

Special Order No. 1

Col. John West

Head Quarters, Nauvoo Legion

Major General's Office G. S. L. City Jan 31. 1852

You are hereby ordered to raise forthwith a company of fifty efficient men, and see they are provided with horses, arms, and ammunition, and rations sufficient for twenty days, and proceed with said Company to Fort Utah, in the Utah Valley with as little delay as possible. There to cooperate with the inhabitants of said Valley, in quelling and staying the operations of all hostile Indians, and otherwise act, as the circumstances may require, exterminating such, as do not separate themselves from their hostile clans, and see for peace. You will march from Great Salt Lake City, as early as next Monday morning, and make full report of all your proceedings under this order on your return, and keep my office apprised of intervening operations, should circumstances require. You are also expected to operate in connection with Capt. George Smith in carrying out this order.

Daniel H. Wells  
Major General,  
Nauvoo Legion

Private Instructions

To Col. John West:

In carrying out the above order you will keep in exercise every principle of humanity, compatible with the laws of war, and see that no violence is permitted to women and children, unless the same shall be demanded by attendant circumstances. — The Utah Indians have been notified repeatedly of the consequences that would ensue to them, if they did not cease to molest the white inhabitants, and their herds. You will therefore proceed against ~~them~~ them, without further appeal, or notice, and execute your orders.

Daniel H. Wells  
Major General,  
Nauvoo Legion.

Special order No. 1

Col. John West

Head Quarters, Navajo Legion  
Major General's Office, G. S. L. City, Aug. 31, 1857

You are hereby ordered to raise forthwith a company of fifty efficient men, and see they are provided with horses, arms, and ammunition, and rations sufficient for twenty days, and proceed with said company to Fort Utah, in the Utah Valley with as little delay as possible. There to cooperate with the inhabitants of said valley, in quelling and staying the operations of all hostile Indians, and otherwise act, as the circumstances may require, exterminating such, as do not separate themselves from their hostile clans, and see for peace. You will march from Great Salt Lake City, as early as next Monday morning, and make full report of all your proceedings under this order on your return, and keep my office apprised of intervening operations, should circumstances require. You are also expected to operate in connection with Capt. George Grant in carrying out this order.

Daniel H. Wells  
Major General,  
Navajo Legion