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New Berlin March 25 / 51

Col. Eli Slifer

Dear Sir

Your copy of the VI Inst. was received. you say that you regret that you could not come to New Berlin. no one regret it more then my self. if you were here you would be satisfied that some one has told you some abominable falsehoods, the Commissions have written an agreement for Mr. Maser to sign. the agreement is for the Commissions and Shuff. County Printing the amount they have agreed to pay in the agreement is thirty five dollars. the Shuff. Co. Printing amounts to \$33.00 that would leave \$2.00 for the County Printing and for to translate it in the German. the German Paper has 1000 subscribers the Star has 384 <sup>subscribers</sup>. the Commissions have agreed to pay D.W. Woods \$135.00 for the English Printing and I ask you to bare in mind that the English Printers nete not be translate. last year the Commissions paid for the printing to D.W. W. \$160.00 To C. Maser \$65.00. O.W. Warden \$30.00 Winters & Baum \$3.00. Warden and Winters & Baum did not do the Shuff. Printing, Mr. Maser says that he has told the Commissions that he want to have the same price they paid to the English Printers <sup>D.W. Woods</sup> and he would do the half of the work and all the Translation & the fact is that the Commissions were determined that the German paper should have no printing they never invited Maser even to sign there agreement for

for \$35.00 but they were endeavoring to push him off  
from time to time, a man to do all the County & Shuff  
Printing and do all the translations for the sum of \$35.00  
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I will now inform you  
of the treatment the Commissioners have me since I  
Rebelsk the paper. I called on two of the Commissioners  
in their Offices I asked them whether I should they would  
agree that I should do the County & Shuff Printing that treated  
me with contempt for they gave me no answer I stood  
there for some time I then left the offices & the two Commis-  
sioners were Barber & Himebock. I asked them the second  
time for the Printing this was on Klockners Payment  
James Barber said that he did not want any German  
printing ~~for it~~ and would not agree to pay me ~~one cent~~  
any thing for German printing Himebock gave me no  
satisfaction more then he said he would agree to any thing  
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more Petitions. for I know that almost every person is in favor  
and no man dare oppose it openly for the request is to sustane  
~~the~~ the rites of our German Peple in our County and they  
are so large in the Magarity that it is perfect nonsense to pretend  
that they will submit to such treatment. for there money  
is to pay for the printing and the Commissioners have  
Given the Printing to three English papers and have refused it  
intierly to the German Papers, there are a few men that have  
accomplish this raseley treatment <sup>towards our</sup> ~~our~~ German Peple, these men  
care nothing for the Whig party or they would not act as they have

don. ~~the rest of the officers~~ or Daniel Bellmore also has  
taken his printing from the sermon papers and has it done in  
two English papers.

You have seen my address ~~perhaps~~  
perhaps they are my sentiments, I am sorry for the breeze in  
our party, if you had referred to the friends of ~~or to those~~  
~~that had supported~~ Dr. Eyster ~~it is~~ in relation to arrangements  
never fault your information in without any foundation

You are very popular with our party and the sentiments  
contained in your Recommendation are correct.

I must close to reach the mail

Yours Respectfully

Israel Gutelius

New Berlin March 25 /51

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New Berlin April 4 / 51

Col E. Slifer

Dear Sir you have again been recommended for Senator. I publish it in German & English you have many friends that are in favor of making you the candidate. I have seen the letter you wrote to Dr. Eyster. it appears you had understood one thing that is that many of the Democrats have asked for the law that the Printing should be done in German also I can explain this to you. the Union Democrat is the only German Paper published in our Co. many of the Democrats take the Paper and it is the only paper that had for very many of them cannot read or understand the English and as they must pay their portion to have the Printing done <sup>the</sup> Democrats seem that assisted us here <sup>are</sup> in favor of having the Law for the purpose to sustain their Democratic friends in their votes.

I have seen Col W. F. Mengers letter ~~from~~ you were you state that the bill has passed the House in relation to the German printing. the Law want to include the Staff Printing for Court & Elections Proclamations & and unless there is a provision that the printing is to be given to the paper that has the largest circulation the rebudget may be defied. that is to give the news to the People for there must be a paper started that had but a small circulation and so the Public Printing. you deserve much credit for the course you have pursued & you would better

have the Law write so that the German Peepel  
can be deceived or sheded out of there writes by any  
twist hook or crook, if you will have the Law  
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I have sente you & my Friend  
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J. G.



