

[No. 42.]

January 4, 1893.

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

A PROCLAMATION.

Preamble.
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Whereas, Congress, by a statute approved March 22, 1882, and by statutes in furtherance and amendment thereof, defined the crimes of bigamy, polygamy and unlawful cohabitation in the Territories and other places within the exclusive jurisdiction of the United States and prescribed a penalty for such crimes; and

Whereas, on or about the 6th day of October, 1890, the Church of the Latter Day Saints, commonly known as the Mormon Church, through its President, issued a manifesto proclaiming the purpose of said Church no longer to sanction the practice of polygamous marriages, and calling upon all members and adherents of said church to obey the laws of the United States in reference to said subject matter; and

Whereas, it is represented that since the date of said declaration the members and adherents of said Church have generally obeyed said laws and have abstained from plural marriages and polygamous cohabitation; and

Whereas, by a petition dated December 19, 1891, the officials of said Church, pledging the membership thereof to a faithful obedience to the laws against plural marriage and unlawful cohabitation, have applied to me to grant amnesty for past offences against said laws, which request a very large number of influential non-Mormons, residing in the Territories, have also strongly urged; and

Whereas, the Utah Commission, in their report bearing date September 15, 1892, recommend that said petition be granted and said amnesty proclaimed, under proper conditions as to the future observance of the law, with a view to the encouragement of those now disposed to become law-abiding citizens; and

Whereas, during the past two years such amnesty has been granted to individual applicants in a very large number of cases, conditioned upon the faithful observance of the laws of the United States against unlawful cohabitation; and there are now pending many more such applications;

Pardon to polygamous Mormons abstaining from unlawful cohabitation since November 1, 1890.

Now, therefore, I, BENJAMIN HARRISON, President of the United States, by virtue of the powers in me vested, do hereby declare and grant a full amnesty and pardon to all persons liable to the penalties of said Act by reason of unlawful cohabitation under the color of polygamous or plural marriage, who have since November 1, 1890, abstained from such unlawful cohabitation; but upon the express condition that they shall in the future faithfully obey the laws of the United States hereinbefore named, and not otherwise. Those who shall fail to avail themselves of the clemency hereby offered will be vigorously prosecuted.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the United States to be affixed.

Done at the City of Washington this fourth day of January in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-
[SEAL.] three, and of the Independence of the United States the one hundred and seventeenth.

BENJ HARRISON

By the President:
JOHN W. FOSTER,
Secretary of State.

[No. 43.]

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

February 14, 1893.

A PROCLAMATION.

Whereas, it is provided by section twenty-four of the Act of Congress, approved March third, eighteen hundred and ninety-one, entitled, "An act to repeal timber-culture laws, and for other purposes," "That the President of the United States may, from time to time, set apart and reserve, in any State or Territory having public land bearing forests, in any part of the public lands wholly or in part covered with timber or undergrowth, whether of commercial value or not, as public reservations, and the President shall, by public proclamation, declare the establishment of such reservations and the limits thereof;

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And whereas, the public lands in the State of California, within the limits hereinafter described, are in part covered with timber, and it appears that the public good would be promoted by setting apart and reserving said lands as a public reservation;

Now, therefore, I, BENJAMIN HARRISON, President of the United States, by virtue of the power in me vested by section twenty-four of the aforesaid Act of Congress, do hereby make known and proclaim that there is hereby reserved from entry or settlement and set apart as a Public Reservation, all those certain tracts, pieces or parcels of land lying and being situate in the State of California, and within the boundaries particularly described as follows, to-wit:

Forest reservation,
California.

Beginning at the north-east corner of Township five (5) South, Range thirty (30) East, on the First (1st) Standard Parallel South, Mount Diablo Meridian, California; thence westerly along said First (1st) Standard Parallel to the north-west corner of Township five (5) South, Range twenty-one (21) East; thence southerly on the range line between Ranges twenty (20) and twenty-one (21) East, to the south-west corner of Township six (6) South, Range twenty-one (21) East; thence easterly on the township line between Townships six (6) and seven (7) South, to the south-east corner of Township six (6) South, Range twenty-one (21) East; thence southerly on the range line between Ranges twenty-one (21) and twenty-two (22) East, to the south-west corner of Township seven (7) South, Range twenty-two (22) East; thence easterly along the township line between Townships seven (7) and eight (8) South, to the south-east corner of Township seven (7) South, Range twenty-two (22) East; thence southerly along the range line between Ranges twenty-two (22) and twenty-three (23) East, to the south-west corner of Township eight (8) South, Range twenty-three (23) East; thence easterly along the Second (2nd) Standard Parallel South, to the north-east corner of Township nine (9) South, Range twenty-three (23) East; thence southerly along the unsurveyed and surveyed range line between Ranges twenty-three (23) and twenty-four (24) East, to the southwest corner of Township nine (9) South, Range twenty-four (24) East; thence easterly along the township line between Townships nine (9) and ten (10) South, to the south-east corner of Township nine (9) South, Range twenty-four (24) East; thence southerly along the range line between Ranges twenty-four (24) and twenty-five (25) East, to the south-west corner of Township ten (10) South, Range twenty-five (25) East; thence easterly along the township line between Townships ten (10) and eleven (11) South, to the south-east corner of Township ten (10) South, Range twenty-five (25) East; thence southerly along the unsurveyed and surveyed range line between Ranges twenty-five (25) and twenty-six (26) East, to the southwest corner of Township twelve (12) South, Range twenty-six (26) East; thence easterly along the third (3rd) Standard Parallel South, to the north-west corner of Township thirteen (13) South, Range twenty-seven (27) East; thence southerly along the range line between Ranges twenty-six (26) and twenty-seven (27) East,

Boundaries.