

Below is the State Flag by Statute



Below is the current State Flag



In 1922 a flag was incorrectly made, and that event perpetuated the error that has never been corrected or address. Therefore our flag is out of compliance with the statutes.

THE HISTORY OF THE UTAH STATE FLAG

The first State flag was created in 1903 at the request of Governor Heber M. Wells. The Utah State Society of the Daughters of the Revolution answered the Governor's request to sponsor the manufacture of a new flag. His request came about from a call from the President of the St. Louis World's Fair to have a Utah delegation travel to St. Louis and dedicate the site of the Utah Exhibit Building and the next day have the flag participate in a parade of the 45 states.

The Flag was presented to the Governor by the Society on March 31, 1903. The flag was returned in October to the Society to have some alterations made as it was not true to the State Seal from which its design was taken, and it artistic perspective had to be changed. The group enlisted the help of Utah artist HLA Culmer, he assisted by making some suggestions which the ZCMI seamstress Agnes Teudt Ferneliu made to her original work.





This April 30,1903 photo above was found showing the Utah delegation in St. Louis and the flag is seen in the background. The Image was found in the Salt Lake Tribune archive in 2008, this caused my search for the original Flag. The delegation members were: Governor Wells, the State's Commanding General C. S. Burton, Senators Kearns & Smoot, the First Presidency of the LDS Church and other civic leaders.

The Governor later informed the Society that the Flag could not be called the State Flag due to the fact that the Legislature had not formerly adopted it.

State of Maly Executive Office Satt Cake City.

March 31, 1903.

To the Utah State Society
Daughters of the Revolution,
Salt Lake City, Utah.

My Worthy and Patriotic Friends:

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of the beautiful flag which has just been presented to the State and which is the handiwork of the women of your organization. It will be my pleasure to display this flag upon every important occasion where the Governor's flag may be required, both at the World's Fair in St. Louis in celebration of the Louisiana Purchase and elsewhere during my incumbency.

I would suggest that at some future time the Legislature be requested to designate your flag as the Governor's flag.

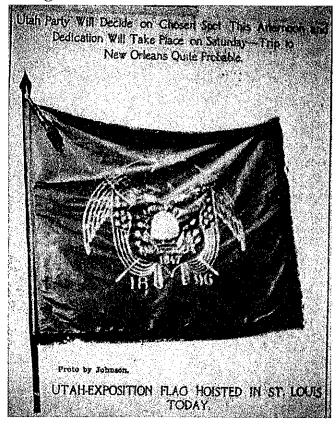
Be assured that the thanks of the Commonwealth are yours not only for the flag itself, which is truly beautiful and worthy of the State which it honors, but for the patriotic impulse which inspired its preparation.

Very respectfully,

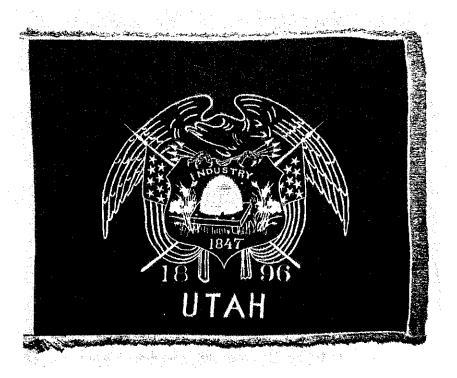
Heber M. Wells,

Governor of Utah.

The Governor said the flag could be called the Governor's Flag or his Regimental Flag until the Legislature acted. The group said they would go to the legislature in 1904, but somehow no action was successful or taken but the flag was still used at all state functions as a State Flag until March 9, 1911 when the Legislature formally adopted its design.



The photo above is from the Deseret News was taken April 29, 1903. The photo below was taken after the alterations, and the word UTAH was added, date unknown..



SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 17.

A Joint Resolution providing for and adopting a State Flag.

