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Selinsgrove January 3th 1855

Col. E. Slifer

According to promise I inform you now that Col. Wagnerseller and myself intend to start for Harrisburg tomorrow. Mr Casey I have understood has come down on Monday. You had better come down at once.

Who will bring your Petition to Harrisburg how many sinners have you on your side if you write to me direct to Harrisburg.

We have a few over eleven hundred on ~~our~~ our side we intend to get some more sinners, we will have twelve hundred at least I would like to have your petition at Harrisburg without delay I do not intend to stay very long there it is too expensive.

Your Friend

Israel Cutler

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Selinsgrove May 2 ~ 1855

Col E. Slifer

Dear Sir

I received yours of the
1. inst and am a littel surprisid to find that you
excepied so much feeling on the subject of changing
the line. our friends here are of the opinion if the
change was made would frustrate all there hopes
and I know you would not willfully do any thing
to inger you friends at Selinsgrove ~~if~~ we do not
ask you to forfeit your word. ~~and~~ it is not nepery
that you should do so neather is it nepery that you
should insist to force the bill throu the Legestature
this session. therefore I do not see the nepery of you
showing so much feeling on this subject. I am
sadesfild from the tone of you letter, that you have
more feeling on this subject then you ought to have.
Lewisburg ^{will} have more votes then will be nepery to
secure the secte of Quarters. again Selinsgrove has given
away to Lewisburg all winter on ever point.
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to a change but he ounderstood you that you
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Township Mr P. Fisher I was informed says the
same. Col. Wagenseller. says he did not vote the
bill but ounderstood you to give Snyder County
all Union Township. I have no doubt the whole
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let me heree from you. Mr H. W. Snyder. has



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 which belongs to Snyder County North of Penns creek
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 and the part of Union Township belonging to Union
 County is in the same situation. ~~How~~ How would
 it do to have that part of Jackson Township north
 of Penns creek put to Union Township in Snyder
 County and that part of Union Township in Union
 County to East Buffalo Township for the next
 election. I have only detected these blunders in the
 bill yesterday see that this matter is attended
 to as the blame will ~~not~~ be put on you and myself
 if this people can not vote next fall

I would have come to Harrisburg this week
 if I had not had a water attack of the fever.

Selinsgrove Middletown Freeburg
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 candidates for the seats of Justices yesterday

Yours Respectfully

Israel Butcher

Joseph G. ...
 Selinsgrove Pa

Selinsgrove May 2 ~ 1855

Col E. Slifer

Dear Sir

I received yours of the 1 inst and am a little surprised to find that you expected so much feeling on the subject of changing the line. our friends here are of the opinion if the change was made would prostrate all their hopes and I know you would not willfully do any thing in injure you friends at Selinsgrove ~~y~~ we do not ask you to forfeit your word. ~~yea~~ it is not necessary that you should do so neither is it necessary that you should insist to force the bill through the Legislature this session. therefore I do not see the necessity of you showing so much feeling on this subject. I am satisfied from the tone of you letter that you have more feeling on this subject then you ought to have. Lewisburg will have more votes then will be necessary to secure the seat of Justice. again Selinsgrove has Given away to Lewisburg all winter on every point. Mr G. Schnure admits that he has consented so far as he is concerned he makes no Objections to a change but he understood you that you only wanted to cut a small corner from union Township Mr. P. Fisher I was informed says the same. Col. Wagenseller says he did not read the bill but understood you to Give Snyder County all Union Township. I have no doubt the whole matter is only a misunderstanding. I know that not one of you would willfully make a misrepresentation. the bill must not pass this session let me hear from you. Mr H. W. Snyder has

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Israel Gutelius

Selinsgrove May 24th 1855

Col Eli Miller

Dear friend

I received your in which you informed me that Col. S. F. Miller was to arrange my claim. I don't understand him he is rather empty on that subject I suppose it will not cost his money to settle my claim. I only ask you to send me a bill of the Rail Road Charter from Selinsgrove to Mifflintown. it would be of some advantage to me to have one now. and I hope you will send me one without delay as you can see one without much trouble.

The Court has decided to contest the division election to come on the 10 day of June next in the Court House in Newberlin the proceedings are in the Court of Quarter Session this makes it look squally for us as we can not take an appeal from the Court of Quarter Session to the Supreme Court. I am confident that the Court is wrong but I can not see that we have any remedy. the subject should have been tried in the Court of Common Pleas. but the anty division men made the blunders or several blunders that were fatal in the Court of Common Pleas to these proceedings and as a majority of the Judges are determined to give them an investigation they have consented and ordered the investigation in the Court of Quarter Session. There are no arrangements made by the division men. and I have not been at Newberlin since Monday. I understood the Judge then to say that if we could not show that there were any legal votes our self we filed a petition &c specifying the voters who we intend to prove that have polled legal votes against division I have urged our men to see to work at once and make the necessary preparations but I could not make them come to any proper understanding

Original gotelias
Selinsgrove May 24

I would have been to Newberlin to see about the matter but on Tuesday I had the fever again and was therefore not able to do so. It may be that I will be well anope to see there tomorrow I am shure if you and I doe not attend to it we ~~may~~ ^{may} be flored and I will say to you now that I am almost worn oute and it is no wonder so meny of our men are a fraid to spend aday or a daller to carry this matter threu. I have spend the biges portion of two years and severl hundred dollars to carry this matter threu. God it appears to me it would be rong to surrender now. Besides my other losses I have lost belween 3 & 4 hundred subscribers becoze I went for division and I dont know that I received 20 becoze I suported division I received meny New subscribers but not on account of suporting division The anty R. R. men and the anty division men used every eford in thare power to induce my subscribers to discontinue my paper. You may rely upon it is a Loco fco scheme to prevent a division. an anty division Whig told me sins the division bill has passed that they could pass any bill threu the senate in relation to the division over the hed of sellers that every Loco fco in the senate would be with them but he said they could make no show in the House and therefore they made no move.

