to the fullest confidence, of the brethren of the Church of the Latter-Day Saints, and any advice he may give relative to the temporal matters, the upbuilding of the cause or the furtherance of the Gospel may be safely followed.

J. Smith Junr.

Kirtland April 4th 1836

Oliver Cowdery

Hiram Smith

Reynolds Cahoon

Jared Carter

Kirtland Jany. 13th 1836

The grand council met this day in the attic story of the printing office, consisting of the following Authorities, (viz.) Presidents. Joseph Smith Senior, Sidney Rigdon, Hyrum Smith, David Whitmer, John Whitmer, Joseph Smith Junr. and W. W. Phelps. Also the twelve Apostles, The High Council of Zion and a part of the high council of Kirtland.

The Bishop of Zion and his counsellors, also the Bishop of Kirtland and one Counsellor and one to be appointed instead of Hyrum Smith now belonging to the Presidency.

Council opened by prayer of J. Smith Senior. J. Smith Junr. presiding. Elder Vinson Knight was nominated by the Bishop of Kirtland as a counsellor to fill the vacancy in his court occasioned by the elevation of Hyrum Smith to the presidency. The move was seconded and carried by a unanimous vote of all.

Bishop Whitney then proceeded to ordain Elder Night to the high Priesthood and also to be a counsellor. After which all the congregation said amen with a loud voice. After singing a Hymn they adjourned for one hour.

At the expiration of the time met again pursuant to adjournment and proceeded to fill the vacancies in the high council. The standing high counsellors were John Smith, John Johnson, Orson Johson, Martin Harris, Samuel H. Smith, Jared Carter and Joseph Coe.

The names of those who had been called to fill other offices were Joseph Smith Senr. Hyrum Smith Orson Hyde Luke Johnson and Oliver Cowdery. It was then Moved, seconded & voted unanimously that Elder J. P. Green be appointed a high counsellor in the place of Oliver Cowdery. Elder Thomas Grover was nominated in the room of Elder Luke Johnson. This motion was carried unanimously by all the quorum present. It was then moved, seconded, and voted unanimously that Noah Packard be a counsellor in the room of Hyrum Smith. Moved, Seconded and voted that Eldr Joseph Kingsbury be appointed a high counsellor in the room of Orson Hyde. Moved, seconded and carried that Samuel James, be appointed a high counsellor in the room of Joseph Smith Senior. Motioned seconded and voted that Joseph Smith Senr. S. Rigdon and Hyrum Smith proceed to ordain the foregoing persons to the respective offices to which they been appointed.

1st Proceeded to ordain Elder John P. Green.

We lay our hands on the thy head and ordain thee to this high and conspicuous office and pray that our heavenly Father will give thee great wisdom in counsel and make thee of deep penetration, and fill thy heart with compassion and love that all thy decisions may be just and true

Brother Grover, we ordain thee to be an high priest in the church of Christ and pray that thou mayest have all the power of thy ministry, we also ordain thee a high counsellor in the High Council at Kirtland, and we pray that thou mayest have great wisdom and be very useful in the church and through faithfulness thou shalt have all the blessings of heaven and of earth and no man shall take them from thee.

Noah Packard we also ordain thee to be a high priest and pray that thou mayest be a minister in Righteousness and go forth and proclaim the gospel with great power. We also ordain thee to be a high counsellor in the high council of Kirtland and we say if thou are faithful great blessings shall be given to you.

Joseph Kingsbury, We ordain thee to be an high priest and pray that thy crown be made to shine as the stars that thou mayest always bear off the gospel triumphly in in the face of all opposition. We also ordain thee to be a high counsellor at that stake at Kirtland, praying that you may have the spirit of these offices to which you are now ordained, and this shall be the case through your faithfulness.

Samuel James, We ordain thee to be an high priest in the Church of the Latter day Saints, and pray that all the powers of thy mind may be enlisted in building up the kingdom of God, that thou mayest be consecrated to God from this very hour. We also ordain thee to be a high counsellor at the stake of Kirtland and we say to thee, if thou wilt be faithful, thou shalt have all the blessings pertaining to the offices to which you have been ordained and no power shall take them from thee. Amen.

Alvah Beeman and Isaac McWithy were appointed counsellors pro tem in the place of Elders John Murdock and Solomon Hancock who were absent in the council of Zion.

Thomas Carrico was appointed Door Keeper in the house of the Lord by unanimous vote of the assembly.

Motioned, seconded and voted unanimously that J. Smith Junr. S. Rigdon, Hyrum Smith, W. W. Phelps and David Whitmer be a committee to draft a code of rules or laws for the regulation of the house of the Lord in times of worship.

Nominated, Seconded and carried unanimously that no whispering shall be allowed in the council nor any loud talking by any one except when called upon or when he asks the privelege of so doing.

President Rigdon rose up and made some general remarks in relation to the building up of the kingdom of God which were very appropriate and timely. He then closed by prayer.

Adjourned till Friday the 13th inst at 9 o clock A.M. to meet in the stone house.

Orson Hyde, Clerk

Friday Morning January 15, 1836, council met pursuant to adjournment and after President J. Smith Junr. had organized the council, he proceeded to give many good instructions in relation to the order & manner of conducting the council and also delivered a solemn charge to the council after which he opened by prayer and presided as before.

President J. Smith Junr one of the committee to draft rules for the regulation of the House of the Lord, made the report of said committee by reading the rules they had drafted three times. Th[e]y were approved and unanimously adopted. and the council adjourned one hour.

Met at the expiration of the time aforesaid and proceeded to business without ceremony.

Don Carlos Smith was nominated to be president of the high priest hood in Kirtland, Seconded and carried with out opposition.

Alvah Beeman, was nominated for president of the quorum of Elders in Kirtland, seconded and voted unanimously that he serve in that capacity.

The Bishop of Kirtland nominated William Cowdery to be president of the priests in Kirtland. This nomination was seconded and carried unanimously.

Thomas Gates was nominated for president of the teachers, vote not carried.

Oliver Olney was nominated for president of the Teachers, seconded and vote carried unanimously.

Ira Bond was nominated to be president of the Deacons in this place, motion seconded and carried by a unanimous vote.

President Joseph Smith Senr. Sidney Rigdon proceeded to ordain Don Carlos Smith and Alvah Beeman to the respective offices to which they had been chosen, and pronounced great blessings upon the.

Bishop Whitney of Kirtland then proceeded to ordain William Cowdery, Oliver Olney & Ira Bond and pronounces many blessings upon them, according to their offices & standing.

Moved seconded & voted that all the quorum take their turn in performing the office of door keeper in the house of the Lord.

Moved, seconded and voted by each quorum that Amos Orton, Samuel Rolfe Thomas Carico & Nathaniel Milliken be appointed assistant door keepers.

Motioned, seconded & voted that the Presidency of the high council held the keys of the house of the Lord except the keys of one vestry which shall be held by the Bishop of Kirtland.

Motioned and seconded that the Laws regulating the house of the Lord go into effect from this time, and that Elder John Corril take it upon him to see that they are enforced, giving him the privelege of calling as many as he choose to assist him.

Moved seconded and voted that this council adjourn sine die. Charge & Prayer By President S. Rigdon.

O. Hyde, Clerk.

Kirtland May 16th, 1836, high council met in the house of the Lord. President S. Rigdon Presiding.

Counsellors

Jared Carter	Noah Packard
John Murdock	Joseph Kingsbury
Sameul H. Smith	Joseph Coe
Prest. David Whitmer	John Gould
Josiah Butterfield	Isaac H. Bishop
James Foster	Truman Angel

The following charge was read by President S. Rigdon

Kirtland May 14th 1836

To the presidency of the high council of the Church of Latter Day Saints: I prefer a charge of unchristian like conduct against Elders Jenkins Salisbury and Charles Kellogg.

Your obt. Servant

Oliver Cowdery

It was voted that one counsellor speak on each side of the case before the counsel. Prayer and some appropriate remarks were made by S. Rigdon, relative to the importance of the case now defending.

Complainant now stated in short what he expected to prove and then called on J. Smith Junr. to testify. He stated that said Salisbury has not walked orderly, but has pursued such a course as to bring unnecessary persecution on him. That he neglected his family, left them in a starving condition and without Wood just before the solemn assembly, when he ought to have

been home. Question by complainant relative to the use of tobacco & liquor. John Johnson called on to testify relative to the use of strong liquor says that defendant had taken some once or twice in a few months past. Hyrum Smith testifies that he left his family without sufficient wood to last more than two days, and no provision of any consequence in the house. He gave his family no intimation where he was going or when he should return, he also states that it is his full belief that when he went away he never intended to return.

J. Smith Junr. Stated that Elder Wm. E. McLelin had learned from defendant that he had been intimate with every woman he could since he belonged to the church. David Elliot states that he had not heard any complaint of J. Salisbury since he belonged to the Seventy..

Testimony closed.

Elder J. Carter spoke at some length touching the evidence setting it in a clear light, and pointing out the criminality before the court. Elder Coe Spoke on the other part and touched the case but lightly.

O. Cowdery Complainant spoke on part of the prosecution setting the whole case in a clear light before the court according to the evidence addressed.

J. Salsibury then Spoke in his own defense confesses his strong propensity to talebearing and drinking strong liquor, but denies the charge or unchastity to his wife, ~~stated~~ suggested by J. Smith Junr. as stated by Wm. E. McLelin

President S. Rigdon then rose to give decision in the case before the council. He expressed his deep regret to have to act in this case. Guilt he said was fixed on the head of the defendant and not rebutted.

He therefore decided that Jenkins Salisbury can be no longer an Elder or a member in this church until there be a thorough reformation. Council all concurred.

Adjourned for one hour. W. A. Cowdery

Clerk of Counsel

Met in the afternoon pursuant to adjournment when the following charge was read by President Sidney Rigdon.

Kirtland Ohio May 16th 1836

To the Presidency of the High priesthood of the Church of Latter Day Saints, I prefer a charge of unchristianlike conduct against Sisters, Hannah Brown & Lusenian Elliot, both members of this church.

Oliver Cowdery

The counsellors who set on this case were as follows

Jared Carter	Noah Packard
John Murdock	Joseph Kingsbury
S. H. Smith	Joseph Coe
John Johnson	George Morey
Josiah Butterfield	Isaac H. Bishop
Giles Cook	Truman Angel

Defendants confessed having been guilty of telling a number of falsehoods.

Counsel called on to give their assent to the confession and the Sisters retain their standing in the church.

They were reprov'd and permitted to retain their standing in the church.

Counsel then withdrew their fellowship from from Charles Kellogg an Elder in this Church by a unanimous vote.

dismissed by Prayer of Brother Coe

Kirtland Ohio May 23d 1836

High council met in the house of the Lord and organized. President S. Rigdon present & presiding.

Counsellors

Joseph Coe	John Murdock
Jared Carter	Wm. Smith
Cyrus Smalling	John Smith
H. G. Sherwood	Roger Orton
Thomas Bur[d]ick	Emer Harris

Prayer By the president.

The case of Elder Charles Kelly was presented by the complainant, President O. Cowdery.

Hyrum Smith was called on to testify and states that said Kelly did go away and leave his family in a destitute situation about the time of the solemn assembly. Every part of the testimony goes to show unchristian like conduct to the full extent of the declaration of the complainant. Counsellors, Coe on one side & Murdock on the other having spoken. The complainant O. Cowdery ~~having~~ Spoke in short but pathetic manner end then submitted the case.

President Rigdon then rose and gave decision as follows that said Kelly be excluded from this church. Counsellors all concurred in it.

W. A. Cowdery clerk

Kirtland May 23d 1836

The case of Azahel Perry was presented by O. Cowdery as complainant.

To the Presidency of the church of Latter Day Saints I prefer a charge of unchristian like conduct against Elder Azahel Perry and Priest Job L. Lewis.

your obt servant

O. Cowdery Clerk of said Church

President Rigdon decided as follows in the case of Azahel Perry that he [be] cut off from the church. Counsellors concurred in the decision.

The case of Job L. Lewis was presented by O. Cowdery Joseph Smith Junr. was called to the stand to testify, and stated that Job L. Lewis accosted him in the street respecting the money. I said if the money could not be found or an account of it I would pay it. He met me in the street and wished me to pay it as the boy said.

