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How I Gutelins . Cepul/0/61 Selinsgrove Arril 10 ~ 1861 Hon. Eli Slifer. My dear Sir. I left Washington on Saturday last at 3. 3. Eloch. P. M. and arived in Harrisburg at a 11. P. M. I came to Toursisburg with the hope to see you. on Sunday after Thurs. I coled at your bording House and was informed that you had bone home and would not return ountill monday at 1.O. Clock P. M. On monday at 8. O. Block A. M. I left for Lebanon. to See Mr. Willinger and bame back to Harrisburg at 4.0. block P. M. The time was too short to bame to see you. as I had to be at home on monday evening, Now my old and true friend my object in writing to you is to make an appele to you to for to Mashington with Un. Hillinger to See the Secretary of the Navy integor the. Philadelphia. It pointements are made

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ware made to me and after I have so futhfully stood by him. you may say that I am doing the live injustes I ame not. The Bob. has recomended, as a Good and deserving man. but he has been at mashington urging the alfountement of another man for the every Offices I ame a candedate of and as I understood will soe there agen and do the same thing agen. Philadelphia will bed meny appointements and if Jame defeded I don't know that our wents or district will bed any thing. Thewww.lentood that Melors Snyder & magenviller have biven of than hohes of beding any thing. Magenseller has Some into the Merchentile Riprip with It Schock. Old. New will do nothing in politice and if I bed nothing I will have to setted of my Sipness. as I ame too poor to astablish a first trute Taker and my Ens. will not stay any longer with me ownless I will Rublion a first still English Paper. This I will do at Selengrove if the harts will apist me. Now you may velye on it if I will be forsed to abanden political mathers that our

County will be a locofoco county and my luse us two Members next faul as I well know that there is not a singel man in our Eventy who knows how to orgenise and manige the mather to seek our party together nearly all our wents officers will be elected new election and allredgeom the comensing to dispute about the different offices If the farty will sustain me I will place my self to beef our party well Organised and live our Eundedates at least 400 majority. There are every few men to who I would write suchaletter but Iknow that you know that I am do all I have promised as the election of two Members my depend on my appointement. What will the pupty luse if Ruly or some other man in Philadephilos is not appointed Naval Storekeepers the Sour. may never have thout of this. Philadelphia allering clames nearly every thing and we in the anterg Ged prothing this is not wright. Now Ihohe you will not misunglerstand me. Jame not making threts not have only stated facts, you know I stand in need of Somsing to enable me to serve the harty herafter and you are the only may to who I can make an appeal with the hohe that it will be complyed with, Killinger said your should write to him. Truely your friend Ismel butelier

Hon. Eli Slifer.

My dear Sir.

I left Washington on Saturday last at 3,O Clock P.M. and arrived in Harrisburg at a 11 P.M. I came to Harrisburg with the hope to see you. on Sunday after Church, I called at your boarding House and was informed that you had Gone home and would not return until monday at 1,O, Clock P.M. On monday at 8,O, Clock A.M. I left for Lebanon to see Mr. Killinger and came back to Harrisburg at 1,O Clock P.M. The time was too short to come to see you. as I had to be at home on monday evening.

Now my old and true friend my object in writing to you is to make an appeal to you to Go to Washington with Mr. Killinger to see the Secretary of the Navy. in before the Philadelphia appointments are made

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there is no doubt Gen Cameron will ask as the Secretary to appoint me and I believe he will insist on it. But not one of my friends has went and urged my appointment. I believe if you in Company with Mr. Killinger and Col. Patterson would see the Secretary and urge my Claim and then Gen. Cameron would insist on it when the appointments for Philadelphia are made I would be appointed. Killinger promised me to Go and do all for me in his power. he requested me to ask you to Go with him and also Col. Patterson. I seen Col. P. when I arrived at Harrisburg on monday at 1.0 Clock P.M. Paterson said he would Go with you and Killinger and that he could induce their Representative in Congress to Give me his support. The Gov. has send me a letter of recommendation. but not for the offices I am an applicant. he has Given Ray of Philadelphia a letter for Naval Storekeeper so I have been informed. I am very sorry that the Gov. believes it to be his duty to indirectly appose my appointment after the promises that

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were made to me and after I have so faithfully stood by him. you may say that I am doing the Gov. injustice I am not. The Gov. has recommended me as a Good and deserving man. but he has been at Washington urging the appointment of another man for the very offices I am a candidate of and as I understood will Go there again and do the same thing again. Philadelphia will Get many appointments and if I am defeated I don't know that our county or district will Get any thing. I have understood that Messrs Snyder & Wagenseller have given up their hopes of Getting any thing. Wagenseller has Gone into the Mercantile business with F.J. schoch. Old Nev. will do nothing in politics and if I Get nothing I will have to settle op my business as I am too poor to establish a first trade Paper. and my Sons will not stay any longer with me unless I will Publish a first style English Paper. This I will do at Selinsgrove it the party will assist me. Now you may rely on it if I will be forced to abandon political matters that our

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county will be a locofoco county and may lose us two Members next fall. as I well know that there is not a Single man in our county who knows how to organize and manage the matter to

keep our party together nearly all our county officers will be elected next election and already some are commencing to dispute about the different offices If the party will Sustain me I will pledge my self to keep our party well Organized and Give our Candidates at least 400 majority. There are very few men to who I would write such a letter but I know that you know that I can do all I have promised. as the election of two Members may depend on my appointment. What will the party lose if Ray or some other man in Philadelphia is not appointed Naval Storekeeper. the Gov. may never have thought of this Philadelphia always claims nearly every thing and we in the Country Get nothing this is not right. Now I hope you will not misunderstand me. I am not making threats no I have only stated facts. you know I stand in need of Something to enable me to serve the party hereafter and you are the only may to who I can make an appeal with the hope that it will be complied with, Killinger said you should write to him.

