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As the matter now stands, it is utterly impractible to do any thing which will result in the allowance of the excess to the towns. I found on examination of the muster-rolls of the 151st regiment, that the names of twenty-five persons claimed to have enlisted in that regiment from this town, did not appear on those rolls. I was also informed that there were no muster-in-rolls of the 129th—Col. PORTER's regiment—on file in the Adjutant General's Office.

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Batavia, August 10, 1863.

A Conscript Clergyman—His Vindication from Unjust Aspersions.

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If this scheme of taxation is perfected, I de-sire that the \$300 at my disposal shall be ap-plied to those families in the town, that may be suffering from the war.

2. The undersigned chose to express on the next Sabbath evening, in his own pulpit, his honest convictions on "the duty of a Christain minister to his government,"

3. He appeared before the Board at Lockport and stated that he had no plea of exemption to offer; that he desired to meet the full demands of the government, and that the Board must decide as to his duty. They saw fit to exempt him for reasons which they deemed sufficient.

4. The promptings of a heart, always proud to own its loyalty, induced him to put immediately in the ranks, of his own free choice, and at his own expense, a volunteer substitute. For doing this, after a legal exemption, he deserved no special commendation. He does not lay claim to any more patriotism than should glow in the breast of every citizen. He purposed from the beginning, to do as much as this-to offer some personal sacrifice upon the altar of the country. He will now pursue his ministry as heretofore, cheered by the thought that a veteran soldier, of more than two years experience, represents him in this glorious cause. He leaves the above record for the inspection of a candid public, regretting the necessity of obil matters upv. J. H. KNOWLES, Pastor M. E. Church, Batavia, N. Y. trading personal matters upon their attention.

The Conscripts of Genesee.

During the past week the enrolling offi cers for this county have been busy notify ing those who have drawn prizes in Uncl Sam's lottery, to appear before their bet ters at Lockport, on a stated day, A tached to the printed notice is an order o the railroads to transport the parties t their destination at the Government en pense, and when at Lockport they wi receive subsistance from the military at thorities, diamon of the of the of the The following are the days appointe by the Marshal on which the Conscrip of this County are to appear at hea quarters :---Alabama and Alexander, Aug. 21, 186 Batavia, store and so the "to 22, m" Bergen and Byron, 2.... " 24, ... Bethany and Dariev,.... "25, Elba and Le Roy..... "26, " " Oakfield and Pavilion, ... "27, Pembroke and Stafford, "28, " " Already a large number have be over and got exempted, from vario causes; others, again, not being bless with some physical ailment, are under th necessity of paying their little \$300 for the privilege of staying at home. Many are the denunciations heaped by some of the drafted men on the head of Father Abraham, and the whole black Republican Abolition crew, for passing this obnoxious, tyrannical and unjust conscription bill. When these same men were coaxed into voting this fanatical party into power, they little expected that they would fall victims to the tyranny of the god of their creation; but now the treachery of their professions stands forth, and victim after victim is demanded for the sacrifice.

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to We believe not a single man will enter ju the service under this draft from the town ar of Batavia; certainly no Democrat who gi can pay his exemption fee, will bow the d knee to the American Autocrat, and we a are assured that those who are in circumstances too limited to enable them also to escape, will be assisted in their hour of n trouble. On the other hand, where are the Republicans who for the past two years have preached war, war, and "crush the rebellion," who now are branded with the hissing, grating appellation of "Conscript?" Is there one who now in his Country's hour of trial, will honorably step forward and enter the ranks to prove the sincerity of his doubted loyalty?-Again we ask is there one of such in the town of Ba'- vill not shrink his duty under cover of the \$300 exemption? We believe not one. In all cases when Republicans are drawn in the town, do they openly avow their determination to pay their money, and stay at home. In fact so valiant and brave are they, that we learn when one of their number from Batavia, entered the Marshal's office in Lockport, to be examined, he fainted thro' fright, and it was only by the continued appliance of restoratives that he was again brought to reason. Of course after such an exhibition of his courage, the Examining Board respected his weak nerves and allowed him to be restored to his grief stricken family.

