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My dear Sir

I had an operation  
performed yesterday with  
marked success and am  
now on my feet. To secure  
the best recovery - Do not  
hesitate to telegraph me if  
you think I should come -

If there is any distance  
between perhaps it would  
be best for me not to  
be at my post -

Command me if true  
and telegraph me -

Yours truly

A. H. C.

My dear sir

I had an operation preformed yesterday with marked me up and can come on of [40.6?] to [avoid?] use that inconvenience. Do not hesitate to telegraph me if you think I should come.

If there is any disturbance perhaps it would be bad for me not to be at my post.

Consult McClure and telegraph me.

Your Truly AGC

Dear Sir

I enclose a  
letter which you see  
is in bad temper -

Byrd spoke to  
me about the Colon  
of the 84 and said  
the officers surrounded  
the many other For-  
my examples -

I will not  
make as broad  
a promise as he



say but will say  
I will give a place  
if I could -

I telegraphed you  
to hold the office -  
but not entirely  
you have from  
me -

Fix it up as best  
you can and  
believe me

Yours truly

A. G. Coe

PA

I have written to you  
saying that we must  
the apartment was  
made on suffi-  
cient reasons and  
to call on you.

You can see by  
this and I hope  
we will help.

A. H. C.

Dear Slifer

I enclose a letter which you see is in bad temper.

Russel spoke to me about the Coln of the 84 and said the officers recommended the man of whom Forney complains.

I did not make as broad a promise as he

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says but did say I would give a place if I could.

I telegraphed you to hold the appointment until you heard from me.

Fix it up as best you can and advise me

Yrs Truly

A.G.Curtin

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P.S.

I have written Forney that we doubt the appointment was made on sufficient reasons and to call on you .

You can explain and keep me harmless.

A.C.G

Dear Sir

They cannot  
carry on the con-  
tract without money  
and ~~you~~ I wish  
to contribute -

Please see him  
and see the check  
enclosed with what  
he wants and is right

He must be  
served as he  
is in a contract  
with a purpose and



determined party  
I trust he will  
reunite you and  
Mr. Bayne -

Telegraph me  
at Ball's Gate "good"  
"bad" and I  
will mail it

Yrs truly  
A. G. Sutter

Please see when Mr. Bayne  
to hold letters forwarded  
to me from Saratoga  
until my return - They are  
all mine -

Dear Slifer

Hays cannot carry on the contest without money and I wish to contribute.  
Please see him and fill the check enclosed with what he wants and is right.  
He must be prudent as he is in a contest with a fearful and

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determined party. I trust he will consult you and Bomberger.

Telegraph me at Bellefonte "good" or "bad" and I will understand it.

Yrs Truly

A.G. Curtin

Please tell Coln McCoy to hold letters forwarded to me from Saratoga until my return. They are all private.

Dear Sir

On my return from  
Leamfield this evening I  
found the Penny Press  
containing a letter from J. R.  
Robinson in answer to  
the report of the investigat-  
ing committee.

The report that by  
some arrangement Jaggard  
Turing and myself were  
to receive money -

I will be pleased to  
read - I am prepared or  
expected to receive one dol-  
lar, have no connection with  
the sale of the stock of the  
Shamokin Bank, and  
have no knowledge of any  
arrangement by which I was  
to receive money from any  
person connected with  
it - I do not understand



the matter for the publica-  
tion - The Pennsylvania  
makes it the target for  
an attack on the Republi-  
can party -

Johnson is nomi-  
nated for Senate in Tex-  
as and Martin of Army  
is on the Central Committee

They are in the Presi-  
dential contest and we  
must head it -

One County will  
nominate Gregg but  
he and his friends are  
distant to the matter -

He will do what-  
ever we wish -

He will be a can-  
didate in any place we  
wish -

Yrs Truly

W. C. Austin



Dear Slifer

On my return from Clearfield this evening I found the Pennsylvanian containing a letter from J. R. Robinson in answer to the report of the investigating committee.

He asserts that by some arrangement Taggart Finney and myself were to receive money.

I will publish a card. I never received or expected to receive one dollar, had no connection with the sale of the stock of the Shamokin Bank, and have no knowledge of any arrangement by which I was to receive money from any person connected with it. I do not understand

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the motive for the publication. The Pennsylvanian makes it the text for an attack on the Republican party.

Johnston is nominated for Senate in Lycoming and Painter of Muncy is on the Central Committee.

They are in the Presidential current and we must head it.

Our county will nominate Gregg but he and his friends understand the matter.

He will do whatever we wish.

He will be a candidate or give place as we wish.