Truly your friend Israel Gutelius

Selingrove. April 13~ 1861. Hon Eli Slifer. My dear Sir. Yours of the 10. inst was received, I did not entend to say that the Gov. Said any thing aginst me. but that he urged the appointement of Naval Storekeeper of another man so I was informed for this I ame sory as I was true to thim and labered day more and night for him from the day he was nomenated untill he was elected and I know that no man has made more votes for him then I have and I bore all my owne exprinsed and haid to others more then \$150. The reson I made an appele to you is I know you have allways been true to me how Gold I would be if I would say the same of Some other men. Gen. Cameron is for me there is no doubt of this. I received a letter from him the same evening I received yours. he went

that our Member Mr. Killinger could do do much to apist to Secure my appointement as he would do and he hopes that Mr. Killinger and Some others of my friends would some to Washington and See the Seceratary of the Navy and insist on my appointement and he will back it and do all he ban he also says that some of the Philadelphia appleans are buch of Strong by their members and others. The seentary aust to be informed that the contery people about to have someing this is nepery to sustain the harty of Jame appointed I will publish one of the best contery papers and I know I Ean Eech our district weight and do as much to Sustain the State and the lineded states Administrations as any other man. I know if my friends will precent this mather to the Geeretary it would have much water with him. I had Seen Mr Killenger before I reconwed the last letter of ben Cameron and had also witer to you. Killinger consended to love but desired

that you and Eol. Patterson should Goe with him. If you were there with Killinger you bould have an opertunety to see the secretary. according to ben Edmelons letter the weight time to be there would be on Juesday or the day following If you ban boe and if I fail I will hay erchen. ses and if appoinded I will pay ten fold I know you will do me this facer if it is in your houser to do so, and all I ask of the you is this that he will say that he is Sadesfied if I ame appoinded of sen. 6. has the enfluence you say he has I will be Safe. truely you friend Israel Gutelius

#### Selinsgrove. April 13 ~ 1861.

#### Hon Eli Slifer.

My dear Sir.

Yours of the 10. inst was received. I did not intend to say that the Gov. said any thing against me. but that he urged the appointment of Naval Storekeeper of another man. So I was informed. for this I am sorry as I was true to him and labored day noon and night for him from the day he was nominated until he was elected and I know that no man has made more votes for him then I have and I bore all my own expenses and paid to others more then \$150. The reason I made an appeal to you is I know you have always been true to me how Glad I would be if I could say the same of Some other men. Gen. Cameron is for me there is no doubt of this. I received a letter from him the same evening I received yours. he insist

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that our Member Mr. Killinger could do as much to assist to Secure my appointment as he could do and he hopes that Mr. Killinger and Some others of my friends would come to Washington and See the Secretary of the Navy and insist on my appointment and he will back it and do all he can. he also says that some of the Philadelphia applicants are back up Strong by their members and others. The secretary ought to be informed that the country people ought to have Something this is necessary to Sustain the party. If I am appointed I will publish one of the best country papers and I know I can keep our district right and do as much to Sustain the State and the United States Administrations as any other man. I know if my friends will present this matter to the Secretary it would have much weight with him. I had Seen Mr. Killinger before I received the last letter of Gen. Cameron. and had also written to you. Killinger consented to Go but desired

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that you and Col. Patterson should Go with him. If you were there with Killinger you Could have an opportunity to See the Secretary according to Gen Cameron's letter- the right time to be there would be on Tuesday or the day following If you can Go and if I fail I will pay expenses and if appointed I will pay ten fold I know you will do me this favor if it is in your power to do so. and all I ask of the Gov. is this that he will say that he is Satisfied if I am appointed. If Gen. C. has the influence you say he has I will be Safe.

Truly you friend

Israel Gutelius

Selinsgrove May 7~ 1861 Hon. Eli Slifer. My dear Sir. I was informed that the man who our Gov. had beven his suport, was appointed Maval Stockeeper of Philadelphia I have not Said this for the purpos to complain or to find fault. no I have stated this with the hope that the sov will Now Give me his influence for Some ather appointement. The Sov. has always Said I aust to have somsing, I realy do not know what to apply for I would be Glad if my frinds would bive me some information, Jame much discoride. as I have all my time and all the money I sould ruse during the entyer campain. as I was confedent if we don our duty we would sary the elections, and if we would Bary I also felt confedent that my friends would See that I would bed somsing. If I could only

rase anof to Start a Good English Paper. I sould then make a bood living. Had I state oute of the Campain and Colecled my money during the last years I would have been ? affecto do it, I did not solect for fere Laws. uld inger the election, and now if this Stay law will pap. then I sand solect. I ame sory that I ame forsed to come to the Enclution that Sins we have baried our elellons. That some of this who who made strong confesions of frendship for me was all a Sham. In your self I have full confedence I and if I ged any thing Ibelieve it will have to be obtained threin your directs & indirects to influence, I would except any appointments under the State or Genral Government if I Could only cleare and to astabelest such a Paper do allredy stated. If I will be compeled to abandan the Political feled in our county you will see that it will become a strong forefore County, all the men in our bounty who

have applied for smaing have been flored and feele bule, and the Democrats will make a determend eford agenst our party on acount of the repeal of the Jonage tan He and there is not one man in our party in our county who can seep our men weight except myself My Situation is this If I will start a first blas Paper my Sons will stay with me and do the wohich If I will not do so thay will not stay so I will be compeled to sell and colect all I can or under the Stay law to Ged into some before to make dleveng. No man has labered more fath= full of more succepfull for our party then I have don, and it appears hard to me that I should have nothing when there are so meny places to fill. This faul our centy elects all our county officers and a President Judge. Mearly all our Furmers are down on our parts on account of the reheal of the Tonogo tax. Shuely your frend, Sorael Gutelins

#### Selinsgrove May 7 ~ 1861

Hon. Eli Slifer.

My dear Sir.

