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## Mormon War Papers, 1837-1841

[ Full-text transcription of: Letter from Austin A. King, Richmond MO to Governor Boggs, Jefferson City, MO ]

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Judge King  
Cerberus Contract

Richmond Mo  
June 8  
Govr Lilburn W. Boggs

Jefferson City

Missouri

Richmond  
June 7<sup>th</sup> 1839

Dear Sir

I received your -- of  
29<sup>th</sup> sent in reference to the  
escape of the Mormon prisoners  
Smith, Wight &c. You probably  
was not advised at the time  
it did not occur to you that  
they were indicted in Daviess  
county, and out of my circuit  
Those indicted in this circuit  
have obtained a change of  
venue and are confined in  
the Boone county jail, to which  
place this venue has been chang  
=ed. In the case of Smith, Wight  
&c. they had obtained also a change  
of venue to Boone. before they  
escape, and I presume the clerk  
of Daviess has before this, transm  
=itted a copy of this whole record  
in the cause to the Boone circuit  
court – Judge Burch now resides  
at Keytsville, to whom, it occurs  
to me, it belongs to give this info  
=rmation- sought by you,  
I will however remark that  
Rigdon who was out on bail,  
was indicted for treason in

the Caldwell court, he did  
not make his appearance,  
nor do I presume he ever  
intends it – But I do not under-  
stand you – as referring to him

yet if you think it necessary I  
will have transmitted to the  
Executive Department the  
necessary record and informati-  
on to enable you to make a  
demand of him

Very respectfully  
your obed Servant  
Austin A. King