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Brother Ormond

Yours of November 27th has just been handed to me, and in reply, I refer you to "Sect. 4. of an Act regulating transfers of possession of land and real estate" on the 67th page of the Utah Laws passed in 1851.- 2. & which reads as follows. "One year shall be allowed to persons having land surveyed to enclose, and fence said land: and on their failing to enclose said Land within one year, their title to said Land shall be nullified; and such land shall be declared Common, and may be surveyed to any person applying for the same."

You can now read the plain law on the subject, and can learn from your neighbors the date of any <survey> of the land you wish.

Bro Fox, the Survayor General, tells me that some of the Surveys in your place, are over 2 ½ years old.

From your Brother in the Gospel

Brigham Young

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