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Dear Madam

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Surrogate of
the

of the County of Montgomery
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Gov Reynolds

Monticello N.H. Dec 4/42

Dear Sir

All of our efforts to seize the rascald
Smith, have proved fruitless and we have been com-
pelled though with reluctance to abandon the
project. He keeps constantly around him as body
guard some 12 to 14 enthusiastic fanatics, which makes
a secret approach impossible, and with the time now
over as it now is, even if we were to get him it would
be impossible to get away with him, for our halloo from
him call a thousand men to his rescue.

The only possible way to get him is through
the newly elected Governor. He may do something
but Warren never would if he were to continue
Gov 20 years, he is about half Mormon himself.
His house has been Smith's Hotel, when in
Quincy for the past two years.

Depend upon it, those fanatics will one
day give your State a great deal of trouble, their
whole thoughts is how they shall injure or des-
troy Missouri & the first thing taught their new members
is to despise Missouri. They have now purchased the principal
part of New York & are coming into it very fast, which puts
a body of them within 3 miles of the Missouri line. I shall
come here in March for Missouri. Yours Respectfully
J. P. Drake