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Boonville Mo: 4. Oct. 1838.

Dear Sir -

As we passed down the Missouri River on Monday last, we saw a large force of Mormons at Dewitt in Carroll County, under arms - Their Commander Col: Hinckle, formerly of Caldwell County, informed me that there were 200, and that they were hourly expecting an attack from the Citizens of Carroll County, who, he said were then encamped only 6 miles from there, waiting for a re-inforcement from Saline County - Hinckle said they had determined to fight. News has just been received at this place through Dr Scott of Fayette, that a fight took place on yesterday, and that several persons were killed - Dr. Scott informed me that he got his information from a gentleman of respectability who had heard the firing of their guns, as he passed down - If a fight has actually taken place, which I have no doubt, it will create great excitement, in the whole upper Missouri, & those base and degraded beings will be exterminated from the face of the earth. If one of the Citizens of Carroll should be killed, before 5 days I believe that

there will be from 4 to 5 thousand volunteers
in the field against the morning, & nothing
but their blood will satisfy them. It is an un-
pleasant state of affairs - The remedy I do
not pretend to suggest to your Excellency -
My troops of the 4th. Div: were only dis-
missed, subject to further orders, & can be
called into the field, at an hour's warning -

In haste I have the honor
to be yr. mo: obt: servt:

Saml. D. Aucaz -

P.S. We get on slowly, wth the Courts
martial - neither Powell, Smith, nor any
of the witnesses have arrived - I would be
pleas'd to hear from your Excellency by
return mail -