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Independence Nov 7th 1838

Hon. Geo. L. M. Boggs
Comd. in Chief
M. M.

Sir, I rec^d from Genl Clark
last night per the hands of Col Price a copy of
your order of the 1st Nov. in which you state
that neither Genl^s Atchison & Lucas was called
or ordered into the field, by you. If your
order had reached me before I got into
the field, I would not have went but I know
nothing of the call for men, or of the arrangements
for giving the command to Genl Clark, but
acted as I have before informed you upon a
call from Brig Genl Parks, then in the field
(which according to military usage & etiquette
is equivalent to an order) for assistance, he
represented things in such a manner (which
your Excellency has been apprised of by Col
Williams and Major Rees) that I believed I
had no alternative but to act as I did. I have
no disposition to thwart either your designs, or
Genl Clark's plans in going into the field
but after I got there with an army of 2500. men
I could not consistently lie idle, or inactive;
For the result of my proceedings, I refer

you to my report sent herewith. I did not
make any Report to Genl Clark because
I did not believe it proper to do so Consis-
-tent with my grade of Office.

I am very Respectfully
Yr. Obedt Servt.

S. S. Lucas
Major Genl 4th Divis M.M.

P.S. If your Excellency should deem it proper
you can cause Genl Clark to be furnished
with a copy of the above.