I was informed that the man who our Gov. had Given his Support was appointed Naval Storekeeper of Philadelphia. I have not said this for the purpose to complain or to find fault. no I have stated this with the hope that the Gov. will Now Give me his influence for Some other appointment. The Gov. has always said I ought to have something. I really do not know what to apply for I would be Glad if my friends would Give me Some information I am much discouraged. as I Gave all my time and all the money I could raise during the entire campaign. as I was confident if we done our duty we would carry the elections. and if we would carry I also felt confident that my friends would see that I would Get Something. If I could only

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raise enough to Start a Good English Paper I could then make a Good living. Had I Stayed out of the Campaign and Collected my money during the last year I would have been able to do it. I did not collect for fear I would injure the election. and now if this Stay law will pass then I can't collect I am sorry that I am forced to come to the conclusion that Since we have carried elections. That Some of those who who made strong confession of friendship for me was all a Sham. In your Self I have full confidence I and if I Get any thing I believe it will have to be obtained threw your direct & indirect influence, for which I would be qualified to attend to I would except any appointment under the State or General Government. if I Could only clear enough to establish Such a Paper as already stated. If I will be compelled to abandon the Political field in our county you will See that it will become a Strong Locofoco County. all the men in our County who

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have applied for Something have been floored and feel cool. And the Democrats will make a determined effort against our party on account of the repeal of the Tonnage tax &c. and there is not one man in our party in our county who can keep our men right except myself

My Situation is this If I will Start a first class Paper my Sons will stay with me and do the work If I will not do so they will not Stay. so I will be compelled to Sell and collect all I can or under the abominable Stay law. to Get into some business to make a living. No man has labored more faithfully or more successfully for our party then I have done, and it appears hard to me that I should have nothing when there are so many places to fill. This fall our County elects all our County officers and a President Judge. Nearly all our Farmers are down on our party on account of the repeal of the Tonnage tax.

Truly Your Friend,

Israel Gutelius

Selinsgrove July 3- 1861

Hon Eli Slifer My dear Sir Gr your of the print Some to hand. Jame pertifely Sadesfied with the proposition you have made to hurches the Bref for me owned by A Wordon it will Sute I send my son to Lewisburg to day to See what Blongs to it to that will know what I must purches at Thill I would like to bed the frep at onest as it is so nepery that a paper Should be publish seting over men wright But the Gov aunt to do Somsing as he has apposed me if not directely he has don it indirectely I have spend so much for him and have don more for him and the man he have his suporte Iwill to sorse surost the administration on your execut. ounder the arangements Truely yours.

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# Selinsgrove July 3 ~ 1861

Hon Eli Slifer

My dear Sir

Yours of the 1 inst came to hand. I am perfectly Satisfied with the proposition you have made to purchase the Press for me owned by N. Wordon. it will suit I send my Son to Lewisburg to day to See what belongs to it So that I will know what I must purchase at Philed. I would like to Get the Press at once as it is So necessary that a paper Should be publish setting our men right. But the Gov. ought to do Something as he has opposed me if not directly he has done it indirectly. I have spend So much for him and have don more for him and the man he Gave his Support.

I will of Course support the administration

on your account under this arrangements

Truly yours.

Selingrove, July 9 # 1861.

Han. Eli Slifer, My dear Sir. When I said that meny of our People say that you and the Gov. aut to remove this who have definded the Volunteers, and that I said that you would not be heled responseple, of cons I said so with the object that you would sive me such a state supose you would see my object wethout sherefing it as I had said to you that my paper would sustain the Adminestration. It is true that I said that I would have to sustain the Gov. on your account,

In all the pulsers of our harty I have not Seen a Sinkel artickel defending the State Adrhinistiation in such a way that dus exonerate the Gol interly but mens of them have been down on it in the most high handed way I have werten sever artickels for my paper defending the Administration wich I believe will have the efect to saplesfie the public that ourder the cirmstances that the Notunteers had to be hored into the Army, that it was imposeple to see that Some men who furnishing artichels would not take the advandege. He as the whole thing was a New operation in wich no me had much experans. It Jame wery Sory that So merry of our papers have in such Grad hast denounced the State Administration. Thave one of the best men to write for my new paper in this harte of the state he is a sholer of the first order it is Rev. J. B. m. my son in law, he is one of the ablest prechers in our Church. he had fire red law. and is but whin boverment matters, he will aprist me and to all he can to sive my paper carector and influeers. This matter in relation to my son in law is confedental.

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a proper that my friend will be prout of I have not publish any thing agenst the State Administration but I have defended it in my paper and in Gonversation. Ged I feld livery bore as I Knew I was treted food by some who should have been my winds, tol. G. F. Miller & his friends had bot me into such a situation that I have lost so much and have been so sowely hursecuted yed when I aske him for a faver he promptely refused and Sieve his of Suport to one of my deding purecestors Insust blose for the Mail let me here from Truly your friend Israel Sutetius 

Selinsgrove, July 9 th 1861.

Hon. Eli Slifer,

My dear Sir.

When I said that many of our People say that you and the Gov. ought to remove those who have defrauded the <u>Volunteers</u>. and that I said that you could not be held responsible. of Course I Said So with the object that you would Give me Such a statement that I Could Show that the Gov. had done his duty I did suppose you would See my object without specifying it as I had said to you that my paper would sustain the Administration. It is true that I said that I would have to sustain the Gov. on your account.

In all the papers of our party I have not Seen a Single article defending the State Administration in such a way that does exonerate the Gov. entirely. but many of them have been down on it in the most high handed way I have written several articles for my paper defending the Administration which I believe will have the effect to satisfy the public that order the circumstances that the Volunteers had to be honored into the Army. that it was impossible to see that Some men who furnishing articles would not take the advantage, &c, as the whole things was a New operation in which no one had much experience, &c. I am very Sorry that So many of our papers have in such Grad hast denounced the State Administration. I have one of the best men to write for my new paper in this part of the state his is scholar of the first order it is Rev. C. Z. W. my Son in law. he is one of the ablest preachers in our Church. he had first read law and is bucked up in Government matters. he will assist me and do all he can to Give my paper character and influence. this matter in relation to my Son in law is confidential.

