

To

Major Gen<sup>l</sup>

Executive Department

City of Jefferson

6. Nov 1838

Gen<sup>l</sup> B. Clark

Commanding the forces

against the Mormons

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I have the

honour to acknowledge, the receipt of your communication under the date of the 3<sup>d</sup> Inst. dated at Richmond by the Express Mr G. D. Maupin. I regret very much to hear that Gen<sup>l</sup> Lucas has been guilty of disobedience of orders, on this subject however I shall cause in due time an enquiry to be made. I thought I had been so very explicit in my orders that it was not probable to misunderstand them, you have placed the proper construction upon them, which was that the whole force to be employed in this service was to be placed under your command. General Lucas was not ordered out at all except in the way I mentioned to you in my last communication. he was directed to cause four hundred men of his division, to be raised and place them under the command of a Brigadier Gen<sup>l</sup>, with the privilege if he thought proper to retain his rank as Major Gen<sup>l</sup> and take Brigadier General's command.

General Atchison was not ordered out in this last affair for two reasons, one was that I was always as a member of the Legislature he would have other duties to attend to, and another was that there was much dissatisfaction manifested towards him by the people opposed to the Mormons, he thought under our militia law has a right within the limits of his command to order out his troops to quell insurrection or repel invasion, Gen<sup>l</sup> Lucas though could not exercise any command within Gen<sup>l</sup> Atchison's division only so far as he may

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have been ~~commanded~~ <sup>directed</sup> by the Commander in  
Chief and that only extended to the Command, of  
a Brigade in pursuance of the orders which  
I forwarded by Mr Black the Express from Davis  
County whose Companion Mr Dryden bore my first  
orders to you. I therefore approve of the course you  
have taken in demanding the prisoners of Gen Lucas  
as well as the arms, and shall send to him instruc-  
tions to deliver them over to your order in the way you  
have directed him, you will see that they are  
securely confined within the limits of some prison  
and strongly guarded. The course you have pro-  
posed taking in relation to the other prisoners, that  
is to hold an Examining Court, and cause all  
those deemed guilty to be confined and guarded  
in the Corrick one.

You will proceed to Dismal and there disperse all  
the persons you may find emboldened and <sup>under</sup> ~~under~~  
arms without authority of law, in the mean <sup>time</sup> a de-  
tachment from your command can if it is deemed  
necessary be employed to reconstitute the people of Davis  
in their homes. It will also be necessary that  
you hold a Military Court of inquiry in Davis  
County and arrest the Mormons who have been  
guilty of the late outrages committed towards  
the inhabitants of said County, my instructions  
to you are to settle this whole matter completely  
if possible before you disband your forces, if  
the Mormons are disposed voluntarily to leave the  
State of course it would be advisable in you to  
promote that object in any way deemed proper  
55 The King leaders of this rebellion though ought by  
no means permitted to escape the punishment  
they merit.

The troops from Col. Gasconade and Franklin are directed to report to you, you had perhaps better return them in review and discharge them who from fatigue or otherwise may be disposed to return.

I should be pleased to have from you of the final result of this matter previous to the meeting of the Legislature. I ~~should~~ <sup>shall</sup> forward to Gen. Lucas by Express the necessary orders and instructions to obey the order you have directed to him, under date of the 3<sup>d</sup> inst. in relation to the arms & provisions ~~and shall also forward to him a copy of this letter to you~~

I have to request of you to embody all the facts you can collect in relation to the commencement of progress and termination of the recent difficulties with the Mormons, in order that I may communicate the same to the Legislature.

I am respectfully  
Yours

L. W. Bopp  
Com. in Chief

The prisoners will of course be delivered over to the Civil Authority, when you may deem it prudent to do so.

L. W. B.

Copy to Paul  
Clark & Son 3m

Nov. 6, 1834

Amount = 23.

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