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have the Law write so that the German People Can't be deserved or Cheated out of their writes by any twisted hook or crook. if you will have the Law Passed write it will Give you more real strength and Popularity then any other thing that you Could do for the People of our County for there is not one man that dares to appose the passage of such a law openly and directly. .. yours Respectfully Israel Gutelius

N.B. I have had all the County Printing &c. Translated and have Publish it also in my German paper the law ought to be so passed that I would received a reasonable Compensation for my work the matter is with you and as you will make it I will be satisfied let me here from you

I have sent you & my Friend Cunningham papers in which ~~contane~~ you recommendation is publish you may Count me one of your warm friends

I.G.

New Berlin April 7, 51

Col Eli Slifer

Dear Sir

Yours of the 2 inst was  
Received. I have written to you on Friday, in that letter I predicted  
that there might be another Sermon paper started for  
the purpose to bid the Sermon paperish printing, to day of  
of those that are detrimental to break me and the Sermon paper  
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there only aim is revenge.

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person that is likely to bid the nomination for  
Judge. Col. G. F. Miller will be recommended for Senator  
this week I do not know whether it is with his consent  
If you will take the field I believe you can succeed.

I must close for the time for closing the mail is at  
hand  
Yours Respectfully

It is Frederick Smith & Company that is to  
bid open this paper to make disturbances &c  
F. S.

New Berlin April 7. /51

Col Eli Slifer

Dear Sir

yours of the 2 inst was Received. I have written to you on friday. in that letter I predicted that there might be another German paper started for the purpose to Get the German public printing. to day a few of those that are determent to break me and the German paper down have Commenced to make arrangements <sup>^</sup> to start a new German paper to snatch the public printing from the paper that has many subscribers in our Co. then all the rest combined you ought to that the Law will be so amended to Give the printing to the Paper that has the larges circulation, I know that you will see that the will be so passed to Give the proper information to our German People and I am sure they will sustain you for doing so. there are only about four or five persons in this movement. they Care nothing for the Whig Party there only aim is revenge.

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Beltsgrove January 30<sup>r</sup> 1854

Col. E. Miller Sir

I received yours some ten days since on Friday at Lewisburg Mr. Cameron called me into his office and we had a long conversation in relation to the Differand matters now under consideration he insisted on me to write to you I must confess I could not understand him in urging me to write to you after I had informed him of my losses and expences. and that I had had trucking to bed along. I also informed him that I would be compelled to sell my printing office to meete his Note untill Spring. he is aposed to my proposition and desires that I should keep the office, He said I should have some assistants and said I should write to you. I told him that I could not ask you to render me assistants as I had no blame on you. well he said he would write to you and he would arrange the matter with you, I have now performed that which he has requested to do me to do, has he written to you on this subject. I came in the dark Mr. Cameron may have had his reasons for not explaining to me, I have no doubt he is sensible in the matter. please answer my inquiry

I suppose you could bid the Publishers of the Harrisburg Union and State Journal to exchange with me. I have not seen a Harrisburg <sup>English</sup> Paper this Winter, will you be at our next Court, Who is to be our Candidate for Governor, would it not be good policy to make no nomination for Governor ~~and~~ providing Gen. Cameron could be induced to take the field against Bigelow. what shall be the man to beete Old Her for Nomination for Congress next summer he must be flared. Col. Wagenseller who was elected Chareman by the Committee and O. N. Wordon secretary have called a county meeting for Monday of Court to elect Delegates to the state

conventions the Star faction have told me on Tuesday  
for the same purpose, I have no fears that the Delegate  
elected under the Gault of Magerweller & Mardon  
will hold those seats in the Whig State Convention  
You ~~ought~~<sup>should</sup> to be hear at Court there is an emowed side  
of work don in our County in an underhanded way to  
ruin me and that is all they care fore. they all know  
that I am innocent but they care nothing for that so that  
they can accomplish their selfish desires.

You may rely on this  
that there is much danger in this County to submit any  
thing to the people in Relation to the R. R. no man can  
get Justice on this subject. and the Court is also lining  
with the Crowd. I ask nothing but Justice and I fear it  
will be hard to get Justice under existing circumstances  
you will, <sup>see</sup> the reasons I give in my next paper.

