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Chapter

Behold now it came to pass that soon after Moroni had sent his Epistle unto the chief governor he received an Epistle from Pahoran the Chief Governor & these are the words which he received

I Pahoran which art the chief governor of this land do send these words unto Moroni the chief captain over the army behold I say unto you Moroni that I do not joy in your great afflictions yea it grieves my soul

but behold there are those who do joy in your afflictions yea insomuch that they have risen up in rebellion against me & also those ^{of} my people which are free men yea & those which have risen up are exceeding numerous

& it is those who have sought to take away the Judgmentseat from me that have been the cause of this great iniquity for they have used great flattery & they have led away the hearts of many people which will be the cause of sore affliction among us they have withheld our provisions & have daunted our freemen that they have not come unto you

& behold they have driven me out before them & I **324** have fled to the land of Gideon with as many men as it were possible that I could get

& behold I have sent a proclamation throughout this part of the land & behold they are flocking to us daily to their arms in the defence of their country & their freedom & to avenge our wrongs

& they have come unto us insomuch that those which have rose up in rebellion against us are set at defiance yea insomuch that they do fear us & dearst not come out ~~to battle~~ against us to battle

CHAPTER 61 [X]

Pahoran tells Moroni of the insurrection and rebellion against the government—The king-men take Zarahemla and are in league with the Lamanites—Pahoran asks for military aid against the rebels. About 62 B.C.

¹Behold, now it came to pass that soon after Moroni had sent his **epistle** unto the chief **governor**, he received an **epistle** from Pahoran, the **chief governor**. **And** these are the words which he received:

²I, Pahoran, **who am** the chief **governor** of this land, do send these words unto Moroni, the chief captain over the army. **Behold**, I say unto you, Moroni, that I do not joy in your great afflictions, yea, it grieves my soul.

³But behold, there are those who do joy in your afflictions, yea, insomuch that they have risen up in rebellion against me, **and** also those **of** my people **who** are free[]men, yea, **and** those **who** have risen up are exceeding**ly** numerous.

⁴**And** it is those who have sought to take away the **judgment-seat** from me that have been the cause of this great iniquity; for they have used great flattery, **and** they have led away the hearts of many people, which will be the cause of sore affliction among us; they have withheld our provisions, **and** have daunted our freemen that they have not come unto you.

⁵**And** behold, they have driven me out before them, **and** I have fled to the land of Gideon, with as many men as it were possible that I could get.

⁶**And** behold, I have sent a proclamation throughout this part of the land; **and** behold, they are flocking to us daily, to their arms, in the defence of their country **and** their freedom, **and** to avenge our wrongs.

⁷**And** they have come unto us, insomuch that those **who** have **risen** up in rebellion against us are set at defiance, yea, insomuch that they do fear us **and** **du**[]rst not come out **[X_X]** against us to battle.

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they have got provision of the land of the city of Zarahemla they have appointed a King over them & he hath written unto the king of the Lamanites in the which he hath joined an alliance with him in the which alliance he hath agreed to maintain the City of Zarahemla in the which maintainance he supposeth will enable the Lamanites to conquer the remainder of the land & he shall be placed King over this people when they shall be conquered under the Lamanites

& now in your Epistle ye hath censured me but it mattereth not I am not angry but do rejoice in the greatness of your heart I Pahoron do not seek for power save only to retain my Judgment seat that I may preserve the rights & the liberty of my people my soul standeth fast in that liberty in the which God hath made me free

& now behold we will resist wickedness even unto bloodshed we would not shed the blood of the Lamanites if they would stay in their own land

we would not shed the blood of our brethren if they would not rise up in rebellion & take the sword against us

we would subject ourselves to the yoke of bondage if it were requisite with the Justice of God or if he should command us so to do

but behold he doth not command us that we shall subject ourselves to our enemies but that we should put our trust in him & he will deliver us

therefore my beloved Brother Moroni let us resist evil & whatsoever evil we cannot resist with our words yea such as rebellions & dissensions let us resist them with our swords that we may retain our freedom that we may rejoice in the great privilege of our church & in the cause of our redeemer & our God

therefore come unto me speedily with a few of your men & leave the remainder in the charge of Lehi & Teancum give unto them power to conduct the war in that part of the land according to the spirit of God which is also the spirit of freedom which is in them

behold I have sent a few provisions unto them that they may not perish until ye can come unto me

