# NAUVOO NEIGHBOR,--EXTRA:

Sunday, 3 o'clock, P. M., June 30th, 1844.

### Awful Assassination! The Pledged faith of the State of Illinois stained with innocent blood by Ta Mob!

On Monday the 24th inst., after Gov. Ford had sent word, that those eighteen persons demanded on a warrant, among whom were Joseph Smith and Hyrum Smith, should be protected, by the militia of the State, they in company with some ten or twelve others, started for Carthage. Four miles from that place, they were met by Capt. Dunn, with a company of cavalry, who had an order from the Governor for the "State Arms." Gen. Smith endorsed his acceptance of the same, and both parties returned to Nauvoo to obtain said arms. After the arms were obtained, both parties took up the line of march for Carthage, where they arrived about five minutes before twelve o'clock at night Capt. Dung nobly acquiting himself ded us safely at Hamilton's Hotel.

In the morning we saw the Governor, and he pledged the faith of the State, that we should be protected. Gen. Smith and his brother Hyrum were arrested by a warrant founded upon the oaths of H. O. Norton and Augustine Spencer, for treason. Knowing the threats from several persons, that the two Smiths should never leave Carthage alive, we all began to be alarmed for their personal safety. The Gov. and Gen. Demming conducted them before the McDonough troops and introduced them as Gen. Joseph Smith and Gen. Hyrum Smith. This manœuver came near raising a mutiny umong the "Carthage Greys," but the Governor

In the afternoon, after great exertions on the part of our counsel, we dispensed with an investigation, and voluntarily gave bail for our appearance to the Circuit Court, to arswer in the case of anothing the Nauvoo Expositor, as a nuisance.

At evening the Justice made out a mitimus, without an investigation, and committed the two Gen. Smiths to prison until discharged by due course of law, and they were safely guarded to jail. In the morning the Governor went to the jail and had an interview with these men. and to every appearance all things were explained on both sides.

The constable then went to take these men from the jail, before the Justice for examination, but the jailor refused to le them go, as they were under his direction "till discharged by due course of law;" but the Governor's troops, to the amount of one or two hundred, took them to the Court House, when the hearing was continued till Saturday the 29th, and they were remanded to jail. Several of our citizens had permits from the Governor to lodge with them, and visit them in juil-lt now began to be rumoured by several men, whose names will be forthcoming in time, that there was nothing aforths these men, the law could not reach them, but powder and ball would! The Gover nor was made acquainted with these facts but on the morning of the 27th, he disbanded the McDonough Troops, and sent them home: took Captain Dunn's company of Cavalry and proceeded to Nauvoo, leaving these two men and three or four friends, to be guarded by eight places in the neighborhood. The Gov-men at the jail; and a company in town of ernor was at Head Quarters in person,

About six o'clock in the afternoon the guard was surprised by an armed Mob of from 150 to 250, painted red and black and yellow, which surrounded the jail forced in-poured a shower of bullets into the room where these unfortunate men were held, "in durance vile," to answer to the laws of Illinois; under the solemn pledge of the faith of the State, by Gover nor Ford, that they should be protected! but the mob ruled!! They fell as Martyrs amid this tornado of lead, each receiving four bullets! John Taylor was wounded by four bullets in his limbs but not seriously. Thus perishes the hope of law; thus vanishes the plighted faith of the State; thus the blood of innocence stains the constituted authorities of the United States, and thus have two among the most noble martyrs since the slaughter of Abe!, sealed the truth of their divine mission, by being shot, by a Mob for their religion!

Messengers were dispatched to Nauvoo. but did not reach there till morning. The following was one of the letters:

12 o'clock at night, 27th June,

Carthage, Hamilton's Tavern. TO MRS. EMMA SMITH9

AND MAJ. GEN. DUNHAM, &c-

The Governor has just arrived: savs a things shall be inquired into, and all wright measures taken.

I say to all the citizens of Nauvoo, my breth

ren. be still, and know that God reigna. Don't rush out of the city—don't rush to Cartinge, stay at home, and be prepared for an attage from Missouri mobbers. The Governor will render every assistance possible—has sent out orders for troops—Joseph and Hiram are dead, but no by the Carthage people—the guards were tru

We will prepare to move the bodies as soo

The people of the county are greatly excited and fear the Mormons will come out and take vengeance—I have pledged my word the Mormons will stay at home as soon as they can be informed, and no violence will be on their part, and say to my brethren in Nauvoo, in the name of the Lord—be still—be patient—only let such friends as choose come here to see the bodies— Mr. Taylor's wounds are dressed & not serious-WILLARD RICHARDS,

JOHN TAYLOR, SAMUEL H. SMITH.

