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Mormon War Papers, 1837-1841

[Full-text transcription of: Witness Allen Rathburn]

morning by the assistance of friends we did start leaving most of our property there, Since then I have returned and found the houses burnt & the property gone consisting of hous hold plunder and 2 q bee gums they enquired for Gums and got down one and took it away from the house belonging to one Josiah Littlefield they further said that they had been driven as long as they were a going to. that they had got Strong enough now to defend themselves that they intended to do it by the Sword that they were at the defiance of any Set of men who could come a =gainst them & that they now intended to make it a war of extermin =nation, the following of the defendants were in the above Company Voit. James H. Rattens Jesse D Hunter Darwin Chase & I think from his appearance Maurice Phelps was there but may be mistaken, Hunter appeared to be Captain or Commander of the Company as he did the most of the talking. but most all of them had something to Say and further this deponent saith not

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John Raglin a witness produced sworn and examined on behalf the State deposeth and saith I was in Gallatin when the Mormons made an attack on it which took place on one thursday in October. All the persons that were there left the town. Another Mormons, as I believe them to be to the number of about 150 or 200 all armed took possession of the town and the Store and other houses were burnt as I learned that evening and further this deponent saith not

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Allen Rathburn a witness produced sworn and examined on behalf of the State deposeth and Saith, On the day before the battle with Bogard I was I was in far West and early in the morning Daniel Carn One of the defendants here asked me to help him to grease his waggon I did so and asked him where he was going he said he was going out to Mr Raglins in Daviss County that there were about 40 bee Stands there they were going for directly afterwards I was down at Morrisons Store in far west there was a Company of 10 or 12 men with 2 or 3 waggons I heard Mr Huntingdon ask for brimstone some of the Company said they had 2 pounds Huntingdon answered that would do, Mr Hunter one of the defendants here, gave the word of command and they marched off Mr Daniel Carn with his Waggon with them late that evening I saw Danl Carn [~~with~~] his waggon at his grocery door in far west I saw Carn and Huntingdon unload

=ing & the waggon was loaded with one bee gum and household plunder consisting of beds or bed cloaths Kindes tied up Also there were onions in the waggon Mr Carn's that evening remarked that there would be in that night

a considerable number of sheep and Cattles he further Said that it looked to him sometimes that it was not right to take plunder but that it was according to Jos Smith Jr directions and that was the reason why he did it. the next morning I Saw a considerable number of Sheep on the Square in far West near about 100. I then left far west and returned home in the east part of Caldwell county having been Summoned to far west by Militia captain but performed no military duty while there and further this deponent Saith not **Allen Rathburn**

Jeremiah Myers a witness produced sworn and examined deposed and saith I was in the last expedition to Daviess being Summoned from my home in the east part of Caldwell county by my militia officer to go to far West where I was told we had to March to Daviess and did so. I think it was the third day after our arrival at Diahmon that Capt fearnots company of about 100 men started out and not until we got near to Gallatin did I learn where they were going I was then told there was a mob at Gallatin and that we were going to disperse them when within about 1/2 mile of Gallatin we formed and rushed into town in a hurrah I only Saw 2 men who were running Others Said there were about 15 we gathered up around the Store and Some went in holloring bring them out here supposing there were men in the house about this time myself and another man returned to camp at Diahmon that evening I saw Store goods at the Bishop's Store and was informed by Mahlon Johnson One of the Company to Gallatin that the goods taken from the Store in Gallatin were the goods I saw deposited in the bishops Store, they were Called and Considered Consecrated (goods) or property and that they were to be dealt out by the bishop to those that Stood in need, I saw parties Coming, in and going out while in Camp but Saw no property Come into our Camp but I saw a pen of Cattle which was Called Buffalo the following of the defendants were in the last expedition to Daviess, Jos Smith Jr. Lyman Wights who resides in Diahmon Washington Voorhees I never Saw Lyman Wight in Command during this Expedition my camp was half a mile from Wight and I staid pretty constantly about my own camp. I do not recollect that I was in any other expedition than the one to Gallatin Ebenozzer Page