

to drive said citizens out of the county, but on deliberation, concluded to give them, said citizens, till the first of October next to leave said county, and threatened, if not gone by that time, to exterminate them, without regard to age or sex, and destroy their chattles, by throwing them in the river. We, therefore, pray you to take such steps, as shall put a stop to all lawless proceedings; and we, your petitioners, will ever pray, &c. &c.

Benj. Kendrick,	Thos. Hollingshead,	Nathan Harrison,
Dudley Thomas,	Asa W. Barnes,	Elizabeth Smith,
Wm. P. Lundow,	Elijah T. Rogers,	Henry Root,
Jno. Kendrick,	John Dougherty,	A. L. Caldwell,
Thos. Dehart,	Moses Harris,	Rufus Allen,
Francis Brown,	Perry Thayer,	Ezekiel Barnes,
John Tilford,	B. R. Bartley,	D. H. Barnes,
H. G. Sherwood,	Jonathan Harris,	Wm. S. Smith,
John Murdock,	Wm. J. Hatfield,	James Hampton,
G. M. Hinkle,	Oliver Olney,	Robt. Hampton,
James Vallance,	John Thorp,	Jonathan Hampton,
Jabez Lake,	H. T. Chipman,	Geo. Peacock,
Albert Soree,	David Dixon,	Dani. Clark,
Samuel Lake,	Benj. Hensley,	John Proctor,
Asa Manchester,	Franklin N. Thayer,	James McGuin,
Wm. Winston,	H. M. Wallace,	Smith Humphrey,
John Clark,	D. Thomas, (no Mormon.)	

Secretary of State to the Governor.

OFFICE OF SECRETARY OF STATE, }
City of Jefferson, Sept. 22, 1838, 5 o'clock P. M. }

To His Excellency L. W. Boggs, Gov. Mo.

SIR:—The accompanying two letters, or reports, from Major General Atchison, and Brigadier General Doniphan, on the subject of the Mormon difficulties, the former directed to your Excellency, and the latter from General Doniphan to General Atchison, have just been received by express; deeming them of sufficient importance to justify the sending of them to you by express, I have engaged Jesse B. Barber, Esqr., for that purpose, who will leave some time to-night, or very early in the morning.

From the tenor of these papers, it would appear there is no necessity for the troops that have been raised for this Division to march. The commanding officer, however, does not consider that he would be justified in disbanding them, or suspending, for a few days, operations, without express orders from the Commander-in-Chief. He has accordingly, a few moments ago, taken up the line of march for the scene of difficulties.

I have the honor to be

Very respectfully, &c.,

PETER G. GLOVER.

General Atchison to the Governor.

LIBERTY, SEPT. 23, 1838.

To His Excellency, the Commander-in-Chief.

SIR:—Your order through the Adjutant General, of the 15th inst., was received on the 22nd inst. Your Excellency will perceive from a former report, that an armed force was ordered out under my command, from the militia of the third Division, to put down an insurrection, supposed to exist in the counties of Caldwell and Daviess, and to assist the civil officers in the counties to bring offenders to trial, and otherwise enforce the laws. I now again inform your Excellency, that all offenders against the laws in these counties, against whom process was issued, and particularly the persons in the writ named, issued by William Dryden, a Justice of the peace for the county of Daviess, were brought before a court of inquiry, and recognized to appear at the Circuit Court; and Brigadier General Parks was left in said county of Daviess, with two companies, of fifty men each, for the purpose of enforcing the laws, under the direction of the civil officers, and from the facts as far as I could learn them, one hundred men were amply sufficient for all purposes of enforcing law, keeping down insurrections, &c.

I have the honor to be, &c.,

DAVID R. ATCHISON,
Maj. Gen'l. 3d Div. Mo. Mi.

From the Governor to General Clark.

[ORDER.]

HEAD QUARTERS OF THE MILITIA, }
Jonesborough, Sept. 24, 1838. }

MAJOR GEN'L JOHN B. CLARK, 1st Div. Mo. Mi.

