

S. M. Ryland

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Rees Hobbins

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Lexington 6. O. Clock P. M.  
October 25<sup>th</sup> 1838.

Gentlemen,

This letter is sent after you on a parcel, by Mr. William Bryant of Ray County, since you left us this morning Mr. C. R. Morehead came here on a parcel for men to assist in Repelling a threatened attack upon Richmond to night; He brought news that the Mormon armed force had attacked Capt. Bogart this morning at day light, and had cut off his whole company of 50 men. Since Mr. Morehead left Richmond one of the company (Bogart's) had come in, and reported that there were ten of his comrades killed, and the remainder were taken prisoners after many of them had been severely wounded, he stated further that Richmond would be sacked and burned by the Mormon Banditti to night, nothing can exceed the consternation which this news gave rise to. — The women and children are flying from Richmond in every direction, A number of them have repaired to Lexington amongst whom is Mrs. Reed, we will have sent from this county since 1. O. Clock this evening about 100. well-armed and daring men, perhaps the most effective that our county can boast

of. They will certainly give them (the Mormons)  
a warm reception at Richmond to night. You will  
see the necessity of hurrying on to the City of  
Jefferson. And also of imparting correct  
information to the public as you go along.

My impression is that you had better  
send one of your numbers to Howard, Cooper,  
and Boone Counties, in order that Volunteers  
may be getting ready and flocking to the scene  
of trouble as fast as possible. They must  
make haste and put a stop to the devastation  
which is menaced by these infuriated fanatics.  
And they must go prepared, and with the full  
determination to exterminate or expel them  
from the State en masse. Nothing but this  
can give tranquillity to the public mind,  
and reestablish the Supremacy of the Law.  
There must be no farther delaying with this  
question anywhere. The Mormons must leave  
the State, or we will oue and all. And to this  
completion it must come at last. We have  
great reliance upon your ability, discretion,  
and fitness for the task you have  
undertaken, and have only time to say God  
Speed you!

Messrs  
Amos Pees & } 32  
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Yours truly  
E. M. Ryland,