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bob. Eli Slifer Dear sir

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Jours Respectfully

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New Berlin March 25 /51

Col. Eli Slifer

Dear Sir

Yours of the 21 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 Commissioners have a written agreement for Mr. Maser to sign. the agreement is for the Commissioners and shff. County Printing the amount they have agreed to pay in the agreement is thirty five Dollars. the shff Co. Printing and for to translate it in the German. the German Paper has 1000 subscribers the Star has $384 \wedge^{\text{subscribers}}$ the Commissioners 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 need not be translate. last year the Commissioners paid for the printing to D.W.W. \$160.00 To C. Maser \$65.00. ON. Warden \$30.00 Winters & Buam \$30.00. Warden and Winters & Baum did not do the Shff. Printing Mr. Maser says that he has told the Commissioners that he ought to have the same price they paid to the English Printers $\wedge^{D.W.Woods}$ and he would do the half of the work and all the Translation &c the fact is that the commissioners ware determined that the Germen paper should have no printing they never invited Moser even to sine their agreement for

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for \$35.00 but they ware endeavoring to push him of from time to time. A man to do all the County & shff Printing and do all the translation for the sum of \$35.00 would have to be a Grade fool.

I will now inform you of the treatment the Commissioners Gave me sins I Publish 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 & shff Printing that treated me with contempt for they Gave me no answer I stood their for some time I then left the offices I the two Commissioners ware Barben & Himebach. I asked them the second time for the Printing this was on Kliekners Pavement James Barbing said that he did not want any Germen Printing don at and would not agree to pay me one cent any thing for Germen printing Himelbach gave me no satisfaction more then he said he would agree to any thing Barben agrees. we have not deemed it necessary to send any more Patens. for I know that almost every person is in favor and no man dare appose it openly for the request is to sustain the the rites of our Germen people in our country and they are so large in the Majority that it is perfect nonsense to pretend that thay will submit to such treatment. for their money is to pay for the printing and Commissioners have Given the Printing to three English papers and have refused it entirely to the German Paper, their are a few men that have accomplish this rascally treatment to our Atowards our German People. those men Care nothing for the Whig party or they would not act as they have

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don. the rest of the officers on Daniel Bellmon also has taken his printing form the German papers and has it don in two English papers.

you have seen my address pupubins publish they are my

sentiments. I am sorry for the break in our party. if you had reference to the fiends of or to thos that had supported Dr. Eizster it is in relation to arrangements next fall your information in without any foundation

you are very Popular with our party and the Sentiments Content in your Recommendation are correct.

I must Close to reach the mail

Yours Respectfully

New Berlin April 4 / 51

bol E. Slifer

Dear sir you have again line recommented for senator. I pupelish it in bermon & Engelish you have meny founds that are inform of making you the bandedake. I have seene the letter you writes to Dr. Eyster. it appears you hand oundestand one thing that is that meny of the Democrats have asked for the law that the Printing should be don in bermon also I ban enploy this to you the union Democrat is the only burnen Paper Rubelish in our to. many of the Democrato take the Vaper and in is the only paper that bed for every miny of them bannat reede or renderstand the Engelish and as thay must pay that a pisted us here infaver of having the face for the purpos to sustaine than Democradict friends in there rites;

I have seene tol Mr. F. Magensellers letter thom you ware you state that the hill has pased the Housin relation to, the bernen printing, the Low aunt to include the Shiff. Winding for bount It Elichion Procolomation & and onless there is aprovision that the printing is to be bien to the paper that has the largest birculation the releaderet I may be defeded. that is to bive the news to the Repel for there mite be a paper started that had but a smoul Einculation and do the Nubelick Frinting. you deserve much bot for the bourse you have Bresued type would be ther

have the Low write so that the bermen Reepel band he deserved or Scheded oute of thase writes by any twist hook or krook, if you will have the Law Pased write it will bive you more real strens and Popularity then any other thing that you bould do for the Repel of our bounty for than is not one man that daris to appose the pushis of such a law openly and directely ... yours Respectfully Grack butching N.B. Thave had all the bounty B Minting X. Translated and have Repelest it also in my bermen paper the how ourt to be so pased that I would Received a resenched componsations for my worick the mather is mis you and as you will make it I will be sadisfied lete me here from you thave sente you I my Thiend Cormingham papers wich sontone your recommadations is papelish you may bount me one of your yorom friends

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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 written to Dr. Eyster. it appears you can't understand one thing that is that many of the Democrats have asked for the law that the Printing should be don in German also I Can explain this to you. the union Democrat is the only German Paper Publish in our Co. many of the Democrats take the Paper and in is the only paper that Get for every many of them Cannot read or understand the English and as they must pay their portion to have the Printing don those Democrats are in that assisted us here \wedge are in favor of having the Law for the purpose to sustain their Democratic friends in their rights!

