

PROCLAMATION.

To the good People of the County of Herkimer :  
I, Seth M. Richmond, Sheriff of said County, hereby give public notice and call upon all loyal citizens, especially those in the larger villages in the county, to make all necessary preparations to defend your homes and to hold yourselves in readiness to assist each other promptly in resisting any mob or rioters who may get together for the purpose of murder, robbery and the destruction of property, under pretence of resistance to the draft.

I also call upon all military organizations in the county to be ready to report for duty, if called upon by the proper authorities, for the purpose of putting down any riot that may spring up in our midst.

All tax-payers are interested in saving life and property, for the county is justly liable to pay for all property or personal damage destroyed or sustained by a riot.

Delay not one moment to arrest any one who breaks the peace and violates law and order, for no person is safe unless the laws are obeyed.

Dated Little Falls July 20, 1863.  
SETH M. RICHMOND, Sheriff.

*Remarks.*—We trust that the proclamation above inserted may, in the event, be proved unnecessary. And while we endorse its suggestions and heartily recommend their adoption, we can but feel a confidence in our citizens which refuses the indulgence of a fear as to the result.

Yet a perusal of descriptions of the terrible scenes that have been enacted in some of our cities proves the importance of a readiness on the part of all true citizens to meet promptly the first appearance of an outbreak. Men of all parties, who will be called upon by the tax collector to help reimburse any loss that may be sustained by a riot, have a direct interest in the preservation of peace and order, and it may as well be stated here that losses so sustained may be recovered of the County and become a part of the taxation of the County. Where so much is at stake it is well that measures should be quietly taken to meet any emergency which may arise.

☞ The Democracy of Old Herkimer await with impatience the result of the game of chance about to be played at Watertown for conscripts. The fuglemen at the wheel will undoubtedly play high for us.—*Gazette*.

The above paragraph we copied last week with a remark upon its unfairness and its injurious tendency. The *Gazette* replies with extracts giving "some of the presentations made to the government" as to the "discrepancies" and "disproportionate quotas" of the draft. These "representations" we did not condemn and how, in giving them, the *Gazette* hopes to make out a defence of the publication of so mis-

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chievous and partisan an article we are unable to conceive. In attacking the integrity of our district Provost Marshal and in announcing the probability of unfairness in the expected drawing, soon to take place in Watertown, the *Gazette* has done the community and itself great injustice

### Washington Correspondence.

WASHINGTON, July 27, 1863.

Editor Journal :

It would seem from the proclamation of Sheriff RICHMOND, that you are threatened with resistance to the draft, even in Herkimer County. I can not believe that any design of this kind is entertained there by men enough to break the peace and obstruct the public business, although a few disappointed and defeated politicians might gladly vent their animosity against the government, if they had in Little Falls and other towns, a large population of thieves and murderers like those put forward in the New York riot. No such stock in trade exists with you, if I understand the character of the people; and the certain consequences of overt acts of treason and resistance to the execution of the laws, must deter sane men from attempting to destroy by violence, all guaranties of safety to life and property. It is now a well established fact, that our system of government is to be successfully defended against all enemies, whether at home or abroad; for the events of the last month must convince every skeptic and foe, that the American electoral body is equal to any trial of strength and faith to which the whole power of the privileged classes in the world, can subject it. This was an appeal from the ballot-box to the bayonet, and those taking that appeal have been compelled to abide the verdict and the bloody penalty, during the last eventful month. If you have among you a few who could be so heartless towards their countrymen in the field and to their country, as to secretly discourage enlistments of men to defend the good old flag which was consecrated by Washington--the beautiful type and emblem of our Nationality; I say that if you still have with you any of the class who are willing to leave the soldier unsupported when his comrades have fallen, and deny him the right to vote so that he cannot have even that remedy; I do not believe that that they dare resist the draft in Herkimer County. And if they do shed any blood, Providence will pro-

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vide some way to call them to present account. However bravely the Seymours may talk about the unconstitutionality of a man's defending his own threshold against cutthroats, they are too cowardly—all these amphibious patriots—to maintain their treasonable language by openly joining a thieving mob at New York, or going over to and fighting with the Slaveocrats. Your Wood democracy in that county, can not afford to begin the work of hanging and roasting negroes, simply because if they do, the road to the British Provinces—made memorable by the hegira of Vallandigham—will be incontinently closed to them. On these facts may be predicated the opinion that peace will be preserved inviolate with you, while the government calls out a portion of the citizens to aid in putting down the Rebellion.

Drafting for the all forces raised, would have been the fairest and best way of distributing the burdens of this war. A vacillating policy and want of confidence in the people, is an invitation to demagogues and semi-traitors to resist and try to defeat public measures. The Administration has not shown enough of confidence in its own policy, to disarm *quasi* treason in the loyal States, and to make itself impregnable to political shafts at a crisis like the present. A draft in the first instance would have been almost universally accepted as a necessity, and its justice would have been acknowledged then; especially if the President had presented to the people the great issue before them in an address which should have reached every heart and inspired all loyal minds with that enthusiasm for the great cause which is active or latent in all good citizens. Instead of that course, we have pursued a different one, and have had useless discussions of topics and theories that had no necessary connection with the one great purpose that pervades the public mind. But we are right now, and must fill up the ranks of our forces in the field, which have been sorely thinned in the recent glorious and decisive battles.

The people of Herkimer will never disgrace their own fair fame by resistance to the laws; or obliterate in deeds of violence upon their own soil, those sacred memories of past achievements recorded in the frontier history of New York; they can not surrender their right of self-government to armed rebels who have slain their sons and brothers without cause or offense; they ought not to falter now, or