

MOUNTAIN MEADOWS MASSACRE

PROCLAMATION.

"I, Brigham Young, Governor and Superintendent of Indian Affairs for the Territory of Utah, in the name of the people of the United States in the Territory of Utah.

1st. Forbid all armed forces of every description from coming into this Territory under any pretext whatever.

2d. That all the forces in said Territory hold themselves in readiness to march at a moment's notice to repel any and all such invasion.

3. Martial law is hereby declared to exist in this Territory from and after the publication of this proclamation; and no person shall be allowed to pass and repass into or through or from the Territory, without a permit from the proper Officer.

Given under my hand and seal at Great Salt Lake City, Territory of Utah, this 15th day of September, A. D. 1857, and of the Independence of the United States of America, the 62d.

[Signed.] BRIGHAM YOUNG.

FROM JOHN D. LEE'S CONFESSION.

"Most of those engaged in this unfortunate affair were led on by religious influences, commonly called fanaticism, and nothing but their devotion to God, and their duty to Him, as taught by their religion and their Church leaders, would have induced them to have committed the outrageous and unnatural acts, believing that all who participated in the lamentable transaction, or most of them, were acting under orders that they considered it their duty—their religious duty—to obey. * * * I went to Salt Lake and reported to Brigham Young the exact facts connected with the transaction. * * * In justice to Brigham Young, I must say that when he heard my story, he wept like a child, walked the floor and wrung his hands in bitter anguish."

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