Defend yourselves until protection can be furnished necessary, June 27th, 1844.

THOMAS FORD, Governor and Commander in chief.

Mr. Orson Spencer. Dear Sir:-Please deliberate on this matter; prudence may obviate material destruction. I was at my residence when this horrible crime was committed. It will be condemned by three

The Governor, as well as the citizene Carthage, was thunder struck! and

The Legion in Nauvoo, was called out at 10 A. M. and addressed by Judge Phelps, Col. Buckmaster, of Alton, the Governors aid, and others, and all excite ment and fury allayed and preparations were made to receive the bodies of the noble martyrs. About 3 o'clock, they were met by a great assemblage of people, east of the Temple on Mulholland treet, under the direction of the City Marshall, followed by Samuel H. Smith he brother of the deceased, Dr. Richards ind Mr. Hamilton, of Carthage, The waggons were guarded by 8 men. The procession that followed in Nauvoo, was the City Council, the Lieut. Gens. Staff the Major Gen. and staff, the brigadier and staff, commanders and officers of the Legion and citizens generally, which numbered several thousands. and the mo solemn lamentations and wailings that

of Hosts to be avenged of our enemies! When the procession arrived the bodies were both taken into the 'Nauvoo Mansion'; the scene at the Mansion cannot be described: the audience addressed by Dr Richards, Judge Phelps, Woods and Reed Esqs. of Iowa and Col. Markham. It was a vast assemblage of some 8 or 10,000 persons, and with one united voice resolred to trust to the law for a remedy of such a high handed assassination, and when that failed to call upon God to avenge us of our wrongs! Oh widows and orph ans! Oh Americans weep for the glory of freedom has departed!

even ascended into the ears of the Lord

### STATEMENT OF FACTS!

At the request of many persons who wish that the truth may go forth to the world in relation to the late murder of loseph and Hyrum Smith, by a band of lawless assassins, I have consented to make a statement of the facts so far as they have come to my knowledge. in an authentic shape, as one of the attorneys employed to defend the said Smiths against the charges brought against them, and other persons at Carthage, in the State

On Monday the 24th inst., at the request of Gen. Joseph Smith I lent Fort Madison in the Territory of Iowa and arrived at Carthage where I expected to meet the General, his brother Hyrum and the other persons implicated with them. they arrived at Carthage late at night and next morning voluntarily surrendred themselves to the constable, Mr. Betters. worth, who held the writ against then on a charge of riot for destroying the press, type and fixtures of the Nauvos Expositor, the property of William and Wilson Law, and other dissenters, charged to have been destroyed on the 10th

Great excitement prevailed in the county of Hancock, and had extended to many of the surrounding counties. A arge number of the militia of severa counties were under arms at Carthage. the Head Quarters of the commanding Gen. Deming; and many other troops were under arms at Warsaw and other 60 men, 80 or 100 rods from the jail, as for the purpose of seeing that the laws of a corps in reserve.

the land were executed and had pledged his own faith and the faith of the State of Illinois that the Smiths and the other persons concerned with them should be protected from personal violence, if the would surrender themselves to be deal with according to law. During the two succeeding days his Excellency repeatedly expressed to the legal counsellors of the Smiths his determination to protect the prisoners and to see that they should wave a fair and impartial examination so is depended on the Executive of the State. On Tuesday morning soon after the surrender of the prisoners on the harge of riot. Gent Joseph Smith and his brother Hyrum were both arrested on a charge of treason against the State of Illinois. The affidavits upon which the writs issued were made by Hyrun Norton and Augustine Spencer.

