

MOUNTAIN MEADOWS WITNESSES.

The Priesthood Resorting to Intimidation and Open Threats—

Let Witnesses be Protected by the Government.

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It has been noticed, and it is a fact, that the Order of Knosh (or Order of Brigham) is one of the most secret societies now known to the world. Even the children of the Latter-day Saints maintain a secrecy that is really wonderful. I have been informed, and I think reliably, that the High Council quorum have held a number of secret meetings, and have received instructions from Brigham to prevent and use every means in their power, even if they have to do it by threats, to keep the Saints from giving evidence to the Grand Jury, that will lead to an investigation of the Mountain Meadows Massacre. Brigham, Geo. A. Smith and D. H. Wells, are trembling in their shoes, and well they may, if the reports are true about them here.

There are many here who were induced by fear,—yes, and even dragged into this terrible affair, who would to day come forward and give their testimony if it were not from the fear that they would be punished as severely as the ring-leaders whose orders they obeyed.

They stand between two fires. First, the threats of the Mormon Priesthood; and second, the terrors of the United States Courts and the punishment for such a terrible crime. Now, what is needed, is protection guaranteed by the United States Government or from the Governor of the Territory, to those who are willing to come forward and give such evidence as they only can give, and show up this dark deed and expose the ring-leaders of it. I believe if a proclamation were issued by the Governor to protect and pardon those who were forced or persuaded into it, hundreds will come forward and go before the Grand Jury. They are undoubtedly suffering the remorse of guilty consciences, and would do anything to free themselves.

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