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Selinsgrove January 3 th 1855

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Selinsgrove January 3 th 1855

Col. E. Slifer

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Who will bring your petitions to Harrisburg how many siners have-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 signers, we will have twelve hundred at least I would like to have your petition at Harrisburg without delay I do not intend to stay way long there it is too expensive.

your Friend

Israel Gutelius

NB I may stay two weeks if my Family remains well

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Selinsgrove May 2 à 1855

bol E. Slifer Dear Sir

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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. yed 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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in relation to that portion of Jackson Township which is belongs to Snyder County North of Penns Creek there is no provision made where they Shall vote and the part of Union Township belonging to Union County is in the same situation supose 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 rest be put on you and my self if this people Can not vote next fall

Selinsgrove Middleburg Freeburg Lewisburg and Mifflinburg have all been made Candidates for the seat of Justice yesterday

yours Respectfully

Israel Gutelius

Selinsgrove May 84 th 1855

Col Eli Slifer Dear friend

I received your in wich you informed me that fol. I. I Miller was to arong my blame. I sand ounderstand him he is rather emisty on that subject I supose it will not bast his money to settle my Clame: I only ask you to send me abill of the Rail Road Charter from Selinsgrove to Mifflintown. it would would be of Some advantage to me to have one now. "and I hope you will send me one wethout delay as you can bed one wethout much troble:

The Court has desided to contest the division election to comens on the 10 day of June next in the Court Hous in Newberlin The proceedings are in the Court of quarter Sepion this makes it look squaly for us as we san not take an appeal from the sourt of quarter sets sepion to the Supreme Sourt. I ame confedered that the Court is rong but I san not see that we have any remedy the subject should have be tried in the court of & common pleas. but the anty division men made the blonder or sweet blonders that ware fatel in the Fourt of Formson pleas to there proceedings and as a majority of the Judges are determed to sive them an imvestigation thay have sonsended and orderd the investigation in the court of quater Sepion. There are no arangements made by the division men, and I have not been cit Newberlin sins monday. I ounderstood the Judge then to say that of we would not show that there were any elegal votes our less we filed a pelilion te specefing the voters who we intend to prove that have poled elegal votes against division I have urged our men to soe to worick set onest and make the nefpery preparations but I would not make them some to any proper ounderstanding

I would have been to Newberlin to see about the mather but on Tuesday I had the fever again and was therefore not able to do so. It may be that I will be well anose to soe there tomorow I ame shure if you and I doe not attend to it we be flored and I will say to you now that I ame almost woren oute and it is no wonder so meny of our men are a frade to sprend aday or a doller to barry this matter threw. I have spend the liges portion of two years and sever houndred dollars to bary the mather threw yed it appears to me it would be rong to surender now. besides my other loves Thave! lost beliven 3 + 4 hundred Suberibers becase I wend for division and I don't know that I received 20 becore I suported division I received meny New Suberibers but not on acount of suporting division The anty Ol. Of men and the anty division men used lovery eford in there power to induse my suberibers to discontinue my paper: you may relye upon it is a Loco Joeo theme to prevent a division an anty division Whig told me sins the division bill has pasped that they bould pap any bill threw the senate invelation to the division over the hed of Sellers that every Loes fold in the Senate would be with them beet he said thay bould make no show in the Hows and therefore that made no mure
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that I ame down on this arangement of the boart and I flather my self that I have flored them. I have enamond then with grade bare and have spend much time in the examonation and I ame bester that I ame corect. I wound you to reed the articles barefull let me here from you

yours Respectfully

Bruel Guletins

Selinsgrove May 24 th 1855

Col Eli Slifer

Dear friend

I received your in which you informed me that Col. G.F Miller was to arrange my claim. I can't understand him. he is rather crusty 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 would be of some advantage to me to have one now. and I hope you will send me one without delay as you can Get one without much trouble:

The Court has decided to <u>Contest</u> the division election to Comens 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 squarely for us as we can not take an appeal from the Court of quarter selu 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 be tried in the Court of Common pleas. but the anti division men made the blunder or several bonders that were fatal in the Court of Common pleas to their 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 illegal votes own less we filed a petition &c specifying the voters who we intend to prove that have poled illegal votes against division I have urged our men to Go to work at once and make the necessary preparation but I could not make them come to any proper understanding

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I would have been to New berlin 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 enough to Go there tomorrow I am sure if you and I do not attend to it we may be floored and I will say to you now that I am almost worn out and it is no wonder so many of our men are afraid to spend a day or a dollar to carry this matter through. I have spent the biggest portion of two years and several hundred dollars to carry this matter through, yet it appears to me it would be wrong to surrender now, besides my other loses I have lost between 3 & 4 hundred subscribers because I wasn't for division and I don't know that I received 20 because I supported division. I received many New Subscribers but not on account of supporting division the anti R. R men and the anti division men used every effort in their power to induce my subscribers to discontinue my paper, you may rely upon it is a Loco foco scheme to prevent a division, an anti division Whig told me since the division bill has passed that they could pass any bill through the senate in relation to the division over the head of Sellers that every Loco foco in the Senate would be with them but he said they could make no show in the House and there for they made no more

