

The following letter can be found in the First Presidency (John Taylor) correspondence, 1877-1887>Letters, 1882>Letters,1882 Co-D (Church History Library, CR 1 180)

Transcription of letter from James Dove to John Taylor by Jolene Allphin, April 10, 2022, as written:

James Dove

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San francisco E Corner 28 St and Sanchez

March 1882

San francisco March 24th 1882

Dear Brother John Taylor

you will be surprised to have

a Line from me after so many

years[.] I have been thinking

of you and the work that

you and others are ingaged

in a Good deal Lately[.] I would

Like to here your voice once

more before I die[.] the first

time I heard you was in

Nottingham England. I am

Called a Mormon wherever

I go, whatever the Church may

say I have never spoken against

the Latter day work, true I

was at Webar [Weber] with Joseph Morris[.]

that is done years ago. and I

have no more to say about it[.]

I have not much to say in this

Letter till I see if you will answer me[.]

[in side margin] <if you answer this I write more next time[.]

if John Sharp were a Poor man I would not ask him>

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they were some things at that

time I did not Like[.] my spirit

Liked peace and Comfort in the

Holy Spirit and not the Shedding

of Blood[.] But I have never said

any thing outside But allways

mentained the Princibles of the

Latterday work[.] I often wish I was

with you and the People to help the

Lords work against this mighty

Government, the Lord has stood by

you for many years and will if you

Stand by him, this government is
Rotten at the core, those men at
Washington should not throw Stones[.]
they Live in Glass houses, they are all
Bigamist in the true sence of the word[.]
I have been in Good Circumstances
in this City But I am now Poor and
would Like to come to the Lake if I
Could[.] I wish you name it to Bishop
John Sharp[.] when I went up to Webar
I Left a house and Lot in his care
and he never would give it up again
Because I was in Debt to <him> for one
hunderd Dollors[.] the Property was
worth six hunderd Dollars if his
Consince is Cleer all right[.] will you
answer this and oblidge your Brother
in the Latter work James Dove