You will see in ^{of this week} my paper that I am down on this arrangement of the Court and I flather my self that I have flored them. I have examined them ^{law} with grade care and have spend much time in the examination and I am certen that I am corect. I wound you to read the artickele carefull let me here from you

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yours Respectfully

Israel Gutelius

Belinsgrove Sept 14th 1855

Col. Eli Miller

Dear Sir

Yours of the 3rd inst came to hand. I am sorry that you could even for one moment suppose that I could find any fault with you I know that you are and have been my true friend, and no earthly power could induce me to for get your many kind favors you have don me no sir I hope never never to be guilty of that black crime of ingratitude to do injustice to those who have sustained and supported me in time of need. I hope this will be satisfactory and remove every doubt on your mind on this subject.

I am glad to learn that you have seen to the matter with Mr. Miller. I want to have it remedied to fix my matters with Mr. Toggart. If I don I will get into another trouble, ^{with} as I have promised it to him this week for section, and I have no hope unless you will see to it all my hopes are with you or threw you, will you inform me how it is.

You have said nothing in relation to the note Cameron was to hand to you when you gave him another note for the one he held against me and others I hope you remember how it was. but you are the only person that do know and life is my sister. there fore if Cameron do not hand over the ^{to me} note, he has in his possession against me and others who have baled me, ^{for which he was paid in full by the note you handed him} I will prosecute him and call you for witness. he has no favors to expect from me after the treatment he has given me in making costes upon me for to fill the pockets of his son in law. John Packer. I will pay him for his mean treatment, as I had told him if he wound the money I owed him I would use it for him if I wount ~~to do it~~ I could show or prove to the world some of his unlawfull acts last winter and before and he knows it. on your account and some others in the election for the secte of Justice is near at hand I will not do it for the present as it might inger the ^{election for your town}

I will have
but my note, he holds for which he had another one and has
now the more and J. P. the attory fees on the sute against
J. without delay. he had promised in your presents to give
you the note as soon as I would send the note to ^{you} for him
it looks if he intended to select that note too after
a lapse of time or he would have given it to you as he had
promised to do or would have given it to me. you
may say I aurt not to trouble you about this matter this
is so but he has the note and you are the onley one that
know how it is. and as you and he are good friends I thout
I would let you know before I proceeded against him or
you might have send me for proceeding against him before
I told you. I ask no favors of him so longe as I and you are
alife but if I and you were ded he or his ares would make
my estate pay that note or the men who bailed me —
if my estate was not able to pay.

I suppose you have seen
in my Paper of last week that the Whig in Snyder County
have aided to the Standing Committee of the two whings
of the whig party have decided in publishing a call for
delegate selection and a county convention. things look
very well in our Co. I think we will be perfectly aided
(W & A. in our Co. the onley difficulty I know of now is
in relation to the member. I want a man that is and will
be your friend. we will have a full delegation at our convention
and we will elect good conferees to meete the conferees of Jun-
iota County and from your County if you can manage matter
to elect some. it appears to me things look bad in your Co
and if your folks dont manage things differand from what
they have don you may lose the seite of Justes throew bad
management. you may depend upon it things have turnd
some against your town your folks have hold so many differand
meetings and all the defided candidates, ^{for nomination} will turn against
your town. your folks have no distomack arangements
and there is no concert of action amongs them every one has

a plan of his own and your papers are badly conducted
you, ^{our} ~~set~~ to be at home and take the management of the
Campaign.

We have been steadily gaining on the subject of
the secte of Justice and I believe if we succeed in forming
a ticket of our best whigs in the Beavers & that we are
on the subject of the secte of Justice the whole matter must
be done by good and judicious management this matter
is of Carol Confedengal. you have seen ~~seen~~ that Mr. W. H.
Taggart has been recommended for Member he was here
I had a long talk with him in relation to your self he said
to me he was a friend of yours and would support you
for any thing. provided that you would not use your
influence to elevate Gen S. Cameron. I informed him that
the Camerons went last winter for Cal he was much
surprised. he does not desire to be a candidate at least he told
me so when I seen him several weeks since. Mr. Nev. will
not be a candidate if we nominate Col. Aaron J. Middle-
clowarth for shiff. I think he will be nominated.

I dont know who to go for. ~~member~~ member I suppose
Dr. Croford is laid on the ~~shiff~~ shiff. he had went into
the Democradick convention in his county for nomination
and was flored. and his friends in Senious & Snyder
were flored yesterday at Newberlin now it will
not do for the W & A. to nominate him in a Whig conven-
tion and we must nominate some one. Give me your
opinion and if you know or have a man name him
I would like to know it sure, some of our men in our
County have bee at me to be a candidate I have no aspiration
for office Dr. Speck & Col. Wagenseller & G. W. Snyder have
also been spoken of. but many of our men here are not in favor
of any of them as neather of them is op to manage to bether
op strems so that they would secure there elections. I am
willing to go for either of them they are all good men
I do not know that either of them desires to be

deandedate. for fear you ~~would~~ will draw some
wrong Conclutions I will nearly say that I will not
oppose any man in ~~spolating~~ his own account of W.
Cameron's ~~but~~ treatment

I must close or you will
not read all I have written

I am abel to be f about
the House and expect to be out tomorrow

Your sincere Friend
Isaac Butler

Selinsgrove Sept 4th 1855

Col. Eli Slifer

Dear Sir

Yours of the 3rd inst came to hand. I am sorry that you could even for one moment suppose that I could find any fault with you I know that you are and have been my true friend. and no earthly power could induce me to forget your many kind favors you have done me no sir I hope never never to be Guilty of that black Crime of ingratitude to do injustice to those who have sustained and supported me in time of need. I hope this will be satisfactory and remove every doubt on your mind on this subject.

