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Mormon War Papers, 1837-1841

[Full-text transcription of: Letter from Elliott Roberts, Clerk of Caldwell County Circuit Court to Secretary of State.]

FarWest
March 19th

To the Secretary of State
City of Jefferson
Mo

Caldwell Cty
answer of Clerk on
Subject of mormon
prisoners

State of Missouri
County of Caldwell

Be it remembered
that from the records and papers on file
in the Caldwell Circuit court it appears
that Sidney Rigdon was committed to
jail on a charge of Treason against
the State committed in Caldwell County
for want of a jail in Caldwell County
he was sent to jail in Clay County.

It further appears from the recognizance
on file that he was admitted to bail
on Habeas Corpus by a justice of the Clay
County Court. That afterwards at the
Caldwell Circuit Court March Term 1839
said Rigdon was indicted for Treason
he failed to appear and his recognizance
was forfeited Said Rigdon and his
bail left the State and no other steps
have been taken as appears from the
record.

In testimony whereof I have here
unto set my hand and affixed
the Seal of said Court at Office
this the 19th day of March AD 1841
Elliot Roberts Clerk