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OF THE TESTIMONY CONCERNING THE VALID BASIS

FOR DIVORCE AND REMARRIAGE AFTER DIVORCE

[Excerpts from Testimony to the Monterey, Michigan, church written June 6, 1863. This Testimony in its entirety presents many personal messages to various members of that church. The file number, Letter 4a, 1863, was in a reorganization of the file separating "manuscripts" from "letters" changed to MS 2, 1863.--A. L. White]

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Disregard June 6, 1863  
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I have  
Last evening while engaged in family prayer at Bro. Skillards, the blessing of the Lord rested upon us, and I was taken off in vision.  
I was shown some things relating to the Church at Monterey.

to wife in a position where they can get be free from the Marriage vow in the sight of God. Although the laws of the land may grant a divorce yet they are husband and wife still in the bible light, according to the laws of God.

I saw that Sister Jones as yet has no right to marry another man but if she <sup>remarried</sup> ~~could~~ see a woman should obtain a divorce legally on the ground that her husband was guilty of adultery then she is free ~~as if~~ to be married to whom she chooses.

And again I saw Bro. <sup>that the church</sup>  
have not taken the right ground <sup>from</sup> <sup>scripture</sup> <sup>person</sup> <sup>that</sup> <sup>legally</sup> <sup>divorced</sup>  
by the laws of the land, and yet not divorced in the sight of God and according to the higher law. There is only one sin which is adultery which can place the husband