You will see in my paper of this week that I am down on this arrangement of the Court and I flatter myself that I have flared them. I have examined the law with great care and have spent much time in the examination and I am certain that I am correct. I wound you to read the article carefully let me hear from you

yours Respectfully

Israel Gutelius

Selinsgrove Sept 4 th 1855

bol Eli Slifer

Dear Sir

To hand. I ame sory that you bould even for one moment supose that I would find any fauld with you I know that you are and have been my true friend, and no enthely power would induse me to for ged your meny kind favors you have don me no sir I hope never never to be filly of that black orime of incratule to do injustes to those who have sustaned and suported me in time of nede. Those this will be saturfactory and remove every doubt on you mind on this subject.

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Some have said nothing in relation to the note someon was to hand to you when spore save him unother note for the one he heled opened me me and others I hope you remember how it was but you are the only person that due know and life is mostern than for if buneron due not hard over the mote, he has in his position against me and others who have baled me, I will prosecute him and soulyou for witness. he has no favers to expect from me after the tretoment he has fiven me in making soster opon me for the tretoment he has fiven me in making soster opon me for to fill the pockeds of his son inlast. John Packer. I will pay him for his mene tretement, as I had told him if he wound the money I sweed him I would vase it so him if he wound the money I sweed him I would vase it so him if he wound the money I sweed him I would vase it for him if he would the money I sweed him I would vase it for him if he would the money I sweed him I would vase it for him if he would some of his oundayfull octs last winter and before and he knows it on your a secount and som others as the election for the seete of fustion is man at hand I will not do it for this letters for the seete of fustion is man at hand I will not do it for this letters for the seete of

but my note, he holds for wich he had another one and has mow the more and I. P. the attory fee on the suite agent I wethout delay. he had promised in your presents to sine you the note as soon as I would send the note to, for him it looks if he intended to solect that note too after a laper of time or he would have siven it to you as he had promised to do or would have sivened it to me. you may say I aurt not to trobel you about this mather this is so but he has the note and you are the only one that know how it is and do you and he are Good friends I thout I would let you know before I proceeded agent him or you might have sensed me for proceeding agent him before I tould you. I ask no fovers of him so longe as I and you are alife but if Pand you ware ded he or his ares would make my astate pay that note or the men who bailed me. if my estate was not able to pay. Isupose you have seen in my Paper of last week that the Whige in snyder county have avidled to the Standing Commettees of the two whirles of the whig party have unided in publishing a call for delegate beleetebr and a county Convention. things look

have avided to the Standing Committees of the two whiles of the while party have unided in publishing a call for delegate election and a county convention, things look were well in our to. I think we will be perfectly unided (MI A. in our to. the only difficulty I know of Inour is in relation to the member. I wount a man that is and will be your friend, we will have a full delegation at our someontion and we will elect bood conferees to meet the conferees of funinto sounts and from your bounts if you can manys moth, to elect some it appears to me thin look bad in your to:

und if your foks dond manife things different from what that have done you may leve the seets of feeter threw bad manegement. you may depend upon it things have turned some agenst your town your fokes have told so meny diffuence meetings and all the defeded candedate, well tiven deposit your sown. your John have no sistemach arongements and there is no snout of action among them every one has

a plane of his own and your papers are badely conducted you, and to be at home and take the management of the Campain.

We have been stedely baining on the subject of the seete of fustis and I believe if we suceed in forming a ticked of our best whigs in the Beavers to that we are on the subject of the seets of Justo the whole mather must be don by Good and Judishies manigement this mather is of Earoe Confedengel. you have seen seen that Us. U. M. Taggart has been recomended for Member he was here That a long take with him in relation to your self he said to me he was a friend of yours and would suport you for any thing provided that you would not use your influence to elevate sen S. Lameron. I informed him that the Camerons went lost wenter for Buly he was much suprised. he due not desire to be acandedate at least he told me so when I seene him sever wicks sins. Ole New will not be a candedate if we nomenate Tol Haron I Midd = elswarth for shift. I think he will be nomenated. I dond know who to soe for member I supose Dr. Eroford is lade on the shelf shelf he had went into the Democradick Convention in his Eventy for nomenation and was flored and his friends in terrior & Snyder ware flored yesterday at Newberlin me now it will not do for the MH A. to nomenate him in a Whig Eonem tion and we must Momerate Some one. Sive 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 acandedate There no asperation for offices In Speck A Eol. Magenseller & H. M. Snyder have also been spoken of. but meny of our men here are not infaver of any of them as neather of them is of to manige to bether of strens so that they would sweure than election . Jame willing to hoe for either of them that are all Good men I do not know that either of them desires to be

deandedate. For fear you would will draw some rong somelations I will meanly say that I will not apposed any man in polotiche our account of M. Camerons but tretement

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Selinsgrove Sept 4 th 1855

Col. Eli Slifer

Dear Sir

Yours of the 3 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 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 you 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 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 art 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 ticked 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 shefl 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 m 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 Selingrove Sept 25 th 1855

bol. E Slifer.
Diar sir your of the 24
was received.