I am Glad to learn that you have seen to the matter with Mr. Miller. I ought to have it immediately to fix my matters with Mr. Taggart. If I don't I will Get into another trouble with T. as I have promised it to him this week for certain. and I have no hope unless you will see to it all my hopes are with you or through you. will you inform me how it is.

You have said nothing in relation to the note Cameron was to hand to you when you Gave him another note for the one he held against me and others I hope you remember how it was. but you are the only person that dose know and life is uncertain. therefore if Cameron does not hand over the note to me he has in his position against me and other who have bailed me for which he was paid in full by the note you handed him I will prosecute him and call you for witness. he has not favors to expect from me after the treatment he has given me in making Costs upon me for to fill the pockets of his son in law, John Packer. I will pay him for his mean treatment, as I had told if he want the money I owed him I would raise it for him if I want ~~to do~~ it I could show or prove to the world some of his unlawful acts last winter and before and he knows it. on your account and some others as the elections for the seat of Justice is near at hand I will not do it for the present as it might injure the election for your town.

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but my note I will have he holds for which he had another one and has now the money and J. P. the attorney fees on the suit against you the note as soon as I would send the note to you ~~for~~ for him it looks if he intended to collect that note too after a lapse of time or he would have Given it to you as he had promised to do or would have Given it to me. you may say I ought not to trouble you about the matter this is so but he has the note and you are the only one that know how it is. and as you and he are Good friends I thought I would let you know before I proceeded against him or you might have censored me for proceeding against him before I told you. I ask no favors of him so long as I and you are alive, but if I and you were dead he or his heirs would make my estate pay. that note or the men who bailed me- if my estate was not able to pay.

I suppose you have seen in my Paper of last week that the Whigs in Snyder County have appointed ~~to~~ the standing Committees of the two wings of the whig party have united in publishing a call for delegate election and a county Convention. things look very well in our Co. I think we will be perfectly united (W & A. in our Co. the only difficulty I know of now is in relation to the member. I want a man that is and will be your friend. we will have a full delegation at our Convention and we will elect Good Conferees to meet the Conferees of Juniata County and from your County if you Can manage matters to elect some. it appears to me things look bad in your Co. and if your folks don't manage things different from what they have done you may loose the seat of Justice through bad management.

you may depend upon it things have turned some against your Town your folks have called so many different meetings and all the defended Candidates for nomination will turn against your town. your folks have no systematic arrangements and there is no concert of action amongst them every one has

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a plan of his own and your papers are badly conducted you ought ~~not~~ to be at home and take the management of the Campaign.

We have been Steadily Gaining on the subject of the seat of Justice and I believe if we succeed in forming a ticket of our best whigs in the Beavers &c that we are on the subject of the seat of Justice the whole matter must be done by Good and Judicious management this matter is of Course Confidential. you have seen ~~seen~~ that Mr. M. H. Taggart has been recommended for Member he was here I had a long talk with him in relation to your self he said to me he was a friend of yours and would support you for any thing. provided that you would not use influence to elevate Gen S. Cameron. I informed him that the Camerons went last winter for Baly he was much surprised. he does not desire to be a candidate at least he told me so when I seen him several weeks since. Ole Nev. will not be a candidate if we nominate Col. Aaron J. Middleswarth for shff. I think he will be nominated I don't know who to Go for. member I suppose Dr. Crawford is laid on the ~~shelf~~ shelf. he had went into the Democratic Convention in his County for nomination and was floored. and his friends in Union & Snyder were Floored yesterday at Newberlin ~~in~~ now it will not do for the W & A. to nominate him in a Whig Convention and we must Nominate Some one. Give me your opinion and if you know or have a man name him I would like to know it soon, some of our men in our County have been at me to be a candidate I have no aspiration for offices D. Speck & Col. Wagenseller & H. W. Snyder have also been spoken of. but many of our men here are not infavor of any of them and neither of them is up to manage to Gather up Strengths so that they would secure their elections. I am willing to Go for either of them they are all Good men I do not know that either of them desires to be

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a candidate. for fear you ~~would~~ will draw some wrong Conclusions I will merely say that I will not appose any man in politics on account of W. Camerons bad treatment

I must Close or you will not read all I have written

I am able to be about the House and expect to be out

tomorrow

Your Sincere Friend
Israel Gutelius

Bellevue Sept 25th 1855

Col. & Slifer

Dear Sir Yours of the 24
was received.

I had written to our Nomenel to
invite me at Newberlin on yesterday he did not
come and I have received no answer from him
you say that he is in the hands of your enemys
I do not know how that is but I am glad to
inform you that Mr. M. T. Taggart is not an
enemy of yours but he is your friend and so is
Mr. & Cally and they will do all in their power for
Stevare if he is not pledged for S. Cameron and
all for you if you are a candidate for reelection Cally
and Taggart have promised me last evening that
they will take no part hereafter against Bellevue
nor against Lewisburg let me work them.

our men will all support Mr. Stevare so
far as I know and not one will make any
objection to him if he will pledge him self to
support you but they will not support him
if he has or will pledge him to support
S. Cameron. I asked the conferees of Juniata
County before we organized whether there candidate
could be relied on in relation to the U. S. Senator
that he would not vote for any man who was
not a true American Whig for U. S. Senator
they all answered that he would not support
any other man. I informed Taggart and his friends
Taggart said he would do all for him in power
if I was correctly informed. I would like to