Be it resolved and enacted by the Legislature of the State of Utah; twothirds of all the members elected to each of the two houses concurring therein;

Section 1. That the State Plag of Utah be and the same is hereby declared to be a flag of blue field fringed with gold borders and the following device worked in white on the blue field; the center a shield, and perched thereon an American eagle with outstretched wings; the top of the shield pierced by six arrows crosswise; under the arrows the motto "INDUSTRY;" beneath the motto a bee hive; on each side growing sego lilies; below the bee hive the word UTAH; and beneath the

word Utah the figures 1847; on each side of the shield the American Flag encircling all. At the base of the design the figures 1896.

Approved March 9th, 1911.

State of Utah Executive Office Salt Lake City C o p y March 15, 1912

To the Utah Society

Daughters of the Revolution,

Salt Lake City, Utah.

Ladies:

Replying to the verbal inquiry of officers of your organization as to the whereabouts and condition of the Governor's flag, presented by you to Governor Heber M. Wells in 1903, I beg to advise you that this flag, with other States property, was turned over to me by my predecessor, Governor John C. Cutler and is now in possession of the Adjutant General of the State.

The flag is in good condition and will be preserved with care. It has been used on several occasions in recent years when State functions have been in progress, having been first displayed during the present administration at the inaugural ball.

Cordially yours,

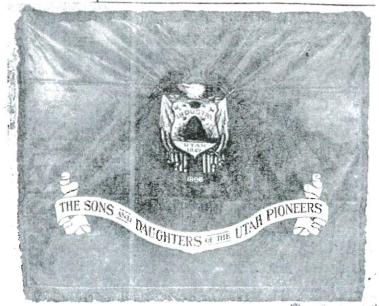
William Spry

Governor of Utah.

Below is a 2010 photo of the flag the week of its re-discovery after being improperly labeled and stored some 50 plus years ago.



The second Utah Flag was the U.S.S. Utah Flag presented on June 25, 1913 to the Battleship from the State, two years after it was planned to be presented on November 6, 1911, the Flag was in a metal frame. The Flag debute in Salt Lake at a ball on February 19, 1913, then on display at ZCMI for a few days. Our flags current design comes from this flag. One note, without permission or explanation, the Wm. H. Horstmann Company who made this flag added the gold ring around the seal. The Governor and the committee held a ball to introduce the flag and were shocked when it arrived, but would not wait another year to get a new one, so it was incorporated into the design. It is said that this flag went down with the U.S.S. Utah, but I have spoken to men who were on the ship on Dec. 7, 1941 and they do not remember seeing it at anytime before. I am still looking for it, I think it may have gone with the Ships Captain when she was decommissioned as a battleship.



HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. I.

DESCRIPTION OF THE STATE FLAG.

A joint resolution providing for the amendment of Senate Joint Resolution No. 17 passed at [The] Ninth Regular Session of the Legislature of the State of Utah, 1911, providing for the adoption of a State Flag of the State of Utah.

Be it Resolved and Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Utah,

Two-thirds of All the Members Elected to Each of the Two Houses Concurring Therein:

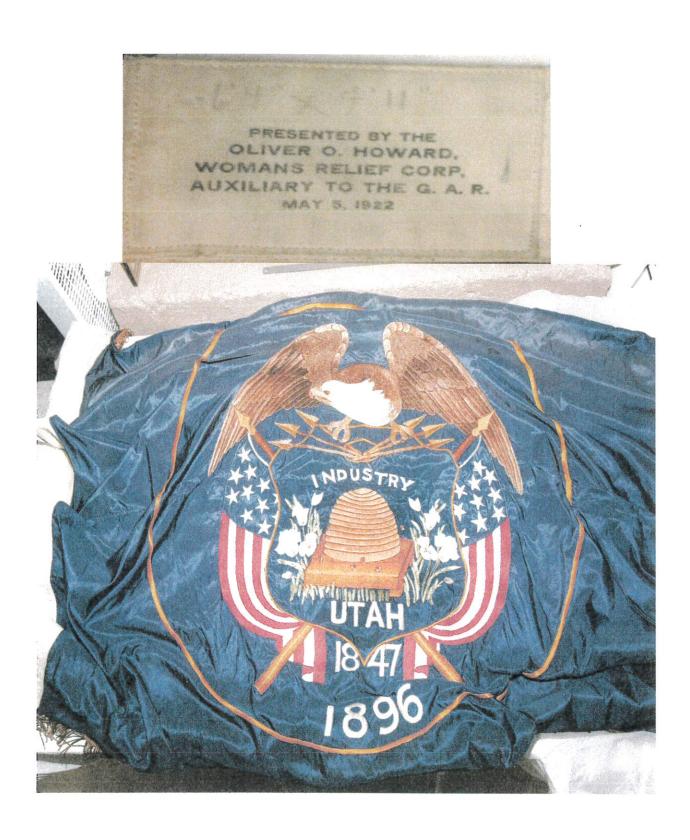
Section 1. Resolution Amended. That Senate Joint Resolution No. 17, passed at the ninth regular session of the Legislature of the State of Utah, 1911, be, and the same is hereby amended to read as follows:

