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[*Full-text transcription of:* Letter from General H. G. Parks, Headquarters, 2nd Brigade, of the 3rd Division of Missouri Militia at Millport, MO to General David R. Atchison, of the 3rd Division of the Missouri Militia]

H. G. Parks
to
Genl Atchison
Sept 25. 1838

Head Quarters, 2nd. Brigade 3rd. Division
Millport. Sept: 25th_1838 –

Major Genl Atchison-

Dear Sir, I received this morning a dispatch from the Governor, directed to you, which I took the liberty to open & advise you thereof. You will see by the letter of the Commander in Chief that he is bringing into the field a large body of troops as I understand, under the command of 4 major Genls.

I have thought it my duty to advise the Commander in Chief, that I deemed the forces now under my command amply sufficient to preserve tranquillity & enforce the laws – since my last to you by Mr. Stone, I have been at this place employed in fulfilling the orders left by you. I am happy to be able to state to you that the deep excitement existing between the parties, has in a great degree ceased, and so far I have had no occasion to resort to force in assisting the constables. On tomorrow a committee from Daviess County meets a committee of the Mormons at Adam-ondi-Ahmon, to propose to them to buy or sell, and I expect to be

there. On Saturday the 29th. inst. there are 15 or 20 of the Mormons cited to treat at Gallatin, where Lyman Wight has pledged himself to me they will attend. The officers and men here are all in good health at present, & have been actively employed in the above duties. I have this moment heard a threat thrown out by the men of this County that should the above measures fail, their

intention is to drive the M. with powder and
lead from this County – how far such a
measure will be executed, I know not, but
I will exercise my utmost vigilance in this
affair, & advise you thereof, from time to time &
I remain your obdt. servt:

H. G. Parks Brig: Genl.
Commanding –