

Civil War Draft in Wisconsin

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Walter D. McIndoe Esq.
Special Provost Marshal for [the] State of Wisconsin
Madison

Sir:

Information having reached this office of a violent interference with the draft of the militia at Port Washington, in the county of Ozaukee, by a large number of people whose names are unknown to me, accompanied by destruction of the boxes containing the names of those subject to the draft, and personal violence to the Commissioner duly appointed, and to other persons and property. I hereby authorize you to proceed immediately to Port Washington with a sufficient military force to enforce the draft, and arrest the leaders and aiders and abettors in the riotous proceedings referred to, as being included in the number of those subject to arrest and punishment under the provisions of the 1st section of the Proclamation of the President of the U.S. of September 25, 1862.

You will call upon Col. James M. Lewis comd'g 28th Reg't Wis. Vol. at Milwaukee, for the necessary military force. He has been ordered to place himself under your directions. You will be furnished within 48 hours with a duplicate list of all the men subject to the draft in the several towns of Ozaukee County, and the number of persons to be drafted in each town, and on the receipt of such list, you are requested to aid such person as shall act as Commissioner under Gen'l Order No. 99 in proceeding with the draft. You will make publication of the names of the person drafted by posting them in conspicuous places in each town, or by publication in a newspaper should its day of publication be within two days of the draft, and should the persons so drafted not appear at the County Seat on the day appointed, which day will be designated by you in your notices. At five days from the day of the draft, you are requested to proceed with such measures as are necessary to secure their attendance forthwith at the County Seat, and transportation to the camp of rendezvous at Milwaukee. You will please communicate frequently with the office as to your proceeding.

Yours respectfully,
Edward Salomon
Governor of Wisconsin

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August Pott, Esq.

Sheboygan

Dear Sir,

In relation to the various questions relating to the draft in Sheboygan, referred to in several letters on file, and by you personally, I can only reply very briefly amidst the pressing duties of the hour.

In regard to the matter of a change of area of one of the wards of Sheboygan, no just complaint can arise in the draft, for the reason that the draft is made on the sheriff and commissioners list of persons resident of the ward and subject to draft in that ward.

As to the crediting four or five persons to the 4th ward, who it is alleged should be credited, you will see the impossibility of authorizing alterations at this late day except in case of clearly established fraud. The draft has been delayed a long time, to give the people every possible opportunity to see that their lists are correct, and alterations at the last moment in one locality open the door for, and make necessary new calculations everywhere. As to the desire entertained by some of the citizens of Sheboygan to have the draft made upon the city as a whole and not by wards and towns, the general rule of drafting by wards demanded by the people, is pursued. If the people generally, in Sheboygan had requested that a different course should be pursued, it might have been done, but it would have been manifestly unjust to change the general orders, at the request of the people of one ward alone; and it is too late to make any such change now.

Yours respectfully,

Edward Salomon

Governor