Great Salt Lake City, Augt. 17th 1853

Dear Brethren,

I am informed that you are applying the most of your time & labor upon your Fort, and in consequence your grain is going to waste, and your Crops are neglected. I am sorry that such should be the case, and my advice to you is to secure your grain, Hay & Crops by all means, and see carefully to Your Stock, & of course diligently use such time as you may have left to make your fort secure until that is completed; but be sure & recollect that securing provision for the year is the first object, and will continue to be so, unless Indian aggressions become much more formidable than they now are, and if so, we will seasonably advise you of any alteration that may be requisite.

 I Remain Your Brother &c.

To Bishop Isaac Houston & Brigham Young

Lieuts Peterson & Wadsworth,

~~Bishop Evans~~