

Camp on Grand River Sept 15  
Head Quarters 1 Brig 3 Div. M. M.  
Major General David P. Atchison Commanding  
3<sup>rd</sup> Div. M. M.

Sir

In pursuance of your orders dated 11<sup>th</sup> Inst. I issued orders to <sup>William</sup> Colo. A. Dunn, commanding the 28<sup>th</sup> Regiment, to raise four Companies of mounted Riflemen, consisting of fifty men each, also to Colo. John Polk, commanding the 70<sup>th</sup> Regiment, to raise two Companies of mounted Riflemen, consisting each of ~~like~~ like number, to start forth with for service, in the Counties of Caldwell and Davess. on the same day Colo. Dunn obtained the four Companies of Volunteers required from the 28<sup>th</sup> Reg. on the morning of the 12<sup>th</sup>. I took the Command in person, & marched to the line of Caldwell, at which point I ordered the Colo. to march the regiment to the timber on Crooked River. I then started for Farwest, the County seat of Caldwell, accompanied by my aid alone, arriving at that place I found Comer, Miller, & McHenry, the prisoners mentioned in your order. I demanded of the Guard, who had them in confinement, to deliver them over to me, which was promptly done. I also found that the guns that had been captured by the Sheriff & Citizens of Caldwell, had been distributed & placed in the hands of the soldiery & scattered over the County. I ordered them to be immediately collected & delivered up to me.

I then sent an express to Colonel Dunn to march the  
Regt by day light for that place where he arrived about  
<sup>seven</sup> A.M. making forty miles since 10 A.M. on the previous day -  
when my Command arrived the guns were delivered  
up amounting to 42 stands, three stands could not be  
produced, as they had probably gone to Davess County -  
I sent these guns under a guard to your Command in  
Ray County, together with the prisoners, Comer -  
the other two prisoners being Citizens of Davess I retained  
& brought with me to this County, & released them on  
parole of honor, as I conceived their detention illegal -  
At 8 A.M. we took up the line of March & proceeded  
through Millport in Davess County, thirty seven miles from  
our former encampment, and arrived at the camp  
of the Citizens of Davess & other adjoining Counties they  
amounted to between 200 & 300 as their Commander, Dr  
Austin of Carroll, informed me your order requiring  
them to disperse which had been forwarded in  
advance of my Command by your aid, James  
M. Hughes, was read to them and they <sup>were</sup> required  
to disperse - they professed that their objects for  
arming & collecting was solely for defence, but  
they were marching and counter marching - guards  
out, & myself & others who approached the camp  
were taken to task & required to wait the approach  
of the sergeant of the guard. I had an interview  
with Dr Austin and his professions were all pacific -  
but they still continued in arms, marching & counter-  
marching. I then proceeded with your aid

I Mr. Hughes & my aid, Benj. Holliday, to the Mormon  
encampment, Commanded by Col. Lyman Wright  
we held a conference with him and he proffered  
entire willingness to disband and surrender up to me  
every one of the Mormons accused of crime, & required  
in return, that the hostile forces, collected by the other  
citizens of the County should also disband. At the  
Camp commanded by Dr. Austin I demanded the  
prisoner demanded in your order, who had been re-  
leased on the evening after my arrival, in their  
vicinity - I took up the line of march & encamped  
on the direct road between the two hostile encamp-  
-ments where I have remained since within about  
two & a half miles of Wright's encampment, & some  
times the other camp is nearer and some times further  
from me - I intend to occupy this position until  
your arrival, as I deem it best to preserve peace  
& prevent an engagement between the parties, & if kept  
so far apart a few days they will doubtless disband  
without coercion - I have the honor to be yours, with respect

A. M. Doniphan  
Brig. Genl. 1 Brig: 3<sup>d</sup> Div.

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Wm. Douglass

Genl. A. A. Phelps

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Friend

Dear Sir, I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your kind letter of the 10th inst. in relation to the proposed meeting of the friends of the cause of the colored people in this city. I am glad to hear that you are so interested in the cause, and I have no doubt that your efforts will be successful. I have the pleasure to inform you that the meeting will be held on the 15th inst. at 7 o'clock P.M. at the City Hall. I am, Sir, very respectfully,  
Your obedient servant,  
Wm. Douglass

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