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Mormon War Papers, 1837-1841

[*Full-text transcription of:* The Report of the Committee of Chariton County, signed by John W. Price and William K. Logan]

The undersigned Committee appointed at a public meeting by the citizens of Chariton County , on the 3rd day of October Instant. For the purpose of repareing to De Witt in Carroll County , to enquire into the nature of the difficulties between the citizens of Carroll, and the Mormons. We arrived at the place of difficulties on the 4th of October inst. and found a large portion of the citizens of Carroll, and the adjoining Counties assembled near De Witt, well armed. We enquired into the nature of the difficulties, they said that there was a large portion of people called Mormons imbodyed in [“at” crossed out] De Witt, from different parts of the world. They are unwilling for them to remain there, which is the cause of their waging war against them. To use the gentleman’s language they are waging war of extermination, or remove them from the said county.

We also went into De Witt, to see the situation of the Mormons, we found them in the act of defence, beging for peace, and wishing for the civil authorities to repare there as early as possible to settle the difficulties between the parties.

Hostilities have commence and will continue, until they are stopt by the civil authorities.

This we believe to be a correct

Statement of both parties. This the 5th day of October 1808.

John W. Price,
Wm K. Logan,

Sworn to, and subscribed before me the undersigned one of the Justices of the peace within and for Chariton County , and state of Missouri , this 5th day of October, 1838

John Morse, J.P.