

# 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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Free L B Fleak P M  
at Keokuk I. T.  
Jo Smith  
L B

On Steamer Margarete

His Excellency Gov Reynolds  
Jefferson City  
Mo  
1842

Keokuk I. T. Augt 14 1842

His Excellency Gov Reynolds  
Sir

Enclosed you will find a  
letter from the Post Mast at Montrose 12  
miles above this place & opposite the Mormon  
City, it contains all the information that  
can be had up to that time

Smith is now skulking around  
in this Territory and will probably stay  
here until a requisition on our Gov drives  
him somewhere else. He was in our Town  
at 12 oClock last night consulting one of  
our Attorneys The cause of his being  
given up to the Marshal of the City of  
Nauvoo, was this, they have an ordinance  
in their City which prohibits any persons  
being taken away from there without a  
hearing & the Sheriff who arrested him having  
no counsel was obliged to go to Quincy to  
procure it. In his absence Smith procured  
an examination before a Mormon Mayor  
& of course was liberated

The Mormons say that Smith shall  
not be taken to Missouri, that they will  
fight & all this. We had a sample of  
that in your State, I will write as  
often as I can obtain any information

Very Respectfully  
Your Obdt servt  
L W Fleak