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Jeddo Prairie

Jeddo Prairie May 5th 1845

My Dear

My Dear friend John

I received your kind letter on Sunday and was glad to see it which I read with great delight. The spring don't seem to come on as fast as we thought at first. however the grass, bushes and the trees are beginning to look quite green again. it is a time of reviving of every thing. Things Temporal and Spiritual seem to bud out together. I hope they may continue to go on from spring to summer, and then have a good harvest in Autumn have a good harvest from the ground, and a good harvest of souls into Christ's Kingdom. it gladdens the heart of Christians to see sinners flocking to the standard of King Emanuel and there to rally round their Captain and fight the good fight of faith, and in that cause in which so many noble martyrs did depending, it is the noblest warfare that any one can be engaged in, it is the only war in which every soldier receives a reward, and every one that dies is kindly taken care of, for at his death angels are standing ready to carry their souls to heaven whenever it is separated from the body. it is the only one that can give peace to the mind on a dying pillow, what a difference in the death of the martyrs and the infidels. the one meeting death with a smile, the other in an agony of mind which is worse than the tortures which some of these martyrs were put to, for the cause of their beloved Master, but it was only the opening of the gates of bliss, a never ending happiness, a never ending fellowship with their God, and their saviour Jesus Christ, and with angels, and all the redeemed of the Lord, let us take example of these martyrs and be determined that what ever comes in our way to hinder us to serve