When will Go to Lewisburg. I should now have the Press as I tore down every thing, and Can't publish a paper until I have the press. I have a fine large offices and will publish

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a paper that my friend will be proud of.

I have not publish any thing against the State Administration but I have defended it in my paper and in Conversation. yet I felt every sore as I knew I was treated bad by some who should have been my friends. Col. G. F. Miller & his friends had Got me into such a situation that I have lost So much and have been So Cruelly persecuted yet when I ask him for a favor he promptly refused and Give his Support to one of my leading persecutors.

I must Close for the Mail let me here from you Truly your friend

Israel Gutelius

Selingrove July. 10. # 1861.

Hom Eli Slifer. My dear Sir. Gours of the 9 inst was received. God say you had not the time to attend to the Prefs when you ware at home. When you made me the offer. to purches that Brefs for me I did take it for Granded that you had made the arangement with worton providing I would agree to take it. I did send my Son to Lecuriburg to see the Prefs it is in a Barn or Stabel and is all apart therefore he would not bee how it would worich and is all rusted he did ask Mr. Mordon he did not sive him much sactesfaction. My impresion was that it was dow when Tebach did purches it sins I had writen to you the last time I was informed that it was an old Brefo when Bebach bought it and had to be mended then of torse I do not wount the Prep ounless it was a Good one. I have now been delade so long by being disoprounted on in sever things that I ame all most discoridge the money that was promised to me last week to pay for my tipe and materals at Philed was not paid to me it is due me and more then ten times the amount but I sand hed it of sorse I have some yed I lack \$100. Bol. G. F. Miller was in our Town to day, he said to me that you and he had made arangements with Mordon for the Prep I told him that I was told that the Arel was as above studed, he said he would see wordon and insist on him to bier me acorect statement. I told him that my frep was a wery Good one and I could print a happer on it as large as the Daly. Pa. Felegraph, and if the Workens was not a Good Prep that I would Reblish the paper on my Press. to Miller said that you and he had to pay Mr Wordon. \$100. for the Prep and other cirtichel. Miller did not say that he would do any thing Proveding I will not take the Press and I did not ask him he has allways been every flose with me he has not even haid his suboublion for the spaper. I did not desire to have him included in this hurches, this you should have ounderstood from what I writer to you he should be made to know that he must support the men who have stood by him ounder triging curmstances and not Suport the men who have donevery thing in their power to ruen the men who have been ingered and persecuted becase thay have defended him you will understand me I hope Give me the amount to hay towards the Tipe and materials that you was willing to pay towarts the Preps. I do not think the Bress is worth any thing if it was a Good one it would bring more money with what belongs to it pleas answer me emederly as it is so importent that my paper should be publish Gol. Miller is not a brade friend of your self that no orn from your Town had any Thans that you was allways in on the look out. I drew him oute today he saed what some other say of the State Administration that they were plains a fast bane. You must not think that I ame committed agenst ool Miller he has not told me that he was a candedate but has haveto Form alleways pretended that he did not wount it to be Judge but from the time he refused to bive me any suport for the appointement I had not spoken to him or he to me If a man wounts my Suport he must some and tell me I ame a printer and must make a living of it, I will not do this year as I don last year shend my time and money for me who will bive me the Gold sholder after thouse are in Ofices This is to be interely confedencel. After I had writers the foregoing I received your of today. Thope I will have my paper oute next week, and I will most charefully publish all you will write eighter as Editoral or as & comunecations The how durt to do somsing for me I worself so hard for him made meny speekes for him printed for him and Shend so much time and money for him he will not regreds it if he will do somsing for me I Truly your friends Imust pay the Eash for Jake the Israel Guteliers

Selinsgrove July 10 th 1861.

Hon Eli Slifer

My dear Sir.

Yours of the 9 inst was received. You say you had not the time to attend to the Press when you were at home. When you made me the offer to purchase that Press for me I did take it for Granted that you had made the arrangement with Worton providing I would agree to take it. I did send my Son to Lewisburg to see the Press it is in a Barn or Stable and is all apart therefore he could not See how it would work and is all rusted he did ask Mr. Wordon he did not Give him much Satisfaction. My impression was that it was New when Zebach did purchase it since I had written to you the last time I was informed that it was an old Press when Zebach bought it and had to be mended then. of course I do not want the Press unless it was a Good one. I have now been delayed so long by being disappointed on in sever things that I am all most discouraged The money that was promised to me last week to pay for my type and materials at Philed. was not paid to me it is due me and more then ten times the amount but I can't Get it of course I have some yet I lack \$100. Col. G. F. Miller was in our Town to day. he said to me that you and he had made arangement with Wordon for the Press. I told him that I was told that the Press was as above Stated. he said he would see Wordon and insist on him to Give me a correct statement. I told him that my Press was very Good one and I could print a paper on it as large as the Daily Pa. Telegraph. and if Mr. Worden's was not a Good Press that I would Publish the paper on my Press. He Miller said that you and he had to pay Mr. Wordon \$100 for the Press and other articles. Miller did not say that he would do any thing Providing I will not take the Press and I did not ask him he has always been very Close with me he has not even paid his subscription for the paper. I did not desire to have him included in this

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purchase I would have rather paid for the half of the Press myself this you should have understood from what I written to you. he Should be made to know that he must Support the men who have Stood by him under trying Circumstances and not Support the men who have done every thing in their power to ruin the men who have been injured and persecuted because they have defended him you will understand me, I hope

