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President of the "Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints," in the Eastern States,

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## RESOLUTIONS

Of the Conferences of the "Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints," held by special appointment at Peterborough, New Hampshire, on the 2d and 3d days of May, Boston, Massachusetts, the 6th; city of New York, 9th and 10th, and in Philadelphia, the 13th and 14th days of May; to take into consideration the most expedient measures for the removal and emigration of the Saints in the Eastern States, to California, the ensuing Autumn. Elder J. C. Little, President of the Eastern Churches, being present and called to preside at each Conference, the following Resolutions were unanimously adopted, which we give herein.

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## PETERBOROUGH CONFERENCE.

*Resolved,* That we have the fullest confidence in the first Presidency of the Church, the *Twelve*, with Brigham Young at their head. That we will sustain them in their high and responsible Office as becomes the faithful *Saints* of the most High God.

*Resolved,* That we recognise and sustain Elder J. C. Little in the Presidency, as appointed by the Quorum of the *Twelve*, and that we will abide his counsel.

*Resolved,* That we will in every honourable way, carry into effect all the measures that he may deem expedient to lay before us. That we will uphold him by our prayers and faith in this great and arduous undertaking, in removing the *Saints* from this Country to California.

*Resolved,* That we as a people, will do every thing that lies within our power, to remove ourselves, our brethren and friends, who are willing to go with us to the land that God has appointed.

*Resolved,* That this Convention tender our most hearty thanks to his Excellency John H. Steele, Chief Magistrate of the State of New

Hampshire, for his kindness shown to our President, and to us as a people under his Jurisdiction.

*Therefore, Resolved,* That we will lend our influence to elect and sustain him in any Office, either in this or in any other Country, that they, the United States, may see fit to confer upon his Excellency.

*Resolved,* That we tender our thanks to all those who have, or shall assist us in this great enterprise of Emigration.

In behalf of the Conference,

J. C. LITTLE, *President.*

N. B. ALEXANDER, *Clerk.*

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## BOSTON CONFERENCE.

*Resolved,* That we, the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, in the Eastern Lands, feeling the importance of being planted in some safe and convenient place, and greatly desiring the society of our beloved brethren who are now emigrating to California; do hereby join our hearts and hands, with all we possess, with a firm and fixed determination to listen to the voice and counsel of those men whom God has appointed to lead his people, even the Twelve Apostles, with Brigham Young as their President, whom we hold as men of God and worthy of our most implicit confidence and faith.

*Resolved also, as next in order,* That Elder J. C. Little, who has been appointed by that Quorum to take charge of the affairs of the Church in the Eastern Lands, be upheld by our united faith and confidence, insomuch that he shall not be trammelled in any way of accomplishing the great and glorious work assigned him by the Lord.

We hereby resolve and faithfully agree to stand by him in every emergency, granting him power and influence in the midst of the great and noble men of the earth, withholding no support or aid he may require of any sort in our power, to render him, (himself to be the judge,) that his mind may be free from unnecessary care and anxiety.

*Resolved fourthly,* That we accept the Circular which he has already issued since his appointment by the Twelve, and take it as the man of our counsel and govern ourselves accordingly, using all diligence to comply with its wholesome advice.

*Resolved fifthly,* That we are willing to labor with our hands and beg with our lips, and that we will do so till we get deliverance, and leave this nation with honor and our garments clean from their blood.

*Resolved sixthly,* That we will sustain all the officers in their respective stations, that our worthy President, J. C. Little, has or may appoint to carry on the emigration of the Saints to California and all that teach contrary to those men shall not have our confidence or support.

*Resolved seventhly, and lastly,* That we return our sincere thanks to our worthy President, J. C. Little, for the good instruction which he has given us in connection with his brethren who have spoken on this

occasion; and also to all persons who have or may aid us in any manner in carrying out this great and laudable enterprise.

In behalf of the conference.

J. C. LITTLE, *President.*

LEONARD HARDY.

ALEXANDER BADLAM.

ROBERT DICKSON.

JOHN GOUCH.

FRANKLIN K. SHED.

HYRAM K. BRYANT.

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## NEW YORK CONFERENCE.

