

OFFICE OF
The First Presidency
of the
Church of Jesus Christ
of Latter-day Saints.

Ch. Hist

P.O. Box B.

REC'D 4 MEI 1909

Salt Lake City, Utah, April 21st, 1909

ANSW'D 4 MEI 1909

Wm. Sylvester Q. Cannon,

Rotterdam.

Dear Brother:-

We took under consideration today the question of your release, having in mind the fact that when you were called on your present mission it was not the intention for you to remain in the mission field the usual time allotted to Mission Presidents, but only so long as it might take you to revise and re-publish the Doctrine and Covenants and Book of Mormon in the Dutch language, a thing, we understand, you have now accomplished, or soon will have done.

Agreeable with this understanding we take very great pleasure in assuring you that your labors have been entirely satisfactory to us, as we know they have been also to President Penrose, and therefore you are at liberty to use your own judgment as to when you shall leave your field of labor to return home, bringing of course your family with you. And inasmuch as we at this writing have not been able to satisfy ourselves as to your successor in office, we have concluded to authorize you to choose yourself the most eligible elder under your presidency to take temporary charge of the Mission, and when you shall have decided in your own mind the name of the elder you may consider yourself at liberty to turn the affairs of the Mission over to him at such a time as may suit your own convenience.

But if there should be any doubt in your mind in

making a choice, we would thank you to communicate with us in regard to the matter, giving the name of one or more elders from which to choose, with any recommendation which you yourself might feel to make, and as soon as possible on receipt of such a letter we will determine your temporary successor and send him through you his letter of appointment.

We leave you now to act in this matter according to your own discretion, feeling assured that whatever you may do in the premises will be right and proper and satisfactory to us, as well as acceptable to our Heavenly Father. We will write Prest. Penrose, informing him of our action with respect to your release to return home.

Praying the Lord to bless you and your family, and bring you safe home in His own due time, we are, with kind love,

Your Brethren,

Joseph F. Smith
John A. Winder
Anthony A. Lund

First Presidency.