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**1861-07-18 Amos H. Ellis of the Searsport Selectmen inquires
about reimbursement of bounty payments to soldiers**

Amos H. Ellis

New Secy of State

Searport July 18 1861

Augustus M^r Sir

Our object in writing is to state what is relating to the Searport Co letter d. 4th Regt which left Rockland June 17. When organized was under Capt. F. S. McKim. now Capt. Eben Whitcomb. McKim transacted the business while here & stated that all the papers, accounts &c in which the town were interested had been presented as Augustus or would be before he left & that he would send such documents to the Select men here. There were some advances made to the soldiers here by his order that were to be refunded or pay' of the bounty & advance at Rockland - which was made June 16. but this does not relate to the State at all.

The placing the papers in which the town is interested in the hands of the Select men.

The writer was in Boston when the 4th Regt^s arrived and went on the Common but was unable to find May McKim until they were leaving to go to the Camp and but just time to speak him when he told me the papers were all over

rights & he had sent them down by a Mr
Wiswell & I should find them all correct. Said
Wiswell was elected 1st Lieut of the Co. and after
was discharged. I learn that the advices
before named were sent by him - I wrote Capt
Whitcomb and by the S^t Pauls learned as follows
"Tell Mr Ellis that the soldiers paid their bills
to Wiswell, and I will ascertain how much to rights,
J. N. Fowler "

So far I have received no other information. and
Wiswell has not come to hand with, either, or sent
home any thing for us. and apprehensive that
the papers he has may be made an improper
use of I am constrained to write you that
he is not authorized to transact any business
with the State department on account of the town
of Vearpoint whatever. Notwithstanding he
may have such papers in his hands, and should
he present himself as an agent we forbid his
acting in the business. he ought to have placed
these papers in the hands of the Select men and
also returned to us money he has belonging
both to the town & to private individuals, which

been entrusted to him. We have wanted to
hear more particulars from the Chest of the Co
but their change of position perhaps has
been the cause of delay & I think it important
you should be satisfied how matter stand

In the hurry. I am not acquainted
with the proper direction this should have
and will venture to make one & trust you
will put it on the right table & excuse me -

We would be glad to be informed
how Maj. McKim has left our affairs
if it will not take too important time in
your accumulated duties, and if said man
has been there or in any way made any demands
of the State in this matter to be informed.

And can we trouble you to inform us
if the Bank School fund has been ap-
propriated as we have rec^d in notice

You will please write us an answer
as you see our situation & I have to attend to
it just now my associates being busy being.

With respect I remain Your O^b Serv^t
Amos H. Ellis Ch. Sec^y of
Scotch

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of Searshook
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