See you and would come down but I
can really not afford it. I must save every
dollar to pay Taggart. I hope you
may rely upon it I will have matters
wrought for you no earthly power can
induce me to support a man who is
opposed to you It appears to me that
you want to be satisfied that I will be
true to you and it appears to me I have more
wrote with some of my old friends then I ever
had before. You know I am opposed to Cameron
and we will beat any man in Snyder County
1500 who is will run as a Cameron man
the half of the Democrats will be with
us and all the whigs I will teach Bill
Cameron a lesson this fall for his mean and
vulgar conduct towards me to for endeavoring
to run a poor man who had all ways been
his friend he mad me a lot of cost and at
one time forced me to pay \$18.00 bones
or presentage as he called it. have you asked him
aboute my old note and did he hand it to
you. I will teach Bill some other things if
will not satisfy me. but I may let him
slide outtill after the election for the secte
of Justis. I have been plain to you so that
you may cometyly understand my position
I would be sory if Dr C will become the tulle
of. Cameron but if he will do so he will
be beten 2000 you may rely on that I know
the whole arrangement if Dr. C. knew ~~the~~ how
matters are he would not run. Your True
and fast friend Isral Gutelius

Let me hear from you immediately

Selinsgrove Sept 25 th 1855

Col. E Slifer

Dear Sir yours of the 24 was received.

I had written to our Nominee to meet me at Newberlin on yesterday he did not come and I have received no answer from him you say that he is in the hands of your enemies I do not know how that is but I am Glad to inform you that Mr. M. H. Taggart is not an enemy of yours but he is your friend and so is Mr. C Cally and they will do all in their power for Strause if he is not pledged for S. Cameron and all for you if you are a candidate for reelection Cally and Taggart have promised me last evening that they will take no part hereafter against Selinsgrove nor against Lewisburg let me work them.

our men will all support Mr. Strause so far as I know and not one will make any objection to him if he will pledge him self to support you but they will not support him if he has or will pledge him to support S. Cameron. I asked the Conferees of Juniata County before we organized whether there Candidate could be relied on in relation to the U. S. Senator that he would not vote for any man who was not a true American Whig for U. S. Senator they all answered that he would not support any other man. I informed Taggerd and his friends Taggart said he would do all for him in power if I was correctly informed. I would like to

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see you and would come down but I can really not afford it. I must save every dollar to pay Taggart. keep Cool you may rely upon it I will have matters right for you no earthly power can induce me to support a man who is opposed to you It appears to me that you ought to be satisfied that I will be true to you and it appears to me I have more weight with some of my old friends then I ever had before. you know I am opposed to Cameron and we will beat any man in Snyder County 1500 who is will run as a Cameron man the half of the Democrats will Go with us and all the whigs I will teach Bill Cameron a lesson this fall for his mean and rascally conduct towards me ~~to~~ for endeavoring to ruin a poor man who had always been his friend he made me a lot of cost and at one time before forced me to pay \$18.00 bones or percentage as he called it. have you asked him about my old note and did he hand it to you. I will teach Bill some other things if will not satisfy me. but I may let him slide until after the election for the seat of Justice. I have been plain to you so that you may correctly understand my position I would be sorry if Dr. C will become the tool of Cameron but if he will do so he will be beaten 2000 you may rely on that I know the whole arrangement if Dr. C. knew ~~w~~ how matters are he would not run. your True and fast friend Israel Gutelius

let me hear from you immediately—

Selinsgrove Sept. 26th 1855

Col E. Slifer

Dear Sir

I have today seen
Mr. Strouse. at Mr. M. W. Taggart. I went off to
Taggart to ascertain wether there was any truth
in the report you had had that Strouse was
to oppose you and when I was there Strouse came
~~after~~ ^{after} me. Mr. Taggart in my presense told him
that he was to suport you after I had stated
that you preceved his nomenation Strous replied
he was your worem friend and that he would
suport you and that no man had asked
him to oppose you. Strouse went from J. to
Newberlin. Taggart wrote a letter to his Newberlin
friends urging them to suport Strouse ~~and~~ without
requering any pledge from him. Taggart is your
friend and will not take any parte agins Lewisburg
herafter. on the one question. he is opposed to B. C.
and S. C. Strous will have a very large majarity
in our county over 1000. I think the whigs will
all suport him and many of the Democrats.

Mr. Strouse is coming to Harrisburg
to night to see you tomorrow If he will decline
J. could be elected by a tremende vote I will
pledge my self for him for you I do not know
that Mr. Strouse has any notion to decline. you
may rely that the Cameron candidate will
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the movements this is confedengel your

Friend Israel Butcher

Met me here from you

Selinsgrove Sept. 26 th 1855

Col E. Slifer

Dear Sir

I have today seen Mr. Strauser. at Mr. M. H. Taggart. I went up to Taggart's to ascertain whether there was any truth in the report you had heard that Strause was to appose you and when I was there Strause came ~~affr~~ after me. Mr. Taggart in my presence told him that he are to support you after I had stated that you procured his nomination Straus replied he was your warm friend and that he would support you and that no man had asked him to oppose you. Strause went from T. to Newberlin. Taggart wrote a letter to his Newberlin friends urging them to support Strause ~~and~~ without requiring any pledge from him. Taggart is your friend and will not take any part against Lewisburg hereafter. on the one question. he is opposed to B. C. and S. C. Strous will have a very large majority in our county over 1000. I think the whigs will all support him and many of the Democrats.