I have seen Col W.F. Wagensellers letter from you ware you state that the bill has passed the House in relations to the German printing. the Law ought to include the Shff. Printing for Court & Election Proclamation &c and unless their is a provision that the printing is to be Given to the paper that has the largest Circulation the real object may be defeated. that is to Give the news to the People for their mite be a paper started that had but a small Circulation and do the Public Printing. you deserve much crt for the Course you have pursued & you would better

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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 Berlins April 7. /51

bob Eli Slifer Dear Sir yours yours of the 2 inst was Ricewed. Those writen to you on friday, in that letter I predicked that there might be another Sermon poper started for The purpos to bed the bermon pupelisk printing to day of ue of thos that are determent to beake me and the bermon hapen down have bomensed to make an angements to smoch the publick printing for the paper that has more subcrebers in our to. then all the rest tombind you out to that the Low will be So amonded to sive the printing to the aper that has the larges Eusculations, Iknow that you will see that the will be so Pased to sive the proper informations to our bermon Refee and Some shure thay will sustain you for daing so. there are only a hout four or five persons in this muvement. They have nothing for the Mhig Party thare only ame is revens. I tan not say or name the person that is likely to bid the nom anation for Judge. bol. G. F. Diller will be recommended for Senator this week Ido not know wether it is with historient If you will take the field I beleve you tan sucede. Smust blose for the time for blosing the mare is at hand yours Respectfully MBit is Frederick smith & Compeny that is to bed ope this paper to make disturbens to g. f.

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 $\wedge^{\text{to start a new German paper}}$ 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.

I Can not say or name the person that is likely to Get the nomination for Judge. Col. G.F Diller will be recommended for Senator this week I do no 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

N.B it is Frederick smith & Company that is to Get the paper to make distributions &c I.G

Selinsgrove January 30 ~ 1854

bol. E. Slifer Sir

I received yours some ten days sins. on friday at Lewisburg Mr. bameron couled me into his offile. and we had a long conversation in relation to the differand mathers now ounder consideration he insisted on me to write to you I must confep I could not ounderstand him in urging me to write to you after I had informed him of my loves Pand expenses. and that I had hard Tuking to bed along. I also informed him that I would be tompeled to sell my printing office to meete his Note ountill spring he is aposed to my properitions and desires that I should keepe the offices, The said I should have some aproteno and said I should write to you. I told him that I sould not ask you to render me apistens to I had no blame on you will he said he would write to you and he would arange the mather with you, I have now preformed that wich he has requested to da me to da, has he writers to you on this subject. I ame in the dark mr. Cameron may have had his reans for not explaning to me, I have no doubt he is senseare in the mather. pleas answer my inquiry

I supose you could bed the Publishers of the Harrisburg Union and State formel to exchange with me. I have not seene a Harrisburg, Paper this Minter, will you be at our next bourt Who is to be our bandedate for Sovernor, would it not be boad polesey to make no nomenation for bournor and providing ben bameron bould be indused to take the field against Bigeler. what shall be the man to beete Old Ner for Nomenation for Congress next Sumers he must be flored, bol. Wagenseller who was elected thareman by the Committee and O. M. Mordon seeling have bouled acounty meeting for monday of court to elect Delegates to the state

Convention the Star faction have taled one on tuesday for the same purpos, I have no fears that the Delegate He elected ounder the baul of Magenseller + Mardon will bed there seats in the Whig state Convention you, and to be hear at court there is an emended side I worick don in our bounty in an ounderhanded way to rules me and that is all thay sare fore. Thay all know that I ame incent but they bare nothing for that so that thay ban aromhligh thase heligh desines, you may relie on this that there is much danger in this county to submite any thing to the people in Relation to the R. R no man can bed Justies on this subject. and the court is also lening with the broud. Jask nothing but Justiles and I fedr it will be hard to bed Justice ounder execting tirmstances you will, the reasons I doine in my ment paper. Shave, Shanged my opinion Islorge Hermebach aust to be prosecuted. I ame sadisfied it would be an advandage to us all and he aust to be porigle for the orgerage he has committed aginst insend men, yours Respectfully Grad butelies

