

Major-General
H. R. Atchison

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To his Excellency the Commander in Chief,
Sir, Almost every hour I receive information
of outrage and violence; of burning, and
plundering in the County of Davies; it seems
that the Mormons have become desperate
and act like mad-men, They have burned a
store in Gallatin, they have burnt Millport,
they have it is said plundered several houses
and have taken away the arms from diverse
Citizens of that County. A Cannon that was
employed in the Siege of Detroit in Carroll County,
and taken for a like purpose to Davies County,
has fallen into the hands of the Mormons,
it is also reported that the anti Mormons
have when opportunity offered disarmed the
Mormons, and burnt several of their houses.

The great difficulty in settling this matter
seems to be in not being able to identify the
offenders; I am convinced that nothing short
of driving the Mormons from Davies County
will satisfy the Party opposed to them, and this
I have not the power to do as I conceive
legally. There are no troops at this time in Davies
County; nor do I deem it expedient to send any

There. — For I am well convinced that it would
but make matters worse, for Sir I do not feel
disposed to disgrace myself, or permit the troops
under my Command to disgrace the State, and
themselves, by acting the part of a mob. If the
Mourning are to be drove from their homes
let it be done without any Color of law, and
in open defiance thereof; let it be done by
Volunteers acting upon their own responsibility.

However I deem it my duty to submit these
matters to the Commander in Chief, and will
conclude by saying it will be my greatest
pleasure to execute any Order your Excellency
should think proper to give in this matter
with promptness and to the very letter.

I have the honor to be your
Excellency's Most Obedt Servt
David R. Atchison
Major Genl 3^d Lewis M. M.

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I herewith inclose to you a report from
Genl Parks, also one from Capt Bogart

D. R. A.