I have <sup>never</sup> changed my opinion  
George Heermbsch ought to be prosecuted. I am satisfied  
it would be an advantage to us all and he ought to  
be punished for the outrage he has committed against  
innocent men,

yours Respectfully

Israel Cutler

Selinsgrove January 30 ~ 1854

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your Respectfully

Israel Gutelius

Selinsgrove January 30 ~ 1854

Col E. Slifer Sir

I suppose you have herd the result of the excommunication at Lewisburg in relation to the R. R. suttee of Friday last if you have not you will see an account of it in my paper of the week.

Inclosed I sent you Ten Dollars, I will ask you to do me the favor to go immedny to Mr George Bergner (sermon printer) and ~~to~~ buy two boddle of Printing paper 22 Inch by 28 Inch if he has any of that description and if he has non of that discription then take some of him the size he prints his paper on. it is a littel larger then it netes to be but that makes no differans. I send the paper by the expresp line, without fail.

I will take my paper all from Mr. Bergner if he will let me have it at a fare prise.

Yours Respectfully

Israel Gutelius

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I suppose you have herd the result of the examination at Lewisburg in relation to the R. R. Suits. of friday last if you have not you will see an account of it in my paper. of this week.

Enclosed I sent you Ten Dollars, I will ask you to do me the favor to Go Immediately to Mr. George Gergner (German Printer) and ~~by~~ buy two Bundles of Printing paper 22 Inch by 28 Inches. if he has any of that description and if he ahs non of that description then take some of him the size he prints his paper on. it is a little larger then it needs to be but that makes no difference. ~~I~~ send the paper by the express line, without fail

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 your Attorney Mr Casey that the mather was so decided  
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 had corrected it. I was much infover of having the mather  
 changed but after I had lerned that my friends were  
 aposed to it I had ~~read up~~ <sup>and</sup> concluded that it would  
 be best for me not to rebel against my friends. it appears  
 now that Mr. Casey made this mvement himself  
 at this late day. & we must now make the best oute  
 of it ounder all the circumstance we can. I would be  
 much mortepied if the attempt is made and would  
 fail. I am sary I did not speke of the mather in my  
 last to you, on monday next I must appear before  
 John Swinford Esq also Gundy & Eyer Nangerer and  
 his party are gochit to take testemony in relation to the  
 sutes. I will see them there. and have som conversation with  
 them in relation to the Change of the Venue &c.  
 I suppose Col. H. C. Eyer will come to Harrisburg if nebery  
 if the mather has here comrens we must fite it there  
 if posepel or you must wisdraw it if you can do so  
 I am nearly worn out on this subject  
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 Israel Buttler

Of you can not answer this letter so that I would recievd your answer till monday morning  
 you would better telegraph to me. Now the mather now some I again say I find not  
 fault with you throug you will on the fact so fast as you can get out of it. Show not some  
 Casey and all not file at liberty & swinners directions

Selinsgrove Feby 4 ~ 54

Col E. Slifer

Dear Sir I received yours of the 2 Inst and was much surprised to learn that you have prepared my Case and others to Change the venue. you had informed me that it was decided not to make an effort. that it would fall in the lower House. when I written my last latter to you I said nothing on the subject as I had taken it for Granted that no effort was to be made. The ~~state~~ <sup>statement</sup> I send to you was sent before I received you letter informing me that it Could not be Carried in the lower House. ~~It was~~ the statement was prepared by Mr. Casey and sent to me in a letter I had not been Consulted on the subject recently I had taken it for Granted when it was sent to me by your Attorney Mr Casey that the matter was so decided and I felt my self bound to sine the statement after I had corrected it. I was much in favor of having the matter Changed but after I had learned that my friends ware apposed to it I had ~~mad-up-mi~~ Concluded that it would be best for me not to rebel against my friends. it appears now that Mr. Casey made this movement himself at this late day. we must now make the best out of it under all the Circumstances we Can. I would be much mortified if the attempt is made and would fail. I am sorry I did not speak of the matter in my last to you, on monday next I must appear before John Swinford Esq also Gundy & Eyer Vangezer and his party are going to take testimony in relation to the suits. I will se them there. and have some conversation with them in relation to the Change of the Venue &c. I suppose Col. H.C. Eyer will Come to Harrisburg if necessary if the matter has been Commence we must fight it threw if possible or you must withdraw it if you Can do so. I am nearly worn out on this subject Yours Respectfully

