

At a very numerous Public meeting held at the Court house in Richmond Ray County on Wednesday the 24th day of October 1838. for the Purpose of Talking into Consideration the difficulties of the Mormons.

The Object of the Meeting having been explained by Thomas C. Burch Esq. The following Resolutions were unanimously adopted, after reading the Reports of Charles R. Morehead, William Thornton and Jacob Gudge, which is hereunto attached,

To wit _____ Resolved That the Report here made by Charles R. Morehead, William Thornton and Jacob Gudge Esqs be transmitted by express to the Governor of this State, together with these Resolutions.

Resolved, that this Meeting have the most implicit Confidence in said Report as well from the known veracity of said Gentlemen, as from numerous other facts and Circumstances in our Knowledge Corroborating the same.

Resolved, that in the Opinion of this Meeting the time has arrived when it is the imperious duty of the executive by an armed force, to quell the insurrection put on foot by the Mormons, and that to effect the same

The Civil authorities are wholly inadequate.

Resolved, That Wiley B. Williams, and Amos Rees Esqrs be requested to visit the Governor, and lay before him the proceedings of this meeting, and urge upon him the necessity of Ordering out forthwith an armed force against the Mormons sufficient to meet the ~~emergency~~ Emergency.

Resolved, that we view with the utmost concern the conduct of the Mormons in the Counties of Daviess & Livingston, and that immediate action is necessary for the protection of our property and homes from this lawless Banditti.

Resolved that heretofore as Citizens desiring to abide by the laws of the land we have been disposed to see this people called Mormons dealt with for their offenses by the civil authorities; but that in the opinion of this meeting from their past and present lawless course, a resort to the laws will be worse than useless, and wholly insufficient to afford the Country that protection to which it is entitled.

Resolved that we appeal to the Governor of this State to give the people of Upper Missouri protection from this

fearful body of thieves and robbers.

Resolved, That it would at this time be inexpedient to take any Offensive Step, but that we should at present act on the defensive.

Resolved, That all who have in good faith renounced the Mormon Religion should be protected, either those in this County, or in Caldwell during the present excitement.

Resolved, That some men should now be raised to go to the North^{west} border of this County, and guard it from intrusion by the Mormons, to act entirely on the defensive for the present; and that Genl. Parks be requested to raise three Companies for that purpose, or that they be raised by Volunteers.

Meeting at Richmond
Resolution 8th

Oct 24th 1835

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