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Bellefonte 16 March 1852

Col. Eli Plejer

Dear Sir

I notice that an opportunity
ment bill has passed the H. B. on second read-
ing and have examined it with no little
interest. I take this to be the intention of the
majority of that body in passing such a bill.
The Democratic party are alive to the fact that
they are gradually losing strength in the eastern
and western portions of the State, and that
the middle and north are their strong (and
impregnable) holds. To put up an increase
corresponding with the decrease, this bill is
passed to swallow up the only whig counties
in the middle, and make democratic districts
thoroughly reliable in the north. Thus it
is with Blair Huntingdon and Union, and
to accomplish such a purpose they connect
Bradford with this county altho we are sepa-
rated from it by high ranges of mountains, and
they and we have not an affinity, not a
simple social tie to give us a whitany interest
in common. I may be mistaken in the
design but cannot be in the rank injustice
of such an opportunity. We should
be connected with Union but if not one

dist. should remain as it now is and has
be constituted for more than thirty years -
I presume however the body of which you are
a member will not suffer the passage of such
a bill and that a fair opportunity will yet
be made. I will be pleased to hear from you
what is likely to be done - I write you as one
people here are alarmed -

Yours at Sent

A. G. Curtis

Bellefonte 16 March 1852
Coln Eli Slifer
Dear Sir

I notice that an appointment bill has passed the H.B. on second reading and have examined it with no little interest. I take this to be the intention of the majority of that body in framing such a bill. The Democratic party are alive to the fact that they are gradually losing strength in the eastern and western portions of the state, and that the middle and north are this strong and impregnable holds. To pass up an increase corresponding with the decrease, this bill is framed to swallow up the only whig counties in the middle, and make democratic districts thoroughly reliable in the north. Thus it is with Blair Huntingdon and Union, and to accomplish such a purpose they connect Bedford with this county although we are separated from it by high ranges of mountains, and they and we have not an affinity, not a business or social tie to give us a solitary interest in common. I may be mistaken in the design but cannot be in the rank injustice of such an apportionment - we should be connected with Union but if not one

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dist. should remain as it now is and has been constituted for more than thirty years. I presume however the body of which you are a member will not suffer the passage of such a bill and that a fair apportionment will yet be made. I will be pleased to hear from you what is likely to be done. I write now as our people here are alarmed.

Your [act?] [Sect.?
A. G. Curtin

STATE OF PENNSYLVANIA.

Office of the Secretary of the Commonwealth,

Harrisburg, Pa. 18 March 1857.

Sir

Eli Slijper

Dear Sir

I have no doubt you
will be gratified to hear that I have
had it in my power to give Stahly
(for whom you are so anxious) an official
Certificate required and I give
Stahly his place - We have
nothing more to say

Yours truly

A. G. Centin

18 March 1857

Hon Eli Slifer

Dear Sir

I have no doubt you will be gratified to hear that I have had it in my power to give Stokely (for whom you are so anxious) one office. Olmstead resigned and I gave Stokely his place. We have nothing more here.

Yrs Tly
A. G. Curtin

Office OF THE Secretary OF THE Commonwealth,

Harrisburg, Pa. 15th Sept 1857

Dear Sir

I came to Harrisburg this morning and recd. your letter bearing on in Pblee -

I regret that it had not been sent to me as I could have gone up for the City -

How much it is to be regretted that we had not a Union - Our message would be certain the Democrats be nominated a weak ticket in Pblee and I think for all I could have the it is preferred for the Union Republican and American ticket to succeed -

Yrs Truly

A. L. Leontine

15 Sept 1857

Dear Sir

I came to Harrisburg this morning and recd. your letter having been in Phla.

I regret that it had not been sent to me as I could have gone up from the city.

How much it is to be regretted that we have not a Union. Our necessity would be certain the Democrats have nominated a weak ticket in Phla and I think from all I could hear ~~the~~ it is possible for the Union Republican and American ticket to [succeed?].

Yrs Tly

A. G. Curtin

Office of the Secretary of the Commonwealth,

Harrisburg, Pa. 22 Nov 1857

Wm

R. Meigs

Dear Sir

How many papers are there in Snyder County? We had the amounts in there if not from that County but your and Meigs's ask us to give them to another the "Pioneer" I think

Write me by next mail how in your judgment we should dispose of the matter like it your letter to "Snyder's Chestnut & Blue" when I will be writing Saturday

In respect to it will be better to direct your letter here and do not mark it private. If I am out Mr. Canby will open it - I am duly pleased to say that our friend Sullivan has again re- labored it and has given two Boston

But
A. L. Leavitt

22 Nov 1857

Hon
Mr Slifer

Dear Sir

How many papers are there in Snyder County? We had the [announcements?] in them if not from in that County but you and Meredith asks us to give them to another the "Tribune" I think.

Write me by first mail how in your judgment we should dispose of the matter. Direct your letters to "[Jones?] Hotel Chestnut St.? Phla" where I will be until Saturday.

On reflections it will be better to direct your letter here & do not mark it private. If I am out here McCauley will open it. I am deeply pained to say that our friend Sullivan has again relapsed [one word illegible] and has given to [Baltimore?] one word illegible.

[yrs] truly
A. G. Curtin