

The Utah District Attorney.

District Attorney Howard of Utah has offered his resignation and it has been accepted. He began a good work, but for some unexplained reason did not complete it. Through his efforts John D. Lee, the leader of the Mountain Meadows Massacre, was tried, convicted and executed; a righteous punishment for an infernal crime. The man whose orders Lee obeyed was allowed to die quietly in his bed; but Brigham Young had other tools beside Lee, and they have thus far escaped the clutch of avenging justice. In a lecture delivered in Michigan last spring, Howard declared he had evidence in his possession which would convict Young and other Mormons high in authority of complicity in this massacre. Why did he not use it? Why was the moving spirit in that awful butchery permitted to go to his grave without even an investigation? Why are his tools—Lee excepted—alive and out of jail? In short, why did not Howard do his duty? Was he afraid, or was the Government afraid?

There seems to be a spell thrown over every Federal official sent to Utah. They make a few feeble efforts to execute the laws, then subside into hopeless and helpless inactivity, and then resign. The petticoats of polygamy appear to extinguish them. Howard started so well that we hoped he would prove an exception to the rule as remarkable as it is disgraceful. But he has not, and the probabilities are that the innocent blood shed at Mountain Meadows will receive no further answer to its piteous appeal.—St. Louis Republican, 5th.