Israel Gutelius

If you Can not answer this letter so that I would received your answer till monday morning you would better telegraph to me. how the matter now stands I again say I find no fault with you I know you will do the best so fare as you understand it. I have not seen Casey and do not feel at liberty to Give any directions

Selinsgrove Feby 11 ~ /54

Col Eli Sifer Dear Sir

I received yours informing me that my matters would be arranged satisfactory to my self and friends and tho you had not time to inform me but that Col. Eyer would be home in a few days and he would explain to me ~~who~~ how it was arranged. Mr. Eyer arrived here in the stage at 10. O'clock P.M. I had an interview with him, he can not give me any positive information except that you have ~~agreed with~~ made an agreement with John Swunford and Dr. E. Wilson that you would stay the bill to change the venue, and ~~they~~ Swunford & Wilson agreed that the suite should not be tried this Court and that the suite should be settled upon condition that the R. B. of Union County should be returned. this is all I can understand of Mr. Eyer, In Justice to my self I felt bound to say that such a compromise as I understand <sup>it</sup> now would be disreputable to my Caretor to return the R. R. B upon condition that I should be given clear. I am perfectly satisfied that the R. Comptery shall return the Bonds but not upon the conditions above stated.

From the time you had informed me that you were aposed to a change of venue. I had left that matter rest untill I was directed by your Council by letter to move in the matter. I obade his instructions I had no lot or part in that last movement all tho I was much grieved when I was first informed by you that you was aposed to the change of the venue. but as I knew I was ~~poor~~ poor and not able to fite my friends and enemys I felt bound to submit to the dictations of my friends, all tho it was contrary to my own Judgement and to the Judgement of all my ~~interested~~ friends who are not interested in the R. R. B. so far as I could ascertain the move to change the venue has been aproved of by every Inteleigent man at the County oute of Newberlins. they all agree that I could not had an imparohel Jury to try my case and therefore Justice required a change. I can see nothing in your argements in oposition to a change you know that a large majority of the Jurers fele them selfs more intrested in this R. R. debt then they du if they ware to set as ~~jurors~~ Jurors

to decide ~~as~~ in suits they were indubitably interested and many of them who are personal friends of mine would sacrifice not without any evidence with the hope of being exonerated of the R. R. debt now I can not see how any man can come to the conclusion that it could operate against me to ~~the~~ change the venue when the facts above named can be established by hundreds of intelligent men in our County. if the intelligent men in our County were selected as Jurors I would ask no change of the venue, I desire to be plain on this subject and I hope you will not be displeased when I tell you that with I most truly believe.

The attempt to change the venue should not have been made unless it was determined to carry it through if it could be done Mr. Eyer says it could be carried without a doubt, if this was done our persecutors would surrender at once I know that they will never appear in another County to try this groundless suit.

Col. Eyer also informed me that Simington had left Harrisburg and had requested the House to let the matter rest until he returned, this is a contemptible trick which Simington had not brains enough to have concocted himself he went post haste to Newberlin a meeting was immediately called to ~~take~~ make arrangements at every sacrifice to prevent a change in the venue. Swinford & ~~Wills~~ <sup>Wilson</sup> were ~~sent~~ dispatched to Harrisburg in haste. Some dishonest scoundrels at Newberlin induced Simington to leave Harrisburg under some false pretensions and to request the House not to act on this bill until he would return, in this way the Newberliners expected they could stave off the bill that it could not pass before Court. I have no doubt they will agree to continue the suits to May, they know the Legislature will agree before May Court, then they would have the matter as just as they desire to have it. If you should have pleased your self in a situation that you should feel your self bound not to urge the passage of the bill passed in the Senate. I hope you will let me know so that I may prepare the necessary arrangements to ~~make~~ sacrifice the number of the House that the bill must to pass I can send hundreds of men of the best men in the County to dine

a Statement of facts as ~~before~~ stated in the foregoing ~~to~~ and that too who have always been aposed to the subscriptions and the Bonds they will sine a statement that I can not ounder existing circumstances in this County bid a fare and imparchel trial and I have no fears that whenever this fact is proven to the members that any of them would refuse to give me the wright ~~and~~ and power to have afore trial this is all I ask

when I came threer with the member of the Newberlin Clock, that is when I have taken him threer the Union Democrat, for his dishonorable conduct in saying oute the razzality schemes of his contempered faction who have nominated him to do these dirty work, by that time he will fully ounderstand that he is nothing ~~less~~ or more then a mere tool ~~to~~ to carry out the dirty, dishonous and ~~and~~ ~~and~~ schemes of a dishonist and Corrupt faction I must be much disappointed if he will not have to be contended with the offices to act as Constabler at ~~that~~ Harrisburg hereafter and even that offices is too good for him.

