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Mormon War Papers, 1837-1841

[*Full-text transcription of:* Letter from Governor Boggs, Jefferson City, MO to General John B. Clark, 1st Division of Missouri Militia]

Gov. to Genl Clark

Oct.. 27

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order

Boggs' exterminating

order

See Letter Book Gov

for letter dated 20th Oct. 1838

A.

Head Quarters of the Militia

City of Jefferson

Octbr 27 1838

Sir

Since the order of this morning to you directing you to cause 400 mounted men to be raised within your division I have received by Amos Rees Esqr of Ray & Wiley C. Williams Esqr one of my Aids information of the most appaling character which entirely changes the face of things and places the Mormons in the attitude of an open and armed defiance of the laws And of having made war upon the people of this State Your orders are therefore to hasten your operation with all possible speed The Mormons must be treated as enemies and must be exterminated or driven from the State if necessary for the public peace their outrages are beyond all description If you can increase your force you are authorized to do so to any extent you may consider necessary I have just issued orders to Majr Genl Willock of Marion Co to raise 500 men and to march them to the Northern part of Daviess and there unite with Genl Donphaon of Clay who has been ordered with 500 men to proceed to the Same front for the purpose of intercepting the retreat of the Mormons to the North they have been directed to communicate with you by express. You can also communicate with them if you find it necessary Instead therefore of proceeding as at first directed to reinstate the Citizens of Davis

in their homes you will proceed immediately
to Richmond and there operate against the
Mormons Brig Genl Parks of Ray has been
ordered to have four hundred of his Brigade

in readiness to join you at Richmond
The whole force will be placed under your
Command

I am very respectfully
Yr Obt St
Lilburn W Boggs
Com in Chief

To
Genl John B Clark
Fayette Ho. Co.