SIR:—The Commander-in-Chief, having this morning received information, by express, that the civil disturbances in the counties of Daviess and Caldwell have been quieted and order restored to the community; he therefore orders that the troops under your command destined for that service be immediately discharged.

The Commander-in-Chief avails himself of the present occasion, to tender to you, and through you to the troops under your command, his thanks for the prompt manner in which they responded to the call of their country.

By order of the Commander-in-Chief,

B. M. LISLE, Adjutant General, Mo. Mi.

[A similar letter was also sent to Major Generals H. W. Crowther, S. D. Lucas, and Lewis Bolton.]

General H. G. Parks to the Governor.

HEAD QUARTERS, 2d Brig. 3d Div. Mo. Mi. }
Mill Port, Sept, 25, 1838. }

His Excellency, LALBURN W. BOGGS, Commander-in-Chief.

SIR:—I received this morning, after my return from a tour in the upper part of this county, with a detail of the troops under my command, in assisting the constable in bringing offenders against the laws to justice, your despatch to Major General Atchison, which I took the liberty to open. The Major General left here with the troops from Clay and Ray, except two companies from Ray ordered to remain under my command, on the 18th inst.; since that time I have been employed in assisting the peace officers to execute the laws, and in bringing offenders to justice.

I am happy to inform you that there is not any necessity to use a larger force here at present; that now under my command I deem amply sufficient for the present purpose; should occasion require it, I have thought I could detach a sufficient force from the Brigade under my command. Whatever may have been the disposition of the people called Mormons, before our arrival here, since we have made our appearance they have shown no disposition to resist the laws, or of hostile intentions.

I deemed it my duty to visit their town in this county, and as soon as they saw the militia interpose between them and the people of this, and some of the adjoining counties who had assembled in arms, they went to work, abandoned their hostile attitude, and at this time peace and tranquility has every appearance of being restored. How long things may maintain their present attitude, I know not, but if the Maj. General had not taken the field with a sufficient force, as promptly as he did, there is every reason to fear a dreadful conflict would have ensued. On next Saturday there will be brought to trial some fifteen or twenty individuals, of the Mormons, before a Justice of the Peace; a committee has been appointed on behalf of the citizens of Daviess county, to meet the Mormons on to-morrow, for the purpose of proposing to buy or sell out to them; they will meet at Adam-on-diahmon, when I will attend with a force to insure tranquility.

There has been so much prejudice and exaggeration concerned in this matter, that I found things on my arrival here, totally different from what I was prepared to expect. It is true that a great excitement did prevail between the parties, and I am happy to say that my exertions, as well as those of Major General Atchison, and the officers and men under my command, have been crowned with success. When we arrived here, we found a large body of men from the counties adjoining, armed and in the field, for the purpose, as I learned, of assisting the people of this county against the Mormons, without being called out by the proper authorities. This force, the Major General very promptly

prevailed upon to return to their homes, and left directions with me to see that they had done so. I have the honor to say to you, that duty has been promptly attended to, all of which I have advised General A. thereof. I have thought it necessary to be thus minute in detailing to you our operations since we took the field; for further particulars I beg your Excellency may refer to the Major General, who I doubt not will communicate to you all the information in his possession; in the mean time, I assure you that any orders, given by you, or the Major General, relative to this matter, shall be promptly attended to.

I have the honor to remain, your obd't servant,

H. G. PARKS, Brigadier General.

P. S. Since writing the above, I received information that if the committee do not agree, the determination of the Daviess county men is to drive the Mormons with powder and lead; should any further measures take place, of importance, I will immediately advise the Major General of the Division thereof.

H. G. PARKS, Brig. Gen'l.

General Parks to General Atchison.

HEAD QUARTERS, 2d Brig. 3d Div. }
Mill Port, Sept. 25, 1838. }

MAJOR GENERAL ATCHISON.

