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Mormon War Papers, 1837-1841

[Full-text transcription of: Affidavit of James Stone]

Jonathan L. Dryden after beinduly sworn deposeth and sayeth, that on the 21st. day of October 1838, that he was taken as a prisoner, by the prisoner called Mormon from his one house, sick with the feever and cared him about one mile, and released him, pon the account of his health, and while in custidy he ware told by them, they had applied to the Governor diverse of times for perfection, and he had never had sent them eny assitance, and now they had taken the law in their own hands, and they intended to have the thing settled; because they believe the Governor to be as big a mob man as eny of them, and the plounder which they ware now taken, was to pay them back for the property, which they, had last in Jackson County , when they ware driven from tharre, and this affiant sayeth not.

Jonathan L. Dryden

The above sworn and subscribed before me the 22nd. day of this instance

Adam Black
J.P.

James Stone after bein duly sworn deposeth and sayeth, that on the 20th. day of October 1838. That the people called Mormon came to his house, and told him if he did not leve Daviess County against

next morning, against sunrise, that they would take his head with thare sword, and drew their sword and waived it at him, and said they would take his hearts blud if he did not leve County , and then this affiant took them at their word and left his house about 10. o'clock in the night he and 2, other men, and went back next morning and his house ware rabad, and this affiant sayeth on the 21st. day inst. that he with several other men, saw the said people called Mormon herden a number of catel, the amount not known he supposed to be about 10, akers of ground covered and they looke at them, until they started them to ward Calwell County , and this affiant, sayeth not

James Stone

The above sworn to & subscribed before me
22nd. day of this instance

Adam Black J.P.