

To the Legislature of Missouri
Your
Petitioner, the undersigned citizen of the
Town of Far West, County of Caldwell
would respectfully represent that in
the year 1841 a portion of the Citizens
of Davia County having determined
that the (Dr) remnant of Mormons and
Mormon dissenters should leave the
County, first by invitation, and if not, by
Coercion, A large Majority of the Citizens
participating in a full desire for
their removal, yet at the same time, being
the influence of (Dr) must exert upon the
reputation of the County, and desirous
of supporting the Supremacy of the Law
expressed their decided disapprobation
of a resort to Coercive Means. The time
having arrived when they should have
left a creature to Command, Many of them
unwilling to obey remained. To enforce
their departure the following lawless
Means were resorted to by that portion
of Citizens first above mentioned by
the destruction of their property, burning
and pulling down their houses, leaving
their families shelterless, the most brutal
and shameless abuse of the female portion

of their Community, (Nor Cases here
they extend their Commands of departure
to honest and respectable Citizens hav-
ing (Neither Connection with (Nor Knowledge
of (Mormonism), and in short (Many other
such deeds as were repugnant alike
to law and humanity. Such being the
state of affairs an attempt was (Made
at the urgent desire of (Many Citizens to
bring these known leaders of a (Mob. to
justice by the proper authorities of the
land) and within the (meaning and intent
of the laws (Accordingly the Sheriff through
the directions of the Presiding Justice of
the County Court, proceeded to execute the laws,
but was deterred from his purpose by a
threat, that his person was in danger, and
that a body of (Men (numbering one hun-
dred, were in readiness to resist his effort
with to arrest, and that they would that
night attack the town of Far West.

This threat being of general belief, from
the known influence they had with law-
less bands from other Counties, (having
been assisted in time before) and for through
the urgent solicitation of (Numerous
Citizens, the Presiding Justice of the County
Court, with the Sheriff deemed it. ~~to~~ ~~bring~~

by and imperious Necessary to call out
the Militia of the County to enforce the
law and it was accordingly done and
to this day it is of very general belief
that by this means alone was the Town
and its citizens preserved from plunder
and abuse. I was called upon by the
authorities of the County to entertain the
Militia until matters could be
adjusted according to law. In obedi-
ence to which I furnished them with
provisions & amounting to eighty five ⁷⁰/₁₀₀ Dollars
which amount was allowed by the County
Court. Your petitioner prays for remun-
eration from your Honorable body
to the amount of Bill allowed by County
Court.

Abdun D. Ramsey

December 20th 1849

Sir. Three mails since I wrote you concern
ing the within matter and our county seat.
Don't make no mention of it re eff. please
write me and send me some documents
from the Legislature. in haste Yours Resp^{ly}
Wm D. Keenan

Midmore witness

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Mr. J. Edwards
M. D.
London City
Mo.

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account of
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A. D. Malinich
Petition of



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