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## Mormon War Papers, 1837-1841

[ Full-text transcription of: The proceedings of a Public Meeting in Ray County, Richmond, MO ]

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At a very numerous Public meeting held at the Court house in Richmond Ray county on Wednesday the 24<sup>th</sup>. day of October 1838. for the purpose of taking into consideration the difficultiez of the Mormons.

The Object of the meeting having been explained by Thomas C. Burch Esqr.. The following resolutions were unanimously adopted after reading the report of Charles R. Morehead, William Thornton and Jacob Gudgel, which is hereunto attached,

To wit \_\_\_\_\_ Resolved, That the report here made by Charles R. Morehead, William Thornton and Jacob Gudgel Esqr's be transmitted by expresz to the Governor of this State, together with these Resolutions.

Resolved, that this meeting have the most implicit confidence in Said report as well from the known veracity of Said Gentlemen, as from numerous other facts and circumstancez in our knowledge corroborating the Same.

Resolved, that in the Opinion of this meeting the time has arrived when it is the imperious duty of the executive by an armed force, to quell the insurrection put on foot by the Mormons, and that to effect the Same

the Civil authoritiez are wholly inadequate.

Resolved, That Wiley C. Williamz, and Amos Rees Esqrs. be requested to visit the Governor, and lay before him the proceedingz of this meeting, and urge upon him the necessity of Ordering out forthwith an armed force against the mormons Sufficient to meet the (word crossed out, exigency) Emergency.

Resolved, that we view with the Utmost concern the conduct of the Mormons in the Counties of Daviesz & Livingston, and that immediate action is necessary for the protection of our property and homes from this lawlesz Banditiei.

Resolved, that heretofore as Citizens desireing to abide by the laws of the

land we have been disposed to see this People called mormons dealt with for their Offensez by the civil authoritez; but that in the opinion of this meeting from their past and present lawlesz course, a resort to the laws will be worse than uselesz, and wholly insufficient to afford the country that protection to which it is entilled.

Resolved, that we appeal to the Governor of this State to give the people of upper Missouri Protection from thiz

fearful body of thievez and robberz.

Resolved, That it would at this time be inexpedient to take any offensive Step, but that we should at present act on the defensive.

Resolved, That all who have in good faith renounced the mormon religion Should be protected, either those in this county or in Caldwell during the present excitement.

Resolved, That some men should now be raised to go to the most northern border of this County, and guard it from intrusion by the Mormons, to act entirely on the defensive for the present; and that Genl. Parks be requested to raise three companiez for that purpose, or that they be raised by Volunteers.

Meeting at Richmond  
Resolution of  
Oct 24<sup>th</sup> 1838  
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