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## Mormon War Papers, 1837-1841

[ *Full-text transcription of:* Letter from Captain Samuel Bogart of Elk Horn, Ray County, MO to General David R. Atchison, 3rd Division of the Missouri Militia in Liberty, MO. ]

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Sam'l Bogart  
to  
Genl Atchison  
Oct 23, 1838

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Gen. Atchison,

Dear Sir- The mormons have burnt Gallatin & Mill port. & have ravaged Daviesz County . driven out the Citizenz, burnt the Post office, taken all kinds of property from the Citizenz-have gone into Livingston County, & taken the cannon from the Citizenz there- they have threatened to burn Buncombe & Elkhorn . & have been seen near, & on the line between Ray & Caldwell-In consequence of which I have ordered out my company to prevent, if possible, any outrage on the County of Ray, & to range the line between Caldwell & Ray, & await your order & further assistance- I will camp at Fields 12 miles north of this tonight-

I learn that the people of Ray are going to take the law into their own hands, & put an end to the mormon war-

In hast your obdt: servt:

Saml Bogart-

P.S. Please be explicit in your expresz to me, as to my course-