I will again ask you for a list of members.

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Yours Truly

Israel Gutetus

Selinsgrove Feby 11 ~ /54

Col Eli Slifer Dear Sir

I Received yours informing me that my matters would be arranged satisfactory to my wife and friends and though you had not time to inform me but that Col. Eyer would be home in a few days and he would explain to me ~~who~~ how it was arranged. Mr. Eyer arrived here in the stage at 10. O'clock P.M. I had an interview with him. he can not Give me any positive information except that you have ~~agreed meth with~~ made an agreement with John Swinford and Dr. C. Wilson that you would stay the bill to change the venue, and ~~they~~ Swinford & Wilson agreed that the suit should not be tried this Court and that the suit should be settled upon Condition that the R.B. of Union County should be returned. this is all I Can understand of Mr. Eyer., In Justice to my self I feel bound to say that such a compromise as I understand <sup>it</sup> now would be distructive to my Career to return the R.R. B upon condition that I should be Given Clear. I am perfectly satisfied that the R. Company shall return the Bonds but not upon the Conditions above stated.

From the Time you had informed me that you ware opposed to a change of venue. I had left that matter rest until I was directed by your Counsel by letter to move in the matter. I obeyed his instruction I had no lot or part in that last movement all though I was much Grieved when I was first informed by you that you was opposed to the Change of the venue. but as I knew I was ~~poor~~ poor and not able to fight my friends, all though it was contrary to my own Judgment and to the Judgment of all my ~~disentrested~~ friends who are not interested in the R.R. B. so fare as I could ascertain the move to Change the venue has been approved of by every intelligent man it the County out of Newberlin. they all agree that I could not Get an impartial Jury to try my Case and therefore Justice required a Change. I can see nothing in your arrangements in opposition to a Change you know that a large majority of the Jurors feel them selves more interested in this R.R. debt than they do if they ware to set ~~Jurors~~ Jurors

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to decide ~~one~~ in suit they are individually interested and many of them who are personal friends of mine would sacrifice me without me without any evidence with the hope of being exonerated of the R.R. debt now I Can not see how any man can come to the conclusions that it Could Operate against me to ~~Change~~ Change the venue when the facts above named Can be establish by Hundreds of Intelligent men in our County. if the intelligent men in ~~of~~ our County ware selected as Jurors I would ask no Change of the venue, I desire to be plane on this subject ~~It~~ and I hope you will not be displeased when I tell you that which I honestly believe.

The attempt to Change the venue should not have been made unless it was determined to Carry it through if it Could be done Mr. Eyer says it Could be Carried without a doubt, if this was done our persecutors would surrender at once I know that they will never appear in another County to try this Groundless suits.

Col Eyer also informed <sup>me</sup> that Simington had left Harrisburg and had requested the House to let the matter rest until he returned. This is a Contemptible trick which Semington had not brain enough to have Concocted himself he went post haste to Newberlin a meeting was immediately Called ~~to take~~ to make arrangements at every sacrifice to prevent a change in the venue. Swinford & <sup>Wilson</sup> ~~Willison~~ were ~~dis~~ dispatched to Harrisburg in Grade hast. Some dishonest scoundrels at Newberlin

induced Simington to leave Harrisburg under some fowls pretensions and to request the House not to act on this bill until he would return, in this way the Newberliners expected they Could stave of the bill that it Could not pass before Court I have no doubt they will agree to Continue the suits to may. they know the Legislators will adjourn before may Court then they would have the matter ~~as~~ Just as they desire to have it. If you should have pleased your self in a situation that you should feel your self bound not to urge the pashed of the bill passed in the Senate. I hope you will let me know. so that I may prepare the necessary arrangements to ~~webs~~ satisfy the member of the House that the bill ought to pass I Can Get hundreds of ~~men~~ of the best men in the County to sign

