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~~Copy of letters to
Genl Johnson & Lucas
Nov 1st 1838~~

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Camp near Canotton (incl night)
Nov 1st 1838

Genls Atchison & Lucas

Gentlemen

understanding two days since while
at Chariton on my march that you
were at Richmond and was only
holding the Mormons in check until
further orders which you sought
from the Commander in Chief
and having before then received orders
from the Commander in Chief with
plenary powers to settle this whole
difficulty and call to my aid such
force as I might deem necessary a
copy of which I sent you by express
per Capt Song but ~~finding~~ ^{learning} at this
place that you have proceeded to Far
West and hearing a report (not
officially) that ~~some of the~~ ^{the} ~~Mormons~~
have already surrendered to you therefore
under my orders and in pursuance
of the ~~only and proper~~ ^{power}
assigned me I send you respectfully
the following orders (viz) you are
to remain at some secure position in
the vicinity of Far West protecting the
Citizens & their property from the
aggressions of the (Mormons) until I
arrive with my force which will be
tomorrow night amounting to two
thousand but you are not to make
any attack or operate oppressively
until I arrive when the plan
of adjustment suggested by the
"Commander in Chief and proposed

by myself will be communicated
you must take steps if you have not
and if it be necessary to provision
your forces by foraging or otherwise
If you have any ~~prisoners~~ ^{prisoners} you
will make no truce with them ~~to~~ by
which they are to be discharged until
my arrival but preserve them from
injury as prisoners The soon I have
~~learned~~ ^{learned} ~~light~~ This evening is on his
way up and will ~~gain~~ gain us
perhaps to-morrow

I will be able
to reach Fort West in three more days
If Genl Willcock has arrived at the
place he was ordered you will
direct him and also Genl Donphan
to remain there until my arrival
for further orders observing their
~~original orders~~ to prevent the retreat
of the Monroes to the north

The express leaves immediately
and I cannot be more specific
you will both report to me im-
mediately your (Head Quarters
Strength and position and such other
matters as tend to further ^{the} service
in which we are engaged my express
Messrs Scott Turner & Co you will
furnish with such necessaries as
they may need and much oblige me

I have the Honor
to be your Obedt Servt
John B. Clark Major Genl
1st Lt. W. M.