Motioned and voted that we proceed to trial on the case of Job L. Lewis although he is not present, yet has been duly notified. It was testified by O. Cowdery that said Job L. Lewis did treat this society with contempt. President Rigdon then rose and decided that Job L. Lewis shall be excluded from this church and the council concurred in it.

Vinson Knight Clerk

A Conference was held at the house of A[m]brose Palmer in New Portage on the 10th of June 1836

Elder Phinias Brunson presided

Ambrose Palmer

Salmon Warner High Priests

Joseph P. Boswo[r]th

Thomas Gordon

Jeremiah Macklay

John Macklay Elders

Isaac Decker

Wm. A. Fry

Hial Brownson, Teacher

John Harrington Priest.

This meeting was called to order by Elder Phinias Brownson Jr.

It motioned and voted that Nicholas Singley, Chester S. Judd, Benjamin Mitchel and Abraham Lott be ordained Elders, and that Watson J. Barlow & John Hollister be ordained Priests.

The above named brethren having been received by vote of those present having a right to vote, were ordained to the several offices for which they were voted to fill by A. Palmer J. B. Bosworth & Thomas Gordon.

Levi Way Clerk of conference

High Council met in the Lord's house in Kirtland. June 16th 1836 Present S.
Rigdon & F. G. Williams Presidents

Counsellors:

Joseph Coe	John Smith
Cyrus Smalling	Jared Carter
Wm. Smith	H. Sherwood
Noah Packard	Joseph Kingsbury
Lyman Sherman	John Johnson
Thomas Burdick	Josiah Butterfield

Sylvester Smith appointed Clerk,

Council opened by prayer of President S. Rigdon counselors were charged according to the Law of God.

The Case of brother Preseved Harris was considered.

Charged by Joseph Smith Junr. with a want of benevolence to the poor and charity to the church. Bishop N. K. Whitney testifies that he does not know that brother Harris has assisted him in relieving the poor, or in assistin[g] the Church. That he once gave fifty dollars to send to Zion, but thinks he has not been as liberal as others in these matters. Council appointed three to speak on each side.

To the high council of the church of Latter Day Saints in Kirtland. Brethren, Inasmuch as certain charges which we send with this to you, have been preferred against Elder Jesse B. Harmon by Orson Hyde one of the "Twelve" and upon examing the same in council we found him guilty as therein Set forth, he also confessing the same. We decided that he must confess his fault publicly & quit his pedling and come with the rest of the servants of God to the school of the Elders to receive instruction in his name that he be handed over to you to be dealt with according to the rules of the church. This confession he has neglected to make and has continued to peddle through the time of instruction and of the Dedication of the Lord's House and we, therefore, consider him under these circumstances to be unworthy of the responsible office which he holds in the church and we give you his name to do with him as circumstances may require.

Done by the direction of the seven Presidents of the Seventies April 4th 1836

S. Smith Clerk of the 7 P. of the 70s.

The charges alluded to above as preferred by O. Hyde are as follows.

1st That he was found at the Store of Mr. Quin but a few evenings since engaged in singing songs or ditties which illy comported with the dignity of his office & calling.

2d That he was at the tavern of J. Johnson the same evening and drank rum, wine &c. and also smoked his pipe of tobacco. The above charges were preferred to the President of the 70s from his being a member of their quorum.

High Council Met in the Lord's house in Kirtland June 16th 1836. S. Rigdon and F. G. Williams Presideing.

Counsellors. J. Coe C. Smalling, Wm. Smith N. Packard L. Shearman, J. Kingsbury T. Burdick

J. Johnson, J. Smith J. Carter H. G. Sherwood J. Butterfield. Appointed Sylvester Smith Clerk.

Council opened by prayer by S. Rigdon and the counsellors Charged according to the law of God.

The case of brother Preserved Harris was first considered.

He was charged by J. Smith Junr. with a want of benevolence to the poor and charity to the church. Bishop N. K. Whitney testifies that he does not know that Brother Harris has assisted him in relieving the poor or in assisting the church. He once gave 50. to send to Zion but thinks he has not been as liberal as others in these matters. Counsellors appointed three of the counsellors to speak on each side.

Eld. J. Carter says he has been in a situation to know of the liberality of the Saints, being one of a committee to build the Lords house. P. Harris donated some but too little for one who knows & intends to do his duty in this respect: seeing so many loud calls have been given for the rich to assist the poor, he knows not that he has assisted

There is a general complaint against him in the church, from Spiritual men, men of God, knows that some individuals have suffered for want of assistance, and he has not heard them thank God for Brother Harris' liberality as they did for the liberality of others.

Elder L. Rich says he lives near Brother Fisher who has lived for the most part on the charity of the ~~church~~ Saints. Many have assisted him in getting wood. Brother Harris was never present, although a public call had been given out frequently; he thinks the poor have generally been the most forward to assist the needy, he once gave a half a dollar to assist Eld. Marsh. Many of the poor gave much more. J. Coe says he is knowing to the accused giving about 35. some time since in May, yet did not feel that he has been sufficiently liberal according to his circumstances and the wants of the brethren. J. Hampton says he is acquainted with brother Fisher's poverty, he took it upon himself to call for a donation to get him a cow, did not call on brother Harris nor receive any thing from him.

The counsellors proceeded to speak according to their impressions made by the testimony. 1 J. Smith. 2d J. Coe said the charge of a want of charity to the church was not sustained. The accuser called Brother Whitney to say whether the church was not poor, he answered yes, then says the accuser I have sustained the charge. 3d J. Carter, 4th C. Smalling 5th H. G. Sherwood & 6th Wm. Smith. When the counsellors appointed to speak were through, the accuser rose & spoke concerning the sin of a want of charity to the the poor and quoted several instances to prove the fact, &c such as feed the hungry, clothe the naked administer to the wants of the widow and fatherless, &c. He also testified that himself in CO. with Pres. O. Cowdery did once call on Brother Harris for a donation to assist the poor & gave him a plan which (to me said he) was the most noble. Which was to send up money to help build up Zion, purchase land &c. He referred us to his wife, we could not reconcile her to the plan which we laid before her. He said that he had promised her that if she would come to this place, he would Settle down and not

remove again, & therefore he could not help us as we wished in building Zion. When he P. Smith had closed his remarks. The accused arose and spoke for himself says he has a considerable property in his hand has helped the poor some, got his property by hard work. Some that are liberal with others property do not labor to get much to give to the poor themselves; he may have failed in some things, but has done as he felt before God.

The case was then submitted.

P. F. G. Williams arose and said the case before us is an important one. The church [is] poor, Zion [is] to be built and we have not means to do it unless the rich assist, & because the rich have not assisted, the heads of the church have to suffer and are now suffering under severe embarrassments and are much in debt. In regard to the charge preferred against brother P. Harris by P. J. S. Junr. it is my opinion they are fully sustained to the satisfaction of the council.

President S. Rigdon arose and said many things concerning the law of God upon the subject of property, showing clearly that it is the duty of the saints to offer their all to the will of God for the building up of the Kingdom & for the sustenance of the poor, of property, life & all that he possesses, & he that is not willing to make this sacrifice cannot be considered a saint of the most High God & unworthy of the fellowship of the Saints. Christ suffered the loss of all things, that he might save all. We must follow him and be made perfect through sufferings also, or lose all. As to the charges preferred against brother Harris it is the decision of this council that they are fully sustained and that the hand of fellowship is withdrawn from him until he shall see that the course he is pursuing is contrary to the gospel of Jesus.

The decision of the presidency was concurred in by the 12 councellers unanimously and the council adjourned for one hour.

P.M. Met according to adjournment in the council room and proceeded to examine a complaint preferred by Prest. J. Smith Junr. against Eld. Isaac McWithy for a want of benevolence to the poor and charity to the church. Voted that the six counsellors who did not speak in the former case take the lead in the investigation of this case. Bishop N. K. Whitney says that Elder McWithy has never given any thing for the poor to his knowledge though there may be many in the church who stand in need of the charity of the Saints, and he thinks Eld. McWithy has not born[e] his proportion of the burden of the poor and this complaint is pretty general in the Church. Elder J. Hampton says, that he wished to obtain money to buy a cow for brother Fisher, who had fallen from a house and sustained a great injury personally and stood in need, he called on the accused for help for this poor brother, but he only received excuses &c., but no help from him, & it was returned for he did not with all his exertions get enough to buy a cow, and further said that he could more easily get two dollars from a poor man than one from the rich. He considered Eld. McWithy to be rich. Eld. Josiah Butterfield says that he heard the accused say that he brought two thousand dollars from the East. Prest. J. Smith Senr. says that he blessed the accused with a patriarchal blessing but thinks that he received nothing from him for the poor as it was usual for him on such occasions. Eld. Edmund Bosley says he thinks from

what he told him, he was worth at least two thousand dollars. Eld. Rich says he has been acquainted with the accused for several years before and after he came into the church and thinks he has always been two covetous he has been compelled to doubt at times whether he was a full believer in the Latter Day work in consequence, yet he had sometimes known him to give a little, but it always came hard. He had a considerable property or had given it to his unbelieving son, thinks that he does not deal with that liberally as a man of God should do. He once took a dollar from brother Hadlock for the use of a few dollars a little time but afterwards restored four dollars fearing the fulfilment of a prophecy delivered against him at the dedication, that requested security of him and Eld. Lyon for about \$20. which he obtained of him for the expenses which they bore in taking care of Eld. Coltrin who had the small pox at Eld. Lyon's. The Elders frequently complained of his want of liberality. Brother Joel Haskins says, that his circumstances are pretty low, has one cow & works for bread. A brother lent a horse & waggon to him to go to Zion. The accused has never given him any bread or other things necessary. he lives in a small cabin on his farm and occupys a little yard for vines, he knows not whether he will charge him for it or not. It is less than a quarter of an acre. He expects to pay him for pasturing a cow. Accused said he wished to be a steward over his own and rather felt ~~indignant~~ repugnant at the idea of giving all for the good of the church

Never saw him give any thing for the help of the poor. Thinks he is in good temporal circumstances.

Wm. Smith says he heard the accused say that he did not believe that a Saint ever accused his enemies. Witness labored to show him his error, he said he did not believing in this kind of interpreting scriptures. Eld. A. Brown says he called on the accused for help for a poor brother and could get none but observed that the accused manifested a kind of angry spirit rather than a spirit of love; he frequently heard complaints against him for not assisting the poor, he is considerable rich, he once gave Eld Green about six dollars considered him to be a covetous man. The testimony here closed and the counsellors were here called upon to speak. 1st. Joseph Kingsbury considered the case clearly proven according to the nature of the charges. 2d. Noah Packard considered that he was liberal in some things but still the case was clear and the charges fully sustained. J. Smith Senr. thought the case a clear one. Leonard Rich thought the case clear. Josiah Butterfield, clear, Thomas Burdick all concurred in opinion with his brother counsellors. The accuser arose and spoke as he felt stating that he in company with Prest. O. Cowdery called upon the accused for money to send up to Zion but, could get none, afterwards saw him and asked him if he would sell his farm. He at first seemed willing, he wished to build up Zion. He plead excuse in consequence of his liberality to the poor. We offered him \$3000. for his farm. would give him \$400. or 500. to take him to Zion and settle him there and obligation for the remainder with good security, and interest. He went & told father Lyon that we demanded all his property a[nd] so we lost 4 or 500. dollars because the accused told him such a story he calculated to keep it himself. The accused then arose and said it was the first time he had been called upon to clear himself before a High Council. He complained of being called contrary to the rules of the Gospel before the council. The President decided that as the case was now before

the council it could not now be urged but should have been made in the beginning. He plead that he had relieved the wants of the poor, and did so many good things that he was astonished that he should hear such things as he had heard today, because he did not give all the had got to one man. If he had done wrong he asked forgiveness of God and the church.

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Minutes of a High Council held in the Lord's House in Kirtland May 11th 1837.
President O. Cowdery & Hiram Smith presidents.

Counsellors

Joseph Coe	John P. Green
Lyman Johnson	Jared Carter
Noah Packard	Joseph Kingsbury
John Johnson	Orson Pratt
Israel Calkins	W A Cowdery
[Samson] Avard	Luke Johnson

W. F. Cowdery appointed clerk

The meeting being opened by prayer the council proceeded to try the case.