On Tuesday afternoon the two Smiths and other persons on the charge of rio appeared before R. F. Smith, a justice of the peace residing at Carthage, and by idvice of counsel, in order to prevent it possible, any increase of excitement, voluntarily entered into recognizance in the sum of five hundred dollars each with unexceptionable security, for their appearance at the next term of the Circuit Court for said county. The whole number of persons recognized is fifteen, most if not all of them leading men in the Mormon

Making out the bonds and justilyin pail necessarily consumed considerable ime, and when this was done it was near night and the Justice adjourned his court over without calling on the Smiths to anwer to the charge of treason or even inimating to their counsel or the prisoners hat they were expected to enter into the examination that night. In less than an nour after the adjournment of the court, constable Bettersworth who had arrested he prisoners in the morning appeared at Hamilton's Hotel, at the lodgings of the prisoners and their counsel and insisted of a mile's distance, and whilst his excelhat the Smiths should go to jail, Mr. Woods of Burlington, Iowa, and myself, as counsel for the prisoners, insisted that hey were entitled to be brought before the justice for examination before they could be sent to jail. The constable to our surprise, thereupon exhibited a mitemus from said justice as follows:

STATE OF ILLINOIS,

Hancock County The people of the State of Illinois

to the keeper of the Jail of the said ounty greeting:

Whereas Joseph Smith and Hyrum Smith of the county aforesaid have been arrested upon the oath of Augus: ine Spencer and Henry O. Norton. or the crime of treason, and has been prought before me as a Justice of the Peace in and for said county, for trial it the seat of justice thereof, which rial has been necessarily postponed by reason of the absence of material witnesses, to wit: Francis Μ. Higbeε ind others; therefore I command you n the name of the people to receive he said Joseph Smith and Hyrum Smith into your custody in the jail of the county aforesaid, there to remain intil discharged by due course of law. Given under my hand and seal this

25th day of June, A. D. 1844. (Signed,) R. F. SMITH, J. P. [L.S.] His Excellency did not think it within ne prisoners were removed from the lodgings to jail. The recitals of the mil timus so far as they relate to the prison ers having been brought before the justice for trial, and it there appearing that the necessary witness of the prosecution were absent, is wholly untrue, unless the orisoners could have appeared before the justice without being present in persor or by counsel; nor is there any law of Illinois within my knowledge which permits a justice to commit persons charged with crimes, to jail without examination

s to the probability of their guilt-On Wednesday forenoon the Govern or in company with one of his friends. risited the prisoners at the jail, and again assured them that they should be proteced from violence, and told them that if the troops marched the next morning to Nauyoo as his Excellency then expected they should be taken along in order to

insure their personal safety. On the same morning, some one or nore of the counsel for the prosecution expressed their wish to me, that the pris-oners should be brought out of jail for examination; they were answered that the prisoners had already been commit ed, and that the justice and constable nad no further control of the prisoners and that if the prosecutors wished the prisoners brought out of jail, they should oring them out on a writ of Habeas Corpus or some other due course of law.--The constable after this conversation went to the jail with the following order

STATE OF ILLINOIS,
Hancock county.
To David Bettersworth, constable

You are commanded to bring the odies of Joseph Smith & Hyrum Smith

give them up, until discharged from hi custody by due course of law. Upon the refusal to give up the prisoners, the com pany of Carthage Greys marched to the ail, by whose orders I know not, and compelled the jailor against his will and conviction of duty, to deliver the prisoners to the constable, who, forthwith, took them before Justice Smith, the Captain of the Carthage Greys. The counsel for prisoners then appeared, and asked for subpoenas for witnesses on the par of the prisoners, and expressed their wish to go into the examination, as the witnessess could be brought from Nauvoo to Carthage; the justice thereupon fixed the examination for 12 o'clock, on Thursday the 27th inst.; whereupon, the prisoners were remanded to prison.-Soon after a council of the military officers was called by the Governor, and was determined to march on the next morning, the 27th inst. to Nauvoo, with ill the troops, except one company which was to be selected by the Governor from the troops whose fidelity was more to be relied on to guard the prisoners whom was determined should be left at Carthage. On Thursday morning, another consultation of officers took place, and the former orders for marching to Nauvoo with the whole army, were countermanded. One company were ordered to accompany the Governor, to Nauwo the Carthage Greys, who had but, yo days before, been under arrest for insalting the commanding General, and whose conduct had been more hostile to the orisoners, than that of any other company, were selected to guard the prisoners. and the other troops including those ienlezvoused at Golden's Point, from War-

saw, and who had been promised that

they should be marched to Nauvoo, were

lisbanded. A guard of only eight men

the faith of the State to protect.

was stationed at the jail, whilst the res of the Grays were in camp at a quarter lency was haranguing the peaceable citi ens of Nauvoo, and asking them to give up all their own arms, the assassins were nurdering the prisoners in jail, whom the Governor had pledged himself and H. T. REID.