Mr. Strause is coming to Harrisburg tonight to see you tomorrow if he will decline T. could be elected by a tremendous vote I will pledge myself for him for you I do not know that Mr. Strause has any notion to decline. you may rely that the Cameron Candidate will be beaten hard. If I could see your I could satisfy you beyond dispute I understand all the movements this is Confidential your

Friend Israel Gutelius

NB let me hear from you

Selinsgrove Sept 30 - 1855

Col. E. Blifer

Dear Sir I have written several
time to you and have received no answer I had
directed my letters to Harrisburg and I expect you
have not received them.

I have now been sick with
the fever and have been confined for three weeks.
I am much better and hope I will be able to be
out in a few days.

I suppose you know of the
game M. Cameron made on me in a false way
and I am tied in a tide place with M. H. Toggart
I hope you will see Col. G. F. Miller and make
him pay me the amount the R. R. Compy has
aloted to me I think if I had that which is honestly
coming to me of M. I could arrange the matter
with M. H. T. it should have been paid long since
to me. but it appears to me that some of your folks
after they have made all out of me they would
are as cruel as the Newberlin folks. I am shure I have
stood up for Lewisburg at all times and under
every cumstans. I would Cameron to give the note
to you he was to hand to you when you give him
the note with the names of M. H. T. my self
and others for which he sued T. and made me a lot
of cost after I had told him in may if he would
the money I would pay him. if he would let me know
if M. dond pay me now I dond, ^{know} how I will be there.
If you would any favor from me it shall be granted at any
sagrefise of my own if it is in my power to do so. yours
Israel Butcher

NB. I hope Mr. M. will not hesitate one moment
under existing circumstances he promised me in the Spring
to pay me in a short time. please answer me. if he does
not intend to pay me let him say so. yours &c
J. G.

Selinsgrove Sept 30 ~ 1855

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Israel Gutelius

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I. G

Silensgrove Oct. 8 1855

Col. E. Slifer

Dear Sir I am much
disappointed with Mr. Steudel. and if I could
make the amount now I could have made
a few days since I would do it provided it
would meete your approval. I have it yet in
my power to elect the Dr. or depede him
if I could onley see you early in the morning
I can make a differens of 1000. in two
ours either for one or the other. I will not
do it unless I am well satisfied if you
desire to have the matter aranged write to me
me and send a messenger but I must know
what I am to have.

this is confedence

in good hast
yours &c

Israel Cutler

Selinsgrove Oct. 8 ~ 55

Col. E. Slifer

Dear Sir I am much dissatisfied with Mr. Strause. and If I could make the amount now I could have made a few days since I would do it provided to would meet your approval. I have it yet in my power to elect the Dr. or defeat him If I could only see you early in the morning I Can make a difference of 1000. in two hours either for one or the other. I will not do it unless I am well satisfied If you desire to have the matter arranged write to ~~me~~ me and send a messenger but I must know what I am to have.

this is Confidential

in great haste
yours &c

Israel Gutelius

Shensgrove March 31th 1857

Col. E. Slifer

Dear Sir Yours of the 19th inst was received. In which you say you had a letter from Lewisstown. informing you that Mifflin County had Conceded the Senatorial Delegate to Union County;

I can see how this was managed no one need explain it to me.

I did not say to you in my letter that I would use my influence for your County for Senatorial Delegate if you would blame the Representiff vs. no I said to you that Kunkel had urged me to come, and if your County would go for me for Representiff I would use my influence for you for Senatorial Delegate. Remember we have three Counties in the Representiff district and four in the Senatorial. and the Delegates airt to be decided not only as a matter of Justice but as a matter of policy

I will admit you have amongst hands managed this matter very shrewdly yed I understand the whole and can see the whole matter as well as any of those who have managed it. Mr. H. Jaggart Esq. was elected Representiff you well knew that to him I would make no opposition. no but that I would do all I could to have his election conformed. Mr. Jaggart informed me at once of his election in your County I at once answered his letter and fully committed my self to sustain him in our county if in my power to do so.

after I had don this. then comes your letter making a strong personal appeal to give your County also the Senatorial delegate of course you well knew that I would not disregard your strong personal appeal. and have concluded to let you have the matter in your owne way It is very doubtful wether I could

or would have participated in the convention on the 25th inst. if I had been elected. I know that our party in our county are aposed. to nominate and elect any of the heretofore raticked free trade Locofoco who have given there influens ~~to~~ and votes to defende the Gradle and Good Day, and supported with all power and influens Polk and the exenation of Texas. with all the horours of Slavery over that wast Teretory. Thes men have by there votes and influens brought all the slave Teretory into the union and now after thay have don this, thay pretend to be infaver of free sail. and would not heretate to desolve the union to procure offices. every man must see that thay do not act from honest prinsepels. In 1854 The American party sweep the country. The old Locofocos and old Whigs who were broken down polotitions and ~~to~~ who were comitted against the american party. seen this popler demonstration of the people, ^{that} went to worick and meny of them goind the american party with the determination to brake it down and billt up a party of wich thay could be the leders and procure the offices a highanded game was pratized during last summer by thos pretended americans to induse the americans to suport Fremont. It was a base and shamefull behanded despection. Thes leding suporters of Fremont disprised Americanisom. This was fully demonstrated in the senate of the U. S. severl weeks agoe.

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There is one other subject I will name. This is this. our men here or some of them are bent to have the subject taken up in relation to the Transcribing of Doekeds &c. It is true with a few exceptions Lewisburg has treated me more since the division is carried very few remember the many sacrifices I made for there interest. It is very certen that without my labor your town would not now or for many years to have become the seat of Justice. I could make a big thing of it but on your and Millers account I dont like to do it.

