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[*Full-text transcription of:* Letter from Governor Boggs, Jefferson City, MO to General John B. Clark, 1st Division of Missouri Militia at Chariton, MO]

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Executive Department
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To Major Genl. Jno. B. Clark

Sir,

Your communication by express

of Oct. 30th. enclosing one from Major Generals Atchison and Lucas of the 28th. Oct. has been recd.. It is impossible for me to leave here, the near approach of the meeting of the Legislature renders it necessary that every moment of my time be employed in preparation to meet them. It was considered by me that full and ample powers were vested in you to carry into effect my former orders, the case is now a very plain one, the Mormons must be subdued and peace restored to the community; you will therefore proceed without delay to execute the former orders, full confidence is reposed in your ability to do so, your force will be amply sufficient to accomplish the object; Should you need the aid of artillery I would suggest that an application be made to the Commanding Officer of Ft. Leavenworth for such as you may need, you are Authorized to request the loan of it in the name of the State of Missouri. My presence there could effect nothing, I therefore again repeat that you are authorized and full power is given you to take whatever steps you deem necessary and such as the circumstances of the case may seem to demand to subdue the insurgents and give peace and quit to the country. The ringleaders of this rebellion should be made an example of and

and if it should become necessary for the public peace the Mormons should be exterminated or expelled from the State.

In order that no difficulty may arise in relation to the command, I must inform you that neither Generals Atchison or Lucas have been

called into Service under this late order (except Genl Lucas was directed to raise 400 in his division and to place them under the command of a Brigadier General. The privilege was offered him of commanding the troops from his own division, though subject to your orders—All the troops now under orders and those that may arrive at the seat of War are placed under your command.

You will report to me by express and keep me regularly informed of any thing of importance which may occur. The near approach of winter requires that your operations [~~“may”~~crossed out] should be hastened. After having restored, quiet you will cause the people of Davis County who have been driven from their homes to be reinstated

I am respectfully
your obdt. svt.

L W Boggs
Com. In Chief