That the State flag of Utah be and the same is hereby declared to be a flag of blue field fringed with gold borders with the following device worked in natural colors on the center of the blue field:

"The center a shield above the shield and thereon an American eagle with outstretched wings; the top of the shield pierced with six arrows crosswise; upon the shield under the arrows the word "Industry" and below the word "Industry" on the center of the shield a bee-hive; on each side of the bee-hive, growing sego lilies below the bee-hive and near the bottom of the shield the word "Utah" and below the word "Utah" and on the bottom of the shield fine figures '1847' with the approper beyond each side of the shield, the heads of the flagstaffs appearing in front of the eagle's wings and the bottom of each staff appearing over the face of the draped flag below the shield; below the shields and flags and upon the blue field the figures '1896'. Around the entire design a narrow circle in gold."

Approved March 11th, 1913.

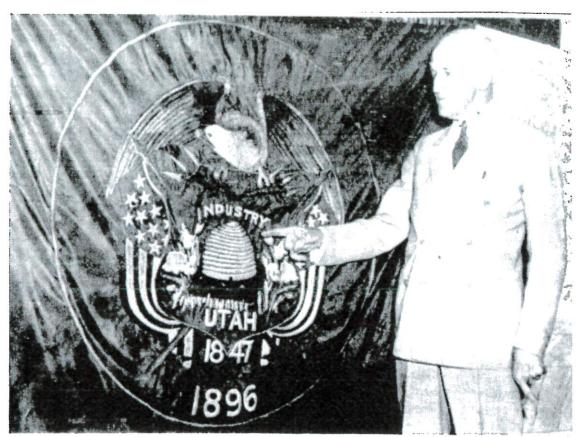
Below is Utah's third flag also found in 2010. This flag was made by Emma W. "Dolly" McMonegal who when making the flag did not leave space below the beehive for the date 1847 as required. She added the word Utah and moved the date below and with the year 1896 together rather than spread apart. This was truly artistic license. This design perpetuated a series of errors into present day. Also the number of arrows on the flag was lowered from 8 to 6.



State flags were seldom made due to the time and cost in making the embroider flags. One was made for the Chapel at Valley Forge, another for Independence Hall in 1926. One was made on request for a police parade in New York on May 7, 1922 but the Flag was not finished in time and was presented to the Governor on May 6th, and one was made for the new United State Post Office in Washington, D.C. and the National Cathedral in 1935. Later flags were hand painted on cloth and a number were sponsored by the DUP to be placed in public schools. One of the few Remaining embroider flags is still on display in the DUP museum. When Governor George H. Dern was elected in 1924 and in his annual address to the Legislature in 1929 made clear he did not like the State flag. He took submissions for a new flag from the public, but citizens and the Legislature did not go along with his idea, and it was dropped.



Governor Mabey receiving a new State Flag in May 1922



Most significant feature of Utah's flag is the beehive, pointed out by Gov. Henry H. Blood. The pioneers con-

quered the desert by work and they are honored by this emblem.

Governor Henry H. Blood, pointing out the beehive in the State Flag in 1939, that flag is at the DUP on display.



