

Sebago Sept 29<sup>th</sup> 1862  
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I received a letter from you a few days since under date of Sept 15<sup>th</sup> which induces me to explain myself in relation to the draft. I was aware at the time that I was violating Gen. order No 32, by causing a draft to be made on the Officers Elect. There were some Southern Sympathisers contended that there was an <sup>order</sup> No 34 which expressly includes the Officers for a draft. I explain to them that to do so would be in violation of any & every order that I had received from Head quarters, & that I could not make a draft on the Officers of the Militia or assistant P.M. or mail carriers. A great number of them threatened to destroy my Box & all my papers if I did not put in numbers for them. And to avoid a disgraceful riot, I told the officers that no injustice should be done them, & they consented, & Capt Wight was drafted. I went on after drawing according to my instructions making no use of their names, taking the next lowest numbers. I was very sorry that Capt Wight should put you to so much trouble. Still I was very glad to hear from you, & I merely write this merely to explain to you why I done as I did, just to evade (what may be called) a cession Riot!!!

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Description: David Brown letter to John L. Hodsdon regarding the draft in Sebago.

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them, & comprehend their meaning, have had no  
trouble till this. Probably these secession friends of  
mine intended to break up the draft & Break me  
for I am rather strong Union to suit them,  
I think you will hear no more of this in  
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Very Respectfully Yours

David Brown } Orderly  
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P.S. Many people enquire why four  
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