

Brigade Head Quarters, at Richmond
2nd. Brigade, 3rd. Division.
21st. Oct: 1838

Major Genl: D. R. Atchison.

Sir, I received yours of the 16th inst. from Booneville, which I will let remain until I see you. I have now returned from the County of Daviess & assure you this County is agitated by a deeper & more desperate excitement than I have yet witnessed. I left the place on Tuesday the 16th inst. with two companies of mounted men, having directed Col. Dennis to precede me to Daviess County, where I had good evidence to believe the troops and ^{the} intending to act against Adamson Dickman intending to cooperate with Genl. Doniphan & the remainder of the troops. I had proceeded on to the Headwaters of Crooked River, when a severe snow storm overtook us & we were compelled to abandon the undertaking, for the present, the troops were dismissed until further orders, and the troops under Col. Dennis had been ordered home by Genl. Doniphan, who came as far as Far West, from whence he returned here. I with a part of my staff proceeded on to Far West, which I reached on Tuesday night, & learning that the clay troops had gone home, I determined to proceed to Daviess, & examine the state of the Country. On Thursday I proceeded on to the town of Adam in Daviess County, & on the way heard the Mormony had burnt a store house in Gallatin belonging

to Jacob Stollings - I sent two men to see and learn the fact, & on their return confirmed the news - I saw at Adamson's Diamond about 500 Mormons, under arms, all well armed, about 200 of them mounted - I asked them their motive in appearing in arms - their answer was they intended to defend that place - they had been driven from Leavitt & other places, and here they were determined to stand and die rather than be driven from that place -

I next visited Millport, & found on my way down the ridge, that the inhabitants had left their houses, and all above Pennington's have fled. That County is in a worse state than at any former period, and I believe that the Mormons are now the aggressors, as I have seen many depredations, which they have committed - I have certificates of their having taken arms from the Citizens of Daviess forcibly - The excitement in this County is more deep and full of vengeance than I have yet seen it - & I would not be surprised, if some signal act of vengeance would be taken on these fanatics - Wednesday next is fixed for a full and general meeting of the Citizens of this County to take into consideration, the steps necessary to be taken
37 in this state of affairs - I do not know what to do. I will remain passive until I hear from you.

I do not believe calling out the militia
would avail any thing towards restoring
peace, unless they were called out in such
force as to fight the Mormons & drive them
from the Country - This would satisfy this
people - but I cannot agree to it. I hold myself
ready to execute as far as I can go any order
from you, and wish you to advise the Com:
:mander-in-chief as to the situation of the
upper Country - Perhaps a visit from
him would have some effect in allay:
:ing the excitement. I remain your

obdt. Servt.

H. G. Parks. Genl.
Dr. Brigade. 3rd. Div.

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W. O. Parry
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Mr. White
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