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The Twelve, Trustees and a few others met in Council, to ascertain the feelings of the brethren that were expecting to start westward.  We agreed that it was imperatively necessary to start as soon as possible.

I counselled the brethren to procure boats and hold them in readiness to convey our wagons and teams over the river, and let everything for the journey be in readiness, that when a family is called to go, everything necessary may be put into the wagon within four hours, at least, for if we are here many days, our way will be hedged up.  Our enemies have resolved to intercept us whenever we start.  I should like to push on as far as possible before they are aware of our movement.  In order to have this council circulated, I sent messengers to notify the captains of hundreds and fifties to meet at 4 p.m. at Father Cutler's.