At the request of the friends of Joseph nd Hyrum Smith, I have consented to give a statement of such matters as I had

knowledge of in relation to their murler at Carthage, and what occurred unler my observation. I arrived in Naucoo from Burlington, Iowa, on Friday, lune 21st, inst., about 9 o'clock, P. M. ound all things quiet, had an interview on Saturday morning the 22nd, with Jos seph and Hyrum Smith, who was in consultation with some of their friends in relation to a communication from Gov. Ford, during interview heard Gen. Jos seph Smith give orders to disband the Legion, and withdraw the guards and seninels, who were co-operating with the police to preserve the peace of the city, is he said by order of Gov. Ford; that I went from Nauvoo to carthage, on the evening of the 22d, when I had an interview with Gov. Ford, assuring him as to he quiet of Nauvoo, and that Smith and nis friends were ready to obey the laws. was told that the Constable with a posse and that evening gone to Nauvoo with a writ for Smith and others, and that nohing short of an unconditional surrender the laws could alley the excite nent was then informed by cov. Ford tie

pledged to protect all such persons as

night be arrested and that they should

have an impartial examinaton, and that i

Smiths and the rest against whom war rants had been issued, would come t Carthage by Monday the 24th inst., i would be a compliance on thetr part, and on Sunday morning the 23d, Gov Ford ledged his word that if Gen Smith would come to Carthage, he should by him be protected, with such of his friends as might accompany him, and that I as is counsel should have protection, in defending Smith, that I returned to Nauvoo, on Sunday evening the 23d, and I found Gen. J. Smith and Hyram Smith, making preparation to go to Carthage on Monday, and on Monday morning the 24th 1 lest the city of Nauvoo in company with Jos. and Hyram Smith, and some fifteen other hage, that about four miles west from Carthage, we were met by a company of about 60 men under Capt. Dunn. that at the request of Gen. Joseph Smith, I advanced and communicated with the Comnander of the company and was inform. ed he was on his way to Nauvoo, with in order from Gov. Ford, for the State Arms at that place, that it was agreed by myself on behalf of Gen. Smith, that the order for the arms should be endorsed by Gen. Smith, and that he should place himself under the protection of Captain Dunn, to return to Nauvoo and see the Governor's order promptly obeyed and return with Capt. Dunn to Carthage; Captain Dunn, pledging his word as a military nan, that Smith and his friends should be protected, that the order was endorsed Gen Smith, which was communicated by Captain Dunn, to Gov Ford, with a etter from Gen. Smith informing the Socies of Joseph Smith & Hyrum Smith from Gen. Smith following the form the jail of said county, forthwith before me at my office for an examination twon on the charge of treason, and proceeded to Carthage, that about the charge of treason, and proceeded to Carthage, that about the charge of treason, and proceeded to Carthage, that about the charge of treason, and proceeded to Carthage, that about the company individual responsibility. The pledge of the authorities of Nauvoo, brings the most action and the state now being the cady for such examination.

Given under my hand and seal this 26 day of June 1844.

Signed,) R.F. SMITH, J.P [L.S. And demanded the prisoners, but as the initial could find no law authorizing a justifice of the peace, to demand prisoners to demand prisoners to demand prisoners and the sone time of the peace, to demand prisoners and against the State of Illinois; that thout the sone against the State of Illinois; that the preservation of order. The command of Col. Flood constituted to his charge, he refused to many the company process of the maintain of the peace, the company process of the peace, the control of the peace, the control of the peace, the control of the peace of the maintain of the control of the peace, the cont Gov., that he would accompany Captain about 3 o'clock P. M. on the 25th the fustice, proceeded to the examination in elation to the riot and after a good deal of resistance on the part of the prosecu-ion, we were permitted to enter into a recognizance; to answer at the next term of the Circuit Court, that we were engaged, untill dark, in making out and givng our recognizances, that in consequence of the rumors as to the excitement it Warsaw and other points and to allay he fears of the citizens of Nauvoo, I requested Governor Ford to detail a company to Nauvoo, to protect the city, which request was promptly complied with, and that night Capt. Singleton, with company of men from McDonnough

