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Demoses Midnight
25th Octr 1838

Map Genl John Black

W^hite writes you a hasty letter from this point to give you authentic information as to the appalling situation of the Country in the Neighbourhood of the Mormons. We are on our way as express to the Governor conveying the following information - that these wretched fanatics have thrown off all restraint and are destroying all before them - they have burned Galatia the County Seat of Davis taken the goods from J Matting's store and burned the house - they have burned the Village of Millport in Davis and have burned almost every house from Galatia and Millport north with many others in other parts of the County and plundered the whole County of the property of the inhabitants they say themselves that they have taken \$30,000 worth of property. We have this moment received an express informing us that they this morning at day light attacked Capt Bogard's Company of fifty men with 300 Mormons and defeated him killing some ten men wounding many others and taken the most of the remainder prisoners many of the Mormons having been killed in the fight as is supposed. We have but little hope from these wretched desperadoes but that they will kill all these prisoners. This attack was made in Ray County. Capt Bogard had been stationed on the northern line of the County to patrol and guard it the Mormons having threatened to invade that

County They have determined to attack
and burn Richmond to night And we
have but little doubt but that they will
attempt it The women and children have
all left Richmond and are leaving the
County flying for protection to Georgetown
and elsewhere These creatures will never
stop until they are stopped by the strong
hand of force. And something must be
done and that speedily There is no kind
of doubt but that all the Alarm with
much more that I have not time to write
is true and you may act accordingly

Yours Respectfully
Wiley C. Williams
Amos Reed

Sir

We were informed last night by an
Express from Ray County that Capt Bogard
and all his company amounting to between fifty
and sixty were massacred by the Mormons
at Bunkhows twelve miles north of Richmond
except three. This statement you may rely
on as being true and last night they expected
Richmond to be laid in ashes this morning
we could distinctly hear Cannon and we
know the Mormons have one in their pos-
-session Richmond is about twenty five
miles west of this place on a straight line
we know not the hour or minute we will be
laid in ashes Our Country is ruined for God
Pate give us assistance as quick as possible

Leandroton Mo { 9 Yours H.C.
Oct 24 1838. } Sachel Woods Joseph Dickson