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## Mormon War Papers, 1837-1841

[ Full-text transcription of: Letter from General John B. Clark, 1st Division of Missouri Militia in Chariton, MO to Governor Boggs, Jefferson City, MO ]

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Genl Clark

to

Govt

Oct 30, 1838

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Chariton 30<sup>th</sup>. Oct. 1838.

His Excellency Gov. Boggs.

Sir, I have ordered one Thousand men from This Divis, and now have five Hundred this far under March, and five hundred From the Second Brigade will join me to day at Keytsville from whence I will proceed to Richmond without delay. Your two Orders were both received on day before Yesterday at the Same time. On this moment I received per Capt Long the inclosed express from Genl. Atchison and Lucas then at Richmond, it was met by Col. Williams your aid and opened and sent to me, supposing that the powers confered on me were Sufficent. This may be so but I would give your excellency my decided Opinion that it would be best for you to be there, and hope you will if practicable.

In the meantime I will indeavor to act out your orders in letter and spirit however great the responsibility. I have this moment dispatched to Gens. Atchison & Lucas a copy of your two Orders to me, with instructions to act for the best, until I can arrive.

All the additional information that I have from the Scene of disturbance, is worse and worse

I have the honor to be  
Yr. Obt. Servt.  
John B. Clark.  
Major Genl Com