The parties were Eld. C. Smalling & Eld. A. Badlam. The case was an appeal from a decision in the quorum of the Seventies Eld. Smalling having been found guilty in that quorum.

Eld. C. Smalling read his charges against Eld A. Badlam which was in substance as follows. That Eld. A. Badlam accused him of joining a company to put down President Joseph Smith Jr. and publickly withdrew his fellowship from him before taking labour with him.

Eld C. Smalling presented the written [pages 220 through 225 are missing]

Minutes of a High Council held in the Lord's House in Kirtland on Monday, May
29th 1837.

Council assembled at 10 O'clock a.m. Isaac Rogers, Artemas Millet, Able Lamb and Marlow Redfield appeared as complainants against Presidents F. G. Williams, and David Whitmer, and Elder Parley P Pratt, Lyman Johnson & Warren Parrish.

President S. Rigdon presiding.

Names of Counsellors

John Smith	John Johnson
Jared Carter	John P Green
Noah Packard	Oliver Granger
Joseph Kingsbury	Samuel H. Smith
Joseph Coe	Martin Harris
Gideon Carter	William Woodstock.

President S Rigdon then read the declaration of the complainants which was as follows.

To the Presidency of the Church of the Latter Day Saints.

We the undersigned feeling ourselves aggrieved with the conduct of Presidents David Whitmer and F. G. Williams and also with Elders Lyman Johnson and Parley P Pratt and Warren Parrish, believing that their course for some time past has been injurious to the Church of God in which they are high officers. We therefore desire that the high council should be assembled and we should have an investigation of their behavior, believing it to be unworthy of their high calling all of which we respectfully submit. Kirtland May 1837

Able Lamb

Nathan Haskins

Harlow Redfield

Artemas Millet

Isaac Rogers.

Eld. W Parrish then stated that the declaration just read was not in accordance with the copy of which they received of the charge preferred against them.

A resolution was then offered that 3 speak on each side which carried.

The council was then opened by prayer By Prest. Rigdon.

After a short address to the counsellors by Prest. Rigdon the council proceeded to try the cases.

President F G Williams then arose and wished to know by what authority he was called before the present council, saying that according to the Book of Covenants he ought to be tried before the Bishop's Court.

After some discussion between President Rigdon and President Williams, Prest. Rigdon

gave his decision that, Prest. Williams should be tried before the present council.

President D Whitmer also objected to being tried before the present council.

Prest. Williams then expressed a willingness to be tried for his conduct and if this was the proper tribunal he would be tried before it, but still thought it was not.

Prest. D Whitmer then made some remarks, objected to being tried before the present council stating that he thought the instructions on the ___ page of the Book of Covenants showed that this was not the proper authority to try him.

Counsellor Green then made some remarks, giving it as his opinion that the present council was not the proper authority to try Presidents Williams & Whitmer.

President Rigdon then submitted the case to the counsellors. Counsellor John Smith then put the question to the council for a decision in substance as follows. Have the present Council authority from the Book of Covenants to try Presidents Williams and Whitmer.

A majority of the council decided that they could not conscientiously proceed to try Presidents Williams & Whitmer, and they were accordingly discharged.

The Council then adjourned for one hour

1 O'Clock P.M.

The council assembled again and took their seats. Presidents S Rigdon and O Cowdery Presiding.

Counsellor John Smith then stated that he had selected three High Priests to sit in the council to fill vacancies and asked the council if they accepted the selection he had made. Council decided in the affirmative.

On motion of Eld Parrish the Council was directed that the counsellors were directed to sit as they were originally chosen, or according to the form in the Book of covenants as far as possible.

It was again resolved that 3 speak on each side.

Counsellor Martin Harris then motioned that Prest. F G Williams take a seat with the Presidents.

After much discussion as to the propriety of his sitting. the motion carried and President Williams took his seat with [the presidents]

Eld. P. P. Pratt then arose and objected to being tried by President Rigdon or Joseph Smith Jr. in consequence of their having previously expressed their opinion against him, stating also that he could bring evidence to prove what he then said.

President Rigdon then stated that that he had previously expressed his mind respecting the conduct of Eld. Pratt, and that he had felt and said that Eld Pratt had done wrong and he still thought so, and left it with the council to decide whether under such circumstances he should proceed to try the case.

After much discussion between the counsellors and parties, President Rigdon brought the matter to a close by saying that under the present circumstances he could not conscientiously proceed to try the case and after a few remarks left the stand.

President O Cowdery then arose and said, that although he might not be called on to preside, yet if he should be, he should also be unfit to judge in the case, as he had previously expressed his opinion respecting the conduct of Eld Pratt and others, and left the stand.

President Williams then arose and said that as he had been implicated with the accused he should be unwilling to preside in the case and left the stand.

The council and assembly then dispersed in confusion.

W F Cowdery,

Clerk.

January 12th 1837 1836

10 O Clock A.M. All the Presidency of Kirtland & Zion together with their Councillors (or their legal representatives) also presidents of the Seventies & many of the Elders of the Church of latter Day Saints came to order, after much much buisness was transacted, Elder Nathaniel Millican & Thomas Carrico, were nominated & voted for door keepers in the house of the Lord. Presidents Joseph Smith Jr. Sidney Rigdon W. W. Phelps D Whitmer & H Smith were nominated Seconded & Voted to draft rules & regulations to govern the House of the Lord.

1st It is according to the rules and regulations of regular & legal organized bodies to have a president to keep order.

2nd The body thus organized are under obligations to be in subjection to that authority.

3rd When a congregation assembled in this house they shall submit to the following rules that due respect may be paid to the order of worship viz.

1st No man shall be interrupted who is appointed to speak by permission of the Church by any individual person or persons in the congregation by whispering by laughing by talking by menacing gestures by getting up and running out in a disorderly manner or by offering indignity to the manner of worship or the religion or to any officer of said Church while officiating in his office in any wise whatever by any display of ill

manners or ill breeding from old or young rich or poor male or female bond or free black or white believer or unbeliever and if any of the above insults are offered such measures will be taken as are lawfull to punish the aggressor or aggressors and eject them out of the house.

2nd An insult offered to the presiding Elder of said Church shall be considered an insult to the whole body allso an insult offered to any of the officers of said Church while officiating shall be considered an insult to the whole body.

3rd All persons are prohibited from going up the stairs in times of worship.

4th All person are prohibited from exploring the the house except waited uppon by a person appointed for that purpose.

5th All persons are prohibited from going into the several pulpits except the officers appointed fə to officiate in the same.

6th All persons are prohibited cutting marking or maming the inside or outside of the house with a knife pencil or any other instrument whatever under the pain of such penalty as the law shall inflict.

7th All children are prohibited from assembling in the house above or below or in any part of it to play or for recreation at any time and all parents guardians or masters shall be ameanable for all dammage that shall occur in consequence of their children.

8th All persons whether beleiver or unbeleivers shall be treated with due respect by the authorities of the church.

9th No imposition shall be practiced uppon any member of the Church by depriving them of their rights in the house.

Council adjourned to Friday the 15th

Friday 15th at 9 O Clock AM. Council assembled agreeable to adjournment at the councell room in the chapel & organized the authorities of the church agreeable to their respective offices in the same. Councell opened by prayer & proceeded to business by reading the rules & regulations to govern the house of the Lord as drafted by the committee chosen for that purpose. The vote of the presidency was called uppon these rules; some exceptions were taken by Pres. O. Cowdery which he withdrew on an explanation and the Vote passed unanimously. The subject was then laid before the high councill of Kirtland & after some altercation their role was called and passed in favour of the rules unanimously. They were next laid before the high council of Zion, some enquiry was made concerning some particular items, but was soon settled, & their vote called and passed unanimously in favour of them.

The quorum of the Twelve next investigated the rules, & their vote called and passed unanimously in favour of them.

Councill adjourned for One hour

1 O clock P.M. counsill called to order & proceeded to business. The subject of the rules and regulations to govern the house of the Lord, came next in order before the quorum of the Seventy, their vote called and carried unanimously in favour of them. They were next thrown before the Bishop & his counsillors in Kirtland, their vote called & carried in their favour.

The above named rules having now passed unanimously through all the quorums in their order it is received & established as a law to govern the house of the Lord in Kirtland.

G. W. Robinson Scribe

Sunday 3rd[31st?] 1837

Minutes of a conference assembled in the house of the Lord, in committee of the whole at 9 O clock A. M. G. W. Robinson was requested by Joseph Smith Jr to take the proceedings of this meeting. The meeting was opened by prayer by S. Rigdon who then introduced Joseph Smith Jr to the congregation to know if he should still act as their Pres. as the presiding officer of the church, was chosen by a unanimous vois[voice] of the same. Pres. Smith then introduced Sidney Rigdon & Frederick G. Williams for counsillors to Pres. Smith and together with him to constitute the three first presidents of the church, carried by a unanimous vote. Pres. Smith then introduced O Cowdery J. Smith Sen. Hyrum Smith, & John Smith for assistant counsillors & carried by a unanimous voice of the church these last four are allso, together with the first three to be considered the heads of the Church Voted that N K Whitney continue to act as Bishop of this Church in Kirtland. Voted that R Cahoon & Vincon Knight be counsillors to the Bishop. The question was then asked the church if the Twelve apostles should hold their office of Apostleship They were named by the President individually Voted that Thomas B. Marsh, David W. Patten Brigham Young Heber C. Kimble Orson Hyde P. P. Pratt Orson Pratt William Smith Wm E. McLellin should retain their office of apostleship. Luke Johnson, Lyman Johnson John F Boyngton, were rejected from serving in that office. Privilege was given to those that were rejected of making their confession if they had any to make. Elder Boyngton (which was the onley one present at the time) arose and parsially confessed his sins and partly justifying his conduct by reason of the failure of the bank. His acknowledgments appeared not to be satisfactory, his conduct was strongly protested against, by Elder Brigham Young in a plain and energetick manner stating various reasons why he could not receive him into fellowship untill a hearty repentance was manifested. ~~the~~ Elder Young was followed by Elder Marsh who acquiesed in testimony, and allso disfellowshipped the conduct of Elder Boyngton

President Rigdon then arose, & made an address of conciderable length, Showing the starting

point or cause of all the difficulty of Elders Boyngton & Johnson, he also cautioned all the Elders, concerning leaving their calling to pursue any occupation derogatory to that calling, assuring them that if pursued, God would let them run themselves into difficulties, that he may stop them in their courses [courses] , that Salvation may come unto them. Elder Boyngton then arose and still attributed his difficulties & conduct to the failure of the bank, stating that the bank he understood was instituted by the will & revelations of God, & he had been told that it never would fail let men do what they pleased. Pres. Smith then arose, and stated that if this had been published, it was without authority, at least from him, he stated that he always said that unless the institution was conducted upon righteous principles it could not stand. The church was then called upon to know whether they were satisfied with the confession of Elder Boyngton. Voted in the negative

Adjourned for one hour.

Congregation assembled at 2 O clock P.M. & called to order by the Pres. & meeting opened by prayer by Elder Sherwood. The Pres. then arose and said he should next call upon the church to know if they were Satisfied with the high Council & next proceeded to name them individually

John Johnson, Joseph Coe, Martin Harris, & Joseph Kingsbury, were objected to, also John P. Green, but his case was put over till he should be present. Noah Packard Jared Carter & Samuel H. Smith were voted to stand in their office previously conferred upon them. Samuel James was dropped from the council in consequence of his being absent and his situation such that he could not attend to the duties of the office. Oliver Granger Henry G Sherwood, William Marks Mahew Hillman Harlow Redfield, Azael Smith, Phineas Richards, & David Dort were chosen to fill the place of those objected to and the seats in the Council which were vacated by reason of Thomas Grover having moved to the west John Smith having been chosen one of the Presidents of the church, & Orson Johnson being excluded from the Church, all having belonged to the high council. Pres. then called upon the church to know if the new Presidents of the Seventies should stand in their calling. Voted that John Gaylord, James Foster, Salmon Gee, Daniel S. Miles, Joseph Young, Josiah Butterfield should retain their office. John Gould was objected to and on learning that Levi Handcox one of the former presidents of the Seventies was not an high priest, he was chosen in the place of John Gould. The Pres then arose & made some remarks concerning the former presidents of the Seventies, their calling the authority of the priesthood &c.

