At the request of a committee of the Citizens of Ray county, I make the following statement in relation to the recent movements, plans & intentions of the Mormon in the counties of Caldwell & Daviess.

Shortly after the settlement of the difficulties at Deseret in Carroll county, a call was made by the Mormon at Far West in Caldwell county for volunteers to go to Daviess county to disperse the mob, as they said. On the day before this Joseph Smith, the prophet, had preached in which he said, that all the Mormons, who refused to take up arms, if necessary, in difficulties with the citizens, should be shot, or otherwise put to death; and as I was there with my family, I thought it most prudent to go, and did go with my wagon as the driver.

We marched to Adamondemow, and found no troops or not in Daviess county. Scouting parties frequently went out & brought in intelligence that they had seen from three to five men. We got to Diamond on Tuesday evening, & on the next day a company of about eighty of the Mormons, commanded by a man fictitiously named Captain Fearnot, marched to Gallatin. They returned and said they had run off from Gallatin, twenty or thirty men and had taken Gallatin. They had taken one prisoner and another had joined the company.
learned from the Mormons, that they had burned Galatia, and that it was done by the
defined Company that marched there. The
Mormons informed me that they had hauled
away all the goods from the store in Galatia,
and deposited them at the Bishop's store house,
at Hulkamiahmon. On the same day Lyman
Wight marched about eighty horsemen for Mico-
port. He returned before night and called for
Joseph Smith andiram Smith, to report to him (said
Hiram being Counsellor of said Joseph the prophet)
and said Wight reported that he had been in sight
of Micoport, saw no one to fight, but that the
people generally had gone & left their houses
and property. The prophet on hearing the prop-
city was left, commenced a reply & said "We
had better see to it," when Wight stopped him
by saying never mind, we will have a private
Council, and Smith replied very well. The pri-
ciple council, I did not hear. The men were
dismissed, to go to their camps. The same even-
ing a number of footmen came up from the
direction of Micoport, laden with property,
which I was informed, consisted of beds, cloths,
& other household furniture. The same night,
I think, about three wagons were despatched
for about forty bee gings, & the next day a several
bees went, where they were splitting them up & taking the
honey & burning the gigm, in which business of taking out the honey, but few were engaged for fear, as they said, they would be called on as victors against them. When Wright returned from Millport, & informed Smith that the people were gone t leave property left, Smith asked him, if they had left any of the negroes for them, t Wright replied no, & pointed to some one laughed and said t Smith, you have lost your negroes then. During the same time a company called the fer company, were sent out to bring in flocks of cattle, calling the hogs, bears & the cattle, buffaloes. They brought in at one time seven cattle, at another time four or five belonging to the people of Davy's shop were brought in dead, but I know not how many I have only two.

They have among them a company consisting of all that are considered true Mormons, called the Danites, who have taken an oath to support the head of the church in all things, that they say or do, whether right or wrong. Many however of this band are much dissatisfied with this oath, as being against moral and religious principles. On Saturday last I am informed by the Mormons that they had a meeting at Far West, at which they appointed a company of twelve, by the name of the destruction companies, for the purpose of burning & destroying, & that if the people of Bun. Cornbe came to do mischief upon the people of Saltwell, committed depredations on the Mormons,
they were to burn Bonneville, if the people of Clay t. R. made any movement against them, the destroying company were to burn Liberty & Richmond. This burning was to be done secretly, by going as incendiaries. At the same meeting I was informed they passadied that no Mormon dissenters should leave Caldwell county alive, that such an attempted to do it, should be shot down & sent to tell their tale in eternity. In a conversation between Doctor Ward & other Mormons, said Ward proposed to start a pestilence among the gentiles, as he called them by poison their corn & fruit &c. and saying it was the work of the Lord—and said Ward advocated lying for the support of their religion. I said it was no harm to lie for the Lord. The plan of said Smith, the prophet, is to take this state, & he professed to his people to intend taking the U. S. ultimately the whole world. This is the belief of the Church. My own opinion of the prophs: etc., plans & intentions—

It is my opinion that neither said Joseph

Smith, the prophet, nor anyone of the principal men, who is firm in this faith, could be induced for any offense in the county of Caldwell. The prophet incites the motion; it is believed by every true Mormon, that Smith's prophecies are superior to the laws of the land.

I have heard this prophet say that he should yet tread down his enemies & walk over their dead bodies. That if he were not let alone, he would be a second Messiah to this generation & that he would make it
If one gore of blood, from the Rocky
mountains to the Atlantic ocean. That like
Abraham, whose motto, is treating for peace,
the Alcomar, or the sword, be should it be eventually
with us, so Smith or the sword.

These last statements were
made during the last summer. The number of armed
men at Adamondaimon, was between three and four
hundred.

Richmond Mo.
October 24th, 1838

The day herein written

Henry Jacobs. J. P. Ray County Mo.

About to & subscribed before
me on the day above written

Henry Jacobs. J. P. B.

The undersigned Committee on the part of the
Citizens of Ray County have no doubt, but that
Thomas B. Screws & Orson Hyde, whose names, are
signed to the foregoing certificates have been members
of the Mormon Church, in full fellowship until very
recently, when they voluntarily abandoned the Mormon.