

From G.A. Parsons and A.G. Blakey to Robert M. Stewart

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Adjutant General Office  
Jefferson City  
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R.M. Stewart

Commander in Chief of the Mo[.] Mi.

Sir

In pursuance of your orders to the undersigned directed and delivered[,] dated May the 28th 1858, we proceeded to Harrisonville in Cass County Missouri, and on the 5th day of June a company of volunteers were organized at said place called the "Cass County Guards[.]"

on the 6th instant we proceeded to Butler in Bates County Missouri, and on the 7th instant four volunteer companies were raised, neither of which were organized: the Division Inspector for the 6th District not being in attendance I (G. A. Parsons adjt[.] Genl[.]) Sent an express for him with the request that he attend and proceed to organize said companies, and go from thence to Vernon county and organize any company or companies that the people there may think proper to raise.

on Tuesday the 8th instant we left Butler for Austin in Cass County at this place[.] Col[.] Blakey Division Inspector for the 5th District organized a volunteer company

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there called the "Austin [Bleus?][.]" From thence Col[.] Blakey proceeded to "Pleasant Hill" and on the 10th instant organized a volunteer company there called the "Pleasant Hill Rangers[.]" we then returned to Head Quarters at Jefferson City[.]

While [traversing?] the counties on the border of our State, we made diligent enquiry of reliable men (Citizens there) as to the condition of things on the border. they related them as being deplorable indeed. they say a large strip of country within our State is almost entirely depopulated, our citizens driven from their homes and in many instances property taken and they threatened with death Should they return. Many of those men we Saw in and about Butler and Harrisonville who had been forced to leave their homes and take refuge in the interior of those Counties.

Many acts of violence and plunder we heard of there that were committed by this Kansas Territory Banditti, but we deem it unnecessary to enter into a detailed account of all we have seen and heard while on the border of our State.

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We are of opinion that the Companies raised there will not be sufficient

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protection to the border Settlements on account of their being Settled over so large a Territory and cannot be gotten together in time to repel an invasion or to prevent any depredation intended to be committed by those out laws.

The Statement furnished us by reliable citizens residents of Cass and Bates Counties, and with you filed a few days ago[,] we ask to be considered as a part of this report.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

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