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## Mormon War Papers, 1837-1841

[ *Full-text transcription of:* Petition of Citizens of Ray County to General David R. Atchison, of the 3rd Division of Missouri Militia ]

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of what I have [“done” crossed out] advised, and I have no doubt but he will approve of it to take time before hand to Send to him will be useless, for the mischief will be done before he could act. Please advise me of your determination by the bearer, I will cordially cooperate with you, when you may require it.

Respectfully  
Austin A. King.

Genl. David R. Atchison,

Dear Sir, The undersigned are fully impressed with a belief that there is an insurrection on foot in the countiez of Caldwell and Daviefz in this State between the Mormons and other Citizenz of this State. The Citizens of Daviesz have a Mormon in custody az a prisoner who they took as a Spy, and the Mormons in Caldwell have three men to wit, John Comer, William McHaney, and Allen Miller, taken and confined as prisoners. They were taken in passing from Ray through Caldwell to Davisz County . The undersigned therefore earnestly request you to order out the militia to suppresz this insurrection, and to save effusion of blood, which must Speedily take place unlesz prevented. Sept 10<sup>th</sup> . 1838

H.W. Lile	Wade Hall	Jesse Cotes
Anderson Martin	Geo Woodward	John McGee
P.R. Wirt	J. W. Wall	W. C. Williams
Jas. S. Ball	Lewis L. Jacobs	A. B. Sherwood
Isaac Manson	Jno N. Hughs	Joel Jacobs
A. H. Ringo	Meril M. White	Jacob Riffe
Allen Ball	Houston Long	James Johnson
J. R. Hendley	W. C. Pollard	W. P. Boyce
C. R. Morehead	G. B. Thacken	Nathan Conner

T. L.DW Shaw

Gen Atchison  
to  
Governor  
Sept 10 1838

