Nauvoo Legion

   Great Salt Lake City  July        1853

Col. P. W. Conover

   Dear Sir

 Your  Express per William     Harris

arrived half past Seven this morning by which we learn that you

have returned to your post in First Military District.

   Col. George A. Smith has received orders and been assigned

to the Command of the Southern Department  of the Nauvoo Legion

with full instructions and power to  do whatever           may be necessary

for the protection of the Settlements.

We consider that if the people will only go to work, and

fulfill the orders and instructions that they  have received, that they

will be abundantly able to protect themselves .  Your forces are now needed

in your District to carry out your orders and instructions, and taking care of your grain.

We fully approve of your proceedings so far as

we understand them, and wish that you would aid Col. Geo. A. Smith as he shall direct.  If we should say more it would be to reiterate what we have already said.

We shall not send out any additional force at

present, considering that the force from                 Evans command to Fillmore under Capt.  Willis and the Detacbment              under Captn. Whipple to Sanpete, will be sufficient          we do not think it necessary for you to send any men to Nephi or Manti

We have advised                                                                                and First Military District the Indians in both                                                   are peaceable and do not

seem disposed to                                                                                                 keep a

good look out, and be on                                                                                    that may

be made, as we also aim

We expect a                                                                                and cannot

conceive why he did not

    At all times be

taking care of the grain and

of the inhabitants.

                                                                    Respectfully

signed Brigham Young

P. S.                                                  Governor & Es-Officio Supt. of Indian

   George A Smith was                                                Affairs Utah Territory

instructed to go immediately

         Daniel H. Wells

and visit the Indians in Provo

            Lieut-Genl. Commanding Nauvoo.  Kanyon, and use them as friend

Legion

spies ,runners,  etc. and then

return and visit

why he should so long have

delayed we cannot imagine, of all

things we like     energy and

dispatch in such matters especially at such

times