Below is a photo of the Utah State Flag from the 1960's. This was the age of screen printing and printed flags on cloth. This allow the manufacture of tens of thousands of flags and cities, counties, businesses and residences could afford to purchase a state flag for display





Draft as of July 19, 2010, by Ronald Fox

State of Utah

OFFICE OF

Adjutant General

BALT LAKE CITY

WM. H. HORETHANN COMPANY, Fifth & Cherry Sts.

Philadelphia, Dec. 27, 1909.

Adjt. Gen. F. A. Wedgwood
Salt Lake City, Utah,

Dear Sir:-

In reply to your inquiry of the 21st inst., we take pleasure in stating that we will make for the State of Utah flags for the Battleship Utah to conform to the navy regulations at the following net prices:-

72x78" one milk U.S. flag, hand embroidered, milk stars, trimmed and mounted according to the navy specifications for \$72.00.

72x78" one naval Batallion flag, blue silk, with white fiamond, blue silk anchor in the centre of the diamond, lettered in yellow silk U.S.S. Utah, for \$70.00.

orms embroidered in the centre by hand, flag fringed with regulation silk knotted fringe. This State flag would be seved to an extra piece of heavy blue silk sufficiently large to extend 2" beyond the flag on all four sides. This extra piece of silk makes a means of fastening the State flag in the cabinet without injuring the flag itself; such a flag would cost flags except the lettering stated above, we would

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the flags as has been the case with others. This is by ancraving on the metal screw joint which connects the two parts of the staff, the fact that the flags were presented to the Battleship by the State, and the date upon which they were presented; such an inscription would cost from \$2.50 to \$3.00 according to the amount of lettering necessary, which price must be added to the \$72.00 and \$70.00 above quoted for the flags in question.

In regard to the State flag the Lavy Department will have made at the Navy Yard a suitable cabinet to receive the flag after its presentation, and they have heretofore placed these flags in a conspicuous place.

Any further information that may be desired on the subject, we would be pleased to supply, as we have made quite a number of these sets for various Battleships.

Yours respectfully,

WM. H. HORSTHANN COMPANY, (Signed) Trimble.

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OFFICE OF

Adjutant General

December 21, 1909.

The Covernor.

State of Utah.

City.

Sir:

I have acknowledged the receipt of letter of the flag manufacturing frim in regard to flags for the "Utah" and have asked for prices in the state, naval and national flags, separately stated.

You are kind enough to request my suggestions. seems to me that it might be proper to state in the public press that it will be fitting to present to the ship three flags, giving the approximate cost of each and asking whether the patriotic societies of the state desire to make the presentations, and if so that they communicate their desire to you. stating their preference as to the particular flag. If there is more than one society that designate the same flag, let them draw lots and if there are more than three societies desire to act let them draw lots as which three shall have the opportunity, or to see what two shall combine on one flag. would be very appropriate for the Daughters of the Pioneers to present the state flag, the Daughters of the Revolution, the naval, and the Sons of Veterans, the national, but the method suggested occurs to me as a way to avoid complication that seem to arise spontaneously when any matter of this kind comes up.

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SALT LAKE CITY

It will be up to us to present a silver service after the ship is commissioned, but there is no necessity for figuring on that yet, but when the time comes it ought to be Utah silver and a dandy.

Very respectfully.

Adjutant General.

State of Utah Adjutant General

January 4, 1910.

The Covernor,

State of Utah.

Sir:

I herewith enclose you copy of letter from the flag anufacturers, referred to in my former letter, giving prices of the various flags for the "Utah."

When I can be of further service in the matter please command me.

Respectfully,

Adjutant General.

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WH. H. HORSTMANN COMPANY.
ARMY AND HAVY UNIFORMS & EQUIPMENTS.

Philadelphia, Jan. S. 1910.

Adjut. Con. E. A. Wedgwood,

Salt Lake City, Utah.

Dear Sir:-

In further reply to your letter of the 21st ult., and our answer of the 27th ult., would state that the flags for the battleship belaware, the last set which we have made for a battleship, are completed and have been officially accepted by their Donors, the Daughters of the American Tevolution of the State of Delaware.

If you desire any information as to the quality of the work which we turned out, we would respectfully refer you to Gov. Pettingill of the State of Delaware, or to Brs.C.W. Taylor, State Regent D.A.B., or Mrs.J.W.Harvey, State Sec. D.A.R.