Voted that the old or former presidents of Seventies, be referred to the quorum of high priests, those which were previously ordained to the high priesthood. Closed by Singing an hymn & a short prayer by Pres. Smith

G. W. Robinson Clerk

Kirtland Sept 9th 1837 met at the Lords house to organize the high Council recently chosen, and

made choice of Jared Carter to be President of the Council, and Phineas Richards to be scribe. The following persons were then Ordained to this high and responsible office Asael Smith, Mayhew Hillman, David Dort, Harlow Redfield, Wm Marks, & P. Richards. After they were ordained it was ordered that they draw for their numbers which were as follows

Asael Smith	No. 2	David Dort	No. 8
Mayhew Hillam	" 4	P Richards	" 10
Wm Marks	" 5	H. G. Sherwood	" 11
Oliver Granger	" 7	Harlow Redfield	" 12

Agreeably to this order the Council stands No. ed, thus.

John P. Green	No. 1	Oliver Granger	No. 7
Asahel Smith	" 2	David Dort	" 8
Samuel H. Smith	" 3	Jared Carter	" 9
Mayhew Hillman	" 4	Phinehas Richards	" 10
William Marks	" 5	Henry G. Sherwood	" 11
Noah Packward	" 6	Harlow Redfield	" 12

There being a vacancy in the Council it was moved & seconded that Abel Lamb supply the place of Samuel H. Smith absent, and Hiram Kellog to supply the place of Oliver Granger and George W. Robinson for H. G. Sherwood absent

the organization was followed by prayer by the President. Then the following Charge was preferred.

Kirtland Sept. 7th 1837

To the high Council of Kirtland I hereby confer a Charge or Complaint against Uriah[?] & Lydia Ann Hawkins, 1st for unlawful Matrimony.

2d for deceiving.

3d for unchristian-like Conduct

Nathan Haskins.

The President then appointed Numbers 1 & 2 to speak in the case. Brother Green then read the charge before the Council & accused and asked him whether he was guilty or not. He answered not guilty. The testimony was then called for which went to support the charges. The

President after making some instructive remarks upon the nature of the case a precedent in this Church, and also the baneful tendency of countinancing such practices in our midst, gave it as his opinion that the hand of fellow ship ought to be withdrawn from said Hawkins and his wife or companion. he then called on the Council confirm the same which was done by an unanimous vote. Prayer was then offered by Brother Carter and the Council was dismissed

P. Richards Clerk of High Council

Sunday 10th Sept A.D. 1837. 2 O Clock P.M.

In an assembly of the Saints, on the day above mentioned the following business was transacted by the Church of latter day Saints, meeting opened by prayer by Pres. Rigdon. The rules & regulations governing the house of the Lord was then read by Pres. Rigdon, he also called a vote of the congregation to know if they would receive these rules as the law of the house, and also be governed by them. Voted in the affirmative. After reading the minutes of the proceedings of the high Council held in the house of the Lord, Sept 9th 1837. The case of the Twelve Apostles was called up giving opportunity for those to speak belonging to the twelve, who had not given satisfaction to the Church in their walk and who were disfellowshipped by the Church on the last Sabath, namely Luke Johnson, Lyman Jonson, John F. Boyngton who were present and made confession to the Church. The minds of the Church was then called for. Voted that they be received into the fellowship of the Saints and retain their office of apostleship. Pres Smith then read a letter from Elder Marsh to the Church stating that he before he left for Misourie had received sattisfaction from these Elders. Elder Young also stated the same to the Congregation

High Councelor John P. Green

was then called upon to remove some objections made by certain individuals upon his case on the last Sabath, he not being present at that time. Elder Green then arose and made some confessions to Church stating wherein he had [?] wrong for a short time past, after confession the minds of the Church was then called for. Voted that J.P. Green be received into and is worthy of our fellowship, and shall retain his office as high Councilor.

Pres. Rigdon then arose and said as our time was somewhat limited in consequence of a previous appointment, it would be impossible to proceed any farther in transacting business, on the present occasion, and whilst they were commenorating the Lords Super, he would make some observations on the business transacted last Sabath, reproving some for the conjectures they had respecting Pres. Smith and himself conniving together to remove certain individuals from office &c. or at least to use their influence so to do. This he informed them was a mistake for he assured them that not one word had passed between them on the subject neither had he a premeditated thought upon the subject. Pres Smith then corrected some mistakes of certain individuals which had been circulated by them, concerning what he had said on the last Sabath. The Lords super

administered by Elders Luke & Lyman Johnson & John F. Boyngton. Elder Boyngton Closed by short prayer.

G. W. Robinson Clerk

Sunday 17th Sept. 1837 In an assembly of the Saints in the house of the Lord the following business was transacted by the Church N. K. Whitney, the Bishop of the Church in Kirtland, stated to the Saints that the time had now arrived when it was necessary for him to have an agent, agreeable to the provisions made for him in the revelations, he proceeded to nominate Elder William Marks, and then Called upon the Church to know if it was their minds that Elder Marks should officiate as Agent to the Bishop. Voted in the affirmative by the unanimous voice of the Church. Pres. Rigdon then stated that it was necessary that the Church should have a general recorder & Clerk, to fill the place of O. Cowdery who had lately removed to the west. George W. Robinson was nominated & elected by a unanimous voice of the Church, to act in that office as General Clerk & recorder of the whole Church. Pres. Rigdon made some remarks upon the duties responsibility &c. of the Bishop his Agent & Councilors, & the necessity of their standing forth immediately to dignify their office. After some remarks by Presidents Smith & Rigdon and others upon the discipline of Children, &c. the administration of the Lords Supper being attended to, the meeting Closed by a benediction from the Bishop.

G.W. Robinson

Clerk of the Church

Sunday Evening Sept. the 17th 1837

Minutes of a conference of Elders held in the house of the Lord this evening Pres. Joseph Smith Jr Presided. The conferance was op[e]ned by prayer by Pres S. Rigdon after which the conferance was addressed by the chair, on the subject of the gathering of the Saints in the last days and the duties of the of the different quorums relations thereto. It appeared manifest to the conference that the placis appointed for the gathering of the Saints were at this time crowded to overflowing & that it was necessary that there be more Stakes of Zion appointed in order that the poor might have a place to gather to, wherefore it was moved seconded & carried by vote of the whole that Presidents J Smith Jr & S. Rigdon be requested by this conference to go & appoint other Stakes or places of gathering and that they receive a certificate of this their appointment signed by the Clerk of the Church. Elder William Marks who had been appointed, in the after part of the day to be the Bishops Agent was called upon to know if he would accept the appointment he arose and said that he would comply with the request of the Church & the Lord being his helper he would discharge the duties thereof to the best of his abilities. After which the Elders present who were in a situation to travel were called upon to number themselves, begining on the South Side of the house, & to pass to the north, it appeared that there were one hundred & nine Elders present who wished to travel, they were then divided into eight companies in the following manner. Beginning with No 1 to No 12 formed the first company They were appointed

to travel East. The next was from 12 to 26 They were appointed to travel South East. The next was from 26 to 39 They were appointed to travel South. The next from 39 to 52 They were to travel South west. The next from 52 to 65 They were to go directly West. The next from 65 to 78 Their course was North west. The next from 78 to 91 They were to travel North. The next from 91 to 104 They were to travel North East It appeared after this division that there [were] 5 left Nos 105-6-7-8 and 9 No 105 was appointed to travel with the company that go South East, 106 with the Com[pan]y South, 107 to travel with the South Com[pan]y, 108 with the East Company & 109 North. It was farther appointed that those who might desire to travel a different course from the one which was appointed to the division to which they belonged, might have the privilege of Changing with one of another division. And lastly it was appointed that the different divisions appoint a meeting for themselves to make such arrangements as they shall think proper in relation to their journeying and after prayer by President S. Rigdon the conference adjourned.

G. W. Robinson. Clerk of Church

Minutes of the high Council held in the Lords House in Kirtland on Saturday the 23d of Sept. 1837 Council assembled at 2 of the O'Clock P.M. and Jared Carter presented a charge against 2 of the brethren as follows

Kirtland Sept 22d 1837

A charge preferred by Jared Carter against Oliver Olney and Amary Bony. To President John Smith.

In having been for some time past agrieved with the conduct of Oliver Olney and also with Amary Bony and having taken the first and second steps of labor with them without gaining satisfaction I therefore believe it to be my duty to petition to you and the high Council to settle my Disfellowship that I now possess with these men, in consequence of their conduct towards me I prefer the following charges against them.

- 1st a breech of contract
- 2d A continuatination of an unrighteous manner of dealing with me &c.

Jared Carter

President John Smith, Presided

The following are the names of Concillars.

Brigham Young	Oliver Granger
Asael Smith	David Dort

Lyman Sherman	Jared Carter*
Mayhew Hillman	Phinehas Richards
Willard Woodstock	Zebedee Caultrin
Noah Packard	Harlow Redfield

*This should have been William Smith for J. Carter After prayer by the President the charge read and No. 3,4,5,6, appointed to speak that is 2 on a side. The question was asked the accused whether guilty or not, the answer was, not guilty.

Brother Angel, then testifies that A. Bonny said that bargain was as Brother Carter had stated and that the 4000 Dollars which Bonny took in company with O. Olney was to be returned in said bills or 25 Cts on the dollar in currant money, and give a receipt befor[e] leaving the place, all which had been neglected up to the time of trial.

After the evidence heard and the pleas made, the President sumed up the evidence in the case and decided that O. Olney & A. Bony should acknowldege the wrong, and make Brother J. Carter good satisfaction, and that the fellowship be withheld untill they shall fully satisfy the same. The Council was then called upon to sanction the same which was done by an unanimous vote. After prayer by Samuel H. Smith the Council was dismissed.

P. Richard, Clerk of high Council

Sunday 2 O'Clock P.M. October 1st 1837.

In an assembly of the Saints in the Lords house, Pres. Joseph Smith Sen. Presided The President arose and stated that as one of the high councilors had removed to the west (namely Jared Carter) it was necessary his place should be filled by another man. He accordingly nominated Elder Lyman Sherman, Elder Sherman was seconded & voted by a unanymous voice of the Church, to act for, & serve the Church as high Councilor in the place of Jared Carter

G. W. Robinson
Church
Clerk & recorder

Kirtland Oct 2d 1837

The High Council met his evening in the Lords House for prayer and exortations, the meeting was opened by the President Mr Joseph Smith sen. with prayer, then proceeded to choose a president in room of Jared Carter recently moved to the West, and made choice of Samuel H. Smith to fill said office, after which he made some appropriate remarks.

Brother Lyman Sherman having been chosen to fill the place of Brother Carter was then ordained an high priest and Councillor in the Church of latter day saints

Voted 1st that if a Councillor absent himself from their meeting without reasonable excuse should be reported to the Church as a delinquent

Voted 2d to adjourn untill Sabbath at 4 P.M.

Voted 3d to send Brother Redfiled to see Brother Granger. then Brother Samuel H. Smith closed the meeting with prayer.

P. Richards, Clerk, high coun

Kirtland Octr 7th 1837

The High Council met in the Lords House this day (Saturday) at one of the OClock P.M. and proceeded to organize for trial.

Oliver Granger absent, Zebidee Coultrin sub. David Dort absent, Joseph Bosworth substitute Lyman Sherman complainant, John Badger sub. Henry G. Sherwood absent, Tomas Burdick substitute.

President John Smith opened the meeting by prayer, then the charge was read, and the question of guilty or not guilty asked. the complaint was a follows.

["]Kirtland Oct. 6, 1837

To the President of the Church of latterday Saints[,] I prefer the following charges against I. H. Bishop 1st for suffering to be destroyed an article of agreement made between him and myself concerning the lot and house upon and in which we both now reside 2d for utterly refusing to give another 3d for giving or offering to give the whole of said lot and house for security on his own debts with out making any reserve for my claim.

Lyman Sherman["]

Not guilty to a part was the Answer. No. 7,8,9,10, were appointed to speak in the case. The case was brought forward and presented in candor and sustained by the witnesses which testimony went to show that Isaac H. Bishop was in the wrong. And it was therefor decided by the President that the fellowship be withdrawn from said Bishop untill he shall make Brother Sherman satisfaction with as good security as he had before. then called on the Council who unanimously sustained the same.

