

forth the curtains of her habitations. | and the destiny of the Latter-day Saints.  
That is the destiny of this nation, | Amen.

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**THE CHURCH BASED UPON THE PRINCIPLE OF PERFECT  
FREEDOM—WHEN A PRESIDENT RESIGNS, HIS  
COUNSELORS GO OUT OF OFFICE—HIGH PRIESTS TO  
PRESIDE—PRESIDENTS CHOOSE THEIR OWN  
COUNSELORS—ALL AUTHORITIES SUSTAINED BY VOTE  
OF THE SAINTS—POSITION OF PRESIDENTS CANNON  
AND SMITH IF PRESIDENT TAYLOR SHOULD  
RESIGN—SAINTS NOT TO INTERFERE WITH THE  
RELIGION OF OTHERS.**

REMARKS BY PRESIDENT JOHN TAYLOR, DELIVERED AT OGDEN, SUNDAY, JANUARY 21,  
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REPORTED BY GEO. F. GIBBS.

We convene in Conference in the various Stakes that everything pertaining to the interests of the Stakes may be considered in those conferences, and that all matters may be properly represented, and all the Saints have the privilege of voting for or against those officers who are presented to the Conference for their acceptance. It is also usual to vote for the officers of Wards in the Wards over which they preside, such as Bishops and their Counselors, with all the Lesser Priesthood, so that there may be perfect unanimity in all our acts. Because the Church of God is based upon the principle of perfect freedom of action. And while, as was said this morning, we have a Priesthood and an organization, and proper authority in the Church and Kingdom of God, it is proper that all of these authorities should be presented from time to time before the people, that all the people everywhere, not only in a Stake, but in all the Stakes, as well as at the General Conference, may have the opportunity if they know of anything wrong, anything immoral or unrighteous associated with the acts of any of the leading authorities of the Church, of speaking of it, that everything and everybody may be properly presented and that the conduct of all men may be intelligently scrutinized; for, if we cannot bear the scrutiny of our brethren upon earth, how shall we be able to meet the scrutiny and investigations of our heavenly Father when we shall stand before Him. And if there is anything immoral or unrighteous, of any kind, it is proper