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Mormon War Papers, 1837-1841

[*Full-text transcription of: An affidavit from William Morgan, Sheriff of Daviess County, MO to Governor Boggs, Jefferson City, MO*]

Affidavit of Mor
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October 21st. 1838.

I William Morgan, Sheriff of Daviess County, do certify that on the 18th. day of this inst. as I was going to Gallatins , I saw five men ride off from the store of Jacob Stallings, & on walking fifty or sixty yards further, I perceived the house was on fire. I ran to the house where the clerk of the store boarded, say 150 yards from the store & found no one there. Whilst standing there I saw two other men ride by the store and made no stop- I then expected it was Mormons, on going home one mile from town. I there learnt that the Mormons had drove off the Clerk and had fired the store. Since that they the Mormons have ordered almost all the Citizens of the County to leave, and they, myself, for one, have moved our families to Livingston County – Our country is in a desperate situation – they are burning and driving as they go – It is reported by a prisoner that they turned loose, last night, that they were to burn Millport, & I have no doubt of that being the fact. I remain your, with respect –

To
Lilburn W. Boggs William Morgan
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