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a Statement of facts as ~~before~~ stated in the foregoing ~~who~~ and that too who have always been apposed to the supervision and the Bonds they will sign a statement that I Can not under existing Circumstances in this County Get a fare and impartial trial and I have no fears that whenever this fact is proven to the members that any of them would refuse to Give me the right ~~and~~ and power to have a fair trial this is all I ask

when I am through with the member of the Newberlin Click. that is when I have taken him through the union Democrat. for his dishonorable Conduct in carrying out the rascally schemes of his Contemptible faction who have nominated him to do their dirty work. by that time he will fully understand that he is nothing less or more then a mere tool ~~for~~ to Cary out the dirty dishonest and rascally Schemes of a dishonest and Corrupt faction I must be much disappointed if he will not have to be Contended with the offices to act as Constable at ~~Has~~ Harrisburg hereafter and even that offices is too Good for him,

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yours Truly

Israel Gutelius

Selinsgrove Feby 17 - 1854

Col E. Slifer Yours of the 13 inst was received  
I do not know that I have charged you  
either directly or indirectly with "deserting your friends"  
I have only said to you that I could not see any well  
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to believe me that I am always sanded and plain  
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the expediency of a policy to be persued. I hope that  
no one will be dissatisfied becase I differ with them  
were my liberties are atacted and were I am so  
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at Newberlin and from him I lerned the maliff  
to why the venue is not to be changed. he thinks  
the matter could be staved off from time to time  
in this County and by the by the, ~~the~~ <sup>persecution</sup> would die  
off in this County. he is mistaken, and I am shure  
that it is time that I should be relived from this  
trobels and expinses it has nearly taken up all  
my time and I am shure that I am out of pocket  
over one hundred Dollar in money besides my time  
and the Ingeres I have sustaned in my bispness and I  
know that this matter must be brought to a close  
it is destroying too many of my prospects to make  
a living.

Michael Heckner Coled on me at Court  
and informed me that Mr Cameron told him that  
he held the Nate yed ware he was bail in for me  
and that he would hold on to Heckner for the  
prayment or that he would hold both Nates  
over



I never had consented that Mr. Cameron should have  
the note unless he would give up the Note  
with Klockner's name. and that was my understanding  
when I sent the note to you to give to C.  
I am ever so sorry that Mr. C. has exposed me  
to my better persecutors. one of my bail in the last  
Note to C. has already been ordered on to endeavor  
to make me trouble. It is hard for me to understand  
some men. I would never have bought the Printing  
offices at the enormous price if I had not been  
promised assistants to pay the amount providing  
my paper would sustain against wind and storm  
the principles which we believed were correct. & all  
I have to say at this time I have been shamefully  
deceived. so far as I know I have been faithful to  
my friends in upholding in my paper correct  
principles at every sacrifice I have never considered  
my own interest were duty could on me to make  
disservice, of my personal interest, The money  
I borrowed of C. ~~did not~~ was not to pay the  
the printing offices. but the money I received for the  
foundry which would have paid C. I paid to Eyster  
for the printing offices, I do not know that I should  
have troubled you with this matter. but if I should  
change my course hereafter you will be able to  
understand that I have been forced to do so. to  
sustain my self ~~there~~ it will be necessary for me to  
say to you for fear you may draw some wrong conclusions  
that you are not among those of my pretended  
friends, who are assisting my persecutors to have  
satisfaction at me. I have been kicked and cuffed by all  
parties and I must change my opinion if I will not  
pursue my own course. I hope I can find some friends who will  
relieve me of C. if not I must sell to pay him he has notes  
and bail I hope sufficient in number at least  
Yours truly  
Samuel Sevier

Selinsgrove Feby 17 ~ 1854

Col E. Slifer                   yours of the 13 inst was received

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I had a conversation with Mr. Pucker at Newberlin and from him I learned the motive ~~to~~ why the venue is not to be Changed. he thinks the matter Could be staved off form time to time in this County and by the by the <sup>excitement</sup> ~~mather~~ would die off in this County. he is mistaken, and I am sure that it is time that I should be relived from this troubles and expenses it has nearly taken up all my time and I am sure that I am out of Pocket over one hundred Dollars in money besides my time and the Injuries I have sustained in my business and I know that this matter must be brought to a close it is destroying too many of my prospects to make a living.

Michael Keckner Called on me at Court and informed me that Mr Cameron told him that he held the Note yet where he was bail in for me and that he would hold on to Keckner for the payment ~~or~~ that he would hold both Notes

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