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Papers kept by high council clerk Evan M. Greene and other clerks regarding Church business in the vicinity of Kanesville, Iowa. Series includes draft minutes of high council meetings and high council courts, 1846-1851, with an affidavit accompanying one set of minutes; an 1847 petition from the members of the Council Point Branch; and retained copy of Greene's April 1851 letter to the First Presidency reporting on conditions in Iowa. Besides describing the governance of the Iowa settlements, items in this series also provide information about the Mormon Battalion and the activities of Almon W. Babbitt.

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The High Council assembled at 11 o'clock this Morning at the

Music Hall. All were present but Councillor Ira Oviatt (reported sick) The

Council was called to Order and was opened with Prayer by Henry Miller.Coun Ira Oviatt

Place was filled by B. Harlow Redfield. Counselor Snow reported that the Committee on

the revision of the Minutes of Decr 8th were ready to present them. The Minutes were

read by the Clerk and accepted by the High Council.

The Minutes of the last Council were read and accepted.

The excuse of Councilor H Miller for non attendance at the former Council is a accepted

A Petition was presented to the High Council from the Kanesville Elocution Association praying for a Fancy Dress Ball soon after their exhibition if the Council should immediately close the Dancing Season

Paper No 1

The petition was read by the Clerk when reports were called for by Pres Allred from those appointed by Council to preside over the Dances during the Season

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Councillor Stoddard reported that he had presided over some 24 Dances - that they had passed off well - expressed a wish that the Season for Dances would close this Day 2 weeks.

Councillor Benson stated that he had presided over 15 - had given liberty to others to Others to preside over parties all was attended with good order and harmony with but one exception which was a party got up contrary to this Counsel at Bo[...cl?]wicks where a Frenchman brought in some whisky - which caused considerable disorder and confusion - but an action had been taken in this case in relation to the parties concerned.

Counr Stoddard made other remarks made other remarks in [...]respect relative to the Dancing Schools and the Con-tracts made by its patrons with Br Brim, thought as the water was running so high if we shut [...] the gate so sudden there would be a burst Somewhere - as enquiry was made of the Clerk when he thought the Exhibition would come off which would be Wednesday week and since the petition was presented calling for thier Ball he thought 2 Weeks would be time enough to shut down the Gate. Similar remarks were made by Counsr Bigler. Coun.r Snow objected to the Dancing Master taking others in and having a Dance after the time of the School closing. he

said he thought it was time to attend to our farms, and let the dancing edge off but thought that the petition should be granted

Prest Allred spoke of the benefit attending the Dancing at Council Point. The Meetings on Sunday had been much better attended since the Dancing Season Commenced.

Prest O Hyde came into the council and the Second reading of the Petition was called for, which was read by the Clerk. Prest Hyde said that during the term of the Dancing School there should be some reining in. thought that the Dancing might continue to the close of the Month. he would urge upon the Council that the Brethren break off and thereby shew who were wise and that this course would show who would come out at the fo[...g?]end.

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Prest Allred told his good feelings in being at and witnessing the dancing.

It was motioned by Prest Orson Hyde that the time of Dancing continue until the 1st of March and then close, and that this Council recommends at the same time, that the Brethren close their dancing as speedily as possible - carried

Br Redfield said that he had done his best during the existence of the parties - he had been liberal to all - he had thought that the Dancing would be wound up by this time. Some had paid their 2Bits and got into the Dancing School which made some feelings. There has been however a general good feeling, friendship; and a good spirit prevailed .

For his part he could say he was perfectly satisfied; and enquired if there should be any restrictions placed upon the Brethren about dancing.

Counsor Buckley called for one restriction that of liquor.

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Prest Hyde made some remarks on the nature of dancing & he did not look upon it as a ch[...] ordi-

nance. Compared it to the expressions of joy manifested on receiving an ample fortune and various modes of expressing that joy. He did not think it particularly necessary to salvation but th[at] it was a lawful recreation

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Councilr Hyde said there was no impropriety in the Scholars staying till midnight if they paid their 2 Bits Councilor Snow read the following Letter to the Council concerning Br Loveless' indebtedness to Sister Laurence (Paper No 2) stated that this Letter called upon the Council to know if Br Loveless' improvement could not be turned upon Sister Laurence to satisfy her instead of a yoke of Cattle and 12 Dollars which he was owing her

Councilr Benson stated that Bishop Bracken told him that he believed he had no intention of paying Sister Laurence at all. referred to the treacherous conduct of B. Loveless and that he has no wish that this Council should show any lenity towards him for he has plenty of means to pay the woman. He was for having it paid within 20 Days And motioned that Br Loveless pay the Sister Lawrence within 20 Days or be cut off from the Church Council Miller offered by way of amendment that if the Debt was not paid within that time to collect it by Suit Forthwith

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Counsor McLellan said that he has but one Yoke of cattle, his boys have none of his. That her waggon will be returned as soon as it comes from Missouri. That this improvement consists of 10 Acres under good fence. 3 Acres is Sown in wheat. One share an Acre falling to him. The improvement has never been offered to buy known [?Legi?] under 60 Dollars at any time. 20 8

Council = Benson said she wished the means now. She dont want the place at all, but the things agreed upon to her to get to the Valley.

Prest Hyde referred to the character of Br Loveless for truth and honesty . He wants that he should make good what he owed her. he has been living with her, she has a child by him and wants support. Spoke with warmth of feeling on the case. He said if she were not paid within the time he should be as blind as a beeth[?bat?]. he also considered the Letter an insult to this Council.

Remarks were also made by Councillors Johnson Harris & Prest Hyde

Councillor Snow said he thought the Cattle were worth 40 Dollars

Councillor Benson said she was willing to have Steers of the same age and value

Prest Hyde Said he had kept them 1 Year - let him hand over 4 year old Steers

Br Redfield thought if the waggon is not so good he should make that good also

Couns.r Coulson wished to have the property appraised at a proper valuation that she might receive it accordingly

Prest Hyde renewed the motion in the following manner

That he pay her 52 Dollars in whatever May satisfy her either by the 1st of March or be cut off from the Church. - carried

It was all moved by Prest Hyde that the Waggon be delivered to her by B. Clellan's B. in Law, and that if it is not in as good repair, B. Loveless shall repair it - carried

Prest Hyde enquired of the Council if it is the duty of this people to send for and support the families of those who have Stolen property - that property being found upon them, such persons fly here and be taken into custody to await the action of the law and the Governor's requisition to take

Councillor Harris thought that such innocent women and children being Members

of this Church ought not to suffer the consequences of such results and be left in

the hands of our enemies