I have branded your request and have said many things with my next mets your approval
Yours Respectfully
Israel Gutelius

Selinsgrove March 21th 1857

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that foreigners Should have the right to vote without being Naturalized. Now if you Nominate men who belong to that school of politics you will

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I have Granted your request and have said many things which my not mete your approval
yours Respectfully Israel Gutelius

Selinsgrove July 10th 1858

Col. E. Sifer.

My Dear Sir.

It is a long time since I have seen you or heard from you. Will you be a candidate for Congress. If so I want to know it by the return mail. I suppose you have seen in my paper early in the spring an article in favor of a renomination of the Hon. J. C. Kunkel. I have several times asked him by letters I written to him whether he was a candidate he has not said that he would be one. and I feel my self perfectly at liberty now to support who I please. I would like to see you on Monday or at least to here from you. I know there could be an arrangement made to carry our County for you. I hope it is not necessary for me to say to you that I am sincere in this matter. you know me too well to have any doubt of my sincerity. I would ^{not} betray or desert you for the whole world. I have always been your friend when you needed friends and you have always give me all you promised and even more. every other man I have assisted and labored for except one has sheded and betrays me. Mr. M. H. Taggart and your self are the only men who have don the fare thing. The reason I would like to see you on Monday is this on Tuesday some other candidates want to see me and I want to see you before I see them as I know you will do the fare thing. and the arrangement I spoke of to secure the County ^{for you} will cost no one except my self or in other words no one is to be sacrificed except my self. If I was ^{surely} ~~sure~~ that you was at home and I could get a horse I would come to see you on Monday. If you are a candidate I must see you on Monday. You have some strong friends at Harrisburg. you know I can advance your interest in the district in my own way.

Truly your Friend
Israel Gutelius

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complained that you have not paid the whole
amount of his expenses, the time he gave his interest
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To E. S.

from J. G.

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To E. S.

from I. G.

Selinsgrove July 16th 1858.

Col. E. Slifer.

My Dear Sir

I received your telegraph dispatch only today at 1/2 past 10. O'clock A. M. about 15 minutes before I received your letter.

I have written to Mr. Killinger this morning, in answer to his letter in which he requested me to meet him and Mr. Kunkel "on Thursday or Friday of next week in George Town." I answered him that I was not well, now and therefore could not make an appointment to meet them. I have not said any thing in my letter that commits me to either of them I have rather given them the cold shoulder. The only thing I should not have said is this "that I was not well, it is true yet I feel now well and that I could go down to George Town tomorrow with Mr. Wals. but if I do so he would use my letter to him against me there, he would say to the people there that I practiced a deception on him by saying to him on Friday I was not well and to say when I could come to meet them, never the less I have not said that I would meet them at any time. Under these circumstances it would not be expedient for me to go tomorrow. I know it will be intine on Monday next and then I will go with Mr. Wals. I would rather go tomorrow if I was not afraid Killinger would make the people there believe I deceived him for the purpos to ~~be~~ get a head of him. I remember now that I have also said in my letter to him, that I had written to Kunkel and ask him to explain that with he (Killinger) had written in his former letter that is that he Kunkel, had explained there understanding to me &c. I said to Killinger in my letter this morning that Kunkel had not explained any thing to me but that I had asked him to do so and as soon as he had answered my letter I would write to him again. I am very shure it will be in time to go to George Town on Monday next

I would rather not go tomorrow for the reasons I have
stated yet if you will telegraph to me that ^{Wals has}
gone down and I will go with the Mail train, ^{tomorrow} as the
first train does not stop at our point.

I will see Mr. and see that matters are arranged in
our County. I will let you know when and where you are
needed.

If you consent to the time I named you need not
telegraph. you can write

Truly yours

Israel Gutters

Selinsgrove July 16th 1858.

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I have written to Mr. Killinger this morning. in answer to his letter in which he requested me to meet him and Mr. Kunkel “on Thursday or Friday of next week in Georgetown.” I answered him that I was not well now and therefore could not make a appointment to meet them. I have not Said any thing in my letter that Committees me to either of them I have rather Given them the cold shoulder. The only thing I should not have said is this “That I was not well. it is true yet I feel now well enough that I Could God down to George Town tomorrow with Mr. Wals. but if I do so he would use my letter to him against me there. he would say to the people there that I practiced a deception on him by saying to him on friday I was not well enough to say when I could come to meet them. never the less I have not said that I would meet them at any time. under these circumstances it would not be expected for me to Go tomorrow. I know it will be in time on monday next and then I will Go with Mr. Wals. I would rather Go tomorrow if I was not afraid Killenger would make the people there believe I deceived him for the purpose to ~~he~~ Get ahead of him. I remember now that I have also said in my letter to him that I had written to Kunkel and ask him to explain that which he (Killinger) had written in his former letter that is that he Kunkel. Had explained there understanding to me &c. I said to Killinger in my letter this morning that Kunkel had not explained any thing to me but that I had asked him to do so and as soon as he had answered my letter I would write to him again. I am very sure it will be in time to Go to George Town on monday next

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Truly yours
Israel Gutelius

Selinsgrove July 17th 1858

Col. E. Sifer.

My Dear Sir.

I will manage to be in the early train on Monday morning. You would better be along to George Town on Monday morning. I will see Mr. after we return from George Town and it may be that you would better be along to see him. We will see, when we meet

I have published an ^{Editorial} article a strong one in favor of Gen. Cameron, to be the candidate for President U.S. 1860. I will send him the paper and will write to him. I would have written, but Mr. W. Cameron, promised to write to him and request him to write to me, that will open the door for me, but for fear it has been neglected I will send him my paper and write to him at once.

I have also published a strong communication in my paper recommending you for Congress. There is no danger if I give the field to Mr.

