

Quarries from  
King's Mountain

to  
New York

April 2, 1838

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Richmond Sept 12 1858

Headquarters 3<sup>rd</sup> Div. M. M.

Sir

from information received from the Counties of  
Davess and Caldwell within the bounds of this division  
I am well convinced that an insurrection does actually  
exist and upon the urgent solicitations of Citizens of both  
Counties and also upon the petition of Citizens of the adjoining  
Counties I have deemed it my duty to order out an armed  
force to put down such insurrection and to assist the  
Civil officers in the execution of the laws also to prevent  
as far as possible the effusion of blood and to restore  
quiet if possible to the community this I have done by the  
advice of the Judge of this Circuit I have ordered  
four Companies of fifty men each from the militia  
of Clay County and a like number from the militia  
of Ray County I have also ordered four hundred  
men in addition to hold them selves in Readiness  
if required the troops ordered out are mounted Riflemen  
with the exception of one Company of infantry who  
are also mounted these troops will proceed  
immediately to the scene of excitement and  
insurrection The Citizens of Davess County and  
of Caldwell County are under arms so that it is  
deemed dangerous for peaceable Citizens to pass  
through said Counties <sup>Citizens of other counties</sup> are flocking in to the Citizens  
of Davess County and the Mormons are flocking  
to the assistance of the Mormons in those Counties so

that from the best information I can attain there  
cannot be less than two thousand men in arms  
without any legal authority or pretext whatever, and  
it is very much feared that if a blow is once struck  
there will be a general conflict the termination  
of which God only knows - so soon as I arrive at  
the scene of insurrection or extermination, I will report  
to you forthwith by express.

I would have been more explicit but you have been  
informed of the particulars by Judge King - I will  
await your orders

I have the Honor to be your ma  
Obt Servt

P.S. I have also required the services of Col Wiley  
C Williams, your aid, and much is expected  
from his influence & efficiency