DEAR SIR:—I received this morning a despatch from the Governor, directed to you, which I took the liberty to open and 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 four Major Generals. 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 tranquility and 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 to-morrow, a committee from Daviess county meets a committee of the Mormons at Adam-on-diahmon, to propose to them to buy or sell, and I expect to be there. On Saturday the 29th inst, there are fifteen or twenty of the Mormons cited to trial at Gallatin, where, Lyman Wight has pledged himself to me, they will attend. The officers and men are all in good health at present, and 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 Mormons 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, and advise you thereof, from time to time.

I remain, your obd't servant,
H. G. PARKS, Brig. Gen'l.

General Atchison to the Commander-in-Chief.

LIBERTY, SEPTEMBER 27, 1838.

To the COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF.

SIR:—I received a communication by express on the 26th inst., together with a report from Brigadier General Parks, who is in command of the troops, left by me in Daviess county. I have made two reports to your Excellency, one sent by Maj. Rogers, and the other by mail, neither of which I presume your Excellency has received; one dated the 17th of September, the other the 20th of September. The force under General Parks is deemed sufficient to execute the laws and keep the peace in that county; things are not so bad in that county as represented by rumor, and in fact from affidavits I have no doubt your Excellency has been deceived by the exaggerated statements of designing or half crazy men. I have found there is no cause of alarm on account of the Mormons; they are not to be feared; they are very much alarmed. I transmit a report made to me by General Parks, dated 25th of September, and from that report I learn that the General has reported to your Excellency.

I have the honor to be &c.,
DAVID R. ATCHISON,
Maj. Gen'l. 3d Div. Mo. Mi.

General Lucas to the Governor.

BOONVILLE, MO., OCTOBER 4, 1838.

DEAR SIR:—As we passed down the Missouri River, on Monday last, we saw a large force of Mormons at De Witt in Carroll county, under arms. Their commander, Col. Hinkle, formerly of Caldwell county, informed me that there were two hundred, and that they were hourly expecting an attack from the citizens of Carroll county, who, he said, were then encamped only six miles from there, waiting for a re-inforcement from Saline county. Hinkle said they had determined to fight. News had just been received at this place, through Dr. Scott of Fayette, that a fight took place on yesterday, and that several persons were killed. Dr. Scott informed me that he got his information from a gentleman of respectability, who had heard the firing of their guns as he passed down. If a fight has actually taken place, of which I have no

doubt, it will create excitement in the whole upper Missouri, and those base and degraded beings will be exterminated from the face of the earth. If one of the citizens of Carroll should be killed, before five days I believe that there will be from four to five thousand volunteers in the field against the Mormons, and nothing but their blood will satisfy them. It is an unpleasant state of affairs. The remedy I do not pretend to suggest to your Excellency. My troops, of the 4th Division, were only dismissed subject to further orders, and can be called into the field at an hour's warning.

In haste, I have the honor to be,
Your most ob't serv't.

SAMUEL D. LUCAS.

General Atchison to the Governor.

BOONVILLE, Oct. 5, 1838.

To His Excellency, the Commander-in-Chief of the Mo. Mi.

SIR:—I have just received by express, a communication from Brig. Gen. 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 authorized Gen. Parks, if he deems it necessary, to call for the troops raised in the 1st Brigade, 3d Division, under the order from your Excellency, or as many of them as are deemed necessary. The following is a copy of Gen. Parks' communication:

HEAD QUARTERS, 2d Brig. 3d Div. }
Richmond, Oct. 3, 1838. }

Maj. Gen. 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 to fifty persons, and on the morning of the 2d of October, came into the town of De Witt and fired on the civil inhabitants of that place. Thirteen of said individuals were seen by me in that place, and I believe there is actually an insurrection in that place.

(Signed)

HENRY ROOT."

Subscribed and sworn to this 3d 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 Capts. Bogart and 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' provisions and fifty 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, and deeply regret the necessity of this recourse.