The home of all of the above is Wilmington, Delaware.

Hoping to hear from you in regard to the set for
the battleship Utah, we remain,

Yours respectfully,

WM. H. HORSTMANN COMPANY.

(Signed) Trimble.

State of Utah OFFICE OF Adjutant General

SALT LAKE CITY

Selt Lake City, Jan. 10, 1910.

The Covernor State of Utah,

City & County Building,

city.

Sir:

I herewith enclose copy of letter this day received from the flag manufacturers who wrote you before in regard to flags for the battleship "Utah."

Very respectfully,

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State of Utah office of Adjutant General salt lake city

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February 9, 1910.

The Governor,

City.

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I have the honor to herewith enclose copy of letter lately received from flag manufacturers in re flag for "Utah."

Very respectfully,

Adjutant General.

January 27, 1918. Read First Time and Referred to Committee on Military Affairs,

House Joint Resolution No. 1 By Mrs. Cannon

JOINT RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE AMENDMENT OF SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION No. 17 PASSED AT NINTH REGULAR SESSION OF THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF UTAH, AMD ATEROVER MARGE UKA, 1911. AND INCOMPED IN THE SESSION LAWS OF GALA TOLL PAGES 806 AND 305 AND PRO-VIDING FOR THE ADOPTION OF A STATE FLAG OF THE STATE OF UTAH.

Be it Resolved and Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Utah, Two-thirds of All the Members Elected to Each of the Two Houses Concurring Therein:

- Section 1. That Senate Joint Resolution No. 17,
- passed at the ninth regular session of the Legislature of
- the State of Utah, and appreciate Mande 1911, and
- resolution Seeden Drop of Wish, 1911, on pages 25% and
- to read as
- follows:

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thereon an American eagle with outstretched wings; the 12

top of the shield pierced with six arrows crosswise hupon 18

the shield under the arrows the word industry and

below the word Industry on the genter of the shield a bee-hive; on each side of the bee-hive, growing sego

lilles, below the by him

shield the word "Utah" and below the word "Utah" and

on the bottom of the shield the figures 1847 in with the

appearance of being back of the shield there shall be two

American flags on flag-staffs placed crosswise with the

flags so draped that they will project beyond each side,

of the shield, the heads of the flag-staffs appearing in

front of the eagle's wings and the bottom of each staff

appearing over the face of the draped flag below the

shield; back the shield and flags and upon the blue fleid

the figures 1896. Around the entire design a narrow

circle in gold."

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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 1.

BY MRS. CANNON.

Ceferred to Committee on Willows of SHATH JOINT A JOINT HESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE AMENDMENT OF SHEATH JOINT HESOLUTION NO. 17 PASSED AT THE NINTH REGULAR SHESION OF THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF UTAH AND APPROVED MARCH SEE, 1911, AND RECORDED IN THE BESSION LAWS OF UTAH, 1911, PAGES 565 AND 566, AND PROVIDING FOR THE ADDITION OF A STATE FLAG OF THE STATE OF UTAH.

BE IT RESOLVED and enacted by the Legislature of the State of Utah, two-thirds of all the members elected to each of the two houses concurring therein:

Section 1.— That Senate Joint Resolution No. 17 passed at the minth Regular Session of the Legislature of the State of Utah, and approved March 9, 1911, and recorded in Session Laws of Utah, 1911, on pages 555 and 556, be, and the same is hereby amended to read as follows:

"Section 1. That the State flag of Uteh be and the same is hereby declared to be a flag of blue field fringed with gold borders with the following manual device worked in natural colors on the center of the blue field.

The center a shield, above the shield and perched thereon an imerican eagle with outstratched wings; the top of the shield pierced with six arrows orosswise; upon the shield under the arrows the word "INDUSTRY" and below the word "INDUSTRY" on the center of the shield a hea-hive; on each side of the bes-hive, growing sego lilies; below the bes-hive and near the bottom of the shield the word "UTAH" and below the word "UTAH" and on the bottom of the shield the figures "1847"; with the appearance of being back of the shield there shall be two American flags on flag-staffs placed cross-wise with the flags so draped that they will project beyond each side of the shield, the heads of the flag-staffs appearing in front of the eagle's wings and the betwood each staff appearing over the face of the draped flag below the shield; below the shield and flags and upon the blue field the figures "1896". Around the entire design a narrow circle in gold."