Then separated with a blessing from President Joseph Smith senior.

P. Richards Clerk of High Council

Kirtland Octr 8th 1837

The High Council met in the Lord House this day at 4 of the OClock P.M. opened by P. Richards with prayer. then proceeded to Ordain Brother Oliver Granger as High Councillor, in the Church of the latterday Day Saints, and also ordained Brother Wm Huntington to the office of High Priest. The Council then agreed to accept of Brother John Badger a substitute for Brother Lyman Sherman in his absence the coming wtner. And also accepted Brother Thomas Burdick in the place of Phinehas Richards during his absence. Brother John P. Green presented Brother Wm Huntington who was accepted in his room during his absence the winter coming. The Council then agreed that the Clerk should prepare for the press a communication seting forth the determination of the High Council to work to the line in all business relative to Zion. then agreed to meet next Wednesday evening at Brother Wm Marks at early candle lighting. President John Smith then dismissed the Council.

Phinehas Richards Clerk of High Council

Kirtland Oct. 11th 1837

The High Council met at Brother Wm Marks this evening at early candle lighting for conversation and prayer. Meeting opened by prayer by the President Samuel H. Smith the evening was spent in prayer and in instructive conversation some of which was animating and encourageing, at the close of which they agreed to meet on Wednesday evenings of each week and invite the Presidents of the different quorums to meet with us.

Voted that Brothers Huntington and Green shall visit Brother Ducher relative to the book of wisdom. Voted that the Clerk of High Council grant licences to its members (who wish to travel), signed by the President and Clerk, and then renewed their wish that the Clerk do prepare for the press their resolutions as formed by agreed in their last meeting.

Prayer by Brother Asael Smith. dispersed.

Phinehas Richards Clerk
of High Council

Kirtland Octr. 15th [?] 1837

The High Council met in the Lords House this day 3 P.M. with the High Priests quorum and took into consideration the case of Dr. Avard on the testimony of Brother Winchester and Brother

James and the quorum of H. priests agreed to send a letter requesting Dr. Avarid to come to Kirtland and give satisfaction to the quorums of High Priests and also appointed Brother Jame[s] to take his licence until the request was complied with. The Council concurred in the same. P. Richard[s] Clerk H. Council

Andrew Cahoon	King Millican
Augustus Bump	George H. Gee
Arthur Millican	Alfa Waadman
Mary Ann Salsbury	Sarah Pettingall
Augusta Bump	Elen Parker
Sarah An Pemberton	Sarah Ann Barker
Electa Miles	Cornelia Pemberton

The above individuals were disfellowshipped till then should make satisfaction to the Church

G. W. Robinson Clerk & recorder

Kirtland Oct. 23d 1837

The High Council of Kirtland met in the Lords house at early candlelighting with the different quorums and lay members and opened the meeting with prayer by the President John Smith.

It was then enquired whether the quorums were present the answer was in the affirmative.

The remonstrate against John Johnson Jr taking out a license for a tavern was then read which lead to a discussion after which it was agreed to draf[t] it, and send a committee of th[r]ee to converse with the said John Johnson Jr, and see if he will desist from selling spiritous liquors to those who are in the habit of geting intoxicated, and request him if mormons drink spirits there he would report them to the authorities of the Church.

The following are the persons appointed as the aforesaid comittee (Viz.) Luke Johnson and Rennals Cahoon with John Gould

2d Voted that the Church not only resolve to do, but that they will see that all difficulties and differences of all kinds are settled as spedily as possible, and all cases of delinquency let it be of a Brother or Sister shall be reported forthwith to the proper authorities of the Church and also

that Children shall be looked after and if unruly they shall be reported to their Parents and if they neglect to take suitable notice of it, then the parent shall be reported to the authorities of the Church as aforesaid, and shall be dealt with accordingly.

3d Voted that we discountenance the use of ardent spirits, in any way to sell for use or be brought into the place for sale or use.

And after prayer by Joseph Smith sen the President, agreed to adjourn (sine die).

Phinehas Richards

Clerk High Council

Kirtland Oct 27th 1837

The high Council met in the Lords house at early candlelighting and opened the meeting with prayer by the President John Smith. And then gave Brother Harris an opportunity as before requested, to communicate to the High Council certain plans which he had formed for the temporal organization of the Church, had the writings read, and the arguments thereon And then agreed [to] put off the decision untill monday evening next, and then adjourned to Brother Marks to the time above named. Closing with prayer by the president Joseph Smith sen., and dispersed.

P. Richards

Clerk of H. Council

Sunday Oct 29th 1837

In an assembly of the Saints on the above mentioned day in the Lords house the following persons were recognized as being and helping constitute the company which was a short time since engaged in recreations which are unlawful for the church of Latter Day Saints to be engaged in. Their names were ordered to be read by the Clerk. John Sawyer, Benjamin Kempton, Benjamin Johnson, Joseph Johnson, Edmund Pettingall, Abi An Greene, Ann Brim, Lowry Fisher, Jane Sherwood. The names anexed below are those who have made confession to the Latter faction of the Church. Some of the names are recorded on Page 251 & 252

Luke Johnson	Abi An Greene
Harvy Stanley	Electa Miles
Daniel Jackson	Jane Sherwood
George W Gee	Mary An Salsbury
Sarah Ann Pemberton Sarah Barker	

Lovina Fisher

N.B. John Sawyer & Benjamin Kempton were considered by the Church to be in the way of their duty

Kirtland Oct 30th 1837

The High Council met at Brother Marks according to adjournment 7. P.M. and opened the meeting with prayer by the President Joseph Smith sen. We then heard the writings of Brother Harris and his companions read, and then proceeded in order to give our opinions in the case, as a trial of faith. Brother Badger read from the book of Covenants section 14: Paragraphs 1-2; 8:12-13; 21:1-2; 51:1-2; 84:1-2. Brother Redfield did not believe that it was Moroni that appeared to Collin. Brother Green, said that Moroni that appeared to Collin was the Devil in-deed. Brother A. Smith agreed with those that spoke before him. Brother S. H. Smith agreed with the rest in his remarks

Brother Hillman was shure the Devil called himself Moroni.

Brother Marks thought it was a spirit that was not of God, and therefore could not be right

Brother Packard, was of opinion that they were deluded and led astray.

Brother Burdick, the spirit that led them to pursue that course was not of God but of satan. Brother Dort agreed with the rest of the Council Brother Sherman, said that Brother Harris stept of[f] the Lords ground, and onto the Devils ground

P. Richards said that if they asked of God in the name of Christ that which he had revealed he would not answer, and therefore the devil have place.

Brother Huntington was decided against the association and considered them sincere but not honest

The Presidents John Smith and Joseph Smith sen agreed with the Council in this matter of faith that it was a delusion, a trick of the Devil. Brether Bruester spoke and said that as he had got so far out of the way he would strive to get back as soon as possible. Brother Harris remarked and said that as he had been condemned he should not justify himself of [or] attempt it.

The President Joseph Smith sen gave them one week to consider of it and make up their mind what to do in the case

And then adjourned to Wednesday next at one of the O Clock P.M.

And then dismissed by President John Smith.

Phineas Richards

Kirtland Novr 1st 1837

The High Council met in the atic story of the Lords house this day at one of the Oclock P.M. organized and opened by pray offered by John Smith President, and then proceeded to read the charge and to call the names of the persons complained of in the charge. No. 11&12 were appointed to speak on the case and then proceeded to call the names separately to be answered as they were called. The complaint was as follows

I prefer a charge against the following persons for attending a ball at the store of Johnson & Boynton on Thursday or on about the 17 of Oct instant.

Reuben Hadlock

John F. Boynton & wife	Augustus Bump
Mrs Harvey Stanley	Arthur Melican
Mrs Daniel Jackson	Augusta Bump
Andrew Brim	King Milican
Alexander Brim	Affa Woodman
Pulaski Cahoon	Sarah Petingale
Daniel Cahoon	Cornelia Pemberton
Andrew Cahoon	Edmund Pettingall
Joseph E. Johnson	
Ann Maria Brim	

Andrew Brim said he was guilty of the charge and meant to do so no more and was sorry to hurt his brothers feelings his confession accepted. Pulaski Cahoon plead guilty and though no hurt in dancing and by persisting in it was at leangth cut off from the Church. Arthur Melican plead guilty and said he was sorry, and was therefore forgiven.

Arfa Woodman plead guilty and confessed her fault with sorrow. and was accepted. Mrs Stanley confessed and expressed sorrow and was forgiven.

Mrs Jackson's confession was accepted. Ann Maria Brim confessed and was accepted

Voted that Alexander Brim come next Sabbath and confess himself.

And Joseph E. Johnson was disposed of in the same way as brother Brim was. And also John Boynton & wife are required to come forward next Sabbath and make satisfaction or be excluded from fellowship of the Church. and if Daniel Cahoon, Andrew Cahoon, Augusta Bump, Augustus Bump, & King Mellikin, do not come forward and make satisfaction, will be seperated from Church.

The High Council then agreed to adjourn to morrow evening at Brother Marks and then dismissed with a blessing

Phinehas Richards
Clerk of High Council

Kirtland Novr 2d 1837

The High Council met at Brother Marks according to adjournment in the evening and having opened the meeting with prayer by Samuel H. Smith. President proceeded to converse on various subjects that were introduced for discussion, and in the course of the evening passed the following votes (Namely) that Jerome Bump, the desenters of the company in the west hollow, Roger Orton and also idlers lounging about the streets, should be attended to forthwith, and that brothers whose names are here recorded are appointed to attend to the same

William Felshaw

Daniel Allen

Buhias Dustin

2nd Voted that the High Council and President & Council of high priests occupy the west stands.

3d Voted that the President of the Elders and his Council, take the lower stand.

4th Voted that Johnathan Burgess be ordained a priest.

5th Voted to adjourn to Brother Wm Marks on Monday evening next and then dismissed with a blessing by the president Joseph Smith and dispersed.

Phinehas Richards,
Clerk of High Council.

Kirtland Nov. 5th Oct. P.M. 1837

A Charge was read against those individuals for attending Ball in the walk parlor Mr. Rices, Namely Truman Higaley [?] Higgly & Lydia Fisher. Charge brought by Jonathan Fisher. The

Clerk of the high Council read the desessions of their two last meetings. The doings of the Council relative to offenders were sanctioned by the Church, & after administering the Sacrament, The Church was called upon to Know if they would sanction the appointment of the Presidents in authorizing Brother Richards & Brother Hadlock, to transact the business of the Church in procuring means to translate & print those records taken from the chatocombs of Egypt, now in the temple, the vote was full & prompt to confirm the same.

P. Richards Clerk Pro. Tem.

Kirtland Novr 6th. 1837

The High-Council met according to adjournment at Brother Wm Marks and then repaired to the Temple all present but Nos 1 and 2 then proceeded to converse upon the right of the Presidents of 70ties having power to try cases of themselves it was though they had &c. As Brother James Foster thought the[y] had not, the Council appointed Lyman Sherman and Harlo Redfield to visit him, and also Brother John Gould, who had expressed a similar opinion. The Council agreed that the said comittee report to the next meeting. The Council agreed to lay hands on Brother P. Richards to strengthen him in his Mission. Likewise agreed to meet to morrow evening in the Temple with the Bishop and his council to inquire into the order of the house, and to consult upon the following question. Who presides when the Presidents are absent?

Then adjourned to Monday next at one of the O. Clock P.M. to meet in the Lords house the meeting was dismissed with a blessing and then dispersed.

P. Richards Clerk of High-Council

Kirtland Novr 7th 1837

The High-Council met in the Lords house on Tuesday evening acording to adjournment and heard Dr. Parkers remarks relative to the meetings in the west hollow, and after hearing him, the meeting was opened with prayer by Bishop Whitney, the Council reposed the Doctor for the part he had taken in said meetings and told him to go and learn his duty from the word of the Lord.

The Council then proceeded to discuss the question proposed the evening before. Who presides when the Presidents are absent? The Council conversed upon the subject some considerable time, but came to no particular decision.

