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Mormon War Papers, 1837-1841

[Full-text transcription of: An affidavit of Philip Covington]

State of Missouri } S.S.
County of Daviess }

I, Philip Covington, an acting justice of the peace, within and for said County, do certify that on the 18th inst. that one hundred or more Mormons marched to Gallatin , and drove the Citizens from said place, and then robbed the store and Post Office, and burned said store and office.

On the 20th of this inst. 25 armed Mormons came to my house, and gave me orders to leave the county against next morning, or they would be upon me and my family – myself with many other Citizens have left the County – They are now robbing and burning the dwellings of the defenceless Citizens.

Given under my hand this 22nd
day of September 1838-

Philip Covington J.P. SS