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Mormon War Papers, 1837-1841

[Full-text transcription of: Certificate of Mormons as to the Conduct of General Clark and his troops, Richmond MO.
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Understanding that Maj Genl
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 Genl
Lucas at Far West and remained
there until until Major Genl Clark arrived
and we are happy to have an
opportunity as well as the sat=
=isfaction 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 surrounded
by permitting them to remain
until they could ["satisfy" erased] safely
go in the spring was also an act
that gave generat satisfaction to
the Mormons ["are generally satisfied" crossed out]
we have no hesitation in saying
that the course takin by Genl 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 I in the treatment of the prisoners

Respectfully os
W. W. Phelps
George Walter
John Clemenson
G. M. Hinkel
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