

# Appendix 3

## [Father Joseph Meacham's writing concerning conscientious objection. VII-A:12, OCIWHI]

[See transcription of this document on pages 166-67.]

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 or encourage it in others but if they require arms or take of us on that account  
 engaging to their laws we may for conscience sake refuse that demand, in that respect  
 and be innocent to far as we know or suspect  
 yet we not Consistent with our Faith to make any Covenant or agreement with  
 them to pay or give any thing as an Equivalent to bearing arms to land or take  
 thirty days or just that Argument is so far as we may in Conscience for the sake  
 of Peace or to be exempted from that which we believe is just  
 We believe that you are free by the sacrifice that the time is near that others will be so  
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A note on the verso of this manuscript indicates that it is in the handwriting of Father Joseph Meacham. The other note, "Recorded May 21st 1850," indicates that Elder Rufus Bishop transcribed it for his collection of Father Joseph's writings.