I had writen to our Nomenel to meete 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 enemays I do not know how that is but I ame Glad to inform you that Mr. M. To. Taggart is not an enemy of yours but he is your friend and so is Un & Bally and thay will do all in there power for Strause if he is not pledged for S. Camion and all for you if you are acandedate for reolection bally and Taggart have promised me last evening that Thay will take no part herafter agent selingrove nor agenst Lewisburg let me work them.

our men will all suport Mr. Steamse so fare as I know and not one will make any objection to him he will plidge him self to Suport you but they will not suport him it he has or will pledge him to suport S. Cameron. Sasked the Conferees of fundatata County before we organised wether there candedate Could be relied in in relation to the Me. S. Senator that he would not vote for my man who was not a true Americken Whig for M. S. Senator they all answerd that he would not suport dry other man. I enformed Taggerd and his friends Taygut said he would do all for him in hower is I was correctly informed. I would like to

Sel you and would bome down but I Can really not aford it. I must sure every doller to pay Jaggart. Seepe tule you may relye opon it I will have mathers unight for you no enthely power can induse me to suport a mian who is apposed to you It appears to me that you aunt to be sades fied that I will be true to you and it appears to me I have moore. undle with some of my old frinds then I ever had before. you know Jame apposed to Eameron. and we will beete any man in Snyder County 1500 who to will run as a Cameron man the half of the Democrats will soe with us and all the whigs I will teach Bill Camoron a lepan this faul for his meene and rankely coundart towards me to for indevering to rune a page man who had all ways been his friend he mad me a lot of East and at one time before forsed me to pay \$18.00 bones or presentage as he soled it, hade you asked him aboute my old note and did he hand it to you. Iwill teach Bill some other things it will not sades fie me. but I may let him slide ountill after the election for the secte of Justes, I have been plaint to you so that you may corretely ounderstand my position I would be sory if Dr & will become the tule be beten 2000 you may relye on that & know the whole drangement if In. E. Anew to how mathers are he would not van, your True and Last frend small buteling

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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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 whow matters are he would not run. your True and fast friend Israel Gutelius

let me hear from you immediately—

Selinsgrove Sept. 26 th 1855

Col E. Slifer Dior div Thave today seen Mr. Strawer at Mr. M. H. Taggart & I went of to Taggarts to apertain wether there was any truth in the report you had herd that Strawse was to appose you and when I was there Strawse same ster, me. Us Jaggert in my presends told him that he our to suport you after I had stated that you precured his nomenation strous replied, he was your worem friend and that he would support you and that no man had asked him to appose you. Strouge went from I to Newberlin. Tagart wrote a letter to his Newberlin friends wiging them to suport strouse and wethout requiring day pleage from him. Jaggart is your friend land twill not take any parte agins Lewisburg herafter on the one question. he is apposed to B. C. and S. E. Strous will have a wery large majarity in our bounty over 1000. I think the while will all suport their and meny of the Democrats. Us Strouse tis borning to Marrisburg to night to see you tomorow Is he will delline I. sould be elected by a tremende vote I will pledge my self for him for you I do not know that Mr. Steause has any notion to decline you may vely that the Eumeron Candedate will be beeth hard. If I sould see you I sould Sades fie you beone dispute I ounderstand all the movements this is confedengel yours . Met me, here from you Israel Gutelius

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 after after me. Mr. Taggert 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

Selingrove Sept 30 - 1855

Ed E. Slefer

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

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bane M. Eameron plade on me in a Islie way and I ame ged in a tide place with M. To Toggant I hope you will see Tol. J. J. Miller and make him pay me the amount the B. R. Fompy has aloted to me I think if I had that with is honestely bonning to me of Il. I sould aronge the mather with ill. 76. I. it should have been paid longe sins to me, but it applears to me that some of your foks after thay have made all oute of me that wonded are as Excel as the Newberlin Johes. I ame show I have Stood of for Lewisburg at all times and ounder every sumstans, I would Eameron to Sive the note to you he was to hand to you when you bive him the note with the names of M. T. My self and athers for wich he sude I and made me alste of East after I had told him in may if he wonded the money I would hay him if he would let me know If Il. dond pay me now I dond, how I will bed threw. If you wond any faver from me it shall be transled at any Sugrefise of my owne if it is in my power to do so your rasheller MB. I hope Mr. M. will not hesetate one moment ounder existing birmstanses he promised me in the spring to pay me in a sharte time. pleas answer me. I he dos not intend to pay me let him say son son ser I. G