Brother Thomas Burdick being appointed a Councillor in the absence of P. Richards requested that some one be appointed Clerk for the time being. It was moved that Brother Harlow Redfield perform that service and was accepted by the Council.

President Joseph Smith sen. proposed that Brother P. Richards be ordained by the hand of President John Smith & Bishop Whitney to his mission which was done accordingly, and the Council then dispersed

P. Richards Clerk of High Council

Kirtland Nov. 20

The High Council met in the Lord's house The council was organized, President John Smith opened by prayer & presided. The following charge was preferred by Rubeen Hadlock against Z. H. Bruister Jane Bruister Collen Bruister. T. H. Austin & wife Moses R. Harris & wife Eliza Norton Samuel Barnet Jonnana Butler O. Duel Butler Roxana Repshill. The charge was for giving heed to revelations said to be translated from the book of Mormon by Collin Bruister He entering into a written Covenant different from the articles & covenants of the church of the Latterday saints & following a vain & delusion spirit, the council voted that two on a side should speak on the case it fell to the lot of No 1-2-3-4 to speak. the writings & revelations kept & read by the accused was presented & read by the Clerk of the Council, the accused plead not guilty Broth Felshaw was called forward by the plaintiff & stated as follows that he had visited the accused & labored with them according to the law of the church he says the accused justified themselves saying the church had not tried [?] according to the former revelations & that they considering the High Council & this in transgression

[The microfilm of this page was very difficult to read, and some words or names may be incorrect or incomplete]

The witness further states that most of the accused [?] to be determined to persue their own way whether right or wrong Brother [?] then was called forward & stated the accused [?] manifest a hard spirit against the President of the church & the High Council Broth [?] testimony agrees with above testimony. Broth Sawyer was called forward he stated that he herd Brother Norris say those in authority were against him & if he could not establish an order of things here to his mind he would go out among the gentiles & do it Broth Night confirmed the testimony of the above named witness the accused called forward Broth Freeman he stated he had attended a number of the meeting of the accused he saw nothing out of the way Brother E Strong agrees with the witness above but says at the time he attended the meetings he did not know that they received revelations for themselves Broth J Foster was also called forward but agrees with the two witnesses above. Broth [?] was called forward by the accused he testified that the accused refused to admit him into this meeting & that others were rejected also Broths J Smith A Smith M Hillman H Redfield testafy th[e]y attened a meeting of the accused & discovered some things wrong which they felt to rebuke. Brother L Pery[?] was called forward stated that he had attend meetings frequently with the accused herd some of them speak against the heads of the Church & that Broth Joseph had many things to repent of the witness further states that he heard one of the accused say he thought some put to much st[ress] on the priesthood the witness further states that he was informed that Broth Norris laid his hands on collin & ordained him to be a prophet

further states that the accused had been led by commandments contrary to the order of the church of which the accused are members Broth D Holman states one of the accused said he was determined to pursue his own course whether it suited the High Counsel or not Stated that the Council was led by Father Smith. The parties then submitted the case to counsell. Brother Hunting then moved forward to open the case in behalf of the church Broth A. Smith then spoke in behalf of the accused Broth [?] Smith then spake in behalf of the Church Broth M Hillman spoke in behalf of the accused Broth R. Hadlock the complainant then stated the reasons for presenting said complaint Broth O Duel one of the acused stated he was in doubts relative to the commandments & visions received through Colin Broth Z H Breuster then proceeded in his own defence & spoke verry lengthy Brother R H Norris also came forward & spake in his own defence & family Broth [?] H Dustin spoke in his own justification Sister Breuster spake & justified herself in the course she had persued. Sister Dustin also spake in her own defense & said she was satisfied some things were wrong & was willing to repent from teh m & would be in subjection to the [?] of the church Broth Dustin now sais he thinks the covent they entered into was wrong Sister Repshill also plead justification

Sister Butler justified herself in the cause she had persued The President of the counsell then proceeded to make some remarks with much candor & then gave his decision as follows that the charge had been fully sustained & that those that persisted in this course of conduct the council with draw fellowship from them.

the counsell unanimously voted to withdraw fellowship from those that persisted in course above mentioned

the President then called on the congregation They unanimously voted to receive the decision of the counsell The counsell then voted to receive the confeshion of Broth R H Dustin [?] & wife.

A complaint against Broth Hirus Stratton by the Clerk of the ***** is stating that for his ungodly conduct they had withdrawn fellowship from him They considered his conduct ***** contrary to be had cut himself off from church & further voted that he no more be considered a member of the church & that this decision be published in the elders journal

the Councell adjourend untill Monday evening next

Harlow Redfield Clerk

Kirtland Nov 30 AD 1837

Minets of a High Council convened in the House of the Lord

Names of the Councillors

Willard Woodstock Noah Packard
Oliver Granger David Dort
Joseph Bosworth Levi Richards
Samuel Smith Harlow Redfield
Don C. Smith Mahu Hillman
Cyrus Smalling Asel Smith

John Smith President

Harlow Redfield opened by prayer A complaint was then presented to the council by Daniel S. Miles against Roger Orton for abusing Elder Brigham Young & for a general course of unchristian like conduct it being proved that the accused had been notified to appear & answer for his conduct but he refused after waiting some time for him to appear the President arose & gave the following decision that by the accused showing contempt to the authorities of the Church he ought to be cut of[f] from the church then called on the Council to vote they unaminously voted to cut him of from the church. Voted to adjourn until Monday evening next.

H. Redfield (Clerk)

Monday Evening Nov 27th 1837

A Conference of Elders constituting of all the authorities of the Church of Latter Day Saints; convened in the Lords House in Kirtland for the purpose of electing & ordaining a president to preside over the quorum of Elders, in the place of Elder Beman Diseased.

Pres. Joseph Smith Sen. (who presided) then Nominated Elder Ruben Hadlock, Elder Hadlock was seconded and elected by a unanimous voice of the conference, The Pres. then chose Elder B. Young & Asael Smith to assist him in ordaining Elder Hadlock to this office. After prayer conf. adjourned.

G. W. Robinson Clerk & record[er]

Appendices

Appendix 1

Meetings held at Kirtland, Ohio Not in Kirtland Council Minute Book

9 April 1831

At a special meeting of the Elders of the Church of Christ held at Kirtland Geauga Co Ohio, April 9, 1831. to do Church business &c. agreeable to a commandment received March 8 1831. John Whitmer was appointed to keep the Church records & History by the voice of ten Elders. Conference adjourned until the first Saturday in June next.

John Whitmer, Clerk.

(Donald Q. Cannon and Lyndon W. Cook, eds., Far West Record: Minutes of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 1830-1844 [Salt Lake City: Deseret Book Co., 1983], 5. The original minutes were copied into the record book called the Far West Record in 1838.)

3 June 1831

Minutes of a general Conference held in [Kirtland] Geauga County Ohio June 3. 1831.

Elders Present.

Joseph Smith jr.

David Whitmer

John Whitmer

Samuel H. Smith

Hyrum Smith

Joseph Smith, sen.

Parley P. Pratt

Thomas B. Marsh

Sidney Rigdon

John Murdock

Lyman Wight

Levi Hancock

Orson Pratt

Edward Partridge

Ezra Thayer

Newel Knight

Northrop Sweat

Emer Harris

Joseph Wakefield

Ezra Booth

John Cotrill

Seymour Brunson

Isaac Morley

Harvey Whitlock

Zebedee Coultrin

Jacob Scott
William Carter
Sylvester Smith
Simeon Carter
Calvin Bebee
Solomon Hancock
Wheeler Baldwin
Edison Fuller
Burr Riggs
Ebenezer Abbott
Reynolds Cahoon
Solomon Humphrey
John Woodard
Joseph Brackenberry
Newel Knight
Joseph Coe
William Mitchell
Ebenezer Page
Alpheus Gifford

Priests

Martin Harris
Daniel Stanton
Solomon Chamberlain
Lorin Page
Jacob Sherman
Benjamin Bragg
Caleb Baldwin
James Durfee
Major N. Ashley

Teachers

Hezekiah Peck
Hiram Page
Christian Whitmer
William Smith
Stephen Burnett
Isaac Bebee
Benjamin Johnson
Samuel Day
Thoret Parsons

Jacob ChamBerlain

Conference opened by br. Joseph Smith jr. in exhortation & prayer. Prayer by br. Sidney Rigdon & exhortation by the same. Exhortation by most of the Elders present.

Brs. Lyman Wight, John Murdock, Reynolds Cahoon, Harvey Whitlock & Hyrum Smith were ordained to the high Priesthood under the hand of br. Joseph Smith jr.

Exhortation by brs. Lyman Wight & Harvey Whitlock

Brs. Parley P. Pratt, Thomas B. Marsh, Isaac Morley, Edward Partridge, Joseph Wakefield, Martin Harris, Ezra Thayer, Ezra Booth, John Corrill, Samuel H. Smith, Solomon Hancock, Simeon Carter, Wheeler Baldwin, Jacob Scott, Joseph Smith sen., John Whitmer, Joseph Smith jr. & Sidney Rigdon were ordained to the High Priesthood under the hand of br. Lyman Wight. The Bishop [Edward Partridge] then blessed those who were ordained in the name of Christ according to commandment br. John Corrill & Isaac Morley were ordained assistants to the Bishop under the hand of Lyman Wight.

Exhortation by br. Sidney Rigdon & Joseph Smith jr. closed by prayer by br. Sidney Rigdon.

John Whitmer Clerk

(Cannon and Cook, Far West Record, 6-7. Added notations in parentheses deleted. Punctuation added for easier reading. See also John Whitmer's history.)

16 June 1831

June 6th [16th] 1831

Brother Simonds Rider, Selah J. Griffin, Daniel Stanton, Peter Dustin, Sidney Gilbert & William W. Phelps were ordained Elders of this Church according to the Church Covenants under the hand of Joseph Smith jr.

(Cannon and Cook, Far West Record, 9. Punctuation added for easier reading.)

18 August 1831

August 28, 1831.

At a Church meeting held in Kirtland, Ohio, Oliver Cowdery was ordained to the High Priesthood by the voice of the Church & command of the Lord under the hand of br. Sidney Rigdon

John Whitmer

(Cannon and Cook, Far West Record, 10)

1 September 1831

Minutes of a Conference held in Kirtland Geauga County Ohio. Sept. 1, 1831.

Elders Present
Joseph Smith jr.
Oliver Cowdery
Sidney Gilbert
Ezra Thayer
Joseph Smith [Sr.]
Joseph Coe
Emer Harris
William W. Phelps
Frederick G. Williams

Br. Newel K. Whitney was ordained an agent unto the Disciples in this land under the hand of br. Oliver Cowdery. Upon testimony given satisfactory to this Conference it was voted that our brethren Edison Fuller & William Carter be silenced from holding the office of Elders in this Church. By request of br. Lorin Page the Conference received his licence as a Priest.

Oliver Cowdery, Clerk of Con.

(Cannon and Cook, Far West Record, 11)

12 September 1831

Minutes of a Conference held in Kirtland Geauga County, Ohio Sept. 12, 1831.

Elders Present.

Joseph Smith jr.
Oliver Cowdery
John Whitmer
Sidney Rigdon
Frederick G. Williams
Ezra Thayer Sidney Gilbert.

Upon sufficient or satisfactory testimony to this Conference, it was voted that our brethren George Miller, a Priest in the church of Shalersville, John Woodard an Elder in the Church of Orange, and Benjamin Bragg a Priest in the Church of Warrensville, be silenced from ministering in their respective offices.

Oliver Cowdery. Clerk of Conference.

(Cannon and Cook, Far West Record, 12)

1 October 1831 [in Kirtland?]

Minutes of a Conference held in Geauga County Ohio, October 1, 1831. Nine Elders present. The duty of the Elders was declared by the Spirit to go forth and warn the inhabitants of the earth of the things known in the Church of Christ in these last days. Br. Joseph Coe & William W. Phelps were ordained to the High Priesthood under the hand of Br. Joseph Smith jr.

William W. Phelps. Clerk of Conference

(Cannon and Cook, Far West Record, 13)

10 October 1831

Minutes of a conference held in Kirtland Geauga Co. Ohio; Oct. 10, 1831.

Elders Present.