You must not disappoint me on Monday we can certainly manage S.T. I have started the nomination of you for the Telegraph at Harrisburg &

Truel your Friend
Truel Cutler

Selinsgrove July 17th 1858

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Israel Gutelius

Selinsgrove July 21 / 58

Col. E. Meier

My Dear Sir, I will only have time now to say to you that I have been with Mr. Jeremiah Klebner you know he can manage Centre district, and Jackson. he promised me today that he would do all in his power for you or for your Abmonation. he is of the opinion we could carry the County for you. if I would remain a candidate for Judge. it may be we can. I am not too shure of it I have not seen him that is Nev. I know we can if I surrender I have writen to him to meet me in Middelburg. if you prefer that ~~to~~ ~~that~~ ~~me~~ ~~to~~ ~~do~~. I should give him the field if he will ~~not~~ ~~you~~ ~~support~~ support my plans and, ^{you} are willing to give \$100. I will do so I know we had talk about this matter. but never came to any final understanding. you may look upon this as attempting to make money from you. that is not so. I would not make the same offer to any living man. you have done me many favors and it is this, and the hope of your influens hereafter. yed I can not give my chans for nothing. when I know it is very good. this matter is now in your hands. If you prefer that I shall make the arrangements, you need only say make the arrangements, if you are willing to run the rist then say you need not make the arrangements. I had not counted Centre and Jackson for me heretofore for nomenation yed I am now certen I would bid them. yed I would had and without them. Old Nev. can do much for him self any more yed he may do a good deal for or against other candidates. and I have incourged you to be a candidate. and have made this propositions to you at the time yed we never came to a final conclusion, it is true when I made the proposition to you "You said you would do much better &c" I dond ask any more then \$100. that is for giving the field to Nev. for the purpos to secure the County for you. &c

Truely your friend
Israel Gutelius

Selinsgrove July 21 /58

Col. E. Slifer

My Dear sir, I will only have time enough to say to you that I have been with Mr. Junamid Kleckner you know he can manage centre district. and Jackson. he promised me today that he would do all in his power for you or for your Nomination. he is of the opinion we could cary the County for you. if I would remain a candidate for Judge. it may be we can. I am not too sure of it have not seen him that is Nev. I know we can if I surrender I have written to him to meet me in Middleburg. if you prefer that ~~to I should Give him \$100.~~ I should Give him the field if he will ~~not apose you or~~ support my plans and you are willing to Give \$100. I will do so I know we have a talk about this matter. but never Came to nay final understanding. you may look upon this as attempting to make money from you. that is not so. I would not make the same offer to any living man. you have don me many favors and it is this. and the hope of your influence hereafter. yet I can not Give my chance for nothing. when I know it is very Good. this matter is now in your hands. If you prefer that I shall make the arrangements, you need only say make the arrangements, if you are willing to runt the rest then say you need not make the arrangement. I had not counted Centre and Jackson for me heretofore for nomination yet I am now Certain I would Get them. yet I would had enough without them. Old Nev. Can't do much for him self any more yet he may do a Good deal for or against other Candidates. and I have encouraged you to be a candidate. and have made this proposition to you at the time yet we never Came to a final Conclusion, it is true when I made the proposition to you "You said you would do much better &c" I don't ask any more then \$100. this is for Giving up the field to Nev. for the purpose to secure the County for you, &c

Truly your Friend
Israel Gutelius

Selinsgrove October 5th 1858

Col. Eli Slifer.

Dear sir.

My prospects of an election are very good as things now stand. Col. Keller is and will remain a candidate he and his friends contend that he Keller is the regular candidate. Fulmar and his friends contend that he Fulmer is the regular candidate. Keller and Fulmer are both in the field and will remain in the field. Will you please see Mr. W. Cameron and request him to go to Northumberland county for me. I have again written to Gen. Cameron yesterday requesting him again to use his influence with his friends in our senatorial district. Will you please also to go to Sunbury for me and to any other place in our senatorial district to assist me in my election. It appears to me there can be no doubt in my election yet things some times turn very strange and it is my duty not to leave any thing upon. You know if I am elected you will have a true and shure friend in the Legislature. I know you can do much for me in a few days in our senatorial district and so can Mr. W. Cameron.

The election of Col. Wagenseller and Col. Paterson is safe. they will have 400. or 500 Majority in our county I will have 800. at least over both candidates and I think 1500 over Keller. I hope you can comply with my request. The leading friends of Mr. Kake in North & Co. will support my election I expect a majority in North & Co. over both. let me hear from you

Truely your friend
Israel Gutelius

Selinsgrove October 5th 1858

Col. Eli Slifer.

Dear Sir.

My prospects of an election are very Good as things now stand. Col. Keller is and will remain a candidate he and his friends contend that he Keller is the regular candidate. Fulmer and his friends contend that he Fullmer is the regular candidate. Keller and Fullmer are both in the field and will remain in the field. Will you please see Mr. W. Cameron and request him to Go to Northumberland county for me. I have again written to Gen. Cameron yesterday requesting him again to use his influence with his friends in our senatorial district. Will you please also to Go to Sunbury for me and to any other place in our Senatorial district to assist me in my election. It appears to me there can be no doubt in my election yet things some times turn very strange and it is my duty not to leave any thing undone. You know if I am elected you will have a true and sure friend in the Legislator I know you can do much for me in a few days in our Senatorial district and so can Mr. W. Cameron.

The election of Col. Wagenseller. and Col. Paterson is f safe. they will have 400. or 500 Majority in our County I will have 800. at least over both candidates and I think 1500 over Fuller. I hope you Can Comply with my request. The leading friends of Mr. Kake in North d co. will support my election I expect a majority in North d Co. over both. let me here from you

Truly your friend

Israel Gutelius

Selinsgrove January 31th 1859.