Would it make any difference to you if you would Give me the amount to pay or pay it for me towards the Type and materials that you was willing to pay towards the Press. I do not think the Press is worth any thing if it was a Good one it would bring more money with what belongs to it please answer me immediately as it is So important that my paper should be publish. Col. Miller is not a Grade friend of yours I heard him Say more then once that you only look out for your Self that no one from your Town had any Chance that you was always in on the look out. I drew him out today he said what some others say of the State Administration that they were playing a fast Game. You must not think that I am committed against Col. Miller. he has not told me that he was a candidate but has hereto fore always pretended that he did not want it to be Judge. but from the time he refused to Give me any support for the appointment I had not Spoken to him or he to me If a man wants my Support he must come and tell me I am a printer and must make a living of it. I will not do this year as I done last year Spend my time and money for me who will Give me the Cold shoulder after they them are in offices This is to be entirely confidential. After I had written the foregoing I received your of today. I hope I will have my

paper out next week. and I will most Cheerfully publish all you will write either as Editorial or as  ${\color{black}\textbf{a}}$  communications

The Gov. ought to do something for me I work so hard for him made many Speeches for him printed for him and spend so much time and money for him he will not regret# it if he will do something for me

Truly your frind

I must pay the Cash for the Type &C

| Israel Gutelius

July 19-1861

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July 19 ~ 1861

Hon. E. Slifer

My dear sir.

Yours of the 18 inst. received. I think I have been deceived long enough by those who have pretended to be my friends. not one of them can deceive me that I can not find out. All of them have all the time said to me that Gen. Cameron would secure an appointment for me. Now he does not confirm any of these statements who has he told so that is the question. had not these promises been made to me all spring and summer I would have consented to be a candidate for Member of the House. but now it is too late to do so. Mr. W. C. always assured me that Gen. would do all in his power for me for the offices I was a candidate.

One of my Grievances is all you folks Given your Support to a man who had done every thing to ruin me. for having Served you folks do you think that I can take all this treatment Calmly and be still humbuck no sir I can read men as effectively as if was written. It is very strange that I shall wait for an appointment | Truly your friend until they are all made.

| Israel Gutelius

Selengrove Aug. 8 # 1861. Hon Eli Sliper. My dear Sir. It is allmost time for the Muil to leve therefore I sand write much. Will you do me the faver to and for to Mr. George Bergerner and brey two bonders of Printing paper of the Majer on wich he prints the Daly Jolegrafe I will sades sie you as soon as I san I have my New Tipe and are vedy to prep of as Soon as I had paper. I was disopounded in beding hoper they will not send any onless I first send the knower, and I have lade outs all I had. Inope you will do me this Tower. Retter has been down on Gurtin. he has said that Purtis was the menust man in the state. He I will write tomorour to you. and sive you a full history of mathers and things and the paper by exemple if he will not sell too tens boudels send me one

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# Selinsgrove Aug. 8 th 1861.

Hon Eli Slifer

My dear Sir.

It is almost time for the Mail to leave therefore I can't write much.

Will you do me the favor to and Go to Mr. George Bergerner and buy two bundles of Printing paper of the paper on which he prints the Daily Telegraph I will satisfy you as soon as I can I have my New Type and am ready to press of as soon as I Get paper. I was disappointed in Getting paper they will not send any unless I first send the money. and I have laid out all I had. I hope you will do me this favor. Ritter has been down on Curtin. he has said that Curtin was the meanest man in the State &c I will write tomorrow to you and Give you a full history of matters and things. send the paper by express if he will not sell too two bundles send me one

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as I would like to press of my paper this week

Truly your friend

Israel Gutelius

Selinsgrove, August, 9 tf 1861 Hon. Eli Slifer. My dear Six. Thins in our county are all in confution we had taken no part untill the few last was. and then we only have taken hart for a few men. Some of my friends insisted on it that I should be a Delegate. I convended we met on Saturday and there was a wery large turn= out My friends Excited the Organisation Mr. W. F. Echbert was elected Thureman and J. P. Gutelin. Secretary, but after the organis was made there would be nothing don N. F. Masenseller denide and dispuded every dision made by the Grareman. and he had his men there to back him. this rest and quarling with the Chure was continued sever housers my friends left and then Wagenseller and his party had there owne way, they brought in a large nomber of Democrats and in this way of Eorse I was depoled.

Thay have on monday made a wery were ticked it is desidely the hooses weken I have ever knowen. There was no one out for Asambely but, Reter & Alaman any other man bould have baried our Edunty agenst them Riter has been saing that four butin was the menist man in the State, Mr. Jones Snyder, in Perry Township one Hour leding men ask me what included Riter to Say that love Gurten was the menist man in the State. a nomber of others told me the Same that Reter has made this statements, In his Township Penns he carried the instructions only by one vote: if he is nomenated the whole ticked will be defeded by a large majorety, Sins writing the above I have received yours, and the two Bondels of paper, you have not said what the paper teast let me know and I will send you the money as soon as I ban. you say you wount to see me. I would be pleased to

Sel you at any time. If you will make an appointement I will attend if it is in my power to do So. you have Said that you would write some for my paper I told you that I would hubbit it is you would do So. I was told that Beaver. had been to see Ritter, if he loe in with Riter he will be defeded at the election you may sely on it would it not be a Good plan to have the prove cit the sonferee Concrention to prove how Reter has denound = ed. the Gove the This is Confedencel Fruely your Frend Fruel Guteris

### Selinsgrove, August 9 th 1861

Hon. Eli Slifer.

My dear Sir.

Things in our county are all in confusion we had taken no part until the few last days weeks and then we only have taken part for a few men. Some of my friends insisted on it that I Should be a Delegate. I consented, we met on Saturday and there was a very large turnout. My friends carried the Organization Mr. W. F. Eckbert was elected Chairman and I. P. Gutelius Secretary, but after the organis[ation] was made there could be nothing done. W. F. Wagenseller denied and disputed every decision made by the Chairman, and he had his men there to back him, this riot and quarreling with the Chair was continued for several hours, my friends left and then Wagenseller and his party had their own way, they brought in a large number of Democrats and in this way of course I was defeated.

