

Carrollton Missouri
Sept. 6th 1838

Hon. J. W. Boggs
Governor of Missouri
Jr.

I am requested by the Committee of Safety appointed for Carroll County to forward to your Honor a copy of an affidavit made by John N. Sapp the contents of which they have every reason to believe are true they wish your Honor, if you should consider the same advisable, to acquaint the Indian agents on our frontier with that part of said affidavit which relates to the Indians

I have the Honor to be
With great Respect-Your
Obt. Servant Joseph Dickson

State of Missouri
County of Carroll

I, John N. Sapp, do solemnly swear that I resided in Daviess County, State of Missouri, for about the space of five months, and was a member of the Church of the people, styled mormons, and that I quit them about fifteenth day of August - last by stealth - when I left them they (said people, styled mormons) were building Block Houses, and calculated this fall to build fortifications for the protection of themselves and families in time of war, for which they are making every arrangement and the understanding is, that each man is to cultivate one acre of land and if the produce raised on said acre is not sufficient for their maintenance and that of their Family they are to take the balance

from the Missourians (here by meaning people of other
denominations) and I do further say there are betwixt
Eight and Ten hundred men well armed and Equipped
Who have taken an oath to support Joseph Smith and
Lyman Wight in opposition to the laws of the State of
Missouri, or otherwise which said men are called Danites,
and I was a member of said body of Danites and ^{have} taken
the above oath. and I do further say, I have heard
Sidney Rigdon and Lyman Wight say they had
twelve men of their Church among the Indians and
that their object was to induce the Indians to join them
(the said mormons) in making war upon the Missourians
and that they expected to be fully prepared to commence
war this fall or next spring at farthest. and I also
say the Danites aforesaid are sworn to cowhide any
person or persons who may say aught against
Joseph Smith, and Lyman Wight, and if that will
not prevent them from speaking about said Smith
and Wight then they are to assassinate them
John ^{his} _{mark}

Subscribed and sworn to before me Joseph Dickson, Clerk
of the County Court within and for the County of Carroll,
State of Missouri on the fourth day of September in the
Year 1838

In Testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand
and affixed my private seal at Office, there being no official seal
yet procured, this fourth day of September 1838
Joseph Dickson Clerk

I Joseph Dickson Clerk of the County Court
within and for the County of Carroll aforesaid, do
Certify that the foregoing instrument of writing
is a true and correct Copy of the affidavit of
John St Sapp filed with me for safe keeping
on the fourth day of September 1838

In Testimony Whereof I have hereunto set
my hand and affixed my private seal at
Office there being no official seal yet procured
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Joseph Dickson
Clerk

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