

Mr. J. J. Clark

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Executive Department
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To
Major Genl Geo. B. Clark
for.

You will take immediate steps
to discharge all the Troops you have retained ^{as a guard} in force,
and deliver the Prisoners over to the civil authority,
You will not attempt to try them by Court Martial,
the Civil Law must govern, should the Judge of the
Circuit Court deem a guard necessary he has
the authority to call on the Militia of the County for
~~on their persons~~. In the absence of the attorney
General I am unable to furnish you with his opinion
on the points requested. One thing however is certain
that so soon as an insurrection is quelled and peace
~~and order~~ restored, the Military authority ceases;
~~As to~~ the Crime of Treason, whether it can be
tried out of the County where the act was committed
we have no precedent only that of the Case of Aaron
Burr, who was charged with the commission of that
offense against the United States at Blenheim's
Island in the State of Virginia and he was tried
at Richmond, Virginia. This however is a matter
which the ~~Civil Authority~~ ^{Judiciary} will have to determine.

58 I wish you to distinctly understand, that if
you have accomplished the object of the expedition, which
was to restore peace to the Community and to cause

the offenders to be brought to justice that you will discharge all your forces and report to me your proceedings in the manner heretofore requested -

The Officers returned to serve on Court martial will also be discharged.

Should you have left Richmond before you receive this communication, you will forward by Express to the Officer you have left in Command orders to the foregoing effect.

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I am very Respectfully

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Com: in chief

X I should be happy to see you at this place as you would perhaps be able to explain many things in relation to this perplexing subject, which I cannot at present understand