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grain back to Winter Quarters should receive half of the

grain in payment for the hauling. A couple [of] horse-powered mills were set up in the city to grind the wheat and corn into meal.

The Seventies Quorum, assisted by others, built a

32-square-foot Council House a few yards southeast of

Brigham Young's home just east of the Winter Quarters Mill.

This became a community center as well as a city hall.

Major Miller, United States Indian Agent at Bellevue,

visited Winter Quarters and noted the substantial city

and the quality of building being done there. Later he

wrote to the Superintendent of Indian Affairs in St. Louis saying the Mormons were lying. He reasoned that no one builds as substantially as the Mormons were and at the

time plans to move away to another location. Miller

concluded that the Mormons had no intention of going on.