Yrs Truly

A. G. Curtin

her slip

I am satisfied  
and thankful for the argu-  
ment of the editor - I thought  
Miss Roper telegraphed  
me that nothing was  
to be published - It  
is all right -

I am getting better  
and in a week will  
be perfectly well -

We have 200 people  
the end of the number  
may open subscriptions  
from Maryland and  
one from Virginia -

I know you find a better  
Bridle of justice and  
I trust you will not  
fail to give him dis-  
cretions as to political  
and personal effect  
of our suits -

The camp should  
I think be at Troy and  
not towards -

I constantly think  
of appointments in the  
Army but cannot  
find time to write

Make my regards  
to Mr. Mitchell and  
believe me

Very your friend  
A. S. Johnston



P.S. I think formal and  
political aspirations are  
much softened by my  
visit to Pittsburg

I have not much  
met a reception in all  
respects since I have been  
in office, and have not  
made as good a speech  
Sheridan would have  
repeated it in full but  
was not properly provided  
with a place -

Ask Deay to  
write him in my name  
and thank him for  
the report. His address  
is "Pop office Phila."



the gift of the Penna  
Mr. Kwoa for or in it  
part of the city subject  
the - I will write the  
thanks of the land

A. G. Bunker  
No state.

Dear Slifer

I am satisfied and thankful for the [arrangement?] of the enlistment. I thought when Russel telegraphed me that nothing was to be published. It is all right.

I am getting better and in a week will be perfectly well.

We have 300 people here and of the number many open secessionists from Maryland and one from Georgia.

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I hear you find Coln Biddle of service and I trust you will not fail to give him directions as to political and personal effort of our [illegible]

The camp should I think be at [illegible] and not Towanda.

I constantly think of appointments in the army but cannot find time to write.

Make my regards to Mr. Meredith and believe me

Truly your friend

A. G. Curtin

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P.S. I think personal and political aspirations were much softened by my visit to Pittsburg

I have not [received?] such a reception in all respects since I have been in office, and have not made as good a speech. Sheridan would have reported it in full but was not properly provided with a place.

Ask Quay to write him in my name and thank him for the report. His address is "Post office, Phila."

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Is the gift of the Penna R. Road free or is it part of the city subscription – I will write the thanks if the first.

A.G. Curtin.

No date.

Hon. Eli Sizer  
Secretary of State  
Harrisburg  
Penn

Your letter was too late  
for me to be heard from  
I will be home cer-  
tainly on Sunday evening  
Have found so much  
to do and so much to  
enjoy here will ~~not~~  
go to Pennsylvania tomorrow  
and to Harrisburg Monday  
A. G. Leontin

Hon Eli Slifer  
Secretary of State  
Harrisburg  
Penna

Your letter was too late for me to be heard from. I will be home certainly on Monday evening Have found so much to do and so much to enjoy here will go to Pennsvalley tomorrow and to Harrisburg Monday.

A.G. Curtin



PENNSYLVANIA.

Executive Chamber,

Harrisburg Pa. 186

Telegraph has told  
to come and go to Wash-  
ington to me -

Mr Murditt will  
see him with you and  
will prepare a short letter  
to the Pub as he is not  
named in the letter  
in Mr Mullins hands

I forget it today

E. S. 

[Pennsylvania]  
[Executive Chamber]  
[Harrisburg Pa. 186\_]

Telegraph Gen Tod to come and go to Washington tomorrow.

Mr. Meridith will see him with you and will prepare a short letter to the [Prest?] as he is not named in the letter in Mr. Mullin's hands.

I forgot it today.

A.G.C

E.S.

My dear Sir

I have been very unwell since  
my arrival and am only well  
just today -

Read your letter this  
morning -

I confess I have little hope  
of anything being done now - I hope you  
will be able to change the report and  
as the word appears to refer to  
letter and will influence my in  
the disapproval you will make  
I have your will as far as you can  
and with all the confidence I  
have in your discretion I feel as if  
I should be at Home's long -

It is now important to  
us all that my health - If we  
cannot see our way enough for  
the future but if we receive the  
blame you have not felt



They are fully advised and  
do not conceal the facts - If nothing  
or if you are likely to find I will  
come on at once -

I have concealed my origin  
etc as far as I could ever for you -

Send the names of the  
man who bought on the Bank  
to George Rude -

Yours etc

A. C. Pitt



My dear sir

I have been very unwell since my arrival and am out of bed just today.

Read your letter this morning.

I confess I have little hope of anything being done now. Cope will refuse to change the report and as Haywood refuses to sign the letter and will influence Fry in the disagreement we will lose all.

I know you will do all you can and with all the confidence I have in your discretion I feel as if I should be at Harrisburg.

It is more important to us all than my health. If successful we are strong enough for the future but if we receive the blow you know what follows.

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Keep me fully advised and do not conceal the facts. If necessary or if you are likely to fail I will come on at once.

I have concealed my anxiety as far as I could even from you.

Send the Pardon of the man who forged on the Bank to George Ruch.

Yrs Tly

A.G. Curtin