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## Mormon War Papers, 1837-1841

[ *Full-text transcription of:* Letter from General John B. Clark, 1st Division of Missouri Militia at Camp near Carrollton, MO to Generals Samuel D. Lucas, 4th division and David R. Atchison, 3rd Division ]

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Copy of letters to  
Genl Atchison & Lucas  
Nov 1<sup>st</sup> 1838  
[The above inscription  
is crossed out]

Camp Near Carrollton Mdnight  
Novr 1<sup>st</sup> 1838

Genls Atchison & Lucas

Gentlemen

understanding two days Since while  
at Chariton on my March that you  
were at Richmond and was only  
holding the Mormons in Check until  
further orders which you sought  
from the Commander in Chief  
and having before then received orders  
from the Commander in Chief with  
plenary powers to settle this whole  
difficulty and call to my aid such  
force as I might deem necessary a  
copy of which I sent you by express  
per Capt Long but larning at this  
place that you have proceeded to Far  
West and hearing a report (not  
officially) that some of the Mormons  
have already surrendered to you Therefore  
under My orders and in pursuance  
of the [“only and proper” crossed out] power  
assigned me I send you respectively  
the following orders (viz) you are  
to remain at some secure position in  
the vicinity of Far West protecting the  
Citizens & their property from the  
aggressions of the Mormons until I  
arrive with my force which will be by  
tomorrow night amount [“ing” crossed out] to two  
thousand but you are not to make  
any attack or opperate offensively  
until I arrive when the plan  
of adjustment suggisted by the

Commander in Chief and proposed

by Myself will be communicated  
you must take steps if you have not  
and if it be necessary to provison  
your forces by foraging or otherwise  
If you have any [~~“provision”~~] prisoners you  
will Make no times with them [~~“to”~~] by  
which they are to be discharged until  
my arrival but preserv [~~“es”~~] them from  
injury as prisoners The Govr I have  
[~~“learnt”~~] learned [~~“begin to”~~] this evening is on his  
way up and will [~~“give”~~] join us  
perhaps to-morrow

I will be able  
to reach Far West in three more days  
If Genl Willock has arrived at the  
place he was ordered you will  
direct him and also Genl Doniphan  
to remain there until my arrival  
for further orders observing their  
original orders to prevent the retreat  
of the Mormons to the north

The express leaves immediately  
and I cannot be more specific  
you will both report to me im  
mediately your Head Quarters  
strength and position and such other  
matters as tend to further the service  
in which we are engaged my express  
Messrs Scott Turner & Enyard you will  
furnish with such necessaries as  
they may need and much oblige me

I have the Honor  
To be your Obt Sv  
John B Clark Major Genl  
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