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Mormon War Papers, 1837-1841

[Full-text transcription of: Letter from Sarshel Woods and Joseph Dickson, of Carrollton, MO]

County They have determined to attack
and burn Richmond to night And we
have but little doubt but that they will
attempt it The women and children have
all left Richmond and are leaving the
County flying for protection to Livingston
and elsewhere These creatures will never
Stop until they are stoped by the Strong
hand of force. And Something must be
done and that Speedily There is no kind
of doubt but that all the Alarm with
much more that I have not time to write
is true and you may act accordingly

Yours Respectfully
Wiley C. Williams
Amos Rees

Sir

We were informed last night by an
Express from Ray County that Capt Bogard
and all his company amounting to between fifty
and sixty were massacred by the Mormons
at Buckhorn twelve miles north of Richmond
except three. This Statement you may rely
on as being true and last night they expected
Richmond to be burnt in ashes this morning
we could distinctly hear Cannon and we
know the Mormons have one in their pos-
-session Richmond is about twenty five
miles west of this place on a straight line
we know not the hour or minuite we will be
laid in ashes Our Country is ruined for God
Sake give us assistance as quick as possible
Carrolton Mo
Oct. 24, 1838

Yours &c
Sashel Woods Joseph Dickson