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Understanding that Maj Gen Clark is about to return with the whole of his command from the scene of difficulty we avail ourselves of this occasion to state that we were present when the Mormons surrendered to Major Gen Lucas at Far West and remained there until Major Gen Clark arrived and we are happy to have an opportunity as well as the satisfaction of stating that the course of him and his troops while at Far West was of the most respectful kind and obliging character towards the said Mormons and that the destitute among that people are much indebted to him for sustenance during his stay.

The modification of the terms upon which the Mormons surrendered by permitting them to remain until they could safely go in the spring was also an act that gave general satisfaction to the Mormons ~~and generally satisfied~~ we have no hesitation in saying that the course taken by Gen Clark with the Mormons was necessary for the public peace and that the Mormons are generally satisfied with his course we feel in duty bound to say that the conduct of the Genl his staff officers and troops was highly honorable as Soldiers and Citizens so far as our

Knowledge intends) and we have heard  
of nothing derogatory to the dignity of the  
state in the treatment of the prisoners

Respectfully so

W. W. Phelps

George Walter

John Clemenson

G. M. Hunkel

John Corvill