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Mormon War Papers, 1837-1841

[*Full-text transcription of:* Letter from Wiley C. Williams and Amos Rees, Demoss's To General John B. Clark, 1st Division of the Missouri Militia]

Oct 25, 1838

Davioses Midnight
25th Oct. 1838

Maj. Genl John B Clark

We write you a hasty letter from the point to give you Authentic information as to the appalling Situation of the Country in the Neighborhood of the Mormons. We use on our way as expresus the Governor conveying the following information- that these wretched fanatics have thrown off all restraint and are destroying all before them- they have burned Galatin the County Seat of Daviess taken the goods from J. Stallings Store and burned the house they have burned the Villeage of Millport in Daviess and have burned almost every house from Galatin and Millport North with many others in other parts of the County and plundered the whole Country of the property of the inhabitants they say themselves that they have taken \$30,000 worth of property We have this moment received an express informing us that they this morning at day light attached Capt Bogards Company of fifty men with 300 Mormons and defeated him Killing Some ten men wounding many others and taken the most of the remainder prisoners Many of the Mormons having been killed in the fight as is supposed We have but little hope from these wretched Desperadoes but that they will kill all these prisoners This attack was made in Ray County Capt Bogard had been Stationed on the Northern line of the County to patrol and Guard it the Mormons having threatened to invade that

County They have determined to attack and burn Richmond to night And we have but little doubt but that they will

attempt it The women and children have
all left Richmond and are leaving the
County flying for protection to Livingston
and elsewhere These creatures will never
Stop until they are stoped by the Strong
hand of force. And Something must be
done and that Speedily There is no kind
of doubt but that all the Alarm with
much more that I have not time to write
is true and you may act accordingly

Yours Respectfully
Wiley C. Williams
Amos Rees

Sir

We were informed last night by an
Express from Ray County that Capt Bogard
and all his company amounting to between fifty
and sixty were massacred by the Mormons
at Buckhorn twelve miles north of Richmond
except three. This Statement you may rely
on as being true and last night they expected
Richmond to be burnt in ashes this morning
we could distinctly hear Cannon and we
know the Mormons have one in their pos-
-session Richmond is about twenty five
miles west of this place on a straight line
we know not the hour or minuite we will be
laid in ashes Our Country is ruined for God
Sake give us assistance as quick as possible
Carrolton Mo Yours &c
Oct. 24, 1838 Sashel Woods Joseph Dickson