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Mormon War Papers, 1837-1841

[Full-text transcription of: Letter from General David R. Atchison, 3rd Division of Missouri Militia at Boonville, MO to Governor Boggs, Jefferson City, MO]

Boonville. Oct:5th 1838.

To his Excellency, Commander in Chief m.m.

Sir – I have just received by express, a communication from Brig: Genl: Parks- a copy of which I herewith transmit. It seems sir that the Mormon difficulties are not brought to a close. In Carroll County the Citizens are in arms for the purpose of driving the Mormons from that County. I have authorised Genl: Parks if he deems it necessary to call for the troops, raised in the 1st. Brigade, 3rd Div. under the order from your excellency, or as many of them as are deemed necessary. The following is a copy of Genl: Parks communication.

Head Quarters 2nd Brig: 3rd Division

Richmond 3rd: Oct: 1838 –

Major Genl: David R. Atchison.

Dear Sir- I received this

morning an affidavit from Carroll County. The following is a copy –

“Henry Root, on his oath states, that on the night of the 1st. of October, there was collected in the vicinity of De Witt, an armed force consisting of from thirty and fifty persons, and on the morning of the 2nd. October, came in

the town of De Witt and fired on the civil inhabitants of that place. Thirteen of said individuals was seen by me in that place, & believed there is [actually] an insurrection in that place

signed.

Henry Root.”

Subscribed and sworn to this 3rd. day of October 1838.

William B. Morton-
J.P. “,

In consequence of which information and

belief of an attack being made on said place, I have ordered out the two companies raised by your order to be held in readiness, under the command of Capt Bogart & Houston, to march for De Witt in Carroll County, by 8 o'clock tomorrow morning, armed and equipped as the law directs; with six days provision, and 50 rounds of powder and ball. I will proceed with these troops in person, leaving Col : Thompson in command on Grand River. As soon as I reach De Witt I will advise you of the state of affairs more fully. I will use all due precaution in the affair, & deeply regret the necessity of this recourse.

(over) H. G. Parks Brig. Genl:
2nd. Brig: 3rd. Div:

P.S. I will thank you to write me by Mr. Warder and give me any advice you may deem necessary in this affair

Your &c.
H. G. Parks

In the County of Daviess every thing is quiet at this time, & it is supposed will remain so – I have ordered Genl Parks to discharge the Troops in that County so soon as thirty days shall have expired from the time they were mustered into service

I have the honor to remain [&c.]
D.R. Atchison
Maj: Genl 3rd. Div: M.M.

Genl Atchison
to
Govr
Oct 5, 1838
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