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

Genl Atchison
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Bonville October 9th. 1838.

To the Commander in Chief,

Sir, enclosed you will receive a communication from Genl Parks, which I deem my duty to forward to Your Excellency; I have required Genl Doniphen with the troops from Clay, Clinton and the Platte to co-operate with Genl Parks; I have also instructed Parks to prevent armed Mormons from marching to De wit, and also to send back or take into custody all the Mormons from – Caldwell County who may be found in arms in Carroll County ; also to disperse all armed bands of Citizens from other counties found in Carroll

I have also suggested to Parks, to urge it upon the Mormons in Carroll County , to sell out and remove elsewhere, and also to urge the citizens to make the proposition to buy; I have no doubt but your Excellency if you should deem it your duty to proceed to Carroll County, could restore peace; I would have forwarded this communication by express, but was informed that you were at St. Louis . It is therefore, sent by mail. If you deem it necessary to proceed to Carroll County , I would respectfully suggest, that it should be done as quick

as possible. I have the honor to be &c.

D. R. Atchison

P.S. If your Excellency should deem it necessary to proceed to Carroll County , Boonville will be in your rout, where it would give me great pleasure to see your Excellency, at which time I will be prepared to give all information as to the difficulties between the Mormons

and citizens, as far as it could be obtained.

D. R. Atchison