From E.B. Alexander to William Fowler

[page 1] STATE OF MISSOURI Office of Act'g [Acting] Ass't [Assistant] Provost Marshal General, U. S. A. St. Louis. Sept 1st 1863. Capt[.] Wm. [William] Fowler Pro. [Provost] Mar. [Marshal] 7th Dist St Joseph Mo Captain, I am instructed by the Provost Marshal General to say that Deserters from the Rebel Army, who may be drafted, will not be obliged to serve against the Rebels; they will be placed upon some other military duty or discharged the Service. Respectfully Your obedient Servant E.B. Alexander Col[.] usa and A[.]A[.]P[.]M[.] General for Missouri [page 2] Saint Louis mo. Sept. 1st 1863. Alexander E.B.

Col. & asst. P.M. Genl. of mo.

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Rec. @ St. Joseph Sept. 4. 1863.