

Richmond 10<sup>th</sup> Sept. 1838.

Dear Sir,

Since my letter to you on yesterday, I have received divers & sundry Communications from Grand River, all going to shew that the people in that quarter on both sides need protection, and nothing but an armed force can do it.

The Mormons named in the warrant issued by Edgr. Dryden, will not be taken, and I send you a letter from Smith and Rigdon which may be of service to me hereafter, and I hope you will preserve it. From that you can learn somewhat the state of affairs. I do not know of any authority I have to direct your movements in the matter, but I will advise you and hope you may deem it your duty to act in the matter to send a force say of 200 men, or more if necessary, and from the circumstances more may be necessary. Dispel the force in Slaviery and all the assembled armed forces of in Caldwell and while there to cause those Mormons who refuse to give up, to surrender and be recognized, for it will not do to compromise the law with them. I shall inform the Governor



of what I have ~~done~~ advised, and I have no doubt  
but he will approve of it to take time before hand to  
send to him will be useless, for the mischief will be  
done before he could act. Please advise me of  
your determination by the bearer, I will cordially  
Co=Operate with you, when you may require it.

Respectfully  
Austin A. King.

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Genl David R. Atchison,

Dear Sir, The undersigned are fully  
impressed with a belief, that there is an insurrection  
on foot in the Counties of Caldwell and Daviess  
in this State, between the mormons and other Citizens  
of this State. The Citizens of Daviess have a mormon  
in custody as a prisoner who they took as a spy,  
and the mormons in Caldwell have three men  
to wit, John Comer, William McManey, and Allen  
Miller, taken and confined as prisoners. They  
were taken in passing from Ray through Caldwell  
to Daviess County. The undersigned therefore earnestly  
request you to order out the militia to suppress  
this insurrection, and to save the effusion of