

Independence Mo. 5<sup>th</sup> Nov. 1838.  
His Exc. L. W. Boggs,  
Comm<sup>d</sup> in Chief  
M. M.,

Sir,

I returned on Yesterday with  
the troops of the 1<sup>st</sup> Brig. 4. Divis. M. M. We got to  
Goose Creek in the vicinity of Star West on 30<sup>th</sup> Ult,  
and the next day, the Town surrendered to us under  
the following Conditions and stipulations. - viz -

- 1<sup>st</sup> - To give up their leaders to be tried & punished.
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> - To make an appropriation of their property  
all who had taken up arms to the payment  
of their debts, and indemnity for damage  
done by them.
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> - That the balance should leave the State and  
be protected out by the Militia, but to be  
permitted to remain until further Orders  
from the Commander in Chief.
  - 4<sup>th</sup> - To give up their arms of every description,  
to be receipted for.
- We took about 600. Prisoners and rec<sup>d</sup>  
something like that number of arms.

In disbanding my Command, I ordered  
Genl. Wilson to take Charge of the leaders  
who I had demanded for trial. viz -

Jo. Smith Jr. Sidney Rigdon, Lyman Wight,  
Amos Lyman, Geo. W. Robinson, Parley Pratt,  
Hyram Smith, together with the arms; and  
March them to my head Quarters at Independence  
to await your further Orders. On 3<sup>rd</sup> of Novr,  
When at Williams<sup>s</sup> ferry, Missouri River, I received  
a letter from Major Genl Clark by express  
Ordering me to March the prisoners and arms  
to Richmond, to disband my forces, and repair  
myself with my staff to his Camps where-over I  
could find it between Richmond, and Laviess  
County. This Order I did not comply with, as  
I could not under any Circumstances be comma-  
-nded by a Junior Major Genl. - I was thrown  
in to the field by a Call from Brig. Genl Parks  
there in the field. Which according to Military  
etiquette and usage is equivalent to an Order  
and from your Order to Genl Clark, he is only  
authorized to Command Brigadier Generals, but can  
make a Call on Major Genl<sup>s</sup> for any force that  
he may think necessary. I received a copy  
of your Orders to him, and I intend to start the  
prisoners and arms to Richmond in the Morning  
43 When the whole will be subject to his Order.

Your Orders of 9<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> Ult. together  
with your letter to me of latter date was

only need by express on 30<sup>th</sup> ult. within 6, or 7  
miles of Far West. at this point Major Genl.  
Atchison left me and returned home to  
Liberty. I was then left in the sole Comd of about  
1800 men which I marched that night to Goose  
Creek within one mile of Far West, by Sun-down  
the next day my forces were increased to 2500  
men, with an Army of this magnitude I could  
not think of lying idle and inactive.

I will make out a fair report and send it  
to you by next mail; We were looking for you  
every day, for the last 4 or 5 days, or I would  
have sent an express to you from Far West.  
A communication I received from Genl Clark  
1<sup>st</sup> Novr. stated that he had learned you was  
on your way up, and would arrive in a day  
or two. Learning that Genl Clark was on his  
March with an army of 2000 men I concluded  
that he would have force sufficient to operate  
in Daviess and Livingston Counties, and to make  
a final close without the Co-operation of my  
troops, I deemed it proper in order to save the  
State an enormous expense, which each day  
was immensely heavy; to discharge my forces  
which was accordingly done, with the exception

of four companies left a Far West, and five  
companies under Genl. Park, sent to Daviess  
County. I left your aid Col. Williams, Col.  
Burch and Major Reese of Regt. at Far West  
drawing up all the necessary papers, and Col.  
Hinkle and myself appointed 5<sup>th</sup> Comd. viz:  
Wm Collins of Jackson, G. W. Woodward of Ray  
Judge Cameron of Clay and John Kerrill and  
M. Phelps of Far West. The mormons are to  
convey their property in trust to those Comds,  
for the benefit of Creditors and for indemnifying  
those that have been damaged by them.

This arrangement gave satisfaction to the whole  
army and was the means, of saving a great  
many valuable lives, and the effusion of  
much immense blood shed.

I have the honor to be with  
great respect

Saml. L. Lucas  
Major Genl 4<sup>th</sup> Div. M.M.

P.S. I sent Genl. Clark a copy of my report  
to you, as soon as I had it made out

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Genl. Clark  
Major Genl  
Nov 5 1838  
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