Selinsgrove January 30 ~ 1854

Sol. E. Slifer 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 different matters now under Consideration he insisted on me to write to you after I had informed him of my loses and expenses. and that I had hard taking to Get along. I also informed him that I would be Compelled to sell my printing office to meet his Note until spring. he is apposed to my proposition and desires that I should keep the offices, he said I should have some assistance and said I should write to you. I told him that I could not ask you to render me assistance as I had no Claim on you. well he said he would write to you and he would arrange the matter with you, I have now preformed that which he has requested to du me to do, has he written to you on this subject. I am in the dark mr. Cameron may have had his reasons for not explaining to me, I have no doubt that he is sincere in the matter. please answer my inquiry

I suppose you could Get the Publishers of the Harrisburg Union and Sate journal to exchange with me. I have not seen a Harrisburg \wedge ^{English} Paper this Winter, will you be at your 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 Bigeler. who shall be the man to beat Old Nev for Nomination for Congress next Summer he must be floored, Col. Wagenseller who was elected Chairman by the Committee and ON. Wordon Secretly have Called a county meeting for monday of Court to elect Delegates to the State

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Convention the Star faction have Called one on tuesday for the Same purpose, I have no fears that the Delegate of elected under the Call of Wagenseller & Wardon will Get their seats in the Whig state Convention you \land ^{should} ort to be here at Court there is an immense side of work done in our County in an underhanded way to ruin me and that is all they Care for. they all know that I am innocent but Care nothing for that so that they Can accomplish their hellish 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 leaning with the Crowd. I ask nothing but Justice and I fear it will he hard to Get Justice under existing Circumstances you will \wedge see the reason I assign in my next paper.

I have \wedge ^{never} Changed my opinion

George Heemebach ought to be prosecuted. I am satisfied it would be an advantage to us all and he ought to be punished for the outrages he has Committed against innocent men, your Respectfully

Selinsgrove January 30 n 1854 bol E. Slifer Sir I supose you have herd the result of the examonation at Leursbirg in relation to the R. R. Suter. of friday last if you have not you will see an account of it in my poper. of the week. Inclosed I sent you Ten Dollars, Swill ask you to du me the faver to so emedenly to llo beorge Bergner Bermon printigand by two borldels of Printing paper 22 Inoh by 28 Inohe tig he has any of that description and if he has non of that discription then take some of him the side he prints his paper on it is a little larger then it netes to be but that makes no differans. I send the paper by the expreptine, wethout fail. I will take my paper all from Un. Bergner if he will let me have it at a fare prise. yours Respectfully Israel butchis

Selinsgrove January 30 ~ 1854

Col E. Slifer Sir

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 $\frac{by}{by}$ 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. $\frac{1}{4}$ send the paper by the express line, without fail

I will take my paper all from M. Bergner if he will le me have it at a fare price.

yours Respectfully

Selinsgrove Febry 4-54

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Dear Sir I received yours of the 2 Inst and was much supresed to lerve that you have prepared my tase and others to thange the benue. you had informed me that it was decided not to make an eford. That it would fall in the lower Hous. when I writen my last letter to you I said nothing on the subgect as I had taken it for brandled that not eford was to be made, The state, I send to you was Sant before I need you letter informing me that it Tould not be basied in the lower Hous I the Statement was prepared by Mr. Casey and sent to me in a letter I had not bent consulted on the subject rountely I had taken it for branded wen it was sent to me by your Attarney Un basey that the mather was so desided and I feld my self bound to sine the statement after I had lovected it. I was much inforer of having the matter Changed but after Thad lerned that my friends ware aposed to it I had suad up mi bouchided that it would be best for me not to rebele agant my friends, it appears now that Mr. Edgey made this nuvement himself at this late day. I we must now make the best oute of it ounder tall the simstance we ban. I would be much mortefied if the attempt is made and would fail. I ame sary I did not shake of the mather in my last to you, on monday next I must appeare before John Sunford Esq alos Sundy & Gyer Mangezer and his harty are goint to take testemony in relation to the Sutes. Juill see them thave and have Som conversation with them in relations to the Change of the benue te. I supose bol He - E. Eyer will borne to Harrisburg if neper if the matther has here tomens we must fite it threws if hoseful or you must inischar it if you can de

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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 \wedge statement 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 & Ever 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

