President's Office

G. S. L. City April 7, 1858

Col. William H. Dame,

Dear Brother,

You are instructed to raise from your Military district, a company of 60 or 70 men, with sufficient horsemen to act on patroling and exploring purposes; the remainder with wagons, seed grain of all kinds, and proceed from painter Creek, westerly <and north> across the desert, and seek for and make such locations as may be suitable to raise grain, keep stock, and secrete families, in case of necessity.

You will be careful to conciliate the Indians, and instruct your men to learn their language; and seek to gain and exercise a salutary influence over them. If there should be any man with you who will not pursue that course, you must dismiss him from the Mission and send him home.

Your Bro. in the Gospel

Brigham Young