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## Mormon War Papers, 1837-1841

[ *Full-text transcription of:* Letter from General Samuel D. Lucas, 4th Division of Missouri Militia, at Camp near Far West, MO to Governor Boggs, Jefferson City, MO ]

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Genl Lucas  
to  
Govr

Nov 7 1838  
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Independence Novr 7<sup>th</sup>. 1838

His Exc. L. W. Boggs  
Comd. In Chief  
M. M.

Sir, I recd. from Genl. Clark last night per the hands of Col. Price a copy of Your order of the 1st. Novr. In which you State that neither Genls. Atchison & Lucas was called or Ordered into the field by you. If your Orders had of reached me before I got into the field, I would not have went but I know nothing of the Call for men, or of the arrangements for giving the Command to Genl. Clark, but acted as I have before informed You upon a Call from Briga Genl. Parks, then in the field (which according to military usage & ettiquette is equivalent to an Order) for assistance, he represented things in such a manner (which your Excellency has been apprised of by Col. Williams and Major Rees) that I believed I had no alternative but to act as I did. I have no disposition to Thwart either your designs, or Genl. Clark,s plans in going into the field but after I got there with an Army of 2500. men I could not consistently lie idle, or inactive.

For the result of my proceedings, I refer

you to my report Sent herewith. I did not make any Report to Genl. Clark because I did not believe it proper to do so consis=  
=tent with my grade of Office.

I am very Respectfully  
Yr. Obt. Servt.  
S. D. Lucas

Major Genl. 4<sup>th</sup>. Divis. M.M.

P.S. If your Excellency should deem it proper  
you can cause Genl. Clark to be furnished  
with a copy of the above.