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bal Eli Slefer Dear sin

I received yours informing me that my mathers would be aranged sadiofactory to my lef and friends and the you had not time to inform me but that Col. Eyer would be home in a fee day and he would exclude to me who how it was aranged. Mr. Eyer arwid here in the stage at 10. Oclock P. M. I had an intervie with him. he can not sive me any poortiff information except that you have agreed whethe with made an agreement with john Suinford and Dr. E. Milan that you would stay the bill to Thange the venue, and they Sumford & Wilson agreed that the sute should not he tried this bourt and that the sute should be setted whon condition that the R. B. of lenion soundy should be octurned. this is all I ban sunderstand of Mr. Eyek, in Justice to my self I file bound To say that such a compremise as I ounderstand, now would be districtiff to shy Careetor to returne the R. R. B upon condition that I should be bleven blear. I ame perfectely sadesfied that the A- tompeny shall returne the Bonds but not lipon the sonditions above staded. From the Time you had informed me that you ware apposed to a change of benue. Shad left that mather rest ountill I was directed by your boundil by letter to muce in the mather I stade his instructions I had no lot or part in that lost movement all the gues much Greved when I was first informed by you that you was aposed to the change of the venue. but as I knew I was from poor and not able to fite my friends and enemays I feld found to Submit to the dictations of my friends, all the It was contrary to my own Judgement and to the Judgement of all my timenteoted friends who are not interested in the R. R. B. so fake as I sould apertain the mure to Change the benne has bene aproved of by every Intelegent man it the bounty oute of Newberlin. they all agriley that I sould not bed an imparchel Jury to trie my back and tharefore Justice required a Change. I can see nathing gin your argements in operation to a Change you know that a large majority of the Jurers feele them selfs more intrested in this R. R. debt then thay du if thay wore to set as forms

to deside on g in sute they ware indudely intrested and meny of them who are persenel friends of myne yould secretion monotheast any evidens with the hope of being exemenaded of the R. R. debt now I ban not see how any han can come to the conclutions that it bould Operate against me to the Bhange the venue when the facts above named ban be astablish by Hundreds of Intelegen men in our bounty. if the intelegent men in Down bounty ware slotected as Jures I would ask no change of the venue, I desire to be plane on this subject If and I hope you will not be displeased wer I tell you that with I mestely believe. The attempte to Change the venue should not have bene made ounless it was determed to barrie it threw if it bould by don Mr. Eyer says it bould be baried without a doubt, if this was don our persecuters would surender at oneof I know that they will never appeare in another bounty to trie this broundlep suite. informed, that Simington had left Rearrisburg and had requested the Hous to let the mather rest ountill be returned. This is a contempted trick with Semington had not branes andle to have concated him selfs he wend post hast to Newberten a meeting was emedenely balled to take to make arangements at every secrefise to prevente a change in the venue. Suinford & Hellows wave depaispached to rearresburg in Grade host. Some deshowest secunderle at Newberlin indused simington to leve Hearrishing ourder from fouls pretentions and to request the Hous not to act on this bill ountill he would return, in this way the Newberleners expected thay bould stave of the bill that it bould not pase before Court D. have no doubt thay will agree to Continue the sates to may, they know the Legeslation will agoine before may court then thay would have the mathem as just as they desire to have it. If you should have plased your Self in a setuction that you should feal your self bound not to urge the pashed of the bill pased in the Senate. Shope you will let me know. So that I may prepare the nepery arangements to buddy Sadesfie the member of the House that the bill aunt to pose I ban bed hundreds of men of the best men in the county to sine

a statement of facts as before stated in the forigoing who and that too who have allways beene aposed to the subcribtions and The Bonds thay will sine a statement that I ban not ounder excesting birmstanses in this bounty bed a fare and imparched trill and I have no fears that when ever this fact is proven to the members that any of them would refuse to sive me the wright and power to have afore trile this is all I ask

when I ame threw with the member of the Newberlin blick. that is when I have taken him Threw the union Democrat, for his dishonerable conduct in saving. oute the vargalety chemes of his contempted factions who have nomenated him to do these dirty worick. by that time he will fully ounderstand that he is nothing hep or mare then a mine till to to bay out the dirdy deshows and ordskely Schemes of a deshourst and Carupt faction I must be much disopointed if he will not have to be Entended with the offices to act as banstebles at that Meanisburg hirafty and even that offices is too Good for him, " Quill again

ask you for a list of members. This letter is badely

writen and espechely speled I ame slepy the block has strick three and I must store

yours Thaty Israel buteties

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 agread meth with made an agreement with John Swinford and Dr. C. Wilson that you would stay the bill to change the venue, and thay-Swinfford & 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 \wedge^{it} 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 paor 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 on g 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 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 H 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 \wedge^{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 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. Swinfford & \wedge^{Wilson} Willison ware disp dispatched to Harrisburg in Grade hast. Some dishonest scoundrels at Newberlin

induced Simingtom to leave Harrisburg under some fouls 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, I will again ask you

for a list of members.

