

Table 3.M Beginning text of The Book of Mormon

The printer's manuscript diction and spelling¹

line numbers added
 ^ = insertion above the line

the Book of Mormon
 25 ^ Chapter – I And now I Mormon make a record of the things
 26 which I have both seen & heard & call it the Book of Mormon== And
 27 abot the time that Ammoron hid up the records unto the Lord he
 28 came unto me I being about ten years of age & I began to be learned some
 29 -what after the manner of the learning of my People & Ammoron sayeth

The 1830 printed edition diction, spelling and punctuation²

BOOK OF MORMON.

CHAPTER I.

And now I, Mormon, make a record of the things which I
 have both seen and heard, and call it the Book of Mormon.—
 And about the time that Ammaron hid up the records unto
 the Lord, he came unto me, (I being about ten years of age;
 and I began to be learned somewhat after the manner of the
 learning of my people,) and Ammaron sayeth unto me, I per-

Printer's manuscript analysis

Title: the Book of Mormon (repeated)

Title appositive:

Chapter designation: Chapter – I

Introductory declaration:

Content synopsis

a record of the things which I have both seen & heard

Contextual statement of chronology

abot the time that Ammoron hid up the records unto the Lord
 I being about ten years of age

Societal description

I began to be learned somewhat after the manner of the learning of my People

Verification

I Mormon make

¹ Skousen, ed., *The Printer's Manuscript of the Book of Mormon, Part Two*, 877 (manuscript page 413).

² Smith, *The Book of Mormon* (1830), 518.