⁸They have got **possession** of the land, **or** the city, of Zarahemla; they have appointed a **king** over them, **and** he hath written unto the king of the Lamanites, in the which he hath joined an **alliance** with him; in [] the which **alliance** he hath agreed to maintain the **city** of Zarahemla, [X_X] which **mainte**[] **nance** he supposeth will enable the Lamanites to conquer the remainder of the land, **and** he shall be **placed king** over this people when they shall be conquered under the Lamanites.

⁹**And** now, in your **epistle you have censured** me, but it mattereth not; I am not angry, but do rejoice in the greatness of your heart. I, Pahoran, do not seek for power, save only to retain my **judgment-seat** that I may preserve the rights **and** the liberty of my people. **My** soul standeth fast in that liberty in the which God hath made **us** free.

¹⁰**And** now, behold, we will resist wickedness even unto [_ _] bloodshed. **We** would not shed the blood of the Lamanites if they would stay in their own land.

¹¹**We** would not shed **the blood of** our brethren if they would not rise up in rebellion **and** take **the sword against** us.

¹²**We** would subject ourselves to the yoke of bondage if it were **requisite** with the **justice** of God, or if he should command us so to do.

¹³**But** behold **he** doth not command us that we shall subject ourselves to our enemies, but that we should put our trust in him, **and** he will deliver us.

¹⁴**T**herefore, my beloved **brother**, Moroni, let us resist evil, **and** whatsoever evil we cannot resist with our words, yea, such as rebellions **and** dissensions, let us resist them with our swords, that we may retain our freedom, that we may rejoice in the great privilege of our church, **and** in the cause of our **Redeemer and** our God.

¹⁵**T**herefore, come unto me speedily with a few of your men, **and** leave the remainder in the charge of Lehi **and** Teancum; give unto them power to conduct the war in that part of the land, according to the **Spirit** of God, which is also the spirit of freedom which is in them.

¹⁶**B**ehold I have sent a few provisions unto them, that they may not perish until ye can come unto me.

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gather together whatsoever force ye can upon your march hither & we will go ^{speedily} against those dissenters in the strength of our God according to the faith which is in us

& we will take possession of the City of Zarahemla **325** that we may obtain more food to send forth unto Lehi & Teancum yea we will go forth against them in the strength of the Lord & we will put an end to this great iniquity

& now Moroni I do joy in receiving your Epistle for I was somewhat worried concerning what we should do whether it should be just in us to go against our brethren

but ye have said except they repent the Lord hath commanded you that ye should go against them

see that ye strengthen Lehi & Teancum in the Lord tell them to fear not for God will deliver them yea & also all those who stand fast in that liberty where with God hath made them free & now I close mine Epistle to my beloved brother Moroni—

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¹⁷**G**ather together whatsoever force ye can upon your march hither, **and** we will go **speedily** against those dissenters, in the strength of our God according to the faith which is in us.

¹⁸**A**nd we will take possession of the **city** of Zarahemla, that we may obtain more food to send forth unto Lehi **and** Teancum; yea, we will go forth against them in the strength of the Lord, **and** we will put an end to this great iniquity.

¹⁹**A**nd now, **Moroni**, I do joy in receiving your **epistle**, for I was somewhat worried concerning what we should do, whether it should be just in us to go against our brethren.

²⁰**B**ut ye have said, except they repent the Lord hath commanded you that ye should go against them.

²¹**S**ee that ye strengthen Lehi **and** Teancum in the Lord; tell them to fear not, for God will deliver them, yea, **and** also all those who stand fast in that liberty where **[]** with God hath made them free. **And** now I close mine **epistle** to my beloved brother, **Moroni []**.