> the evening of the 27th, when they took up their line of march for Carthage. After the matter of the riot was disposed of, the Justice left, without saying iny thing in relation to the examination for treason, and in about one hour the constable returned with a mitimus, a copy of which accompanies the statement of my colleague, H. T. Read, a copy of which was demanded and refused; that I requested the officer to wait until I could see Gov. Ford, and was told he would wait five minutes, and as I went to the loor I met Capt Dunn, with some twenty men to guard the prisoners to jail; bat I accompanied Gov. Ford to the Justice, R. F. Smith, who gave as a cause for issuing the warrant of committal; that the prisoners were not personally safe at

county marched to Nauvoo and took pos-

session of the city and remained until

the hotel. I then requested the Governor to have a company detailed to guard the jail, which was done, and they arrived at the jail about the same time as the prisoners. On the morning of the 20th, the Governor visited the jail in company with a friend, at which interview the Governor again pledged himself for their personal safety, and said if the troops went to Nau700, as was then contemplated, that they should to along to ensure their protection, that after the interview at the jail, the counsel for the prosecution wanted the prisoners brought before the justice for an examination, to which he counsel for the prisoners replied, that they prisoners were legally before the court, where we would appear and defend; that the justice.

nanded to jail and orders were issued for a der-in-chief, and it was determined that the troops should take up a line of march at 8 o' clock, on the morning of the 27th, for Nauvoo, and after the consultation, the justice, who was one of the officers in command, altered the re-turn of the subpœnss until the 29th, and con-tinued the hearing until that time, without conng to Nauvoo, was countermanded, and all the roops disbanded but the company under Capt Singleton at Nauvoo, Cap: Dunn's company of norse, and the Carthage Greys, that the Gov. ernor determined to visit Nauvoo, escorted by Capt. Dunn's company; and the Carthage aster, escorted by Capt. Dunn's company, arrived in Nauvoo about 5 o'clock, P. M., with the addressed the citizens, and promised them protection, and a just execution of the laws,

and immediately left the city for Carthage.

JAMES W. WOODS,

Attorney at Law, of Burlington, Iowa.

## BY EXPRESS!

Sunday morning 9 o'clock. The following proclamation has just eached us from head quarters. We issure the govenor, if he can manage human butchers, he has nothing to fear from armless, timid, and law abiding Latter day Saints:

#### TO THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS.

I desire to make a brief but true statement of the recent disgraceful affair at Carthage, in regard to the Smith's, so far as circumstances have come to my knowledge. The Smith's Joseph and Hyrum, have been assas sinated in Jail, by whom is not known but will be ascertained.—I pledred myself for their safety, and upon the assurance of that pledge, they surren-dered as prisoners. The Mormons surrendered the public arms in their possession, and the Nauvoo Legion submitted to the command of Capt Singleton, of Brown County, deputed for that purpose by me. All these things were required to satisfy the old citizens of Hancock, that the Mormons were peaceably disposed; and to allay jealousy and excitement in their minds. It appears however that the compliance of the Mormons with

On the morning of the day the deed was committed, we had proposed to march the army under my command into Nauvoo. I however discovered on the evening before, that nothing but utter destruction of the city would satisfy a portion of the troops; and that if we man ched into the city, pretexts would not be wanting for commencing hostilities. The Mormons had done every thing required or which ought to have been required of them. Offensive operations on our part would have been as unjust and disgrace. ful as they would have been impolitic, in the present critical season of the year, the harvest and the crops. For these reasons I decided, in a council of officers, to disband the army, except three companies, two of which were retained as a guard for the jail. With the other company I marched into Nauvoo, to address the inhabitants there, and tell them what they might expect in case they designed. ly or imprudently provoked a war. I per-formed this duty, as I think plainly and emphatically, and then set out to return to Carthage. When I had marched about three miles a messenger informed me of the occurrences at Carthage. hastened on to that place. The guard i is said, did their duty but were overpow ered. Many of the inhabitants of Carthage had fled with their families. Other ers were prepared to go. I apprehenden danger to the settlements from the sudden fury and passion of the Mormons and sanctioned their movements in this re