This determination of the people, not to voluntarily go into the ranks, is partially owing to the treachery and double dealing of the gouernment in not allowing the just and proper excess of men furnished under the previous call, from the various towns. Especially does this apply to the town of Batavia, that has an excess of some sixty men, and with the volunteers entered the service within the past monthwould almost make up the number quired under the draft. But all this is

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THE ATTEMPT TO GET CREDIT FOR TOWNS IN GENESEE COUNTY.

Judge Soper, of Batavia, who was commissioned to go to Washington to obtain credit for the surplus enlistments in the towns of Batavia, Alexander and Bergen, writes the result of his effort as follows :--

After a brief discussion of the matter with Col Fry, he stated that the excess to be ascertained by comparison of names, &c., with the rolls in Washington, would be credited, and the same number of drafted men discharged. I prepared telegraphs to this effect, submitted the messages to him, and they were forwarded to Batavia, to the Drafting Board at Lockport, and to Albany, as approved by him. As soon as I received the list of names from Albany, I was referred to the Adjutant General's office for comparison and verification, and was there informed that the proof could not be farnished under some months. The Provost Marshal then stated that he had prepared a letter to the Governor of this State, and he furnished me with a copy; and I then returned to Albany and had an interview with Gov. Seymour, who stated that he had referred the matter to a Board, to whom I was referred. I called upon the Board, of which Adjutant General Sprague was one, and held along conference, the result of which was that it was impracticable to comply with the requirements of the Marshal—that they had not the Muster Rolls in the office, so as to make the necessary report.

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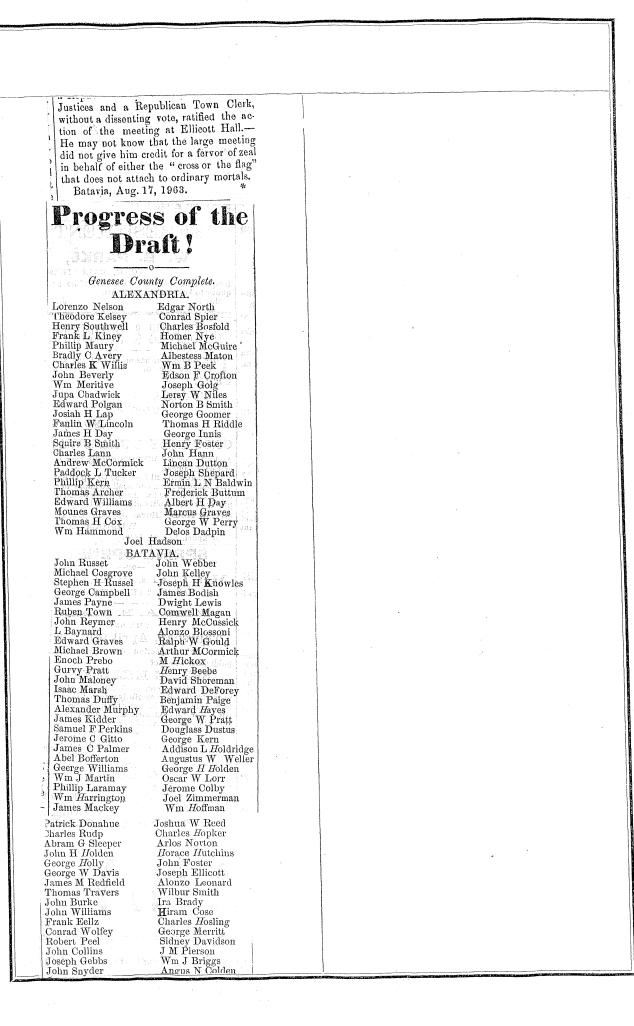
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