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[Full-text transcription of: Letter from General John B. Clark, 1st Division of Missouri Militia, Richmond, MO to General Samuel D. Lucas, 4th Division Missouri Militia]

Nov. 3, 1838

Head Quarters of the forces Against the mormons Richmond Nov 3rd 1838

Genl Samuel D Lucas

Major Genl 4th D. M M Sir I have heretofore directed you to report to me of your moove =ments in your opperations against the Mormons but you have not done so or even sent me a line except a pencil sevaral accidentally found in the Bar Room of the Tavern at Richmond I know nothing officially of what has been done and shall therefore moove on to Far West you are ordered to have all the prisoners and arms taken from the Mormons to be brought forthwith to this place and the prisoners put in the Richmond jail and guarded and the arms put in some secure place and guarded also, and you are also ordered to discharge you forces except a sufficient guard for the arms and prisoners as above you will then repair in persan to my camp between here and Davis County with your ["self" crossed out] suit and also communicate to me a complete report in detail of what you have done in this expedition These orders I make under orders to me from the Govr

I have the Honor to be your Obt Svt John B Clark Comg Genl