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## Mormon War Papers, 1837-1841

[ *Full-text transcription of:* Letter from General David R. Atchison, 3rd Division of Missouri Militia and General Samuel D. Lucas, 4th Division of Missouri Militia at Richmond, MO to Governor Boggs, Jefferson City, MO ]

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Gen<sup>l</sup> Atchison  
to  
Governor  
Oct 28, 1838  
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Richmond Oct. 28<sup>th</sup>. 1838.

Head Quarters of the 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup>. Div: M.M.

To the Commander in Chief Mo: Militia

Sir—From late outrages

committed by the mormons, Civil war  
is inevitable. They have set the laws of the  
country at defiance, & are in open rebel:  
:lion. We have about two thousand  
men under arms, to keep them in check.  
The presence of the Commander in Chief  
is deemed absolutely necessary. And  
we most respectfully urge that your  
Excellency be at the seat of War, as  
soon as possible—

Your most obedient servants

David R. Atchison M. G. 3<sup>rd</sup> Div.

Sam<sup>l</sup> D. Lucas Maj: Genl: 4: Div.