Great Salt Lake City, Jan. 5. 1852

Major Rose,

Sub-Indian Agent, Utah Ter.

Sir,

I am credibly informed that there are about fifty lodges of

Indians, on or near the Box  Elder, in Weber Co. who have in their possession, money, tools, implements, household furniture, and such things as Emigrants generally carry with them, on going to California, and it is supposed they are the indians who have been killing and robbing  the Emigrants on Mary's River

Those Indians are now trading with the Whites in the north part of said county.  I want you to accompany Major Holeman, and assist in ferreting out this matter, and you will act as shall seem right and proper

If you ascertain that they are the same ones who have been committing the depredations on Mary's river it is absolutely necessary that you take them into custody and dispose of them in such a manner, as shall prevent them from committing further depredations on Emigrants.

                                                                    Respectfully

Your friend

Brigham Young

Ex Officio Superintendent, Indian Affairs

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