Col. E. Meiser

My Dear Sir,

My friend Mr. M. H. Taggart, has informed me that it would be desired, that I should use my influence with our Members to favor the appointment of M. H. Taggart to be made by you. I hope you will not hesitate one moment to give M. H. T. an appointment. You well know that he is honest and well qualified to perform the duty of the office, and that is one thing that you want to look to especially, and he has also a strong claim on you, as I believe that ~~the~~^{your} election of Senator has put you into a situation which has given you the opportunity to make your self popular in the State, with the people. And Mr. Taggart, was one of the most prominent and active men to assist me in bringing about that result.

It will now become necessary to say some things to you, that is first. I knew that Col. Wagenseller, had a grudge against you. Therefore I made him promise to support you for State Treasurer, before I agreed to support him, he was bound to vote for you. I also spoke to Col. J. J. Patterson, he also promised to support you. I have been your fast and prepetual friend. And I also know that I have secured the nomination of both our Members, with the positive promise to support your election for State Treasurer.

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2500 votes. and that the other three Counties had given
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to me. This is the way it was made. Schure said to
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vote for Wagenseller. I promptly denounced and reject-
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Col. Patterson stands all upright so far as I know and I am confident if the two other counties should nominate Col. W. that our county would defend him at the election but there is no danger that the two other counties would nominate a man in our county when our county would be opposed to him. I have no doubt our county would go for me if I would consent as our men are now all satisfied that I did the fair thing and that I was treated but. Truly your friend
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We are threw with our nominations but matters dont look as well as they aurt to. Uddelworth, W. G. Herrold, Daniel Witmer Jeremiah & Charles Kleckner and thare influ- ens are opposing Wagenseller. This party is suproding Nays, but Gardner is a posing, R. & W. and in our part of the County thare is a strong oposition to R. I have labert all I knew how to overcome the oposition to our canddates but it is an ophill bupness. The party apposed to W. in West Beaver, Beaver, Franklin and Centre lost that they will beet him at least two hundred you know our majority in this four districts is about four hundred if the party apposed to W. be successfull W. would be behind six hundred in the four Townships Herrold says they will beet W. two hundred and fifty in Chapman. This would make W. lose over eight hundred, in our County as I dont believe that he will bed any more then a party vote in the other districts. and as Col J. P. Patterson. was flored for the Nomination for senator and as Croferd the senator canddate, ^{of the Locofoco} resides in Juniata County and as we have no canddate, now in that county for senator or Representiff and as the Locofoco have both or will have both some ograde it is a gainst us very much in that County if Elder should bed three hundred majority in that County it may luse us W. as I do not believe that your County will give W. more then four hundred all the your conferees said that your County would give 600 or seven hundred majority. I have said to some of our men that R. would pay his share of the amount to transcribe the records. if that is don we can make a good election for him if it is not don he will luse many votes I have said every letel about it but W. has promised to every one

that it would be paid. You well know what I have said to you before the nomination was made I did goe for to nominate the nominees to please you but it looks bad and W will be defuded unless our friends in Lewisburg can exercise an influence over those men I have named, If you and W. Cameron could be a day at our court. W. insist on it that you should do so. The truth is W. and I are the only men who are doing any thing for our candidates in our county you know I have told you that our men here are very cold towards W. and H. is very unpopular at this end of the county. Col. G. F. Miller came to see me the morning of the day of the conference meeting he said matters should all be made wright ~~at~~ at our court I told him that would not answer well he said he would give a part and the remainder at our court. I then told him that I had paid nearly the whole amount which I promised to pay that day but my bargin was with you and I knew my man. so the matter rested untill we returned to our town from the convention he then called and made matters wright and he said this was for printing tickets and for advertising the election in my paper and for my expenses and ~~for~~ for the campaign for H. I told him it was only for the nomination. that I spend the money for the purpose to secure the county that we could give it to home we pleased he said that he did not know that. I suppose you did not explain to H. the bargin you made with me. as he appeared to be very cold towards me. I assure you that I had very little left for me not anoff to pay my owne expenses. and H. may think I mad the whole amount for my self. I am now well satisfied that we will not be one dollar from the state committee for our county

Of my district according to the letter I received yesterday from the Chairman of our Committee, he expects me to have the address of our Committee ~~translated~~ translated in the German and to publish in pamphlet form 1000 copies and send to him the balance I do not need for ~~my~~ my district. He does not say that I must do it for nothing but he does say that I am very liberal and therefore he has requested me to do the work. I do not believe that the combination who is opposed to W. can beat him as much as they say. but I am afraid that they will injure him and to defeat him unless we will get some assistance. W. is very liberal but it has cost him already a large amount of money. he had spend a large amount before I assisted him and if I had not assisted he would have been floored he has so many enemies and very few warm friends. H. W. Snyder B & F. Schoch. Colsher and Moyer are all very kind towards him. Then are those who are opposed to him. John Gardner John Hartman Kiser Fry & C all of our party in our Town. Those who are so kind towards W. is on account of the Rail Road matter they believe he was paid for the course he has taken in relation to the R. R. matter and the men who are kind towards W. are the men who should assist to make the election for W. If the Democrats will nominate Philip Heilbish. then W. will get many votes of the Democrats in our Town. but I don't believe that they will nominate him. The leaders and our organizers in our County are in favor of nominating either Wolf or Raber of your Town and Elder of Juniata County if these men are nominated. W. will not get any more than a party vote in our Town. he did not get the party vote in our Township last year and he will not get it this year W. has so many bitter enemies and if it were not for the money he pays and the work and influence of those who desire

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