Oliver Cowdery
Samuel H. Smith
Sidney Rigdon
Martin Harris
William W. Phelps
Burr Riggs
Orson Hyde
Joseph Smith [Sr.]
Frederick G. Williams

Before whom was presented a difficulty wherein brs. Joseph Smith [Sr.] Ezra Thayer & F.G. Williams were implicated, the said Ezra [Thayer] being absent it was motioned, seconded & carried by vote that br. Oliver Cowdery be dispatched as a speedy messenger to apprise him of the matter and bring him before this conference immediately. Prayer by br. Sidney Rigdon who addressed the Elders in the name of the Lord.

After hearing the relations of all the parties, the conference requested them to withdraw while they should investigate the testimony & pass their decision.

Decision of the conference. The Conference decided, that Br. Ezra Thayer's family remain where they are untill Spring. And Br. Frederick G. Williams family be provided with a comfortable dwelling by this Church. And that Br Joseph Smith [Sr.] see to the management of the farm & to the distribution of its productions as the Lord's agent according to the commandment of the Lord And that Brs Smith [Joseph Smith, Sr.] and [Ezra] Thayer be reprovved by this conference, for the unwise course they have taken in this affair & that br Thayer be sharply rebuked for the disrespect with which he has treated this conference & that William W. Phelps be appointed to reprove them in the presence of this conference according to vote as the spirit shall direct him. Lastly that the agent of the church be instructed by this conference to lay the case of FG

Williams' family before the church and see that they are provided with a comfortable dwelling according to the commandment of the Lord. Closed. prayer by William W. Phelps

Orson Hyde Clerk of Conference

(Cannon and Cook, Far West Record, 15-16)

1832

Meeting of 10 October 1832 copied into Kirtland Council Minute Book, page one. Two earlier meetings dated 3 December and 5 December 1832 were copied on the same page.

Appendix 2 Epistles

23 November 1833 , Epistle from a council of High Priests:

Kirtland, November 23, 1833.

An epistle from a counsel of high priests of the church of christ, organized on the 6th of April, A.D. 1830, to their brethren of the same church, residing at Geneseo Livingston County New York:

Dearly beloved brethren; It is with feelings of deep interest for your welfare, that we address ourselves to you by this Epistle, which we send by the hands of our worthy brethren, Orson Pratt, and Lyamn Johnson, both personally known to us, whom we recommend to your fellowship, as men of good morals and of firm and unshakaben integrity in the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, to which ministry they have been called and regulary ordained by the hands of this church, and set apart to this office after having been received into the same by baptism according to the Articles and Covenants thereof. It is just for us, for your sakes, to say, that our brother Orson Pratt, was one of those who first embraced this gospel, and was soon set apart, to the work of the ministry, and during an excessive labor of three years has conducted himself with that propriety, and has made such advances in the knowledge of the doctrine of the kingdom of christ, that we recommend him in full confidence as a man capable of setting in order the ordinances and requisitions of the same. Our brother Lyman Johnson has labored in the ministry more than two years, during which he has showed himself worthy of the high responsibility, and is justly entitled to the confidence of all the saints with whom he has laboured, and is fully quailified to assist our brother Orson Pratt in setting in order all matters of difficulty that may be among you.

Dear brethren, we have learned with painful feelings, that division and strifes in a degree have made their appearance among you, which encidently is the work of the adversary of our souls, to disaffect your minds toward the truth, and grieve the Holy Spirit that it withdraws, and leaves you in darkness, to be led captive down to destruction; and with great anxiety of heart we have called upon our heavenly Father in the name of Jesus for you. We need not prove to you by

argument, brethren, that where there are contentions, and unbelief in the world things commenced [p.1] to the saints by revelation, that discord, hardness, jealousies, and numberless evils will inevitably insue. When we seflest upon the holiness and perfections of our Great Master, who has opened a way whereby we may come unto him, even by the sacrifice of himself, our hearts melt within us for his condescension. And when we reflect also, that he has called us to be perfect in all things, that we may be prepared to meet him in peace when he comes in his glory with all the holy angels, we feel to exhort our brethren with boldness, to be humble and prayerful, to walk indeed as children of the light and of the day, that they may have grace to withstand every temptation, and to overcome every evil in the worthy name of our Lord Jesus Christ. For be assured brethren, that the day is truly near when the Master of the house will rise up and shut the door, and none but such as have on a wedding garment will be permitted to enjoy a set at the marriage supper!

Therefore, dear brethren, we have sent our brethers aforementioned to you hoping you will receive them in our name and in the name of the church in Kirtland, and receive their teachings and instructions as from us, for they have been set apart to this work, to act in this authority, and have received the prayers of this counsel, and this church.

We conclude this short letter by earnestly desiring an intrest in your prayers, and commending you to the mercy and favor of our Lord Jesus Christ.

We subscribe ourselves your brethers in the bonds of the new and everlasting Covenant, Oliver Cowdry, Clerk }
Joseph Smith jr

Moderator of counsel [p.2]

*We have been informed that when

* These two brethren visited you previously, having auth[ority] from us to teach you the doctrine of this church, and [to] expound the revelations to your understandings that they [had] learned that brother Ezra Landin did not believe all the revelations which had been delivered to this church by inspiration by the appointment of heaven. Our brother Orson Pratt while reading the Vision to a certain brother, while in brother Landin's house was threatened of being turned out of at the door except he should desist. They then called a counsel of High priests to labor with brother L. who when on the paint of being cut off from the church said that he believed the Vision and would teach it to the church. On the return of said brethren from the east this fall, they learned that brother L did not teach, neither believe the Vision. We have also learned from other brothers that he was not walk worthy of his high calling before the Lord, and without speedy repentance and deep humility will have his office and also membership in this church taken from him.

We want you to understand, dear brothers that the conduct of our brother L. has greatly grie[ved] us, and this church. We want you to understand, that we hold no communion nor have no

fellowship for those who do not believe the book of mormon, and the revelations which God has given to us in these last days. We are informed that our brother L. endeavours to excuse himself for not believing the Vision, Saying, that it is not a revelation, but a Vision. We want you to understand from us that we pronounce such teachings the works of the devil, and one calculated to ensnare the souls of the saints. We plainly declare, and as men that expect to, and must be judged by the searcher of all hearts, that those who do not believe & all the revelations and visions given to this church, that they do not believe the book of mormon, and consequently have no fellowship with us. We write plain, for we are bound so to do, and we hope that what we write may be heeded, for we write in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, by virtue of our calling in his church.

[Ms d 3414 "Kirtland High Council Epistle," 23 Nov. 1833, LDS archives, crossed out words omitted. Spelling of words should be checked with the manuscript. Part of this Epistle was copied into the Joseph Smith Letterbook 1:76-77)

4 August 1835 , Epistle from the High Council:

Kirtland, Ohio. August 4, 1835.

This day a high council [of] the Presidency of the church of Christ of latterday Saints consisting of Presidents Joseph Smith, Jun. Oliver Cowdery, Sidney Rigdon, Hyrum Smith, David Whitmer, John Whitmer, and W. W. Phelps and others met to take into consideration certain items contained in letters from abroad one from W.A. Cowdery presiding Elder of the Freedom conference, and one from Elder William E. McLellin the first reads as follows: Freedom, July 29, 1835."

"Dear brother — Elder Jared Carter called on this church last Thursday, on his way east, solisiting donations and subscriptions for finishing the house in your place. Although the subject of such a mission, in connection with his name had been mentioned in the Messenger and Advocate, still, as no other method had been taken to impress the subject on our minds, it had measurably passed out, or ceased to make any impression. Therefore, we were in some degree taken on surprise. The twelve, the Bishop, nor any others clothed with authority have ever mentioned this subject to us, except incidentally to the recollection of any of the church. It surely was never made a subject of public instruction, as br Carter had just reasons to expect it had been, felt an embarrassment peculiar to such a situation. He undertook to preach to us yesterday, but from the aforesaid embarrassment or the deadness, or the covetousness of the church, he could get none of the Spirit of the Lord to assist him. I am free that [I] attributed more to the latter cause than the former yet notwithstanding we made out in donations and subscriptions, that I trust will be eventually established \$341.37 1/2. May the Lord bless and prosper him, and all his faithful servants, and may they [find favor in the sight of God and man, is the prayer of your unworthy brother, Warren A. Cowdery. "To Oliver Cowdery."]

From this short letter we discover that failed in outset to fill their great and important mission as they know that God has commanded us to build a house in which to receive an endowment,

previous to the redemption of Zion, and that Zion could [not] be redeemed until this takes place: knowing that the committee were to journey for the express purpose of soliciting donations, they have failed to hold them up, and set forth this first important thing, and in consequence God has not blessed them as he otherwise would. We remind you of these things, in the name of the Lord, and refer you to the book of covenants, 2nd Section, 2nd part, and 12. paragraph, and ask, did we not instruct you to remember first the house, secondly the cause of Zion, and then the publishing the word to the nations? The other is an extract from elder Wm E. McLellin's letter to his wife, as follows. "You say that it will not be in your power to go to school this summer. — I am glad that it is not, since Elder Hyde has returned and given me a description of the manner in which it is conducted. Though we do not wish to cast any reflections."

This the council consider to be a libel upon the face of it: Elder McLellin says. "We do not wish to cast any reflections" when the highest insult and reflections are cast by it upon the church, the presidency, and those who are held in much higher estimation in the sight of God and this church than themselves. It is necessary to add further the vote of the council - We hereby inform Elders McLellin and Hyde that we withdraw our fellowship from them until they return and make satisfaction face to face.

We further inform the twelve, that as far as we can learn from the churches through which you have traveled, that you have set [yourselves up as an independent council, subject to no authority of the church, a kind of outlaws! This impression is wrong, and] will if persisted in, bring down the wrath and indignation upon your heads. The other ten are directed to proceed on and finish the conferences, and the two may act their own judgment whether to proceed or return.

President J. Smith Jr. read to the council a letter from Elder Wm Smith, which was approved, and filled our hearts with joy.

A letter from Elder T.B. Marsh was presented - The council refer him to the commandment which requires none to leave or bring their families without revelation, or decision of the high council Were they to come they would not be with him as much as they will to tarry. President Phelps family is not coming.

We discover an error in Elder Marsh's letter he says, "To the able preaching of Elders Wm. E. McLellin & P.P. Pratt." We conclude that if it had been the preaching of the Lord as it should have been, he would have had the honor, and not these men.

To close, we add that unless this epistle is heeded in all its parts, in its full force, those who rebel against it shall be dealt with by the Lord accordingly, for we ask, being agreed as touching this thing.

We wish you to understand that your duty requires you to seek first the kingdom of Heaven and its righteousness, that is - attend to the first things first, and then all things will be added, and that complaint about your families will be less frequent - Don't preach yourselves crucified for your wives sake, but remember that Christ was crucified, and you are sent out to be special witnesses

of this thing. Men do not wish to hear these little things, for there is no salvation in them, but there is in the other.

Let the hands of the ten be strengthened, and let [them go forth in the name of the Lord, in the power of their mission, giving diligent heed to the direction] of the Holy Spirit - We say: be strong in the Lord and in the power of his might, for great things await you, and great blessings are in store for you. Let the power of the two be upon the seventy until the two make full satisfaction; for the seventy shall be blessed, and are blessed. The man who presumes to speak evil or the dignities which God has set in his church, to his family, or to any body else, shall be cursed in his generation. Remember the 109 Psalm His bishopric shall be taken from him unless he speedily repents. Be it known that God is God and when he speaks let all the congregation say: Amen.

We have evil insinuations enough in Kirtland to grapple with, that are suggested by the father of lies, without having them from those who are sent out to put down insinuations. May God help you to be more wise for the future. Amen.

Oliver Cowdery - Clerk (signed)

Joseph Smith Jr. - Moderator

P.S. To Elder Wm. Smith: Your house is nearly finished_____ a few days will complete it except this: whether it will entirely finished by his return, or not, we cannot say: but it will be _____ to attend the school this winter: his family with all

[6 lines unclear]

The admonition we give to one, we give to all
(signed) Joseph Smith Jr.

(Joseph Smith Letterbook 1:90-93, LDS archives. See LDS History of the Church 2:239-41. Brackets added from LDS History of the Church. See minutes of meeting of church presidency, 26 September 1835, on reconciliation [Kirtland Council Minute Book, 119].)