This letter is badly written and especially spelled I am sleepy the Clock has struck three and I must Close

yours Truly

Selingrove Feby 17 - 1854 Col E. Slifer yours of the 13 inst was received I de not know that I have thanged you either directely or inducetely with "deserting your friends" I have only Said to you that I sould not see any well brounded argement in your operation to, for the venue and I ame of that opinion now, you know me will anofe to believe me that I ame allways banded and plain with my friends and if I differ with them as to the expedicency of a policy to be persued. I hope that no one will be disectified becose I differ with them ware my liberties are atoeted and ware I ame so depely intrested, I had a conversation with Mr Pucker at Mewberlin and from him I lerned the malify to richy the benne is not to be bhanged , he thinks the mather bould be staved of from time to time in this bounty and by the by the, would die off in this Edunty. We is mistaken, and I ame shure that it is time that I should be relived from this trobels and exprinses it has nearly taken up all my time and I are share that I are outs of pocked over one handred Dollar in money besite my time and the Ingeres I have sustaned in my bifonel and I know that this mather must be brought to a close it is destroying too many of my prospects to make Michael Keckner Coled on me at Court and informed me that Ils barneron told him that he heled the Nate yed ware he was bail in for me

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I never had convented that Mr. Cameron should have the note ounless he would sive up the Nate with Kleckners name. and that was my ounderstanding when I sent the note to you to bick to b. I ame excetenly say that Mr. E. has exposed me to my better pinocenters, one of my bail in the last Nate to E. has arledy bene operaded on to indever to make me trubel . It is hard for me to ounderstand Some men. I would never have bought the Printing offices at the anormes prise if I had not benel Meromised apistens to pay the amount providing my papers would subtain agenst wird and starm the prinsipels wich we belied ware baret. Dall I have to say at this time there been shamefall deserved, so fare as I know Thave bere fathfull to my friends in uphalding in my paper careet phinsepels at every secrepise Thad never consulded my downe intrest ware duty bould on me to make absective, of my persend intrest, The money I Baroud of the tit mot was not to pay the the printing offices, but the money I received for the foundery wich would have placed & I paid to Eyster for the printing offices, I due not know that I should have trobeld you with this matter, but I if I should Change my baroe herafter you will be able to ounderstand that I have bere forsed to du so to Sustain my self the it will be nefery for me to Say to you for fear you may draw some rong someticions that you are not among this of my pretended friends, who are asisting my persecutions to have Salesfaction on me. I have bene kicked and boled by all parties and I must bhange my opinion if I will not persue my owne Borse. Those I san find some friend who will releve my off if not I must sell to fay him he has notes when bail Those soficent in nomber at least Provens true fateties

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I do not know that I have Charged you either directly or indirectly with "disserting your friends" I have only said to you that I could not see any well Grounded argument in your opposition to \wedge^{Change} pas the venue and I am of that opinion now, you know me well enough to believe me that I am always Candid and plain with my friends and if I differ with them as to the expediency to a policy to be pursued. I hope that no one will be dissatisfied because I differ with them where my liberties are attacked and ware I am so deeply interested.

I had a conversation with Mr. Pucker at Newberlin and from him I learned the motive $\frac{1}{100}$ 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 $\wedge^{\text{excitement}}$ 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 <u>Mr Cameron</u> 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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I never had Consented that Mr. Cameron should have the note unless he would give up the Note with Kleckners name. and that was my understanding when I sent the Note to you to Give to C. I am exceedingly sorry that Mr. C. has exposed me to my bitter persecutors. one of my bail in the last Note to C. has already been operated 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 assistance to pay the amount providing my paper would sustain against wind and storm the principals which we believed ware Correct. - all I have to say at this time I have been shameful deceived. so far as I know I have been faithful to my friends in upholding in my paper Correct principals at every sacrifice I have never Consulted my own interest where duty Could on me to make a sacrifice, of my personal interest, The money I Barrowed of C. did not was not to pay the the printing offices. but the money I received for the foundry week 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 Case hereafter you will be able to understand that I have been forced to do so to sustain my self 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 on me. I have been kicked and Cursed by all parties and I must Change my opinion if I will not pursue my own Course. I hoe I can find some friend who will relieve me of C. if not I must sell to pay him. he has notes and bail I hope safe sent in number at least

yours truly