*Resolved,* That we, the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints in these Eastern Lands, separated as we are from the main body of the Church, feeling desirous that we should be planted together in some safe and convenient place where we may enjoy the society of those who should be the most dear to us—our Brothers and Sisters of one common faith, who are now emigrating to California as fast as they can from the land of their nativity; do most earnestly, under the most solemn conviction of its truth, think it our duty for each one of us to gather up our substances as speedily as we can and prepare ourselves to be in readiness to go out from this crooked and perverse nation, to a PROMISED LAND, where we can have a permanent and if we choose an EVERLASTING HOME! free from the difficulties which surround us here on every side. Where the glad voices of the Redeemed shall shout from every hill, making glad the CITY OF OUR GOD! Where the spires of the grand Temples of the Highest shall be seen from every quarter, and the thronged multitudes who shall go up hither, shall be exalted far above the glories which can await us here.

*Resolved,* That in view of these great and lasting privileges, we feel willing to listen to the voice of Counsel from our worthy President, and hear what "the spirit saith unto the Churches."

*Resolved,* That we are willing to receive Elder J. C. Little, who has been appointed by the Twelve, to take charge of the Eastern Branches of the Church, as the concentrated mind of the Twelve, and enough for us to know that he has their confidence. And that we most cordially give him our undivided support and uphold him with the Prayer of Faith, with the fullest confidence that the Lord will direct his steps.

*Resolved,* That as we have taken the Bible as the Man of our Council, that we will not be hindered in cases of emergency in this particular, but will do as the Apostles did in Ancient times, we will lay down our all at the Apostles' feet, by the help of the Lord and that by doing so we believe we are only helping ourselves.

*Resolved,* That we are also willing and ready to help carry out

whatever measures our President may think proper to adopt in carrying out this laudable undertaking, and will do all that in us lies for the promotion of the cause of GOD, in sustaining those whom he may choose to appoint over us.

*Resolved*, That as Saints of the HIGHEST we will not turn back to the beggarly elements of the world, but will press forward and not rest satisfied until we reach a place that we can call our own, "where Righteousness shall flow down our streets as a River," where the glad voices of God's People shall sing unmolested the songs of Zion in new anthems of praise that shall be as enduring as the everlasting Hills."

*Resolved and Re-resolved*, That whatever our worthy President may think proper for us to do, "we will do it with our might," "for in unity there is strength," that we will carry out the purposes of God, if he makes use of us as his instrument to the fullest extent, God being our helper.

*Resolved*, That the thanks of this meeting be tendered to Gov. J. H. Steele, of New Hampshire, for his courteous treatment towards our worthy President, by giving him letters of Introduction to the great men of this nation, and that he may be remembered by us as a People.

In behalf of the Conference.

J. C. LITTLE, *President*.

G. T. NEWELL, *Clerk*.

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## PHILADELPHIA CONFERENCE.

At a Special Conference of the "Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints," held in Philadelphia, on Wednesday and Thursday, May 13 and 14, 1846, to take into consideration the removal of the Saints of God from the Eastern Lands to California, President J. C. Little, being Chairman, and J. P. Smith, Clerk, the Resolutions of the Conferences held at Peterborough, Boston and New York, being read, the same were sanctioned by the Conference. A Committee of three were appointed, consisting of Brothers Adams, Smith and Housekeeper, to draft Resolutions in behalf of the Conference, expressive of the feelings and sentiments of the same,

*Therefore, Resolved*, That we acknowledge the Twelve, with Brother B. Young at their head, as the authorities of the Church, constituted and appointed by Heaven, and that our faith and prayers shall be raised to the God of Heaven for their protection and deliverance from the hands of their enemies, and that God will give his Angels charge over them and lead them by his Omnipotent arm, that they may be instruments in his hands of gathering his people to a land of Peace.

*Resolved*, That we will use our utmost endeavours, by all lawful and honorable means, by our faith, prayers and substance, which God has placed in our hands, to uphold and assist Brother J. C. Little, whom we cheerfully acknowledge our President, here in the East, and own him as such, and also those whom he has associated with him, to

aid in the great, glorious and responsible work assigned unto them, in gathering together the People of God from these Eastern Lands, to California. Where we can enjoy our rights, liberties and religion unmolested. Where the Oppressor's foot, the murderers of the Prophets of God, shall never tread or desecrate the inheritance, or the camp of the Saints. Where the blood of Saints, the cries of the Widow and the moans of Fatherless Orphans shall never be heard. But where we can meet with our Brethren and Sisters and enjoy the blessings and gifts of His Holy Spirit, redeem our dead, receive our endowments, with none to molest and make afraid. Where we can rear the Temples and Sanctuaries of our God. Gather into the fold of Christ the persecuted of Jacob; where our Sisters can spread their board and welcome in the daughters of Ephraim.

