

James C. Owens, a witness, produced, sworn and examined on behalf of the state, deposed and said:  
 In the morning of the day that the militia arrived near Far West - I heard Joseph Smith give a speech to the Mormon troops say, that he did not care any thing about the coming of the troops, nor about the laws, that he had tried to please them - If they lived together it would not please them - if they scattered it would not please them & that he did not intend to try to keep the laws in to please them - any longer, that they were a damned set, and God should damn them, so help him Jesus Christ. - That he meant to go on then as he had begun, and take his own course, and kill & destroy - and told the men to fight like angles, that heretofore he had told them to fight like devils, but now told them to fight like angles, that angles could whip devils. - I think in this speech it was that he said that what they lacked in number the Lord would make up by sending angles, and send two angles where they lacked one man. He swore considerably and observed that they might ~~think~~ that he was swearing, but that God Almighty would not take notice of him in cursing such a damned set as they were. He further stated that they pretended to come out as militia, but that they were all a damned set of mobs. - He stated at that or some other times that as they had commenced consecrating in Daviess county, that he intended to have the surrounding counties consecrated to him, that the time had come when the riches of the Gentiles should be consecrated to the saints. - ~~Of the prisoners~~ while the last expedition was in progress in Daviess county - a portion of the troops returned to Far West, to whom & to the people assembled in Independence Sidney Rigdon had read a letter from Joseph Smith &c. - I asked him to read it to me, which he did, and it was, as near as I can recollect as follows: That the enemy was delivered into their hands, and that they need not

not fear, that this had been given to him by the spirit of prophecy in the name of Jesus Christ. Sidney Rigdon appeared to rejoice at the information, and give into the thing - A few days before the militia got to Far west Goldsmith observed that he did not intend to obey their laws any longer, that he had had a great many law suits writs served on him, & that he was of age, and did not intend to have another served on him - And further this deponent saith not -

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Nathaniel Carr, a witness produced, sworn and examined in behalf of the state, deposes and saith - While the last expedition was going on in Daviess county a portion of the troops returned to Far west, and was paraded before Mr Rigdon's door - A letter was produced by him, rec<sup>d</sup> as he said from Jos Smith & Sycamore Wight, and perhaps Hiram Smith, and I think Elias Higley - the letter was read, which stated something like this that all things were going on well in Daviess that they had <sup>to hand</sup> nothing, and that the enemy was in their hands - I understood from what was said in the letter that they knew this from revelation - The letter was read to about 200 men most of them under arms - The town appeared under military rule, picket guards were sent out morning & evening - this state of things was continued for three or four weeks until the mormons surrendered their arms. When the forces that went out to attack Bogart were collecting about midnight, I heard them say that a mob was collecting near Fields who had taken some of the brethren prisoners, and that they were collecting a company to release them - and further this deponent saith not. Nathaniel Carr