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The Excellency of the Secretary
of the Treasury
Washington

From Secretary
J. B. West
to Treasurer

Rockwell Iowa March 20th 1848

His Excellency Tho^s Reynolds,
New York

I have just read with pleasure
of the arrest of that notorious Rockwell, and
I will say to you that it has created no small
excitement amongst the Germans. I am now
more than ever satisfied of the guilt of Joe
& I know he fears that Rockwell will turn
traitor. If the right method is pursued I am
satisfied that he will do so for we all know
that a midnight assassin will stop at nothing
in a general way. Those villains at St. Louis
have ascertained by some means that I
was watching them closely and they
deceived me egregiously in regard to
the location of Rockwell. What I wrote
you at that time are repeated. His
being in the Pinery in Wisconsin was told
me in a very careless manner by one
of the leaders & I supposed it to be true
but I am now convinced that it was
done purposely to deceive me. I fear some
difficulties with them but my case is partly fair and
several and if they interfere with me I shall
give them the best show possible, I intend
leaving the infernal Mormon region in one
month more

Respectfully
Yours that is true
J. P. Webb

Pl. You will please refer to getting me with the money attached per note. Whether welcome or not -
I am determined that these papers should be constantly retained of my informant that I can account them