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They have on monday made a very weak ticket it is decidedly the poorest Ticket I have ever known. There was no one out for Assembly but Riter & Alaman. any Good other man could have carried our County against them Riter has been saying that Gov. Curtin was the meanest man in the State. Mr. Jones Snyder in Perry Township one of our leading men ask me what induced Riter to say that Gov. Curtin was the meanest man in the State. a number of others told me the Same that Riter has made this Statements. In his Township (Penns) he carried the instructions only by one vote. if he is nominated the whole ticket will be defeated by a large majority.

Since writing the above I have received yours and the two Bundles of paper. you have not said what the paper cost let me know and I will send you the money as soon as I can.

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See you at any time. If you will make an appointment I will attend if it is in my power to do So. You have Said that you would write Some for my paper I told you that I would publish it if you would do So. I was told that Beaver had been to See Ritter. if he Go in with Riter he will be defeated at the election you may rely on it would it not be a Good plan to have the prove at the Conferee Convention to prove how Riter has denounced the Gov. &c

This is Confidential

Truly your friend

Israel Gutelius

# Selinsgrove, Aug. 26 ~ 1861.

Hon. Eli Slifer, My dear sir. Gours of the 24 came to hand. On Saturday evening I had a Conversation with He H. Ritters I work him what lindused him to some down on the State Administration. He he said that he made his platform to have a thorow investigation of the Armed frods next wenter and whon this platform he intended to Soe into the Campain, This he said he did promis to do to Buther of New berlin with home he had an eigement at May tourt in Middelburg. he admided that he did then and there say if the Ehliges of the volunteers were true that Curtin & Slifer were the menist men living. I said to him that there may have been some some deseption pratised but that the Good secretary may be inosond well said he that Thay have appoinded Vemocrats and refused to live the appointements to our men and this indused him to be down on Eurtin & Sliper he would be a fine tale for the Democrats he san be soft sought ever then any man I ever knew. N. Moyen who is a Grade felow to humbuch Soft fokes he said to Ritter in a large bompeny, that he Riter bould make the best speek of any man bin this put of the state and all this who made speches were falos of him. Riter spring to his feet and said he was avere of it but by the Ford he would fight them as long as there was a buton to his Pants every one presont knew that Moyer was making sport of him. except Reter he swoled it. If I could see! how we bould manige to elect bood men. I would not bare if he was nomenated. I know he would be defeded if we bould mange to have two Good lession and Confedingel. Truly your friend Israel Gutelius Administration men as our Candedates. This is interly

MB. There would be no danger in our country a union meeting bould be got of with would be popler and if Good men would be nomenated woult say over county by a large mai but how to many Union & flemata as to the Clembers I cand now See threw Never was there such a plotest blunder made There should have been in penion Junata & Snyder County only Cenon meetings tealed the Dogeles min would have all Some with us. The men of our fairty who wonted noncentrons and the printers in Comion & Snyda are the men who have forsed the party Nomen-ations on us and are the ones who have forevented us from Bilding of a powerfull party Nearly all the Members of oher last year county Ebrumette ware Eareledates for nomenation. when they met to make the ball I was sich but told some of the Members that they should not make a perty ball. That the Daugles men would like to soin in with its, but they went whed and made the party Call Wardon & Bilger ware preching party all Spring and Summer and the Fishet in your County and ours are much in danger linder exing simstance If any thing is to be don to Save us it most be don soon your your

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#### Selinsgrove, Aug 26 ~ 1861.

Hon. Eli Slifer,

My dear Sir,

Yours of the 24 came to hand. On Saturday evening I had a conversation with H. K. Ritter. I ask him what induced him to come down on the State Administration &c he said that he made his platform to have a thorough investigation of the Army frauds next winter and upon this platform he intended to Go into the Campaign. This he said he did promise to do to Bucher of Newberlin with whom he had an arrangement at May Court in Middleburg. he admitted that he did then and there say if the charges of the volunteers were true that Curtin & Slifer were the meanest men living. I said to him that there may have been some some deception practiced but that the Gov. & Secretary may be innocent. Well said he that they have appointed Democrats and refused to Give the appointments to our men and this induced him to be down on Curtin & Slifer. he would be a fine tool for the Democrats he can be Soft Soaped easier then any man I ever knew. N. Moyer who is a Grade fellow to humbuck Soft folks he Said to Ritter in a large Company, that he Riter could make the best Speech of any man in this part of the state and all those who made speeches were Jealous of him. Riter sprung to his feet and said he was aware of it but by the Lord he would fight them as long as there was a button to his Pants every one person knew that Moyer was making sport of him. except Riter he swallowed it. If I could see how we could manage to elect good men I would not care if he was nominated. I know he could be defeated if we could manage to have two Good Union and Administration men as our Candidates. This is entirely Confidential. Truly your friend

Israel Gutelius

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NB. There would be no danger in our county a union meeting could be got up which would be popular and if Good men would be nominated would carry our county by a large maj. but how to manage Union & Juniata as to the Members I can't now See through Never was there Such a political blunder made. There Should have been in Union Juniata & Snyder Counties only Union meetings called the Douglass men would have all Gone with us. The men of our party who wanted nominations and the printers in Union & Snyder are the men who have forced the party Nominations on us and are the ones who have prevented us from building up a powerful party Nearly all the Members of our last year County Committee ware Candidates for nomination. when they met to make the Call I was sick but told some of the Members that they should not make a party Call. That the Douglass men would like to join in with us, but they went ahead and made the party Call Wardon & Bilger ware preaching party all Spring and Summer. and the Ticket in your County and ours are much in danger under existing Circumstances If any thing is to be done to Save us it must be done soon

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for that place. Let me here from you Selinograve Sept 16-1861 laboration alwesternance and I would like Hon. E. Slifer. My dear Sire Thave been looking for a letter for you every day. I supose you know all ubout the Momentation for Apenbly, the Confenees of Junuta boanty have not some into the Confere Convention. Reter and Beaver have been down on the State Administration. In aconversation with Bewer he said that no one dare defend the State Admini-Stration in linion County, and borted that he knew all about your strens in your County, He Capt John Hahn, told me that he herd Riter Say that Eurlen and Slifes were the two biges raskels in the state. Ye. I believe that Riter and Beauer will be beten. if two Good men are taken the truth is I hand Suport their with any enegerty and I may apose them, thay are not the men

for that place. Let me here from you at onests My paper takes well it is wery popular and you hive me some Government Advertismens and I would like if you and the Gov would ask Gen Cameron to help me to some ader. It appears to me if my old friend don care any thing about me. when I am defendety them all the time fourt of the is confedencel the part that relates to Reterand Truly your friend the State Almen Smul Gullin country the talk their turken told me has he herd hity bey that genten and tille were the two rigo rankers in the state. M. The line that Whiter and house will be litter if two had men are taken the buth is I wand Suport there with any engerty and I may afron them there are not the hour

## Selinsgrove Sept 16 ~ 1816

## Hon E. Slifer

My dear Sir.