Selinsgrove Sept 30 ~ 1855

Col E. Slifer

Dear Sir I have written several times 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 W. Cameron played on me in a sly way and I am yet in a tight place with M. H. Taggart I hope you will see Col. G. F. Miller and make him pay me the amount the R. R. Company has allotted 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 wanted are as cruel as the Newberlin folks. I am sure I have Stood up for Lewisburg at all times and under every Circumstance. I want 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. myself and others for which he sued T. and made me a lot of Cost after I had told him in may if he wanted the money I would pay him if he would let me know if M. don't pay me now I don't know how I will Get through. If you want any favor from me it shall be Granted at any Sacrifice of my own if it is in my power to do so. yours respectfully

Israel Gutelius

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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 dose not intend to pay me let him say so. your &c.

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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

Selinsgrove March 21 th 1857 Col. E. Slifer Dear Sir yours of the 19th inst was received. In wich you day you had a letter from Lewistown. informing you that Mifflin Sounty, had Conveded the Sendoriel Delegale to Kenion Edunty; I can see how this was maniged no one nede explane it to me I did not say to you in my letter that I would use my influens for your Lount for Senatonel Deligate if you would blane the Representiff us. no I said to you that Runkel had urged me to come, and if your bounty would boe for me for Representiff I would use my influens for you for sendoriel Delegate. Remember we have three country in the Represently districk and four in the Sendariel, and the Delegates curt to be devided not only as a matter of Justis but as a mather of polesey 1 / P I will admide you have amongst hands maniged this mather wery Shrudely yed I ounderstand the whole and Ean See the whole mather as well as any of this who have manuelge it. M. H. Taggart Esq. was elected Represented you well knew that to him I would make no oposetou no but that I would due all I sould to have his election conformed Mr. Taggart informed me at onest of his election in your Eventy I at onest answered his letter and fully sommetteed my Self to sustain him in our county if in my power to do so. after I had don this. Their comes your letter making a Strong personal appeal to sive your county also the Senatoriel delegate of Eorse you well knew that I would not disregard your strong persamel

appeal, and have someluded to let you have the mather

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or would have parpisalaled in the sonvention on the 25 thenot. if I had ben elected. I know that our harty in our county are aposed to nomenate and elect any of the heretofore ratickel free trate Locofoco. who have siven there influens to and votes to defede the Grade and Good Elay, and Suported with all hower and influens Polk and the exercation of Texes. with all the horours of Slavery over that wast Teretory, Theo men have by there votes and influence brought all the Slave Tenetory into the union and now after that have don this, That pretend to be infaver of free Sail. and would not hesetate to desolve the lenion to precure offices. every man must see that thay do not act from honist princepels. In 1854 The American party swep the bountry. The old Locofocos and old Whigs who ware broken down polotitions and & who ware comitted agenst the american party, seen this popler demonstration of the people, went to worick and meny of them boind the american party with the determination to brake it down and bill wha party of with they bould be the leders and precure the offices a highanded Game was pratised during last summer by thos pretended americans to induse the americans to support Freemont. It was a base and shamefull hehanded deseption. Thes leding suporters of Firemont dispised Americanison. This lives fully demonstrated in the Senate of the M. S. Sever weeks agoe.

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Selinsgrove March 21 th 1857

Col. E. Slifer

Dear Sir yours of the 19th inst was received. In which you say you had a letter from Lewistown. 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 you County for Senatorial Delegate if you would claim the Representative no. no I said to you that Runkel had urged me to come. and if your County would Go for me for Representative I would use my influence for you for Senatorial Delegate. Remember we have three counties in the Representative district and four in the Senatorial. and the Delegates ought to be divided 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 yet I understand the whole and can see the whole matter as well as any of those who have managed it. M. H. Taggart Esq. was elected Representative 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. Taggart informed me at once of his election in your County I at once answered his letter and fully committed myself to sustain him in our county if in my power to do so.

after I had done 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 own way It is very doubtful whether I could

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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 opposed, to nominate and elect any of the, heretofore radical free trade Locofoco who have Given their influence to and votes to defeat the Great and Good Clay. and supported with all power and influence Polk and the annexation of Texas. with all the horrors of Slavery over that vast Territory. These men have by their votes and influence brought all the Slave Territory into the Union and now after they have done this, They pretend to be in favor of free Sale. and would not hesitate to dissolve the Union to procure offices. every man must see that they do not act from honest principals. In 1854 The American party swept the Country. The old Locofocos and old Whigs who ware broken down politicians and h who were committed against the american party, seen this popular demonstration of the people. They went to work and many of them joined the american party with the determination to break it down and build up a party of which they could be the leaders and procure the offices a high handed Game was practiced during the last summer by those pretended americans to induce the americans to support Freemont. It was a base and Shameful high handed deception. These leading supporters of Fremont despised Americanism. This was fully demonstrated in the Senate of the U.S. Several weeks ago.

