

Grand River. 17th Sept. 1838.

Head Quarters 3 Div: M. M.

To His Excellency, The Commander in Chief
Sir - I arrived at the County seat of this
County, Daviess, on the evening of the 15th. inst.
with the troops raised from the militia of Ray
County, where I was joined by the troops from
Clay County, under the command of General
Doniphan. In the same neighborhood, I joined
from two to three hundred men in arms, principally
from the County of Livingston, Carroll & Saline &
these men were embodied under pretext of defending
the Citizens of Daviess County against the Mormons,
and were operating under the orders of a Doctor
Austin from Carroll County. The Citizens of Da:
v: iess County, or a large portion of them, residing
on the East side of Grand River, had left their
farms, & removed their families, either to the ad:
j: joining Counties, or collected them together at a place
called the Camp ground. The whole County, on
the East side of Grand River, appears to be de:
s: erted, with the exception of a few who are not
so timid as their neighbors -

The Mormons of Daviess County have
7 also left their farms, and have encamped for safety,
at a place immediately on the East Bank of

Grand River, at a place called Adams on
Diahnow - The numbers are supposed to be a:
bout two hundred & fifty men, Citizens of Daviess
County, and from fifty to one hundred men,
Citizens of Caldwell County - Both parties have been
scouting through the Country, & occasionally
taking prisoners, & threatening & insulting each
other, but as yet no blood has been shed -

I have ordered all armed men from
adjoining Counties to repair to their homes - The
Livingston County men, & others, to the amount of
one hundred men, have returned, & there remains
now about one hundred & fifty, who will, I am
in hopes, return in a few days -

I have been informed by
the Mormons that all of those who have been
charged with a violation of the laws, will be in
today for trial - When that is done, the troops un:
der my command, will be no longer required
in this County, if the ^{citizens} ~~troops~~ of other Counties will return
to their respective homes. I have proposed to
leave two companies of fifty men each in this
County, and discharge the remainder of the troops -
Said two companies will remain for the pres:
ervation of order, until peace & confidence are
restored -

7 I also enclose to your Excellency the
report of Genl. Doniphan, & refer you

for particulars to Maj: Rogers.

I have the honor to be yr. obt. servt.

D. P. Atchison

Maj: Genl: S. D. M. M.

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