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Mormon War Papers, 1837-1841

[Full-text transcription of: Witness Nathaniel Carr, Mormon]

not fear, that this had been given to him by the spirit of prophecy in the name of Jesus Christ. Sidney Rigdon appeared to rejoice at the information, and gaive unto the thing- A few days before the Militia got to Far west Jos Smith Jr observed that he did not in-tend to obey the laws any longer, that he had had a great may ("law suits" crossed out) writs served on him, & that he was of age, and did not intend to have another served on him- And further this deponent saith not-

James C. Owens

Nathaniel Carr. a witness produced, sworn and examined in behalf of the State deposeth and saith- While the last expedition was going on in Daviess county a portion of the troops returned to Far West, and was paraded before Mr Rigdons door- A letter was produced by him. Recd as he said from Jos Smith Jr & Lyman Wight, and perhaps Hiram Smith, and I think Elias Higby- The letter was read, which stated something like this that all things were going on well in Daviess that they had nothing to fear, and that the enemy was in their hands,- I understood from what was said in the letter that they knew this from revelation. The letter was read to about 200 men most of them under arm- The town appeared under military rule, picket guards were sent out morning & evening_ this state of things was continued for three or four weeks & until the mormons surrendered their arms. When the forces that went out to attack Bogart were collecting about midnight I heard them say that a mob was collecting near Fields who had taken some of the brethran prisoners, and that they were collecting a company to release them- and further this deponent saith not, Nathaniel Carr