on a motion to amend the bill ascribing the Territory of Minnesota to form a State Government. The motion to amend was "That none but Citizens of the United States should vote to form the State Government" every Republican senator voted against the amendment and voted 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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Get a Shameful defeat. The Hon Judge Wilmute in 1851 supported Bigler the candidate of the Slavery extension party. and opposed Gov. Johnson who was openly committed against the extension of Slavery. I think Wilmute also supported Pears. I have only reminded you of a few things. So that you may think over them before it is too late. I know the Game that will be attempted to be play by men who can't see ahead what is to follow let there be a fair open and [manly] union clearly and fully expressed in opposition to the extension of Slavery into Territories free and a clear and decided expression in favor of a thorough Change in the Naturalization law and a determined opposition in State or Territory to any one voting except Citizens of the U. S. I hope Messrs. Frick & Taggart will have the Good luck to have men Nominated and Such a platform passed that we can all support I must admit that I am doubtful for I seen Some time already that the Organ at Harrisburg came out and urged Willmute Nomination saying that he was the only man the opposition could elect

There is one other subject I will name. That is this. our men here or some of them are bent to have the subject taken up in relation to the Transcribing of Dockets &c. It is True with a few exceptions Lewisburg has treated me mean since the division is carried very few remember the many sacrifices I made for their interest. It is very certain that without my labor your Town would not know or for many years be have became the seat of Justice. I could make a big thing of it but on your and Millers account I don't like to do it

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

Selingrove July 10 th 1858

Col. E. Slifer.

My Dear sir. It is a long time sins I have seen you or herd from you. Will you be a sandedate for congress. If so I wount to Know it by the return mail. I suprose you have seen in my proper arly in the spring an article infaver of a renomination of the Hon. J. E. Kunkel. I have severt time asked him by latt= ers I writer to him wether he was a bandedate he has not said that he would be one. and I feele my self perfectely at liberty now to suport who I pleas. I would like to bee you on monday or at leas to here from you. I know there sould be an arangement made to bary our tounty for you. Ihope it is not nepery for me to say to you that I ame senseere in this matter. you know me too well to have any doubt of my senserety. I would betrey or desere you for the whole world. I have allways been of your friend when you neded friends and you have allways bive me all you promised and even noore, every other man I have apreted and laberd for except one has sheded and betrate me. Uv. M. Ho. Jaggart and your self are the only men who have don the fare thing. The reson I would like to see you on monday is this on Tuesday Som ather Eandedates wount to See me and I wount to See you before I see them as I know you will do the fare thing, and the arongement I spoke of to Secure the sount, will feet no one except my self or in other words no one is to be Scientised except my self. If I was there that you was at home and I solld Ged a Hors Iwould some to see you on monday. If you are a landedate I must be you on monday. You have Some Strong friends at Harrisburg. you know I san advers your inthest in the district in moune Truely your Friend Israel Suteties

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Selinsgrove July 10 th 1858

Col. E. Slifer,

My Dear sir.

It is a long time since I have seen your 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 this spring an article in favor of a renomination of the Hon. J. C. Kunkel. I have several time asked him by letters I written to him wither 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 hear 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 deceive you for the whole world. I have always been y 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 cheated and betrayed me. Mr. M. H. Taggart and your self are the only men who have done the fair thing. The reason I would like to see you on monday is this on Tuesday some other candidates want to See him and I want to See you before I See them as I know you will do the fair thing, and the arrangement I spoke of to Secure the County for you will affect on one except myself or in other words no one is to be sacrificed except my Self. If I was sure shaw 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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NB. Col W. F. Wagenseller has several times complained that you have not paid the whole amount of his expenses the time he Gave his interest and influence to Secure your nomination at Harrisburg how is this matter it appears to me that there must be some misunderstanding

To E. S. from I. G.

Selinsgrove July 16 th 1858. bol. E. Slifer. My Dear Sir I received your Telegraph dispost only today at in past 10. Oclok A. M. about 15 minutes before I received your letter. I have writen to mr. Killinger this morning in answer to his letter in wich he requested me to meet him and lly Kunkel on Thursday or Friday of nevet week in beorge Town!" I answerd him that I was not. well now and therefore would not make a appointment to mete them. I have not said any thing in my letter that Commettes me to eighter of them I have rather siven them the Gold sholder. The only thing I should not have said is this "That I was not well. it is true yed I feel now well anof that I could for down to beorge Town tomorous with lev. Wals. but if I do so he would use my letter to him agent me thane. he would say to the people there that I pretised a dese= ption on him by saing to him on friday I was not well anof to say when I bould some to meets them. never the less I have not said that I would meete their at any time. Ounder thes sirmsteines it would not be expedend for me to soe tomorow. I know it will be intime on monday next and then I will soe with Mr. Wals. I would nother Soe tomorow if I was not a frade Killenger would make the people there believe I deserved him for the purpos to to bed a hed of him. I remember now that I have also said in my letter to him. that I had writer to Kunkel and ask hint to explain that with he. (Killinger, had writen in his former letter that is that he Kunkel. Had explaned there ounderst= anding to me H. I said to Willinger in my letter this morning that Kunkel had not explaned any thing to me but that I had asked him to do so and as boon do he had answerd my letter I would write to him again, I ame every shure it will be in time to soe to George Town on monday next

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Selinsgrove July 16 th 1858.

