

Table 3.O Beginning text of The Book of Moroni

The printer's manuscript diction and spelling¹

line numbers added
^ = insertion above the line

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| 1 | The Book of Moroni – Chapter I – Now I Moroni after |
| 2 | having made an end of abridging the account of the people of Jared I had supposed |
| 3 | to not have written more but I have not as yet perished & I make not myself kno- |
| 4 | -wn to the Lamanites lest they should destroy me for behold their wars are exceeding |
| 5 | fierce among themselves & because of their hatred they put to death every Nephite that |
| 6 | will not deny the Christ & I Moroni will not deny the Christ wherefore I wander |
| 7 | whither soever I can for the safety of mine own life wherefore I write a few more |
| 8 | things contrary to that which I had supposed for I had supposed not to have written |
| 9 | any more but I write a few more things that perhaps they may be of worth unto my |
| 10 | brethren the Lamanites in some future day according to the will of the Lord – Chapter II |

The 1830 printed edition diction, spelling and punctuation²

THE BOOK OF MORONI.
CHAPTER I.

Now I, Moroni, after having made an end of abridging the account of the people of Jared, I had supposed not to have written more, but I have not as yet perished; and I make not myself known to the Lamanites, lest they should destroy me. For behold, their wars are exceeding fierce among themselves; and because of their hatred, they put to death every Nephite that will not deny the Christ. And I, Moroni, will not deny the Christ; wherefore, I wander whithersoever I can, for the safety of mine own life. Wherefore, I write a few more things, contrary to that which I had supposed: for I had supposed not to have written any more; but I write a few more things, that perhaps they may be of worth unto my brethren, the Lamanites, in some future day, according to the will of the Lord.

¹ Skousen, ed., *The Printer's Manuscript of the Book of Mormon, Part Two*, 958 (manuscript page 454).

² Smith, *The Book of Mormon* (1830), 574.

Printer's manuscript analysis

Title: The Book of Moroni

Title appositive:

Chapter designation: Chapter I

Introductory declaration:

Content synopsis

I had supposed to not have written more
a few more things contrary to that which I had supposed for I had supposed not to have written
any more but I write a few more things that perhaps they may be of worth unto my the Lamanites
in some future day according to the will of the Lord

Contextual statement of chronology

after having made an end of abridging the account of the people of Jared

Societal description

I have not as yet perished
I make not myself known to the Lamanites lest they should destroy me
their wars are exceeding fierce among themselves & because of their hatred they put to death
every Nephite that will not deny the Christ
I wander whither soever I can for the safety of mine own life

Verification

I Moroni
I Moroni will not deny the Christ
I write