

From Thomas Carney to James L. McDowell

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State of Kansas, Executive Department

Topeka,

Feb'y 9th. 1864.

Maj. Gen. James McDowell,

General:--

You will organize and assume command of the militia of this city and vicinity, and superintend whatever arrangements may be made for the protection of this locality against [*text stricken through*] attacks from guerrillas. You will see that all the arms within reach are properly distributed, and that no effort be spared to secure the public safety. Any assistance that may be needed from me shall be promptly granted.

Respectfully,

Thos[.] Carney

Gov[.] and Commander in Chief