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Hannbury June 29. 1853

Ed. Spruce Esq

My Dear Sir

Mr Dougherty hands me
One hundred + five dollars the amt. I
paid for your charter - viz.

Duty of the Com.	\$ 100.
Office Fees -	5
Extra to clerk	3
	\$ 108

The clerks do not work on Saturday
afternoon and as Mr Cameron was in
haste, I concluded to hurry it up by
going the clerks a few to work on Saturday
afternoon -

We have got started with sufficient
encouragement to justify the hope we will
succeed & enough of opposition and envy
to keep us civil & accommodating

I wish I could do you some
kindness, I owe you much & I would be
glad to have an opportunity to show
you I am not ungrateful

Truly yrs friend
J. C. Amberger

Harrisburg June 29, 1853

Eli Slifer Esq

My Dear Sir

Mr Dougherty handed me One hundred & five dollars the amt. I paid for your charter -
viz

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Extra to clerk	3

	\$105

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We have got started with sufficient management to justify the hope we will succeed & enough of opposition and envy to keep in civil & accommodating-

I wish I could do you some kindness, I owe you much & I would be rejoiced to have an opportunity to show you I am not ungrateful

Truly yr friend
J.C. Bomberger

Newbury Nov. 12. 1857

Dear Mr. J. J. Gorham has appointed Mr. Hale
of Bellfords himself & myself under the late law
to examine the condition of the Bank of the

It is an appointment of some responsibility
& we are expected to commence the examination
on next Tuesday morning.

Will you come this
way? with me at noon & let me know
if not when will you stop? Hale stops at
Dana & I think it desirable we should
all stop at the same hotel - I am willing
to go there it is near the Bank & a good
house

Yours very

J. J. Gorham

If you come this way come on Monday
morning & we will have supper at noon &
in the evening

Harrisburg Nov. 12, 1857

Dear Slifer

The Governor has appointed Mr Hale of Bellfonte yourself & myself under the late law to examine the condition of the Bank of Pa-

It is an appointment of some responsibility & we are expected to commence the examination on next Tuesday morning-

Will you come this way? write me at once & let me know if not when will you stop? Hale stops at Jones & I think it desirable we should all stop at the same hotel-I am willing to go then it is near the Bank & [illegible] house

Truly yrs
J.C. Bomberger

If you come this way come on Monday morning & we will ban together at noon is in the [illegible]

Dear Alfred,

I send you the proceedings of our convention
you will see we snubbed Cameron pretensions
for the Presidency -

Casy with the original resolutions
& when we first saw them there was not a word
said about knives - we with the substitute we -
- sub & had counted votes so that if they had
dared to call the yeas & nays we would have
beaten them - Cameron was in town & Donald
was inside the convention (although they set with
closed doors)

The meeting is the more agreeable to
us because we were satisfied that nothing about
the Presidency should be said, but they were so
arrogant & confident that they supposed they
could do us this phrase - John is happy &
so am I -

Cameron yesterday had a flare up
with Deakins whom he charged that the
Missile was opposed to Garrison because we wanted
you elected St. Lawrence - if he goes on in that
way Garrison will have a rough road to travel
it looks as if Garrison was phlegged against you
we will mention that fact & if you please
you will see that how

[1858?]

Dear Slifer

I send the proceedings of our convention you will see in snubbed Camerons partisans for the [Presdency]-

Casy sent the regiment resolution & where in first saw them there was not a word said about Kunkle in sent the substitute [illegible] & have counted votes so that if they had dared to call the yeas & nays we would have beaten them-Cameron was in time & Donald was inside the convention (although they sat with closed doors)

The notary is the more agreeable to us because in even satisfied that nothing: about the Sunday should be said, but they were so arrogant & confident that they supposed they could do as they pleased-John is happy & so am I-

Cameron yesterday had a flare up with Dick Fox wherein he charged that the [illegible] Bill was opposed to Lanman because we wanted you elected Lt Treasurer - if he goes on in that way Shriner will have a rough road to travel it looks as if Shriner was pledged against you we will ascertain that fact & if so your monies not your friends must elect him

J.C. Bomberger

Dear Sir
Ed. Patterson was here but the Legislature
appeared determined to do any thing until after
the inauguration & he returned home - He has
sent in our reports on a resolution passed by
the house - I did not see Hoke when he
was here

You have doubtless seen in the papers
that Allston has returned - What will we
do now?