General Deming volunteered to re nain with a few troops, to observe the rogress of events, to defend property igainst small numbers, and with orders to retreat if menaced by a superior force. decided to proceed immediately to Quincy, to prepare a force, sufficient to suppress disorders, in case it should ensue for the foregoing transactions or from any other cause. I have hopes that the Mormons will make no further difficulies. In this I may be mistaken. The were committed until discharged by due course vies. In this I may be mistaken. The may recommence aggression. lam de we would appear and defend; that the justice. Itermined to preserve the peace against all breakers of which accompanies the statement of H. T. Reid, Esq..) for the jailor to deliver up the prisoners, which the jailor refused to do;—that the constable then repaired to the jail with a company called "Carthage Greys," of whom the justice, R. F. Smith, was the captain, but not then in command; and by intimidation and cy will enable me to get the earliest intermined to preserve the peace against al

elligence, and to communicate orders with greater celerity.

I have decided to issue the following

#### HEAD QUARTERS. Quincy, June 29, 1844.

It is ordered that the commandants of egiments in the counties of Adams, Mars juette, Pike, Brown, Schuyler, Morgan, Scott, Cass, Fultor, and McDonough, ind the Regiments composing General Stapps Brigade, will call their respective Regiments and Battalions together imnediately upon the receipt of this order, and proceed by voluntary enlistment to enrol as many men, as can be armed in their respective regiments. They will make arrangements for a campaign of welve days, and will provide themselves with arms, ammunition, and provisions accordingly, and hold themselves in readiness immediately to march upon the receipt of further orders.

The independent companies of Riflemen, Infantry, Cavalry, and Artillery in he above named counties and in the The of Sangamon will hold themselves readiness in like manner.
THOMAS FORD,

Governor and Commander in chief.

## Proclamation.

counties at Carthage, and in 12 hours there will be a sufficient force for the protection of

very eitizen in the country.

I confidently believe there is no just appre tension of an attack upon any place by the Mormon citizens of our county. And I hereby eticity command all citizens of Hancock Mormon population, under penalty of the severest inflictions of military law, and act in no ase, only on the defensive.

The corpses of the murdered men will be orthwith removed to Nauvoo, under an escort from Head Quarters.

Given under my hand this 28th June 1844.
4 o'clock A. M.

M. R. DEMING, Brig. Gen.,
4th Brigade and 5th Division.
It is hoped and expected that the Governor will be at Head Quarters in a few hours.

#### Head Quarters, Carthage, June 29th, 4 o'clock, a. m.

Fellow citizens of Hancock County:-Every prospect of danger from the Mormon population of this county is renoved and those who have retired from heir homes in its apprehension, are requested forthwith to aid in allaying pubthe preservation of order. The Governor's return from Adams is hourly expected. It is believed that no other forces will be necessary for the public safe-

M. R. DEMING. Brig. Gen.

Head Quarters, Carthage June 29th 1844

Dr. Willard Richards .-Your note by the return of the escort has been received with the request for Mr. Taylor and lady; considerations of prudence, should I think delay Mr. Taylors return. I fear it would prove fatal to his recovery. He will receive every attention that my power or the sympathies of many kind persons can furnish. I send you this communication with my last order by the hands of Messrs. Wood and Convers who are highly respectable citizens of Quincy-Mr. Woods is the Mayor of that City and a decided friend of law. Mr. Conyers was formerly the Mayor of the City. A safe conduct of troops that can be relied upon -In great haste.

Very respectfully yours,
M. R. DEMING, Brig. Gen.

NOTICE.

LARGE edition of the "Voice of A Warning" is now out and for sale at his office.

The Book of Doctrine and Covenante will be published in about one month from this time. Those wishing for an early supply had better make immediate application.

June 11, 1844 CITY Script or orders will be received on subscriptions at this office, if applications are made immediately. June 12th 1844.

OTICE -THE subscribers from the east, would respectfully inform he citizens of Nauvoo, that they have taken a Shop on Main street, a few doors above the Nauvoo Mansion, where they are prepared to do all kinds of work in he millinery line.

A. & E. GRAY. N. B.--A. & E. G. have furnished hemselves with a patent press machine by which they are enabled to press their straw bonnets in a manner that will give perfect satisfaction. June 10th 1844.

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