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Mormon War Papers, 1837-1841

[Full-text transcription of: Letter from the Citizens of Ray County, Richmond, MO to Governor Boggs, Jefferson City, MO]

Richmond Mo. Oct. 23rd. 1838.

The Governor of the State of Missouri .
Sir,

The alarming State of Daviesz County, and the panic produced by the late movements of the Mormons in that County has produced a degree of excitements and alarm here that has not been heretofore witnessed, the latest accounts from Daviesz County that has reached us, Say that all the inhabitants of Daviesz County have left. And Sought refuge in Livingston or this, County, the Stone house of Jacob Stallings in Gallatin Daviesz County was robbed and burned by the Mormons, the Post Office kept there, was also destroyed and we believe that the housez of 5 or 6 of the inhabitants of Daviesz have been destroyed by fire, the property taken away, and the women and children obliged to flee; the armz of all the Citizens in Daviesz they could find have been taken by them forcibly; they have also carried away the Cannon from Livingston County , and have it now in their possession.

The mormons have robbed George Worthington P. M. at Gallatin , of his notez & property to the amount of nearly \$2,000. In short the newsz

from them reach us hourly that they are destroying the property of the Citizens, they cannot carry away, and all that they can carry away they take; blood & plunder appears to be their Object, all those who do not join with them in their incindiary conduct are banished from Caldwell, and all those of other counties who are Opposed to them are threatened: It is the desire of the citizens that his Excellency would visit thiz Section of Country, and call out a Sufficent number of troopz to put a Stop to the further ravages of these fanatics, If some such measures are not taken Shortly, the whole Country will be over-run, but we now firmly believe they are aggressorz, and Say they will indeimnify themselves for losses in Jackson (“county” crossed out) and Carroll; we are not alarm=ists, and have had no fears Until lately these fanaticz would have dared to behave as they have lately; there Seems to be

but one Opinion here on the Subject, and that is,
unlesz a Military force is brought to act against
them and that Shortly, they will destroy as far as they,
are able. We think it our duty to advise you of
these thingz

Very Respectfully
Your Obt. Servt.s

R. T. Mitchell	(T. L. D. W. Shaw
John N. Hughs	(G. Lenhart
Thomas McKinney	(Jno. C. Richardson
Jesse Comer	(M. T. Long

James L. Beell	(George Woodward
J. R. Doolittle	(Lewis S. Jacobs
B. I. Brown, Sheriff	(Berry Hughs
of Ray County .	(William Hudgins P.M.

We are deficient in arms. If there are any
to spare, we wish them brought up here.

William Hudgins

Citizens of Ray
to
Governor
Oct 23. 1838
copied