Head Quarters Nauvoo Legion

Adjutant Genl's Office.

G. S..L. City Augt 25th 1853

Lieut Col. Jas. A. Little

 Commanding Iron County

Military District.

Sir,

From returns for Col. Geo. A. Smith from your District, we find sundry persons under arrest for Mutinous conduct, disobedience of orders, &c. Court of enquiry having determined them guilty of the charges and specifications.

The course pursued by the Officers was perfectly correct, and according to the Law, although they might have been more severe than they were.

It is all right, and if this will suffice we shall be glad. His Excellency the Governor, in his clemency counsels us to pursue this case no farther, in consideration of the seeming penitence of the offenders, and the strong interest felt by the people in their behalf.

You are therefore directed to discharge them from arrest, retaining their arms as public property, and in case you permit them to have them, taking their receipts therefor.

This being their first offence, is easier passed over. Let no person presume that it can be repeated with impunity. for rest assured, that we shall ever be ready to sustain the officers, in the discharge of their duties, the more especially as they become perilous. in the performance.

Respectfully

I Remain

Your Friend as ever

Daniel H. Wells

Lieut General Commanding

Nauvoo Legion