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## Thomas Reynolds, 1840-1844

[ Full-text transcription of: Letter from D. Kilbourn, Iowa to L. B. Fleak, Iowa ]

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Montrose Iowa

Aug 12<sup>th</sup> 1842

Friend Fleak

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

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

They are all in a great stew. Every old Rifle, Pistol, Cutlass, Knife Etc. ^ among them is being put in order.

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

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

Will Mo now give up the chase? Will Gov Boggs be willing to rest & let a man who [would] murder him any moment go “unwhipped of Justice”? for the good of the [Country] & the peace of Society I hope not.

I will write you just

as often as any thing occurs of interest. Truly & Respectfully

Yours

D. [M.] Kilbourn

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