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Spirit of Prophecy Guidance

And it is gratifying to observe that as the leaders of the church moved forward prayerfully and carefully in meeting the crises as they arose and in finding the positions we as a denomination should take in regard to the draft they did so in harmony with the light given by God through the Spirit of prophecy. Ellen White refers to this in a letter to Elders Butler and Haskell, two decades later as she looks back and comments concerning the propriety of our church leaders seeking relief from oppressive measures.

"You inquire in regard to the course which should be pursued to secure the rights of our people to worship according to the dictates of our own conscience. This has been a burden on my soul for some time, whether it would be a denial of our faith, and an evidence that our trust was not fully in God. But I call to mind many things God has shown me in the past in regard to things of a similar character, as the draft and other things. I can speak in the fear of God, it is right we should use every power we can to avert the pressure that is being brought to bear upon our people."—Letter 55, 1886.