There is a great deal in town, full
of soldiers & etc

I will be glad when it is
over as I have a great business to conduct

Yours
J. C. B.

July 19/58

Dear Slifer

Col. Patterson was here but the legislation approved declined to do my thing until after the inauguration & he returned home-The Gov. has sent in our [spirits] in a resolution passed by the house-I did not see Hoke when he was here

You have doubtless seen in the papers that Alltons has returned-What will we do now?

This is a great day in town, full of soldiers & c & c

I will be glad when it is over in I how a great [occasion] to [resign]

[Chair]

J.C.B.

Jany 19/58

Wilmington Aug. 22/18

Dear Sir

I am annoyed about the Pai Bank
business - I expected Mr. Patterson here this week
but he did not come, he expected after the
negotiation to have his bill put through by
telegraph -

I think there is some at Belknap's
next week & I suppose Hale can not be heard -

If you & he can agree upon my terms I
will go down & clear it up, I still think
however that next week Patterson will be here &
I can consult with him -

I suppose you have
seen Mr. Allmon's card since he returned, it
is just in keeping with his former letters written
from England)

Truly Yrs

J. C. Sargent

Harrisburg Jany. 22/58

Dear Slifer

I am annoyed about the Pa Bank business-I expected Col Patterson have this work but he did not come, he expected after the inauguration to him his loan part through by telegraph-

I think there is court at Bellfonte next week & I suppose Hale can not lennd-

If you & he can agree upon any time I will go down & close it up, I still thank [Lanman] that next week Patterson will be here & I can consult with him-

I suppose you have seen Mr Alltons card since he returned, it is just in keeping with his foolish letters written from England

Truly yrs
J.C. Bomberger

Hannover July 3. 1858

Dear Sister
I have a letter from Col Patterson dated 29th ult. in which he says "he expects to be in Hannover on Wednesday" - I wanted before writing to you to see him but he has not come, he wants us to go down on next Monday again - I suppose you have seen the proceedings of the Stockholders & I think they will make an adjournment on next Wednesday - If we intend going down again we should go on Monday -

I understood you were expected home some day the week or perhaps I would have written to you sooner I will write Judge Hale to day & if I do not hear from him I will take it for granted we will meet there on Monday, unless it should not suit your convenience -

Write me with the

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Yr Aff
I C Patterson

Harrisburg Feby 3, 1858

Dear Slifer

I have a letter from Col Patterson dated 29 oct. in which he says "he expects to be in Harrisburg on Wednesday"-I waited before writing to you to see him but he has not come, he wants us to do down on next Monday again-I suppose you have seen the proceedings of the stockholders & I think they will make an assignment on next Wednesday- If we intend going down again we should go on Monday-

I understand you were expected here some day this week or perhaps I would have written to you sooner

I will write Josp Hale to day & if I do not hear from him I will take it for granted we will meet then on Monday, unless it should not suit your command

Write me on the receipt of this

Yrs Truly
J.C. Bomberger

Washington May 16. 1858

Dear Sister

I received your letter written in New York, on last Sunday morning, the reason you assigned for writing it made it no less welcome but rather enhanced the pleasure it gave me - I have felt the loneliness you speak of come over me in crowded cities, in my own retirement and amidst the profusion of books & attribute it to the same holy influence that seeks to show me how unsatisfying the world is in any or all of its aspects; at such times my feelings are tender my spirit humble & my affections warm & usually my thoughts turned to those I love most, as I regard your letter written at such a time I prize it the more highly; at any & all times however I will be glad to hear from you -

The death of your good Aunt brings to my mind again more vividly than of my dear good Mother, a life I shall never forget & which ~~is~~ ~~is~~ in my moments of reflection continues to vivify me - I do not wish to obtrude my sorrows & griefs on you too much but I know you will pardon the allusion when I tell you it is a relief to me to speak to one whom I know sympathizes with me - I enclose with this a specimen of poetry written by my Sister, she lays no claims to poetry writing & I do not consider it

a production of much more in poetry but there is
feeling & sentiment in parts of it - The verse beginning
"Softly one thought the Saviour said" &c
is tender & Christian - "But now I live" &c is the
true Christian feeling "Good when I am in the air" &c

