

From James Beatty to William Fowler

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Capt. Wm [William] Fowler

Pro. [Provost] Mar. [Marshall] 7th district

Saint Joseph Mo.

Sir,

In going back and forth through our County for the purpose of giving publicity to the statements you lent me in relation to the draft, I met with Wesley Griffith Ergt [Enrolling Officer?] of Taylor Township. Who open examination of the papers stated that Taylor Township was entitled to many more credits for soldiers furnished than appeared from that statement[.] I told him I thought if there was anything wrong in that respect it was owing to carelessness or neglect of the enrolling officer, and that perhaps it was now too late to rectify any such mistake[.] Taylor Township was for many years the residence [residence] of B.J. Smith. Enrolling officer and I presume he was acquainted with every person in that Township[.] W[.] Griffith has recently lent me a statement [*text stricken through*] showing as he says the Number of Men who have entered the service at [MS. illegible] times and who resided in Taylor Township when enlisted since the Commencement of the rebellion. I herewith enclose it to you at his request. about a week since I sent a young man belonging to the 12th Mo[.] Cavalry [Cavalry] to report himself to you

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I gave him a letter to carry to you and I have not heard any thing from him since. Will you please inform me if he reported to you as he promised to do. I have started another young man back to his regiment to day. He has been home on sick Furlough and although not reported as a deserter I thought he had recovered so far as to be able for duty and his Furlough having expired same time since I told him he must go to his place in the ranks or I should arrest him and take him to Saint Jo. The father of this young man is Captain of one of our Companies of Militia.

Very Respectfully

Your Obt [Obedient] Servant

James Beatty

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