

Yonkers Sept 18/89

Dear A. M. Foye

Sir I will like for you to inform me, in justice of law, about an occurrence which has happened today. on last Friday I served a State Warrant for the arrest of M. H. Rahmann, in case of an assault and battery, and delivered the same to Mr. Thomas M. Gardner, Capt Sheriff, he arrested the ^{defendant} and brought him to town today. The Sheriff being present ordered the Capt. not to return the warrant to me, but to return it before Jerry Smith A. J. P. from another township who was present at the time, which he did, I also served a search warrant today which the Sheriff also refused to serve or allow any of his Depts. to do, also in three other State Cases where the decision ^{had been} rendered, and defendants in custody of J. W. Cune Capt Sheriff until fine and cost ~~be~~ should be paid, in these cases the Sheriff instructed his Depts not to collect the fine, and cost.

Whereas the Sheriff refuses to recognize my authority as J. P. I wish to know of you what steps would be proper and lawful to take in this matter, if I am a lawful officer. I wish to know and if not I wish to know by answering me by return mail, you will very much oblige your humble servant J. C. Lewis

J. E. Cook
Sept 6th 1869

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