I have been looking for a letter from you every day. I suppose you know all about the Nomination for Assembly. the Conferees of Juniata County have not Gone into the Conferee Convention. Riter and Beaver have been down on the State Administration. In a conversation with Beaver he said that no one dare defend the State Administration in Union County. and boasted that he know all about your Strengths in your County &c. Capt John Hahn told me that he herd Riter Say that Curtin and Slifer were the two biggest rascals in the State &c. I believe that Riter and Beaver will be beaten if two Good men are taken the truth is I can't Support them with any energy and I may oppose them. they are not the men

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for that place. Let me hear from you at once. My paper takes well it is very popular. can't you Give me Some Government Advertisements. and I would like if you and the Gov. would ask Gen Cameron to help me to some adv.

It appears to me if my old friend don't care any thing about me. when I am defending them all the time part of this is confidential the part that relates to Riter and Beaver

Truly your friend

Israel Gutelius

Selinsgrove Oct. 3 mg 1861. Non. Eli Slifer. My dear sir. You have not answerd my last letter. I should like to know wether the wangement are made in relation to my son. Their understood that. That the Wagensellers are making an aford to bed an appointement for the young Dr. M. do sertent in the armer he is not quologied he has had no pratis. I hope you will not premit any of them to be suegfull. thay are the most bitter animays of ours and thay have been down on you were ever they have an opertunety to do so, you know Thave allways defended you and I thinks you owe it to me not to faver men who have never been your true friends, and are persecuding you and your true grends. Mr. Ritter and Mr. Beaver have no opositions. I believe we will elect our whole Bounty Ticked, Mr. S.S. Moods will be defeded. Mr. Slenker will bet him in our Sounty. from two to three hundred Mearly all our leding men suport Slenker, I will name some of their Charles Nower To M. Snyden Daniel Wetmer M. L. Herrold Jereman Klockner. J.D. Boyen Samuel Merick. Frederick Rothforg S.S. Alleman, Jacob De Boger D. Frencler. HC + C. In every district in our Bounty Some of our leding men ceppose Woods. Our frends in Thatman Township say that slenker will have 200 maje and Kleckner says that Bentre will sivehim 75 maj Some of our best men in Mifflin County dohure me that Moods will be beten 400. and some of our frinds in linion say that slenker will have 300 maj. Some say that he will have 600 or 700 maj- all the allerneys in Mifflen concre whold to woods except IN. M. all in order sounty are approved to him he will be beeten that you may defrend whon Truely your freyd futetices

Selinsgrove Oct: 3<sup>rd</sup> 1861.

Hon. Eli Slifer,

My dear Sir,

You have not answered my last letter. I Should like to know whether the arrangement are made in relation to my son.

I have understood that that the Wagensellers are making an effort to Get an appointment for the young Dr. W. as sergeant in the army. he is not qualified he has had no practice. I hope you will not permit any of them to be successful. they are the most bitter enemies of ours and they have been down on you where ever they have an opportunity to do so. you know I have always defended you and I think you owe it to me not to favor men who have never been your true friends. and are persecuting you and your true friends.

Mr. Ritter and Mr. Beaver have no opposition. I believe we will elect our whole County Ticked. Mr. S.S. Woods will be defeated. Mr. Slenker will beat him in our County from two to three hundred. Nearly all our leading men support Slenker. I will name some of them. Charles Hower, H.W. Snyder, Daniel Witmer W.G. Herrold, Jeremiah Kleckner, I.D. Boyer, Samuel Wurick, Frederick Rothfong S.S. Alleman, Jacob D. Boger D. Trexler, &C &C. In every district in our county some of our leading men appose Woods. Our friends in Chapman Township say that Slenker will have 200 maj. and Kleckner says that Centre will Give him 75 maj. Some of our best men in Mifflin County assure me that Woods will be beaten 400. and Some of our friends in Union County Say that Slenker will have 300 maj. Some say that he will have 600 or 700 maj. all the Attorneys in Mifflin Co. are opposed to Woods except D.W. W. all in our county are apposed to him he will beaten. that you may depend upon

Truly your friend
Israel Gutelius

Selinsgrove Nov. 20~ 1861

Hom Eli Slifer. My dear Sir. I was much Suprised on the other side of the Blamae at Mashington. you may relie on it that he is a every Strong Soespionest and that he went there to fed Bom infermation to send to fel. Daves to make money oute of them it is true he is celitel carefull in public but his real feling will alleways show that heris a strong friend of the secepionests and a dedely for to the trenal and State Administrations. He and Famley boards with wido theoney his sister and every one of Mrs Theoney famely are vilant secepionists the old women hop Sond and Douthers they are all contraled by Jack and thay come oute boldely. Idek is also the man porho controles the Times, and it to Suprising that the Editor of the Times is got arested by some Soverment officer it hublish ask after week the most tresonable artichels. Joek Lummings. and his wife have so soled all theer property I have no doubt with the object to slip of to the Souths as soon as he can apertano some importent muvement of our Armey of corse this is only my opinion made of from all Thave herd and Seen. I don't wount lack to know that I have writer this letter bed I desire that the Soverment should know that he is a most determent enemy of our soverment and a strong brind of the seceptinists and as the truths are well Knowen. I would like to know who has biven him a halp to soe over the Potomas to our Army. Thope you will see that Jack is not promited to any such privile and that the Editor of the Times is attended to It I die not publish a paper here & would had him exected.

