

The undersigned having on Monday Morning last learned that the Mormons had burned Millport in Laviess County in addition to the burning of Stollings Store in Gallatin in said County; and of their having threatened to burn the Store in Buncombe Settlement in this County, and feeling an anxiety to know the truth in relation to said reports, - left this place, Richmond, on that (Monday Morning) & proceeded to Millport, they however previously called at Judge Morin's, who lives about  $\frac{1}{4}$  of a mile from Millport, who informed them that all they had learned was substantially true, and that much more had been done by the Mormons, than the people of this County had been informed of; he went with us to Millport, where we found all the houses in ashes, except a Grocery Store house belonging to a Mr Slade and a house in which Mr Lillson McKinney had lived, we also found the house of Robert Peniston near Millport burned: - The horse-mill belonging to him, (Peniston) was taken down, the Stones, bolting Chest &c lying out some distance from the shed, and the shed yet standing. Mr Morin informed us that the burning was done on  
30 Sunday Night last, that on the next day he saw



Mormons there and saw them taking off beds and other things belonging to Ellilow (McKinney); we also saw some furniture which we understood from Mr. Morin belonged to McKinney standing out in the commons, and which seemed to have been rifled of its contents. Mr. Morin expected on the day we were there, that the Mormons would be there (at Millport) to move off the remaining property, and to burn the balance of the house, he stated to us that he considered his situation a precarious one, that he had been permitted to stay thus long owing to having no wagons to move with, but that he expected to get wagons that day & intended moving in to Richmond immediately; he said that the County was entirely deserted by the inhabitants, except himself and a few others, besides the Mormons, and expressed it as his belief, that the corn from his house to Siamon would all be gathered, and hauled into Siamon by the Mormons in 48. Hours from that time.

He also stated to us, that he was at Siamon a few days previously, and saw a company of men (Mormons) come into camp with a drove of cattle, amounting to about 100 head, which he supposed belonged to other citizens, he also saw a man in possession



of a Mormon, which he was very certain belonged to Mr. Morgan a citizen of Daviess County. — Mr. Morin looked upon these Mormons who were then at Llanow (amounting he supposed to about 600 men) as a band of Robbers and desperadoes, he advised us very strongly to go no farther, not to attempt to go to Llanow, or Starkest — ~~That we would gather nothing more of~~ So, in addition to which we there learned that the County on the North side of Grand River and west of him was certainly deserted & except by the Mormons, and had been for several days, that the houses were all burned, or to use his own words, that it was a complete waste.

Mr. Morin also informed us, that the Mormons had ordered the other citizens out of the County, and that he too had been ordered to leave, he appeared very anxious that we should not be seen at his house, by any Mormon, that it should not be known that he had given any information or expressed any thing unfavorable towards them, until he get away. We did not visit Gallatin, but understood from Mr. Morin and others, whom we met moving into this County, that all the houses in that place were burned.



except a Shoemaker's Shop belonging to a Mr.  
Borwell. -

Richmond Va. Wednesday October 24<sup>th</sup> 1838.

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