Head Quarters of the Militia
City of Jefferson
Oct 27 1838

Sir,

Due to the order of the morning to you directing you to cause 400 mounted men to be raised amongst your divers I have received by Col. Henry T. Brown of Maj. Miller & Williams, one of my aides information of a most appalling character which entirely changes the face of things and places the Mormons in the attitude of an armed and armed defense of the laws and of having made war upon the people of this state. Your orders are therefore to hasten your elevation 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 good. Their outrage 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 Maj. Randall and Maj. of Marion Co. to raise 500 men and to march thence to the northern part of Clay and thus unite with Genl. Doniphan of Clay who has been ordered with 500 others 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 spreading as first directed to reassert the rights of citizens in their homes you will proceed immediately to Richmond and thus operate against the Mormons. Brig. Genl. Parks of Clay has been ordered to have four hundred of his Brigade
in reading to join you at Richmond.

The whole force will be placed under your command.

I am very respectfully,

[Signature]

Lithurn A. Baggs

Com in Chief

To

Gen. John B. McLane

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