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The high council was organized 21 July 1846 to preside over all the Latter-day Saints then living east of the Missouri River. The council's headquarters were at Kanesville, Iowa. Minutebook and papers related to high council meetings, including high council courts. Most of the minutes were recorded by the council's clerk, Evan M. Greene. Some of the minutes in folder 2 were recorded by Jacob G. Bigler. Included in the minutebook are Oliver Cowdery's 5 November 1848 statement upon returning to the Church. Following the minutes are lists of liquor licenses granted (1848) and marriages performed (1846-1848).

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Kanesville Iowa May 24th A. D. 1851

High Council minutes- Present of the Councillor Geo. W, Harris Geo. Coulson

Jacob Bigler, John Killiam , Prest. O. Hyde came in..

Prayer by Prest O. Hyde, after some deliberation,

the following names were presented to the council to full

vacancies

in the Council (To Wit) Abel Evans, C. C. Pendleton Wm Manhard Jacob Baman,

Harmon Cutler, & B. B. Messenge..

Geo. W. Harris, moved and Prest O. Hyde, seconded that those

men be called to act in the capacity of High Councillors,, carried in full

Remarks from Prest O. Hyde on the ability of men to act, every one

in a proper sphere. The Bro. Hyde said our Bishop did not appear to be the man for the Bishop,, said he had nothing against him

only that he was too easy and would let the people run over him

On motion the council adjourned 2 weeks to meet

at this place and to take up for the first business the ==org

izing of the Council.

E. M. Greene clerk

Kanesville Iowa June 7th A. D. 1851= High Council met pursuant

to adjournment Prest O. Hyde present,, of the original Councillors

Geo. W. Harris G w Coulson Jonathan Browning Jacob Bigler Jas. C.

Snow,, Prayer by Prest. O. Hyde,, - the former minutes read,

accepted.. Remarks by Prest. O. Hyde relative to the working

of the devil, to draw away the people from the power of the

Holy Priesthood &c.- Prest of the proposed Councillors C. C. Pendleton

Harmon Cutler, B.B. Messengar Able Evans.. Prest. O. Hyde made

relative remarks relative to the Burning of the jail and the

Characters that burned it.. Bishop W. W. Lane came in..

Jacob Baman, was not present but Councillor J. C. Snow reported that

that Bro. Baman would serve Bro. Manhard was not present but

had reported to E. M. Greene that he could not attend and

that it was uncertain whether he could attend att===].

and Bro. D. R. Williams was chosen in place of Bro.

Manhard-- All present expressed their feelings that they would