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Mormon War Papers, 1837-1841

[*Full-text transcription of:* Letter from B. M. Lisle, Adjutant General, in Jefferson City, MO to General David. R. Atchison, 3rd Division of the Missouri Militia in Richmond, MO]

Head Quarters of the Militia
Adjutant Generals Office
City of Jefferson 15th Sept 1838.

Orders

General David R. Atchison of the 3rd Division
Missouri Militia.

Sir

Information has been recently received by the Commander in Chief that the Officers entrusted with the administration of the law within and for Daviess County is wholly unable so to do, without the presence and assistance of an armed force.

The Commander in Chief therefore orders that without delay you cause to be raised a sufficient force of the troops under your command, and with said troops aid the Civil officers within and for said County, to execute all writs and other legal process, with the service of which they may be charged. And you are specially directed, with said sufficient force to aid and assist the officers charged with the execution of a certain writ – issued by William Dryden a Justice of the peace within and for said County on the 29th August last past, for the arrest of Andrew Ripley, George Smith and others named in said writ to execute the same and bring the offenders to justice.

By order of the Commander in Chief
B.M. Lisle Adjutant Genl. Mo Mi