I also enclose an editorial on another subject -

As to my visit I fear it must be postponed until
later in the season, in spite of going to Niagara last
summer perhaps we can arrange to go during the present
summer - Can't you come down here for a day or two -
I think I mentioned to you that Jacob Heldmann had
refused to speak to and after the death of his brother for the
Society - A few days ago on his ^{own} account he stopped up
to me & very cordially invited me to come & see him
reminding me of a promise I had made "long ago" &
added when I get a chance to come to Newbury bring him over
I shall be very glad to see you both - his wife appeared
without excuse & now seems to relent - Mr Kendall was
home from Washington for several weeks - but returned on last
Monday leaving his wife here he was expected back this
morning but I do not know whether he has got here

The wet weather here interferes with our farming operations
very much & prevents me from making some improvements I
expected to make -

With sincere constant wishes for every good for you
& yours

I am ever yours

S. C. Burleigh

Harrisburg May 16, 1858

Dear Slifer

I received your letter written in New York, on last Sunday morning, the reason you assigned for writing it made it no less redeemed but rather enhanced the pleasure it gave me-I have felt the kindness you speak of come over me in crowded cities, in my own instrument and amended the perplexities of business & attributed it to the same holy influence that seeks to show me how unsatisfying the world is in any or all of its aspects at such times my feelings are tender my spirit humble & my affections warm & usually my thoughts turned to those I love most as I regard your letter written at such a time I prize it the more highly; at any & all times horrid I will be glad to hear from you-

The death of your good Aunt brings to my mind again more vividly that of my dear good mother, a loss I shall never forget & which in my moment of reflection continues to [unman] me-I do not wish to [unload] my sorrow & griefs on you too much but I know you will pardon the allusion when I tell you it is a relief to me to speak to one whom I know sympathises with me-I [mellow] with this a piece of poetry written by my sister, she lays no claims to poetry writing & I do not consider it

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I also endure an editorial on another subject-

As to my visit I fear it must be postponed until later in the season we spoke of going to Niagara last summer perhaps we can arrange to go during the present summer-Cant you come down here for a day or two-I think I mentioned to you that Jacob Haldman has refused to speak to me after the defeat of his brother for the Senate a few days ago on his own accord he stepped up to me & very cordially invited me to come & see him reminding me of a promise I had made “by age” & added when Slifer comes to Harrisburg bring him over I shall be very glad to see you both-he took offense without cause & now seems to relent -Mr Kunkle was home from Washington for several weeks-but returned on last Monday leaving his wife here for unexpected task this morning but I do not know whether he has got her

The hot whethers have interferences with our farming operations very much & prevents me from making some improvements I expected to make-

With sincere & constant wishes for every good for you & yours

I am ever thine
J.C. Bomberger

Dear Mr. [unclear]
[unclear] was in town yesterday &
he appears to be anxious to be nominated for the
Senate & thinks he can be elected - He is very desirous
you should be a conferee from your county or if
you refuse to go, at least to have the delegates
instructed & such as will be friendly to you - that
you can influence - I hope you will do this if you
can for I am sure he will be of service to us if
elected -

If you get the Weekly Telegraph you will
find the proceedings of our convention reported differently
from the daily which I sent you - you can
imagine how a garbled report could be got
into the Telegraph - we watched the daily but did not
think it possible they would change the proceedings
after they had once published them

I write in great haste
& can now only acknowledge the receipt of your
letter of 2^d - It is just what I expected from you

"If your paper publishes the
resolutions it should publish
the town account

Truly yrs

J. C. [unclear]

Sept. 3rd

Aug. 2, 58

Dear Slifer

Curtin was on time yesterday & he appears to be anxious to be nominated for the Senate & thinks he can be elected-He is very desirous you should be a confirm from your county or if you refuse to go at least to have the delegates [reinstucted] & such as will be friendly to you-that you can influence-I hope you will do this if you can for I am sure he will be of service to us if elected-