Appendix 3 Published Notices

Extract of Minutes, 24 September 1834:

Extract from the minutes of the High Council of the church of the Latter Day Saints, held in Kirtland, Sept. 24, 1834.

Resolved, That a notice be published to the conferences and churches abroad, signed by the clerks of the Council, that it is hereby decided, for the general good of the church, as a body, that no individual ordained hereafter, to the High Priesthood, will be acknowledged in that office except they are ordained in this Council: and that those desiring that office, obtain proper

recommends from their respective churches.

O. Cowdery.

O. Hyde.

Clerks of Council.

(Latter Day Saints' Messenger and Advocate 1 [Oct. 1834]:13, Kirtland, Ohio)

1835

17 August 1835, General Assembly Minutes

See Messenger and Advocate I (Aug. 1835):161-64.

[Notices], August 1835:

Elder G[ladden]. Bishop has been tried before us, and was acquitted; the charge on which he was suspended, not being sustained. But there were some things in his teaching conduct, &c. for which the council chastised him, and he instead of confessing his faults, arose and justified himself. We saw that he was likely to cleave to the same things still; therefore, we took his license.

O. Hyde, Clk.

(Messenger and Advocate 1 [Aug. 1835]:167)

The high council in Kirtland have withdrawn their fellowship from Elder Phineas H. Young, until he returns to this place and makes ample satisfaction for a public offence. By order of the council.

W. PARRISH. Clerk.

Kirtland, August 17 [18], 1835.

(Messenger and Advocate 1 [Aug. 1835]:176)

28 September 1835:

Council met in Kirtland, Sept. 28: and took into consideration the case of Elder G[ladden]. Bishop, who had previously been suspended by the traveling council, for interpreting some passages of Scripture in an improper manner; and also for persisting in said erroneous opinions, &c. He made a humble confession and asked the forgiveness of the councils and the church; and promised to do better for the future. He was forgiven, restored and received in fellowship.*

*The points on which Elder Bishop was suspended, were not points on the gospel, as we know of; but of some other mysterious passages: for instance one respecting the two witnesses: Rev. chap. XI. He stated that J[oseph]. Smith, jr. and O[liver]. Cowdery were the two persons alluded

to, &c. which is incorrect.

Also, Elder P[hineas]. H. Young, who had been disfellowshipped by the High Council, for alleged improper conduct, personally appeared before said council; and the charge not being sustained, he was honorably acquitted, and restored to his former standing and fellowship.

WARREN PARRISH, Clerk.

(Messenger and Advocate 1 [Sept. 1835]:186)

[Notice], February 1836:

We the high council of Kirtland, hereby inform Jacob Shibley, Daniel Brownwell, Peter Brownwell and Cornelius P. Lott, that we have withdrawn our fellowship from them for disobeying the commandments of the Lord, until they make satisfaction. John Smith, Ch'n. Cyrus Smalling, Clerk.

(Messenger and Advocate 2 [Feb. 1836]:271)

Notice, 23 May 1836:

Agreeable to the decision of the High Council of Kirtland, held March 8th, 1836; wherein Cornelius P. Lott and others were put on suspense; this is to all whom it may concern, that I confess the decision of the Council to be just and righteous; and that we were in a wrong spirit and were led to say many things that were wrong concerning brother Cyrus Smalling and the church, for which I ask the forgiveness of those who, in so doing, I have injured; and I will endeavor to live hereafter by every word that proceeds from the mouth of the Lord.

Cornelius P. Lott.

Kirtland, May 23d, 1836.

(Messenger and Advocate 2 [June 1836]:336)

[Notice] , September 1837:

Kirtland Sept. 9th, 1837.

Pursuant to previous notice, certain of the Presidents and high priests of the church of Latter Day Saints in this place, met in the house of the Lord, and proceeded to ordain and organize the high council recently chosen.

Elder Jared Carter was chosen to be president of the council and Phineas Richards scribe.

The following persons were ordained to the office of high counselors, (viz:) Asahel Smith, Mahew Hillman, David Dort, Harlow Redfield, William Marks and Phineas Richards.

The numbers and order of the counselors, are as follows --

(viz.)

JOHN P. GREEN	1
ASAH EL SMITH	2
SAMUEL H. SMITH	3
MAHEW HILLMAN	4
WILLIAM MARKS	5
NOAH PACKARD	6
OLIVER GRANGER	7
DAVID DORT	8
JARED CARTER	9
PHINEAS RICHARDS	10
HENRY G. SHERWOOD	11
HARLOW REDFIELD	12

A charge was preferred by elder N[athan]. Haskins before the council while yet in session, against a male and female member of this church for unlawful matrimony, for deceiving, and for unchristian like conduct. -- The contents in the charge were considered as sustained by testimony and the hand of fellowship was withdrawn from them.

(Messenger and Advocate 3 [Sept. 1837] :575)

Appendix 4 Meetings of the High Council Not in Kirtland Council Minute Book

24 September 1835, Joseph Smith Journal 1835-36:

This day the high Council met at my house to take into consid[er]ation the redemption [redemption] of Zion and it was the voice of the spirit of the Lord that we petition to the Governer [Governor of Missouri] that is those who have been driven out <should> do so to be set back on their Lands next spring and we go next season to live or dy [die] in Jackson County :Missouri] 1(1)

John Whitmer wrote in his history:

And it came to pass on the 24 day of Sept 1835, on which day we met in course [council?] at the house of J[oseph]. Smith Jr. the Seer, where we according to a previous commandment given, appointed David Whitmer Capt[ain] of the Lord[']s host and Prs. [Presidents] F[rederick]. G. Williams and Sidney Rigdon his assistants. And Pres. [President] W[illiam]. W. Phelps myself [John Whitmer] and John Corry as an assistant quorum, and Joseph Smith Jr. the seer to stand at the head and be assisted by Hyrum Smith and Oliver Cowd[e]ry. This much for the war department by revelation. 2(2)

29 April 1836:

Minutes of a High Council held in Kirtland April 29 A[.] D. 1836.

President Joseph Smith sen. presided.

Introductory prayer & remarks by the pr[e]s.

1. Voted that Elder Oliver Granger be ordained a High Priest.
2. Voted that brother James H. Smith be ordained an Elder.
3. Voted that Priest Lyman Leonard be ordained an Elder.
4. Voted that brother Ebenezer Robinson be ordained an Elder.
5. Voted that Pr[e]s. of Teachers Mayhew Hillman be ordained an Elder.
6. Voted that Priest Jabez Durfee be ordained [an] Elder.
7. Voted that brother James Durfee be ordained an Elder.
8. Voted that Wm. Tenny sen. be ordained a Priest.
9. Voted that Elder Alpheus Cutler be ordained a High Priest.

The above named brethren were ordained and set apart to their several callings and offices as named above, by Pt[els. Joseph Smith sen. and [high] counselors John Smith and Joseph Coe: and Elder Oliver Granger closed by prayer.

(Lyndon W. Cook and Milton V. Backman, Jr., eds., Kirtland Elders' Quorum Record 1836-1841 [Provo, Utah: Grandin Book Co., 1985], 17-18, original in RLDS archives)

30 April 1836

April 30th [1836] the [High] council met again in the Lord's house and proceeded to anoint the following Elders. Pr[e] s. Joseph Smith presided with [high] counselors John Smith and Henry G. Sherwood.

i James Lake, 2 Lyman Leonard, 3 Perry Durfee, 4 Wm Harris, 5 Wm Barker, 6 Joseph A. Kelting, 7 Lyman Curtis, 8 Ebenezer Robinson, 9 James H. Smith, & 10 Elam Meachan jun.

These Elders with a Priest were anointed in the Lord's house with fasting and washing of feet according to the order given for the endowment of God in the last days by the Pr[e]s. and assistant.

(Cook and Backman, Kirtland Elders' Quorum Record 1836-1841, 18) 1837

[The last date of meeting of the High Council recorded in the Kirtland Council Minute Book: 30 November 1837, pages 264-65]

December 1837

John Smith wrote to George A. Smith on 1 January 1838:

I called the High Council together last week and laid before them the case of dissenters; 28 persons were, upon mature discussion, cut off from the Church; the leaders were Cyrus Smalling, Joseph Coe, Martin Harris, Luke S. Johnson [,] John F. Boynton and W.W. Parrish. We have cut off between 40 and 50 from the Church since you left.

(John Smith to George A. Smith, copied into the Journal History of the Church, 1 Jan. 1838, LDS archives)

John Smith wrote in the 1 January 1838 letter, "John E. Page and John Taylor are appointed to fill the Bishopric in this place."

(Cited in the Journal History of the Church)

Note: It appears that the following thirteen members were cut off from the church or excluded [excommunicated] from church fellowship by the High Council at Kirtland in the last week in December 1837.

Members of the Council of the Twelve Apostles:

Luke S. Johnson
John F. Boynton

Members of the Seventy:

W[arren]. W. Parrish
Harpin Riggs
Harvey Stanley
Nathaniel Milliken
Giles Cook
Amos R. Orton
John Gaylord
Thomas Gates

Others:

Cyrus Smalling
Joseph Coe
Martin Harris

Note: The following references to the activities of the High Council are from the meetings of the Seventies:

7 Jan. 1838:

"The clerk of the High Council reported the names of several individuals who had been excluded from the church for rising up in rebellion against the church ..." names listed of the Seventy:

Warren Parrish
Harpin Riggs
Harvey Stanley
Nathaniel Milliken
Giles Cook
Amos R. Orton

13 Jan. 1838:

"President John Gaylord and Thomas Gates were excluded from the church by the High Council in Kirtland for the same offence of those who were reported on the 7th instant."

23 Jan. 1838:

"John E. Page of 2d [Quorum of] 70 about the 20th January was chosen to fill the place of Luke Johnson one of the twelve (who had been excluded by the H[igh]. C[ouncil]. of Kirtland) by the nomination of H[igh]. C[ouncil]. & vote of the Ch[urch]."

(Proceedings of the Presidents of the Seventies, 7 and 13 Jan. 1838, typed copy, original in LDS archives)

Appendix 5 Correction of Date Minutes of the Council of the Twelve

28 April 1835:

Kirtland March [April] 28th 1836 [1835] 3(3) This afternoon the Twelve met in council and had a time of general confession.

On reviewing our past course we are satisfied and feel to confess also that we have not realized the importance of our calling to that degree that we ought, we have been light minded and vain and in many things done wrong. For all these things we have asked forgiveness of our Heavenly Father, and wherein we have grieved or wounded the feelings of the Presidency we ask their forgiveness.

The time has come when we are about to separate, and when we shall meet again, God only

knows. We therefore feel to ask him whom we have acknowledged to be our Prophet and Seer that he enquire of God for us and obtain a written revelation (if consistent) that we may look upon it when we are separated, that our hearts may be comforted. Our worthiness has not inspired us to make this request but our unworthiness.

We have unitedly asked God, our Heavenly Father to grant unto us through his Seer, a revelation of his mind and will concerning our duty the coming season even a great revelation that will enlarge our hearts, comfort us in adversity and brighten our hopes amidst the powers of Darkness.

To President J[oseph]. Smith Junr.
Orson Hyde
Kirtland Ohio
Wm. E. McLelin Clerks

(Kirtland Council Minute Book, 198, LDS archives, typescript)

Endnotes

1 (Popup - Popup)

1 Dean C. Jessee, ed., The Papers of Joseph Smith: Journal, 1832-1842 (Salt Lake City: Deseret Book Co., 1992), 2: 41-42, in the handwriting of Joseph Smith.

2 (Popup - Popup)

2 Bruce N. Westergren, ed., From Historian to Dissident: The Book of John Whitmer (Salt Lake City: Signature Books, 1995), 173, original in RLDS archives.

3 (Popup - Popup)

3 The date of the letter as recorded in the Kirtland Council Minutes (198) is 28 March 1836 [sic]. The proper year is 1835 before the Twelve went on their mission. A meeting of the Council of the Twelve was held on 28 April 1835. The minutes state that the Twelve "Motioned and carried that we each forgive one another every wrong that has existed among us." (In "A record of the transactions of the Twelve apostles," [1835], Patriarchal Blessing Book 2 [check vol], LDS archives). The apostles were all present at this meeting. Orson Pratt had arrived in Kirtland on 26 April 1835.