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Thomas Reynolds, 1840-1844

[Full-text transcription of: Letter from D. W. Kilbourn, Iowa to Governor Reynolds, Jefferson City, Mo.]

that it was to good to be true; but
he hoped to G-d it was So.

Almost every Mormon here rejoicing
over it & I have heard many of them
Say that he ought to have been Killed
long ago; and one leading Mormon
remarked that he had no doubt but
a Mormon had done it.

It is now three years Since
they Settled in this County and they
have gained any thing but a character
for good order obviously.

Their City Nauvoo is directly
opposite this. We look upon them as
a Banditti; called together by their
leaders for the purpose of forming a more
perfect organization, to carryout their
Swindling & treasonable plans.

I have heard the leaders publicly
Encourage their people to Steal from Missou-
-rians. The citizens here and in Illinois

are much excited against their growing mobs
of their infamous conduct; and every-
body here wishes that (if Joe is a fu-
gitive from justice from your state) a
requisition may soon be made by your
Excellency for his arrest.

You will pardon the liberty
I have taken in addressing you on this subj-
ect. My only object is to make

you acquainted with the
Manour in which these Mormons
receive the news of Gov Bogg's death,
and if the perpetrator has not been discov-
erd and his name Known, it may be well
to direct publick attention in this di-
rection & towards a man too who has
even prophesized that he would come
to an awful End.

Very Respectfully
Your Obde Servt
D. W. Kilbourne P. M.

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about Mormons

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May 19th } D. W. Kilbourn
P. M.

To his Excellency

Governor Reynolds
Jefferson City

Mo

May 1842