

Brigade Head Quarters, 5 Miles from Dewit, in
Carroll County October 7th 1838.

Major Genl. S. R. Atcheson

Sir

Immediately after my express to You
by Mr. Warden was sent, I proceeded to this place
to which I reached Yesterday, with two Companies of
Mounted men from Ray. I Ordered Col. Jones to
Call out 3 Companies from this County to hold
themselves in readiness to join me at Carrollton
on the 5th Inst. which order has not been carried
into effect, none of the Carroll Regiment is with
me. — On arriving at the vicinity of Dewit, I
found a body of armed men under the Command
of Doctor Austin, encamped near Dewit, besieging
that place to the number of 300 or 300, with a
piece of Artillery, ready to attack the town
of Dewit. On the Other Side Hinkle has in that
place 3 or 400 Mormons to defend it, and
says he will die, before he is drove from thence.
On the 4th Inst. they had a ~~skirmish~~
or ³⁰ ~~20~~ Guns fired on both sides, one man from
Saline wounded in the lip, the Mormons
are at this time too strong, and no attack is
8 expected before Wednesday or Thursday next.

at which time Dr. Austin hopes his forces will amount
to 500 men, when he will make a second attempt on
the Town of Leewards, with small arms & Cannon.

In this posture of affairs, I can do nothing
but negotiate between the parties until further aid is
sent me; — I received your friendly letter of the
5th Inst. by Mr. Warden authorizing me to call on Genl.
Lonephant, which call I have made on him for 5
Companies from ~~St. John's, Coley, and Colinton, with two~~
Companies I ordered from Livingston, of which I
doubt whether these last will come, if they do,
I think I will have a force sufficient to manage
these Billigerents. Should these troops arrive here
in time, I hope to be able to prevent Bloodshed
Nothing seems so much in demand here (to hear
the Carroll County men talk) as Mormon scalps, as
yet they are scarce, I believe Hinkle with his
present force and position, will beat Austin with
~~500 of his troops, the morrow say they will be before~~
they will be drove out &c. As yet they have acted
on the defensive, as far as I can learn. It is my
settled opinion, the Mormons will have no rest
until they leave; whether they will or not, time
only can tell; I assure you I never felt more
& rejoiced than when I received your letter, to
call on General Lonephant's Brigade, for this
mark of your confidence and friendly approval

of my action, I do feel under renewed Obligations
to you, and hope to shew the necessity of making
the Call on the Brigade. I have also sent an
express to Lonsphant to come in person if he can,
I want his aid & advice, I will keep you advised
from time to time of the state of affairs here,
it would relieve me much if you would request
the Governor to make his appearance here among
the learned boys he need not order out any
force, those already ordered by me, I deem
sufficient, you know a word from his Excellency
would have more power to quell this affair than a
Regiment, should he come which I hope he will
for this is no little affair, he will be able to take
such steps as may be deemed by him right and
necessary to settle this matter.

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I have the honor to remain
Your Obedt Servt
A. G. Parks, Brig. & Genl
Commanding