H. G. PARKS, Brig. Gen. 2d Brig. 3d Div.

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

Yours, &c.

H. G. P.

In the county of Daviess every thing is quiet at this time, and it is supposed will remain so. I have ordered Gen. 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.,

DAVID R. ATCHISON,
Maj. Gen'l. 3d Div. Mo. Mi.

Report of the Committee of Chariton county.

The undersigned committee were appointed at a public meeting, by the citizens of Chariton county, on the 3d day of October, inst., for the purpose of repairing to De Witt, in Carroll county, to inquire into the nature of the difficulties between the citizens of Carroll and the Mormons. We arrived at the place of difficulties on the 4th of October, inst., and found a large portion of the citizens of Carroll and the adjoining counties, assembled near De Witt well armed. We inquired into the nature of the difficulties. They said that there was a large portion of the people called Mormons, embodied in De Witt from different parts of the world. They are unwilling for them to remain there, which is the cause of their waging war against them. To use the gentleman's language, they are waging a war of extermination, or to remove them from the said county. We also went into De Witt, to see the situation of the Mormons. We found them in the act of defence, begging for peace, and wishing for the civil authorities to repair there as early as possible, to settle the difficulties between the parties.

Hostilities have commenced, and will continue until they are stopped by the civil authorities. This we believe to be a correct statement of both parties. This the 5th day of October, 1838.

JOHN W. PRICE,
WM. K. LOGAN.

Sworn to and subscribed before me, the undersigned, one of the justices of the peace, within and for Chariton county, and State of Missouri, this 5th day of October, 1838.

JOHN MORSE, J. P.

General Parks to General Atchison.

BRIGADE HEAD QUARTERS, 5 miles from De Witt, }
Carroll county, October 7, 1838. }

GEN. DAVID R. ATCHISON.

Sir:—Immediately after my express to you, by Mr. Warder, was sent, I proceeded to this place, which I reached yesterday with two companies of mounted men from Ray. I ordered Col. Jones to call out three companies from this county to hold themselves in readiness, to join me at Carrollton on the 5th inst., which order has not been carried into effect. None of the Carroll regiment is with me. On arriving in the vicinity of De Witt, I found a body of armed men, under the command of Doctor Austin, encamped near De Witt, besieging that place, to the number of two or three hundred, with a piece of artillery, ready to attack the town of De Witt. On the other side, Hinkle has in that place three or four hundred Mormons to defend it, and says he will die before he is driven from thence. On the 4th inst. they had a skirmish—fifteen or thirty guns fired on both sides—one man from Saline wounded in the hip. The Mormons are at this time too strong, and no attack is expected before Wednesday or Thursday next, at which time Dr. Austin hopes his forces will amount to five hundred men, when he will make a second attempt on the town of De Witt, with small arms and cannon.

In this posture of affairs, I can do nothing but negotiate between the parties, until further aid is sent me. I received your friendly letter of the 5th inst., by Mr. Warder, authorizing me to call on Gen. Doniphan, which call I have made on him for five companies from Platte, Clay and Clinton, with two companies I ordered from Livingston, of which I doubt whether these last will come, if they do, I think I will have a force sufficient to manage these belligerents. Should these troops arrive here in time, I hope to be able to prevent bloodshed. Nothing seems so much in demand here (to hear the Carroll county men talk,) as Mormon scalps—as yet they are scarce. I believe Hinkle, with his present force and position, will beat Austin with five hundred of his troops. The Mormons say they will die before they will be driven out, &c. As yet they have acted on the defensive as far as I can learn. It is my settled opinion, the Mormons will have no rest until they leave—whether they will, or not, time only can tell. I assure you I never felt more rejoiced, than when I received your letter to call on Gen. Doniphan's Brigade. For this mark of your confidence and friendly approval of my actions, I do feel under renewed obligations to you, and hope to show the necessity of making the call on Gen. D's Brigade. I have also sent an express to Gen. Doniphan, to come in person if he can; I want his aid and advice. I will keep you advised from time to time of the state of affairs here. It would relieve me much if you would request the Governor to make his appearance here among the Carroll

boys; he need not order out any forces, those already ordered by me I deem sufficient. You know a word from his Excellency would have more power to quell this affair than a regiment. Should he come, which I hope he will, for this is no little affair, he will be able to take such steps as may be deemed by him right and necessary to settle this matter.

