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[Full-text transcription of: Orders from B. M. Lisle, Adjutant General, Jefferson City, MO to General John B. Clark, 1st Division of Missouri Militia]

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Head Quarters of the Militia

General orders

City of Jefferson , Octo 26th 1838

Sir

Application has been made to the Commander in Chief by the Citizens of Daviss County , in this State for protection and to be restored to their homes and property. With intelligence that the Mormons with an armed force have expelled the inhabitants of that County, from their homes— have pilaged and burnt their dwellings, driven off their stock and were [dishoging] their their crops. That they the Mormons have burnt to ashes the towns of Galitan and Mill Port in said county, the former being the county seat of said county, including the clerk's office post office and all the public records of the County, and that there is not now a civil officer within said county.

The Commander in Chief therefore orders that then be raised from the first, fourth fifth sixth and twelfth Divisions of the Militia of this State. Four hundred men each to be mounted and armed as infantry or Riflemen each man to furnish himself with at least fifty rounds of amunition and at least fifteen days provision

The troops from the 1st 5th 6th and 12th Divisions will rendezvous at Fayette in

in Howard County on Saturday 3rd day of next month (November) at which point they will receive further instructions as to their line of March. You will therefore cause to be raised the quoto of men required of Your Division (400 men) without delay either by volunteers or drafts,

and rendezvous at Fayette, in Howard County on Saturday the third day of next month, (November) and there join the Troops from the 5th 6th and 12th Divisions

The troops from the 4th division will join you at Richmond in Ray County . You will cause the Troops raised in Your Division to be formed into Companies according to law and placed under officers already in Commission If volunteer Companies are raised they shall elect their own officers The preference should always be given to volunteer Companies already organized and commissioned. You will also detail the necessary field and staff officers For the convenience of transporting the camp equipage provisions and hospital stores for the Troops under Your Command you are authorized to employ two or three baggage waggons,

By Order of the Commander in Chief,	
Genl John B Clark.	B. M Lisle
1st Division M.M.	Adjnt Genl

An order corresponding with the above was issued at the same time of the foregoing directed to the Major Generals Commanding 4th. 5th. 6th. and 12th Divisions of the Militia of of [sic] this State,. An order was also issued to Genl. Willock of the 14th Division ordering him to raise five hundred, men and march them to the North of Caldwell County.

Orders were also issued to Brigadier Generals Doniphan and Parks directing them to raise five hundred men each But understanding that no men were raised under [] orders—it is thought a copy is unnecessary.

B M Lisle
Adjnt Genl.