HOUSE FOIRT RESOLUTION NO.

BY MRS. CAMMON.

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BE IT RESOLVED and enacted by the legislature of the State of Utah, two-thirds of all the members elected to each of the two houses concurring therein;

section 1. That Sonate Joint resolution No. 17 passed at the Ninth Regular Session of the Logislature of the State of Utah and approved March minth 1911 and recorded in Session Laws of Utah 1911 on pages 355 and 356 be and the same is hereby amended to read as follows:

"Section 1 -- That the State flag of Utah be and the same is hereby declared to be a flag of in blue field fringed with gold borders with the following device worked in appropriate colors on the center of the blue field;

The center a shield, above the shield perched thereon an American eagle with outstretched wings; the top of the shield pierced with six arrows crosswise; which upon the shield under the mark arrows the word "INDUSTRY" and below the word "INDUSTRY" on the center of the shield a bee-hive; on each side of the bee-hive, growing sego lilies; below the bee-hive and near the bottom of the shield the word "UTAH" and on the bettom of the shield the figures "1847"; with the appearance of being back of the shield there shall be two American flags on flag-staffs placed cross-wise with the flags so draped that they will project beyond each the flags so draped that they will project beyond each side of the shield, the heads of the flag staffs appearing side of the shield, the heads of the flag staffs appearing in front of the eagles wings and the bottom of each staff appearing over the face of the draped flag below the shield below the shield and flags and upon the blue field the figures "1896". Around the "ntire design a narrow circle in gold."

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stock of corporations," was read third time and discussed, and on motion of Mr. Iverson further action was deferred until Monday.

Mr. Funk then moved that we now adjourn until Monday at 2 p. m. Carried.

THIRTY-SIXTH DAY.

Senate Chamber, Joint City and County Building, Salt Lake City, Utah, February 17, 1913.

Senate met at 2 p. m., pursuant to adjournment, President Gardner presiding.

Roll called; quorum present.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

Minutes referred to the officers as in previous session, corrected and approved.

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

Senate Committee Room, Salt Lake City, Utah, February 17, 1913.

Mr. President:

Your Committee on State Affairs and Federal Relations, to whom was referred House Joint Resolution No. 1, by Mrs. Cannon, entitled: "A Joint Resolution providing for the amendment of Senate Joint Resolution No. 17, passed at ninth regular session of the Legislature of the State of Utah, and approved March 9, 1911, and recorded in the Laws of Utah, 1911, pages 355 and 356, and providing for the adoption of a State

Flag of the State of Utah," beg leave to report that they have considered the same and recommend the following amendments:

Page 1, line 8, after the word "be" insert "as follows; with all objects in Natural Colors except or otherwise specified".

Page 1, line 8, strike out the small "a" and insert a

capital "A".

Page 1, line 9, strike out the word "in" and insert "on".

Page 1, line 10, strike out the words "natural col-

Page 1, line 11, insert after the word "a" the word "white"

Page 1, line 11, strike out the words "above the shield and".

Page 1, line 13, after the "semi-colon" insert "with

brown shafts and steel points".

Page 1, line 14, after the word "Industry" insert "in blue letters".

Page 1, line 16, after the word "a" insert "straw". Page 1, line 16, after the word "bee-hive," insert a "semi-colon".

Page 1, line 16, after the word "on" insert "a dark stained oak stand, in a grass plot, and several bees flying around the hive; on".

Page 1, line 17, after the word "lilies" insert a "comma". "and behind in the distance a small stretch of blue sky appears;"...

Page 1, line 17, strike out the word "bee-hive" and

insert "grass plot". Page 2, line 1, after the figures "1847" in sert "both

in blue". Page 2, line 5, after the word "flag-staffs" insert

"in gold". Page 2, line 5, after the word "staff" insert "in brown".