Col. E. Slifer,

My Dear sir

I received your Telegraph dispatch only today at ½ 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 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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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 God with the Mail train tomorrow as the first train dose not stop at our point.

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

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

Truly yours
Israel Gutelius

Selingrove July 19 th 1858 Col. E. Slifer. My Dear Sir. I will manyel to Soe in the derly drant on monday morning. you would bether soe along to beorge Town on monday morning. I will see Mer. after we return from George Town and it may be that you would bether for alongs to see him. we will see when we meet Thave publish an artichel a strong one in faver of Gen. Cameron to be the Eandedate for President M. 1860. I will send him the paper and will write to him. I would have writers. but Mr. M. Cameron promised to wereto to him and request him to write to me. that will open the dore for me. but for fear it has been neklected I will send him my paper I have also publish a strong and write to him at mest. Communications in my paper recomending you for Congresp. That is no danger if I bive the field to Mer. you must not disopoint me on monday we cam certenly manige S. J. I have marted the secomo dution of your for the Telegraph at Harrisburg H

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Col. E. Slifer.

My Dear Sir.

I will manage to Go in the early train on monday morning. you would better Go along to George Town on monday morning. I will see Nev. after we return from George Town and it may be that you would better Go along to see him. we will see when we meet

I have publish an Editorial article a strong one in favor of Gen Cameron to be candidate for President in 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 will send him my paper and write to him at once.

I have also publish a strong Communication in my paper recommending you for Congress. There is no danger if I Give the field to Nev.

You must not disappoint me on monday we can certainly manage G.T. I have matted the recommendation of your for the Telegraph at Harrisburg &c

Truly your Friend Israel Gutelius

Selinsgrove July 21/58

Col. E. Slifer

My Dear sir. I will only have time anof to Say to you that I have been with My Janamid Klechner you know he can manige ventro district. and Jackson he promised me today that he would do all in his power for you or for your Monoration heis of the opinion we could cary the county for you. if I would remain. a candedate for judge. it may be we can. I ame not too shure of it I have not been him that is New. I know we san if I surander I have writers to him to meeto me in Middebrurg. if you prefor that to store my plans and are willing to bive \$100. I will do so I know we hade tolk about this mather but never come to any finel ounderstanding. you may look whon this as attempting to make money from you. that is not so. I would not make this same Offer to any living man. you have don me meny fovers and it is this and the hope of your influens herafter fed I can not sive my then for nothing, when I know it is wery Good, this mather is now in your hands . If you perefer that I shall make the arangements, you nede only say make the arangements, if you are willing to run the rist then day you need not make the carangment, I had not counted bentre and Jackson for me heretofore for nomenation yed I ame now berten I would bed them. yed I would had anof wethout them. Old Ner. Eard do much for him self any more yed he may do a Good deal for or agent other Eanded ste. and I have incuriged you to be a candedate and have made this propositions to you at the time yed we never came to a fineal conclution, it is true when I made the proposition to you you said you would do much bether to I dond ask any more then \$100. that is for being the field to Nex. for the purpos to secure the bounty for you. He

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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 5 th 1858

Col. Eli Slifer.

Dear Sir.

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Selinsgrove October 5 th 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 Fullmer is the regular candidate. Keller and Fullmer are both in the field and will remain in the field. Will you pleas 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 £ 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

Col. E. Slifer My Dear Sir. My friend Mr. M. Fo. Toggart, Has informed me that it should be desired that I should use my influens with our Members to fave the appointment of M. 76. Taggart to be made by you I hope you will not hesetate one moment. to Sive M. T. an appointment. you well know that he is honist and well quotofied to preforme the dutys of the offices and that is one thing that you dust to look to espechely, and he has also a strong blame on you. as I believe that the election of senator has fued you into a situation with has Siven you the opertunety to make your self popular in the State. with the people. And Mr. Jaggart. was one of the most promenent and actiff men to before me in bringing about that result. It will now become nepery to say some things to you. That is first. I knew that tol. Wagenseller. had a Grudge agenst you. Tharefore I a made him promis to suport you for State Treasurer before I agreed to suport him he was bound to soe for you, I also spoke to Gol. J. J. Patterson he also promused to suport you. I have been you fast and prepetel friend. And Talso know that I have positiff promis to suport your election for state Treasurer.
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Know much about him I know that there was much Complained about the offices he attended to: I du not wount to have any of the blame if he will not Sed on appointment I swould be much pleased if you Ean acomedate him and so fare so he is conserned I hope you will set me wight with him. Thave don meny things for you and I must ask you to du me this faver He has not much influen yed it is importend that he should remain my friend. The truth is I had intended to make application for a situation of my son. I.P. he is a good bifeness man and a splended hens man. it is the he is young only 23 years of Esse if sould have secured a situations for him as he is singel he would have siven me the half or all over the amount he would have needed. but I see Jame too late It would Earne wery handy if my friends would som times take care In Paggart if There sany. You see that I ame not desiros to have any Corospondons With W. on this subject and as he said to me that it was at his request that you had requested me to come Tharrisburg was one reson I was not down.