If you got the [Weekly] Telegraph you will find the proceedings of our convention reported differently from the daily which I sent you-you can imagine how a garbled report could be got into the Telegraph-we watched the daily but did not think it possible they would change the proceedings after they had once published them

I write in great haste & can now only acknowledge the receipt of your letter of 2^d-was just which I expected from you

“If your paper publishes the resolutions it should publish the true account

Truly yr frd
J.C. Bomberger
Augt. 2/58

Wm. S. May
Harrisburg Dec. 1. 1858

Dear Sister
On my return home from Philadelphia I
got John to write to Mr Thompson in regard to
the Pittsburg M. W. Chicago bonds - I enclose his
answer - I then wrote to Reuben at Pittsburg
& also enclose his letter in reply - Please return
both these letters to me - If we get the thing
accomplished we are to be partners You, John &
myself -

John left for Washington at 3 o'clock yesterday
(Monday) morning but will be home on Friday or
Saturday -

Mr Doughty I found in bed with a severe
attack of gout when I got home & he is still
laid up with it - I fear he will not be out
for some time & I cannot go to Sheppensbury until
he gets better

Mr Casey told me with a significant look
that if Garrison could be satisfied that several
of the Pittsburg delegation could be got for you for
Socys. - The Spectator I think it would satisfy
him -

I heard the boy preacher John Corkman on

Sunday evening - in the Methodist Church, he
reminded his brother Alfred very much in appearance
& manner - The church was crowded, he took "Choose
ye whom ye will serve &c", he began in an
easy natural way to give detached parts of the
history of the children of Israel and God's dealings with
them, spoke of the false gods, wealth, fame &
worldly pleasures - then the true worship of God - &
this for a while there was nothing particularly new
or striking and very well - but when he commenced
to enforce an immediate choice - he laboured and
floundered, there seemed to be something he
wanted to say he could not get at, he
related two or three death-bed scenes & tried to
be very pathetic but all would not do, he
seemed (& I think the poor fellow felt it) choked,
choked - he evidently was not satisfied with
himself - after singing he tried again - Wrote
on some sad yett here is our Jesus anchor with'd
but all would not do - he sought, as well how
called "Spirits from the deep" - He was not "in
the Spirit on the Lords day" - Well, I do not
find fault, there was much to commend - I left
before the prayer meeting was over but even I felt
there was something wanting, there was no manifestation
to his people such as the world knows not of - there was
no shaking among the dry bones. Thine truly

J. C. Burroughs

[Mec.?] S [illegible]
Harrisburg Decr. 7, 1858

Dear Slifer

On my return home from Philada I got John to write to Mr Thompson in regard to the Pittsburg Ft [illegible] Chicago bonds-I enclose his answer-I then wrote to DuPay at Pittsburg & also enclose his letter in reply-Please return both these letters to me-If we got the thing accomplished we are to be partners You, John & myself-

John left for Washington at 3 o'clock yesterday (Monday) morning but will be home on Friday or Saturday-

Mr Dougherty I found in bed with a severe attack of gout when I got home & he is still laid up with it-I fear he will not be well for some time & cannot go to Shippensburg until he gets better-

Mr Casey told me with a significant look that if Lanman could be satisfied that several of the Pittsburg delegation could be got for you for Treas.-The Speakership I take it would satisfy him-

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Thine truly
J.C. Bomberger

Dear Sir
John is at home & says he
has spoken to the members of Congress to ask
you & he says Corcoran has gone vigorously to
work - I believe he promised Corcoran you &
& I and the rest of mankind generally would
be for him for Governor -

I am getting into a nice
kettle of fish about this Governor-making - I
hope to be for you & I find I am already
pledged to some 3 or 4 others, Cassy, Custer,
Corcoran & so on - I did some of the pleading
myself however - when I make one in politics
I consider it ^{my} word as in business & I rather pride
myself on the faithful performance of all business
pledges -

I inclose a letter from Rep to let you
know he has not forgotten his promise, he is a
good fellow -

Mr. Adams expects to be in town tomorrow

Truly yrs
J. C. Smith

Dec 14/58

Dear Slifer

John is at home & says he has spoken to the members of Congress to and you & he says [Conrad] has gone [vigorously] to work-I believe he promised [Conrad] you & I and the [rest] of mankind generally would be for him for Governor-

