SPEACH

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                                                          Reported by G. D. Watt.

You have heard the message of the Governer of Utah, which has just now been      read by Professor Albert Carrington, and have learned from it that the bread is buttered, but the poison is <all the time> beneath. <the butter, all the time.> (Hear, hear.)          <I will> However, I will not <wayt> stop to notice this, <And before I proceed further>

I will say here that there appears to be a secret influence existing, among a class that I do not know what others call but that I <th I> call the Black-hearted Republicans, against the Pacific railroad, and the overland mail rout and telegraph line.  This <Here> is my text, and I will give the sermon in a few words, before I proceed with other items.  If a military government can be esstablished in this Territory, it is universally <known> believed that the people of Utah would not bear it. (Cries of "No".)  Then it is expected that the telegraph wires would be severed, and the mail be stoped, and free travel across the continent put an end to.  This <plan is> would appear to be the plan of some of the Black-hearted Republicans, and this fool down here is probably operating in it.  The democrats do not wish to see this, neither does any true Republican want it; it is disired only by Black-hearted Republicans, rab<b>id abolitionists, or negro worshipers.  I have used the term Black-hearted because they worship the image of that which is dark as mid-night blackness.  This is my discourse.

A man, or a thing, whichever term you prefer, <just which you have a mind to call>, sometime ago came into Utah, pretending to be a Governor, and he was received as such on his first appearance <enterance> among us.  One of his <His first> declarations was that this objectionable feature in the religion of the Latter-day Saints he was ready  <to penly and boldly> to defend.  He <affirmed> stated that he had told the President of the United States that if the question of poligamy ever came up, he would have to stand in defense of it or deny the Bible.  <He then presents himself in another attitude>.

In the<is> Bowery, at a public meeting, he made some assertions corroberating what he had said previously to private individuals.  Said he, If the the ever comes that I am obnoxious to this people, and they do not wish my presence here, I shall leave this Territory. (Cries, That is true, we heard him say so".)  Then we have his remarks made on the twenty fourth of July last, which I should say, <(alowing)> using a rather rough expression,) were <was> a mixture of froth and blarney from begginning to end. (Voice,"So <it was> they were".)

Whether those other two are tools in his hands or not, I do not know.  Whether they know any better is a matter of question with me; I do not think they are in possession of any better <sense or> wisdom.

It is supposed, if by any means this people can be driven to desperation, they will defend themselves, and this will prove their disloyalty to the general government, create a collision, and break up all communication between the Eastern and Western portions of the <government> country. This <plan> is probably the plan matured in some of their secret counsels.  They are determined, apparently, to bring this about; it is not, however, for me to say whether this is their real intent or not.  But there does appear to exist a secret influence to break <to break> assunder  the western from the eastern portions of our <Government> country, and many of their doings point to this object.  They wish to break up the telegraphic connection and stop the mails.          They are trying to break up civil government in Utah and set up a military despotism, and woe be to that man who undertakes to introduce <that> despotism in Utah; in such an attempt they will then learn who is Governor.  (Great aplause.)       But we will pass by this, and suppose that the Governor <should be> is empowered to appoint all <the> our military officers, it does not require a great amount of penitration to see that it would then be easy for him to send to Callifornia for gamblers and cut-throats, and make Generals,  <of them>  Colonels,  Majors, <and> Captains, etc. of them,  to rule over and awe the people.  When once a military despotisam is established, life and liberty would be at their mercy; and then for <p> our juries <would be> to be selected <empannelled> from among strangers who have nothing in common with us, and the lives of our best citizens would be placed in jepordy by those who value money more than life.  When our Civil, religious and military rights are thus wrenched from us, what then <is left> remains? (Voices, "nothing.")  Yes, something, service to desppots, service to the tyrants.

If we would be just to ourselves, true to our country, and to our freinds, we will show it by giving an expression of our feelings with regard to having such men stay in our midst, and give the<m> Governor the  priviledge of keeping <their> his own <vows> ppromises; let them resign their offices,  and withdraw from this Territory. We ought to give an expression of this kind, and appoint a Committee to wait upon them, and tell them  this is the voice of the people.    Let us give  them the priviledge of returning to their homes, and, if they have a freind on earth, <to> of finding him, for I fear they have no<ne> friends here.

I say let the Nation remain happy and free, as it was previous to its present difficulties.  We as a people understand what the people outside do not, God has spoken; his will will be done, and we cannot help it, neither do we nor any righteous persons wish to help it. <want to help.>    I was present with Joseph Smith,  thirty one years ago, when he predicted that the time would come when <that> slavery in the South, and abolitionism in the North would  <divide the slave States from the free States> sever the Union, and there would be a great war; <and> he said that the Lord had spoken it.  This prediction is being fulfiled, and we cannot help it, let the Lord be God, and let us serve him, and try to do his will, and trust in him, and he will lead this people to <glory and> victory and glory.

(Cries of "Amen.")  <<and clapping)>