*Resolved*, That we will hearken to the counsel of President Little, and his associates, in all things appertaining to the cause and kingdom of Our God, in rolling it on, and for the deliverance of our Brethren and Sisters, who desire to do the will of God and gather with his people, and that we have implicit confidence that President Little, and associates, will counsel and direct us aright.

*Resolved*, That we withdraw the hand of fellowship from every one that calumniates, or falsifies, or tries to defame the character of the heads of the Church, composed of the Twelve who have travelled over sea and land, and through blood and burning, mobs, prisons and chains, to preach righteousness and truth to their fellow man, and to build up the kingdom of God, which truth and kingdom we are rejoicing in.

*Resolved*, That we will not receive the teachings or counsel of any man, that may come among us, except sent here by the Twelve, the Trustees in Trust, or by the Presidency in the East.

*Resolved*, That we rejoice in having the privilege of meeting with our beloved Brother, President Little, in Conference, and those of his Brethren associated with him, and that we say we fully approve of their labours and counsel, and bid them God speed.

In behalf of the Conference,

J. C. LITTLE, *President*,

WILLIAM D. ADAMS,

JNO. P. SMITH,

JOHN HOUSEKEEPER.

JNO. P. SMITH, *Clerk*.

## TO THE SAINTS SCATTERED ABROAD IN THE EASTERN LANDS.

As it is our most earnest desire that the saints under our presidency should be made acquainted with all things that will tend to promote their welfare, we deem it expedient at the present time to inform them of some alterations and appointments, &c., that have necessarily been made since our circular was issued, and also to impart some general counsel for the welfare of all concerned, which, if they hearken to, they will do well: First, Elder Leonard Hardy, of Bradford, of Massachusetts, in connection with his former appointment, is appointed by me to visit the churches in the British Provinces in North America, to teach, counsel, and instruct them, and to collect means for emigration and obtain all information in regard to the same; and the Saints where he travels are counselled to receive him and give heed to his counsels, and assist him in his mission. Elders Holmes and Miles retain their appointments, as given in the circular. Elder A. Lutz, of Philadelphia, having removed West, Elder W. I. Appleby, of Recklesstown, Burlington County, N. J., has been appointed to take charge of the Church in Philadelphia, also in New Jersey, Pennsylvania and Delaware; and he is appointed to assist me in my labours, and as an Agent, to transact business for me and the Church, and to assist me in making the necessary arrangement for the emigration from the Eastern Lands, —and the Saints are informed to give heed to his counsel, and assist him by all in their power, to perform the duties devolving upon him. All information relative to the Church here in the East, can be obtained by addressing me at Peterborough, New Hampshire; W. H. Miles, No. 149 York St., Brooklyn, L. I. Elder L. Hardy, East Bradford, Mass.; and to Elder W. I. Appleby, at Philadelphia, care of J. Gibson corner of 3rd and Dock Sts., or to Recklesstown, Burlington County, N. J. All communications must be post paid to receive attention; therefore, dear brethren, let us endeavor by all honorable means, by our faith prayers, diligence, and industry, to be joined together as one man, in this great and glorious work in assisting to roll on the work of God, and in gathering his people to the place that he has appointed; save every cent you can, to assist you, and let the rich impart of their substance to assist their poor brethren, so, if it is possible, we may sail by September. We purpose visiting Washington in a few days, to see our Father, the President, and the honorable and great men of this nation, to see if the Government will not assist us in emigrating, by giving us freight, or something that will tend to lessen our expenses, and when we return you will be duly informed, from time to time, in regard to the several duties appertaining to our emigration, &c. And here let me say, it is a very important period we are living in; war is