I am getting into a nice kettle of fish about this Governor-making - I hoped to be for you & I find I am already pledged to some 3 or 4 others, Casey Curtin [Conrad] & c & c I did none of the pledging myself however - when I make one in politics I consider it as good as in business & I rather pride myself on the faithful performance of all business pledges-

I enclose a letter from Rep to let you know he has not forgotten his promises, he is a good fellow

McClure expects to be in town tomorrow

Truly yr frd
J.C. Bomberger

Dec 14/58

Dear Alfred
I told Samuel I had rec^d. a letter
from you, but did not show it to him until after
he had sent your letter - I did not intend to show
it at all, but you know how he is - when he wants to
know any thing you or I know he usually gets it out of
us - I felt the more liberty in doing so as you
gave me the privilege in your letter

My first recollection of an "impassable gulph" or
"great gulph" (Luke 16 + 26) is unpleasant & made
me smile I do not like the expression - My own
deliberate opinion & judgment is, that Nathan should
be appointed but if he is not, or if I asked you
for myself & you refused me, I would not
want any "great gulph" placed between us, even
in this world -

Alten me own man to say the
opposite to Nathan is factious & unreasonable
even then

J. C. Burleigh
Apr 29/59

"Mr. Nicholson has been kind
enough to say

Dear Slifer

I told Kunkle I had recd. a letter from you, but did not show it to him until after he had sent your letter-I did not intend to show it all but you know how he is when he wants to know any thing you or I know he usually gets it out of us-I felt the more liberty in doing so as you gave me the [privilege] in your letter

My first recollection of an "impossible gulph" or "great gulph" (Luke 16 & 26) is unpleasant and in [some] I do not like the expression-My own deliberate opinion & judgment is that Kuhn should be appointed but if he is not or if I asked for it for myself & you refused me, I would not want any "great gulph" placed between us, even in this world-

Allow me once more to say the opposition to Kuhn is factious & immeasurable

Ever [thank]
J.C. Bomberger
Apl 29/59

"Mr Nicholson has been here several days

Dear Sister
I am short one dollar
to do & my key -
Are you going home at
mine - ?
What the Gen. appoint Jack
Lords Acting at West Jay to
day - ?

Yrs aff
J. B.

Apr 19/69

The Comm. of the old one of yours
in the 1st part of the year some
have a few days to get ready with
seed &c

Dear Slifer

I am short on clerks to day & very busy-

Are you going home at noon-?

Wont the Gov. appoint Jacob Landis notary at Mt Joy to day-?

Yrs frd

JCB

Sept 19/61

The Com. of the old [son] [illegible] in the first [part] & the new one must have a few days to get ready with [seal] & c

Hamming Aug. 7. 1863

Dear Alfred

I went to the capital this P. M. to see you & while there had one of the clerks to refer to the appointments of Notaries Public; to my great disappointment & surprise I found that two had been appointed in Lebanon Co & that Waffer was not one of them.

When I remember that exactly the recommendations you wished were procured & that other reasons of which I had apprised you made it extremely desirable to me that Waffer should be appointed I was grieved, because I know how happy it would have made me to serve either you or the Governor under like circumstances.

It is true any position does not give one the power or ability to render any great services to either of you, but I submit to you whether I have not so far as they extend always with pleasure & alacrity rendered them.

I do not consider I have been treated right & if I may add as I deserved

Yours
J. C. Hamming

Harrisburg Aug. 7, 1863

Dear Slifer

I went to the Capital this P.M. to see you & while there had one of the clerks to refer to the appointments of Notary Public; to my great disappointment & surprize I found that two had been appointed in Lebanon Co & that Hoffer was not one of them-

When I remember that exactly the recommendations you wished were procured & that other reasons of which I had opposed you made it extremely desirable to me that Hoffer should be appointed I was grieved, because I know how happy it would have made me to serve either you or the Governor under like circumstances

It is true my position does not give me the power or ability to render any great services to either of you, but I submit to you whether I have not so far as they extend always with pleasure & alacrity exerted them-

I do not consider I have been treated right & if I may add as I deserved

Yours truly, J.C. Bomberger