

Richmond Mo. Oct. 23rd 1838.

The Governor of The State of Missouri.

Sir,

The alarming state of Daviess County, and the panic produced by the late movements of the Mormons in that County has produced a degree of excitement and alarm here that has not been heretofore witnessed, the latest accounts from Daviess County that has reached us, say that all the inhabitants of Daviess County have left. And sought refuge in Livingston or this County, the Store house of Jacob Stallings in Gallatin Daviess County was robbed and burned by the Mormons, the Post Office kept there, was also destroyed and we believe that the houses of ~~5 or 6~~ of the inhabitants of Daviess have been destroyed by fire, the property taken away, and the women and children obliged to flee; the arms of all the Citizens in Daviess they could find, have been taken by them forcibly; they have also carried away the Cannon from Livingston County, and have it now in their possession.

The Mormons have robbed George Worthington Esq. at Gallatin, of his notes & property to the amount of nearly \$2,000. In short the news

from them reach us hourly that they are destroying the property of the Citizens, they cannot carry away, and all that they can carry away they take; blood & plunder appears to be their Object, all those who do not join with them in their incendiary conduct are banished from local well, and all those of other Counties who are opposed to them, are threatened; It is the desire of the Citizens that his Excellency would visit this section of Country, and call out a sufficient number of troops to put a stop to the further ravages of these fanatics, If some such measures are not taken shortly, the whole Country will be overrun, but we now firmly believe they are aggressors, and say they will indemnify themselves for losses in Jackson & Carroll; we are not alarm-ists, and have had no fears until lately these fanatics would have dared to behave as they have lately; there seems to be but one Opinion here on the subject, and that is, unless a Military force is brought to act against them and that shortly, they will destroy as far as they are able. We think it our duty to advise you of these things.

R. S. Mitchell
John N. Hughes
Thomas McKinney
Jesse Corner

Very Respectfully
Your Obedt. Servt.
J. S. L. W. Shaw
G. Lenhart
Jno. C. Richardson
M. P. Long

James S. Seell
J. R. Doolittle
S. J. Brown, Sheriff
of Ray County.



George Woodward
Lewis S. Jacobs
Berry Hughes
William Hudgins P.M.

We are deficient in arms. If there are any
to spare, we wish them brought up here.

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William Hudgins

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William H. ...

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