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[Full-text transcription of: Letter from General Samuel D. Lucas, 4th Division of the Missouri Militia in Independence, MO to Governor Boggs, Jefferson City, MO]

Independence . 11th Nov: 1838

His Excellency L W. Boggs
Comr in Chief. M.M.

Sir – Your commu:

“nication of 6th. Nov: 1838. through B. M. Lisle esqr
Adj: Genl has just been received. The prisoners
have been sent to Richmond , subject to the order
of Genl: Clark , & the arms will be sent as soon
as the weather will permit. I have also fur:
:nished Genl. Clark a copy of my report to
you, all of which proceedings have been trans:
:mitted to you by mail, but which I presume
did not reach previous to the date of your orders—

I have the honor to be yr:

Most obdt: servt:

Saml D. Lucas

Maj Gen'l 4th. D. M.M.

P.S. I refer you to my report & two other
communications, since my return from
Far West , for further particulars, as to
the prisoners & arms—

Col : S. V. Noland, one of your
Aid-de-camps, who accompanied the expe:
:dition under my command, will leave this
evening for Jefferson City , & will communicate
further on the subject

S. D. Lucas

Maj: Gen. 4. Div—

(over)

P.S. The 1st communication received from
Genl. Clark was under date 30th. Oct. in which
he directs Genl. Atchison & myself to act as we
think best according to circumstances—This letter
was received, either on the day, or the day before
the surrender, by Capt. Long, one of the persons
Genl. Atchison & myself had started to you
with our report—The 2nd communication from
Genl. Clark was dated 1st Nov. In this he directs
us to remain in some secure position, & not
to make any attack, until he arrived, which

together with the 3rd. Communication (the one you sent a copy of in your communication per Mr. Dorriss) was only received at Williams' Ferry Missouri River , - two days after I had disbanded the army, as per my report to you of the 2nd Nov:- I never had any idea of trying any of the prisoners by a Court Martial, but only ordered them to my Head Quarters to await your further orders—

S. D. Lucas.

Maj: Genl: 4th. Div: M.M.