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Abstract

This article, originally a lecture given at Brigham Young University as part of a special issue of *BYU Studies* featuring Thomas L. Kane, not a member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, shows how documents from the Kane collection at Brigham Young University correct, or confirm our knowledge of the following: first, the attitude of K. Polk and his cabinet and others close to him toward the fleeing Mormons; second, the federal government's request for a five-hundred-

third, the Mormon settlement at Winter Quarters at the Missouri and fourth, Kane's lecture titled "The Mormons," given and published in 1850.

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