actually raging between the United States and Mexico—blood has been shed and it must be atoned for; now be wise, speak not evil of your government nor any one: our wrongs have been told, they are known in heaven and on earth, and let that suffice; our persecutions have come from mobs, and not from the general Government, and, at present as far as we can learn it feels disposed to sympathize and succour us. Although we are about leaving the land of our fathers, yet, we go as Americans, Sons and Daughters of this mighty Republic. We go under the protection of our God and the outstretched wing of the American eagle. We go devoted to our Country, to its constitutions and its laws. We love them and believe there is no other country existing on the earth that has such. And when the people become fully acquainted with our merits, persecution will cease; and in the day and hour of danger of our country, we, her sons, will stand by her and prove to the world that we are worthy to be called the free and patriotic sons of Columbia. Therefore be wise, and hearken to what the spirit saith unto the churches: live virtuous, and let an upright walk and a godly conversation characterize your daily walks, and let us leave this nation with honor and peace, and leave all events in the hands of God—praying that truth and righteousness may flourish on the Earth.

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### NOTICE.

The “Churches of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints” hold their meetings at Boston, Mass., in Suffolk Hall, Washington St., opposite the Market, Elder David Brown, Presiding.

New York, in the Broadway Hall, corner Broadway and Grand St., Elder Wm. H. Miles, Presiding.

Philadelphia, in the Marshall Institute, in Third just above Willow St., Elder W. I. Appleby, Presiding.

Meetings, at each of the above named places, are held every Sabbath at 10 o'clock in the Morning—half past two in the afternoon, and half past seven in the evening,—preaching forenoon and evenings.

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### NOTICE.

We would say to the Saints, and all others who purpose going with us in September next, that we desire those who have means to spare at the present time, to remit to us what they can, as soon as possible, so as to secure their passage, and unfetter our hands, to be preparing to get the ship ready, for it is impossible to do much without means; therefore we hope that our call will be promptly responded to. It will be credited to them and receipts given, and go towards defraying their passage. We also wish all the poor who are desirous of going, who have not means sufficient of their own, to send in their names, with the amount of what they will be able to raise by the time the ship sails,

and we want the names of those also who have not means, so we can regulate all things relating to our emigration in wisdom and righteousness, and duly inform the Saints from time to time.

Funds and names can be remitted by Mail, (post paid,) to me directed, to J. C. Little, Peterborough, N. H., or to Elder W. H. Miles, No. 149 York St., Brooklyn, L. I.; to Elder L. Hardy, East Bradford, Mass.; or to Elder W. I. Appleby, at Philadelphia, directed to the care of Jacob Gibson, Corner Third and Dock St., Pa., or to Recklesstown, Burlington County, N. J., who will give receipts for all funds received by them to be forwarded to me,—and the same will be duly credited towards their passage in the Ship. Therefore, Dear Brethren and Sisters, if you desire to gather with the people of the Lord, do not be backward, but hold up our hands, and assist us in the deliverance of his people. You are not afraid to trust your soul's salvation to the counsels and teachings of the Servants of the Lord, and we trust you will not think more of your means than you do of your spiritual welfare. We labour for you and we trust that you will, one and all, render us your assistance in the great and responsible work we are engaged in, and have been called upon to perform.

On my return from the City of Washington, which will be in the course of two or three weeks, I shall pass through the different Cities, stopping a short time in each, on my return to Peterborough; any one having business with me can then be attended to.

J. C. LITTLE.

P. S. As we intend publishing once in two weeks, we shall be at considerable expense in so doing; the Saints will, we trust, show their liberality by forwarding means to me or to my authorized Agents to help to defray the expenses of the same: J. C. L.

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### *Glorious and Cheering News from the Sandwich Islands, England, &c.*

We have received a letter from Elders Addison Pratt and B. F. Grouard, dated Tahiti, Jan. 9, 1846, giving us cheering news: A branch has been raised up on the Island of Touboi, consisting of 64 members, and 620 have been baptized on Chain Island. On the Island of Tahiti the glorious work has also begun. On the Island Tobouni, we are informed from the last accounts, that rising of 60 had been baptized; among the number the Queen, heiress to the crown, and all the principal men of the Island, and that they had already commenced building a vessel to come to America in.

In the British Isles the work is also rolling on, 1570 having been baptized from the first of April 1845, up to the first of December. 10,000 were represented at the last conference held at Liverpool, and the work is still increasing. Thus we see the words of the Lord fulfilling: "Surely the Isles shall wait for me."