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Col. E. Slifer

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 duties of the offices. and that is one thing that you ought 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 yourself 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 q made him promise to support you for State Treasurer before I agreed to support him. he was bound to Go for you, I also spoke to Col. J.J. Patterson. he also promised to support you. I have been your fast and perpetual 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.

The second matter I now believe feel necessary to tell you must be Confidential for the present. It is this Col. Wagenseller. Can not be reelected he can not carry our County for nomination. the Truth is I do not believe he can Cary a sl single district in our County. every Candidate that was on the ticket with him. in our county is opposed

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to him and their friends. he has played a high handed and corrupt Game. he has him sef self and has induced his friends to trade off and Sacrifice every man on the ticked to make votes for him self. The truth is he has persuaded some of my best friends to trade me off. he did it in this way. he said to my friends that there was no hope of my election and that I would not be elected if I would received ever vote in Snyder County that said county only had 2500 votes. and that the other three counties had Given 3600 majority against our party and that they would Give that majority against me. now he said to my friends and his friends, if you can induce a Democrat to vote to vote for Wagenseller and you vote for Keller by doing so we have the advantage. this may secure my (Wagensellers) election and there is nothing lost to vote for Keller he will be elected any how and if every one in our county will vote for Gutelius. this he was doing when my chance was considered Good by nearly every one. he has also promised to vote for Keller. this he has done in Keller. House in the presence of a number of men, he and his friends mad an effort in our Town to trade off our men to make votes for him. he kept behind the curtin. he had his men to make the attempt and to make the proposition to me. Mr. G. Schnure was sent to make the proposition to me. This is the way it was made. Schnure "said to me that I should consent that our men should vote for Hottenstine and Wetzel &c and their men would vote for Wagenseller" I promptly denounced and rejected the proposition, I feel confident Wagenseller requested Schnure to make the proposition to me. Had I not denounced that proposition openly there would not have been 10 votes polled against me in our box so there were 52 votes polled against me in our box and

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these were nearly all polled against me by the leading Wagensellers men. I do not believe that he and his confidential friends have p supported me on the day of election. All all the rank and file of the Democrats supported me and the leaders of those who opposed me could not take one from me they nearly all came to me for their Tickets. The Game Wagenseller has played is well understood in our county. It may be necessary to say that all my American Republican friends have supported W. on the day of election yet I had a good deal of trouble to Get some of them to support him. of course I and my friends did not then know that he has played such a monstrous Game, or we would have Given him fits.

Col. Wagenseller was pledge before the nomination to procure some station for W. G. Herrold Esq. he has done nothing for him except to attempt to deceive and humbuck him. but Herrold is too smart for him he understands him fully.

On your account I have not exposed the mean Game W. has played against those who ware on the ticked with him. I knew if I would do so I would loose all my influence with him. and for the purpose to have him to work for you I left him slide until the next campaign commences.

I will say one thing yet and that is The many of the leading Wagenseller men here and in Penns and Chopman went for Roush and Wagenseller. I knew that W. was into it and I managed my Democratic friends to Go for Patterson. and he had 37 majoirty over Roush in our Box and he had the largest majority on the Assembly tickets in our Township W. has made no votes for him. W. had some dead votes in our box and I know who has polled them. some time since I have written to you about Mr. Hansalman, I do not

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know much abut him I know that there was much complained about the offices he attended to I do not want to have any of the blame if he will not Get an appointment. I would be much pleased if you can accommodate him. and so far as he is concerned I hope you will set me right with him. I have done many things for you and I must ask you to do me this favor.

He has not much influence yet it is importent that he should remain my friend

The truth is I had intended to make application for a
situation of my son. J.P. he is a good business man and a splendid penman. it is true he is young
only 23 years of course if I could have secured a situation for him as he is single he would have
Given me the half or all over the amount he would have needed. but I see I am too late It would
come very handy if my friends would some times take care of my interest. Of course I feel bound
to Give my influence for Taggart if I have any.

You see that I am not desirous to have any correspondence With W. on this subject and as he said to me that it was at his request that you had requested me to come to Harrisburg was one reason I was not down.

Col. Patterson. Stands all right so far as I know. and I am confident if the two other Counties Should nominate Col. W. that our County would defeat 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 not doubt our country 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 bad, Truly your friend

Israel Gutelius

Selinsgrove Sept 8 # 1859. Hon. Eli Slifen. My dear sir.