I have the honor to remain,

Your obedient servant,

H. G. PARKS, Brig. Gen. Com.

General Atchison to the Governor.

BOONVILLE, Oct. 9, 1838.

To the Commander-in-Chief.

SIR:—Enclosed you will receive a communication from Gen. Parks which I deem my duty to forward to your Excellency. I have required Gen. Doniphan with the troops from Clay, Clinton and the Platte, to co-operate with Gen. Parks; I have also instructed Parks to prevent armed Mormons from marching to De Witt, and also to send back or take into custody, all the Mormons from Caldwell county, who may be found in arms in Carroll county; also to disperse all armed bands of citizens from other counties found in Carroll.

I have also suggested to Parks to urge it upon the Mormons in Carroll county to sell out and remove elsewhere, and also to urge the citizens to make the proposition to buy. I have no doubt but your Excellency, if you should deem it your duty to proceed to Carroll county, could restore peace. I would have forwarded this communication by express, but was informed that you were at St. Louis. It is therefore sent by mail. If you deem it necessary to proceed to Carroll county, I would respectfully suggest that it should be done as quick as possible.

I have the honor to be, &c.,

D. R. ATCHISON.

P. S. If your Excellency should deem it necessary to proceed to Carroll county, Boonville will be in your route, when it would give me great pleasure to see your Excellency, at which time I will be prepared to give all information as to the difficulties between the Mormons and citizens, as far as it could be obtained.

D. R. A.

General Atchison to the Governor.

BOONVILLE, Oct. 16, 1838.

To His Excellency, L. W. Boggs.

SIR:—From a communication received from Gen. Parks, I learn that the Mormons in Carroll county have sold out and left, consequently every thing is quiet there, but Parks reports that a portion of the men from Carroll county, with one piece of artillery, are on their march for Daviess county, where it is thought the same lawless game is to be played over, and the Mormons to be driven from that county and probably from Caldwell county. Nothing, in my opinion, but the strongest measures within the power of the Executive, will put down this spirit of mobocracy.

The troops ordered into the field, from Parks' report, partake, in a great degree, of the mob spirit, so that no reliance can be placed upon them; however, in this I believe Parks to be mistaken. I would respectfully suggest to your Excellency the propriety of a visit to the scene of excitement in person, or at all events, a strong proclamation. The state of things which have existed in the counties of Daviess and Carroll for the last two months, has been, in a high degree, ruinous to the public, and disgraceful to the State. I would again respectfully suggest strong measures to put down this spirit of mob and misrule, or permit them to fight it out. If your Excellency should conclude the latter expedient best calculated to produce quiet and restore order, issue an order to the Major General, 3d Division, to discharge the troops now engaged in that service.

I have the honor, &c.,

DAVID R. ATCHISON.

General Clark to the Governor.

BOONVILLE, Oct. 9, 1838.

To His Excellency, L. W. Boggs.

SIR:—Since I wrote to you, I have received the enclosed information in relation to the Mormon difficulty. The names subscribed to the enclosed paper are worthy, prudent and patriotic citizens of Howard county; and I am persuaded nothing but a case of absolute necessity to protect their friends would induce them to engage as they have done.

I regret exceedingly that your Excellency received information, making it necessary to discharge the troops you had on the march. Nothing but some such step, in my opinion, will ever settle the affair. I hope your excellency will write to me on the receipt of this.

I have the honor to be,

Your obd't servant,

JOHN B. CLARK.