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## Mormon War Papers, 1837-1841

[ Full-text transcription of: Letter from General David R. Atchison, 3rd Division of Missouri Militia at Liberty, MO to Governor Boggs, Jefferson City, MO ]

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D.R. Atchison  
to  
Com. in Chief  
Sept 27, 1838  
copied

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To the Commander in Chief.

Sir- I received a com:

munication by express on the 26<sup>th</sup> together with a report from Brig: Genl: Parks, who is in command of the troops, left by me in Daviess County . I have made two reports to your excellency. One sent by major Rogers, the other by mail – neither of which I presume your Excellency has received.

One dated 17<sup>th</sup> . September- the other the 20<sup>th</sup> Sept: The force under Genl Parks, is deemed sufficient to execute the laws & keep the peace in that County – Things are not so bad in that County as they have been represented by rumor – and in fact from affidavits, I have no doubt your Excellency has been deceived by the exaggerated statements of designing or half crazy men. I have found there is no cause of alarm on account of the Mormons – they are not to be feared – they are very much alarmed. I transmit a report made to me by Genl

Parks, dated 25<sup>th</sup> Sept: & from that report, I learn that the Genl has reported to your Excellency – I have the honor to be xc.

David R. Atchison  
Maj: Genl: 3<sup>rd</sup>. Div: Mo. Mi: