Great Salt Lake City, March 2nd, 1854

Evan M. Green

Mayor of Provo City.

Dear Sir,

Learning that there is some differences in feelings among the citizens of Provo about building a wall around that City, I have thought it best to offer a few suggestions on the subject. You must be aware that contentions do not tend to promote your best interests. I therefore advise you to assemble the citizens inmass, viz by wards, and let them have a fair opportunity to vote for or against building a wall around the city and let your action be in accordance with that vote, and in addition, let that vote be the mind of all controversy upon that subject.

By complying with this friendly counsel you will at least cut off a source that is causing much disunity, and disappoint those who may be disposed to be fractious, and at any rate stand a good chance to please the majority, who in a republican country bear rule.

From respectfully

Your brother in the Covenant

Brigham Young.