

# Missouri State Archives: Finding Aid 3.7

## Thomas Reynolds, 1840-1844

[ Full-text transcription of: Letter from L. B. Fleak, Iowa to Governor Reynolds, Jefferson City, Mo. ]

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[ ] of Jo. Smith  
Free, L.B. Fleak PM  
at Keokuk Iowa Tty

Important

His Excellency Gov. Reynolds  
Jefferson City  
Mo

To be mailed at St. Louis  
1842

KeoKucK I.T. Augt 8<sup>th</sup> 1842

His Excellency Gov Reynolds  
Dear Sir

I hear just this (moment, crossed out) hour rcd intelligence from Nauvoo that the Mormon Prophet Joe Smith has this day been arrested on your requisitions, . He sent down for one of our attor= neys & it was from him that I obtained the above information. The amount of it will be this Smith will be rescued by those devils which surround him & their will be another war more bloody than those villians say theirs was in Mo

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

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

Very Respectfully  
Your Obdt servt  
L B. Fleak