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Record of quorum meetings held in Pottawattamie County, Iowa, January 1848-September 1851, as well as business matters and ordinations. Record begins 2 January 1848 with reorganization of quorum. James Sloan was newly appointed clerk. William Snow acted as president until August 1850. Lyman Stoddard served as president pro tem from then until February 1851, when George Coulson became president. Most meetings seem to have been held at Blockhouse Branch. Meetings were discontinued shortly after February 1851, per note of James Sloan at end of record. At back of the volume is roster of quorum members, listed by branch, with occasional notations regarding disciplinary actions, deaths, and removal of individuals to other places. Minutes report remarks of numerous church leaders, including Orson Hyde, George A. Smith, Ezra T. Benson, and Almon W. Babbitt, as well as remarks by Oliver Cowdery when he requested rebaptism on 5 November 1848 (pp. 9-10).

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as possible. The president said that Bro Peter Hawes wished to speak, & he was willing he should. P. Hawes said "if he speak he dont want to be proscribed in his remarks, he spoke by request, having the desires of O. Hyde, in as much as he wished to pour out the principles of his heart, he wished to containd the false influence abroad concerning him, he wished freedom as large as his Soul, he wished to lay it before the people in simplicity, he wished investigation into those things which were as sacred as his life, if generosity prevailed he would speak as free as Israels Gods."

Presdt Snow wished to know "if he wanted to present things that we

do not understand." Bro Hawes said, " if he did he would make it plain, & he wanted investigation before the people, & in presence of Bros Hyde & Benson." Bro Benson said he knew not what there was to investigate, if there was any thing to investigate it belongs to the Presdt to present them, he shd like to hear Bro Hawes if there was any thing of importance, he needed no such investigation as he once asked, & recd the answer. We must do up the work, & not doing, all the day investigating. The continual investigation will bring out at the little end of the Horn. here is the Presdt, he ought to bring such things on the Carpet. I do not believe it will be edifying, it will be investigating all the time. Bro Hawes said, he knew that Bro Benson did not know the things that he knew, or what he

had to lay before this people to investigate, he  
knew he had things

to lay before this people that would make the  
hearts of this people

rejoice, therefore have the right to use my tongue  
secured me by God.

& his people, I fling myself upon your mercy, I do  
boldly say I can

lay things before this people that will edify, if you  
know them hand

then out. If I am a bad Man judge me after you have  
heard me.

I know the rights of the people, it is, " to speak if  
right," I know it.

I am secure in these things by God Almighty. I am  
Gods free man

as you all know it. If I am tramelled, farewell. I ac-  
knowledge all

the authorities here placed by Almighty God. I feel  
to support them

as long as any Man. By sword or gun I will defend  
then. I do not

want to bite at the heel like the Serpent. I come  
like a Sheep. I have

talked freely on these things to you, & others have  
spread insinuations

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