The Hon. John M. Killinger. Thus promused that I should have the appointement of colecter of taxes in our district. I would like to have your suport and the Good appointement. I will have to be sadesfied with some smol appointement or do wethout any I suppose if I tould aford it to be in Mashington three or four week I might seews som appointement for my son, This I wand do.

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Hon Eli Slifer.

My dear Sir.

I was much Surprised to learn that Jack Cummings. was with the Army on the other Side of the Potomac at Washington. You may rely on it that he is a very Strong Secessionist and that he went there to Get Some information to Send to Jef. Davis to make money out of them. it is true he is a little careful in public but his real feeling will always show that he is a Strong friend of the Secessionists and a deadly foe to the General and State Administrations. He and Family boards with Widow Chesney. his Sister and every one of Mrs Chesney family are violent secessionists the Old woman have Sons and Daughters they are all controlled by Jack and they come out boldly. Jack is also the man who controls the Times. and it is surprising that the Editor of the Times is not arrested by Some Government officer it publish wek week after week the most treasonable articles. Jack Cummings and his Wife have Sho Soled all their property I have no doubt with the object to Slip of to the South as Soon as he can ascertain Some important movement of our Army of course this is only my opinion made of from all I have herd and Seen. I don't want Jack to know that I have written this letter. Yet I desire that the Government should know that he is a most determent enemy of our Government and a Strong friend of the Secessionists and as these truths are well known. I would like to know who has Given him a pass to Go over the Potomac to our Army. I hope you will see that Jack is not permitted to any such privilege and that the Editor of the Times is attended to If I did not publish a paper here I would had him arrested.

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The Hon. John W. Killinger Has promised that I should have the appointment of Collector of taxes in our district. I would like to have your support and the Gov. also It is very evident that I will not Get any Good appointment. I will have to be Satisfied with Some Small appointment or do without any I suppose if I Could afford it to be in Washington three or four week I might Secure Some appointment for my Son. This I can't do.

Truly your friend

I. Gutelius

Selingrove. Nov 26~ 1861.

Hon. Eli Slefen My dear sir. Mr. Henry S. Boyer. Prothonatary elect: Requested me to write to you and request you to send him the blank Bonds and all that is nepery of bors you know all he must have on the first of Drember is the time he auxt to boe into offices of you will send them by the return of the Male he may send them back so that he shay received his commission on saturday pleas attent to this mather Eummings is still in Washington have you or the Gov. Given any infermation to some of our men. Mrs. Eugumings has been telling that she would also for to Mashington. Shortely before Joek left he was sheping to Some of the Demograte from the contery Mrs sutelier herd him do thay standing nere our Takus. Jack was daming and Eursing and denountsing the State and the le, D. Adais injestration and the ward he said that that the d. Repub. ilan who ware Aboletionist brought this war on the Eoun= tery and that they ware a. d. hack of robers x xe, Our people are much prevosed that such an infomos Seceptantist did Ged a hap, Som Jame not suprised that our Government is so offen Eaut, by menewho are trators if a man ban bed a hap what is so Generly knowen to be the friend of the secepionists. Thope you will bige one of your frinds at Mashington a hint to Eeche a look oute on him.

Truely your friend Israel Gutetius

Selinsgrove, Nov 26~ 1861.

Hon. Eli Slifer,

My dear Sir.

Mr. Henry S. Boyer. Prothonatary elect. Requested me to write to you and request you to Send him the blank Bonds and all that is necessary of course you know all he must have on the first of December is the time he ought to Go into Offices If you will Send them by the return of the Mail he may Send them back so that he may received his Commission on Saturday please attend to this matter

J. Cummings is still in Washington have you or the Gov. Given any information to Some of our men. Mrs. Cummings has been telling that she would also Go to Washington. Shortly before Jack left he was Speaking to Some of the Democrats from the country Mrs. Gutelius heard him as they were Standing near our House. Jack was damning and cursing and denouncing the State and the U. S. Administration and the war. he said that that the d. Republican who were Abolitionists brought this war on the Country and that they were a. d. pack of robbers &c &c. Our people are much revoked that Such an infamous Secessionist did Get a pass. Iam I am not surprised that our Government is so often caught by men who are traitors if a man Can Get a pass who is so Generally known to be the friend of the Secessionists. I hope you will Give one of your friends at Washington a hint to keep a look out on him.

Truly your friend

Israel Gutelius

## Schinsgrove, Dec. 2 ~ 1861

Noon. Eli Slifer.

My dear Sir. The papers of Henry S. Boyer. Eng. ware at Middelburg. as you have Said! But There is a report here that the Goo would not Sive the Commission untill 30.days after the return Judges had apembeld to make the returns of the bolunteer votes. Thope the Gov. will not understand the law to bare that construction. I appene you that those is no difficulty and that there will be non in our county in relation to Mr. Boyers election. If the Gov. has not made oute his Commission that he will do so at onest Sark it as a sheehel faver. Un Boyer has allways been our actiff friend.

Truely your friend Grael Gutetins

Selinsgrove, Dec. 2 ~ 1861

Hon. Eli Slifer.

My dear Sir,

The papers of Henry S. Boyer Esq. were at Middleburg as you have said. But there is a report here that the Gov. would not Give the Commission until 30 days after the return Judges had assembled to make the returns of the volunteer votes. I hope the Gov. will not understand the law to bear that Construction. I assure you that there is no difficulty and that there will be none in our County in relation to Mr. Boyers election. If the Gov. has not made out his Commission that he will do so at once I ask it as a Special favor. Mr. Boyer has always been our active friend.

Truly your friend

**Israel Gutelius**