Presidents Office

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Cols. Andrew Cunningham

& Thos. L. Smith

Dear Brethren:‑

In reflecting upon your present difficulties with the Indians, we have considered it wisdom for you to avoid as much as possible having any difficulty with them even at the sacrifice of the stock in their possession. We would prefer for you to say to the Indians if they have not got enough of the Mormon's cattle to come and get some more, but that we would rather give them our cattle than to have them steal them. If you get to talk with the Indians and can exchange with them your wheat for cattle or otherwise make satisfactory arrangements with them I have no objections but do insist that they shall he conciliated and not molested in consequence of this late affair by pursuing this course it will certainly have its influence after awhile and they will learn who are their friends. If they choose to come into our settlements tell them to do so and we will be their friends.

Your brother in Christ.

Brigham Young