We are threw with our nominations but mathers don't look as well as they out to. Meddels with. W. & Herrold. Daniel Witnes Teremiah + Tharles Fleckner and there influ = ens are approxing Wagenseller. This party is Suprovding Mays. But Gardener is aposing, 86 + W. and in our part of the county there is a strong Prosition to No. I have labert all I knew how to overcome the Sposition to our candedates but it is an openill biforesp. The harty apposed to W. in mest Beaver. Beaver. Franklin and Bentre boot that they will beet him at least two hundred you know our majority in this four districts is about four hundred if the party aposed to W. be sussefull W. would be behind size hundred in thes four Townships Herrold Says thay will beet W. Two hundred and fifty in Chapman. This would make W. love over eight hundred, in our county as I don't believe that he will bed any more then a party vote in the other districts and and as Eroferd the Senator Candedate, resides in Junuala County and as we have no candedate, now in that county for senator or Representiff and as the Loco foco have both or will have bouth same afrade it is agenst us wery much in that county if Elder should sed three hun= dred majorety in that county it may luse us mas I do not believe that your Hounty twill live Wimon then four hundred all the your conferees said that your county would five 600 or seven hundred ma: lovety. I have said to some of our men that He would They this 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 last meny votes I have said every letel about it but W. has phomised to every one

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or my district acording to the letter I received gesterday from the Chalman of our committee, he expects me to have the adress of our committee bounds ed form 1000 Copeys and send to him the balons 9 do not nede for our my district, he due not say that I must do it for hothing but he due say that I ame wery liberal and therefore he has highested me to do the worich. I do not believe that the combonation who is aposed to W. San best him as much as they say, but I ame afrade that they will inger his and to defede him ounless welwill Ged some aprotens. W. is every liberal but it has cost him allredy a large amount of money, he had & pend aldrige amount before I apposted this and if I had not aproted he would have been flored he has so meny enemgys and way few worom friends. H.M. Snyder B+ F. Schoch. Eobher and Moyer are all wery sule tochards him. Then we thos who are apposed to hist. John. Gardner John Hartman Kiser Fry He all of our party in our Town. That who are so tule towards M. is on account of the Rail Road mather Thay believe he was paid for the corse he has taken in relation to the R.R mathers and the men who are sule towards M. are the men who Should assist to make the election for M. If the Democrats will nomenate Philip Wilbish. then W. will bed meny votes of the Democrats in our Town. but I don't believe that thay will nomenate him. The leders and our disorgenisers in our country are infaver of Nomenating either Wolf or Raber of your Jown and Elder of Judiata county if this men are nomenated. W. will not bed any more then a party vote in our Town. he did not sed the party vote in our Township last year and he will not bed it this year W. has so meny bitter enemays and if it ware not for the money he pays and the workh and influens of thos who desire

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Selinsgrove Sept 8 th 1859.

Hon. Eli Slifer,

My dear Sir.

We are threw with our nominations but matters don't look as well as they ought to. Middleswarth,. W. G. Herrold. Daniel Witmer Jeremiah & Charles Kleckner and their influences are opposing Wagenseller. This party is supporting Hays. but Gardener is opposing to H & W. and in our part of the county there is a strong opposition to H. I have labored all I knew how to overcome the opposition to our Candidates but it is an uphill business. The party opposed to W. in West Beaver. Beaver, Franklin and Centre boast that they will beat him at least two hundred you know our majority in this four districts is about four hundred if the party opposed to W. be successful W. would be behind six hundred in these four Townships Herrold says they will beat W. two hundred and fifty in Chapman. This would make W. lose over eight hundred, in our county as I don't believe that he will Get any more then a party vote in the other districts, and as Col J.J. Patterson was floored for the Nomination for Senator and as Croferd the Senator Candidate of the Locofoco resides in Juniata County and as we have no candidate. now in that county for Senator or Representative and as the Locofoco have both or will have both I am afraid it is against us very much in that county if Elder Should Get three hundred majority in that county it may lose us W. as I do not believe that your county will Give W. more than four hundred although your conferees said that your county would Give 600 or seven hundred majority. I have said to some of our men that H. would pay his share of the amount to transcribe the records. if that is done we can make a Good election for him if it is not done he will loose many votes I have said every little about it but W. has promised to every one

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that it would be paid. You well know what I have said to you before the nomination was made I did Go for to nominate the nominees to please you but it looks bad and W will be defeated 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 cool 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 Conferee meeting he said matters Should all be made right until 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 borrowed nearly the whole about which I promised to pay that day but my bargain was with you and I knew my man. so the matter rested until we returned to our Town from the Convention he then Called and made matters right and he said this was for printing Tickets and for advocating the election in my paper and for my expenses and work 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 country 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 bargain you made with me. as he appeared to be very cool towards me. I assure you that I had very little left for me not enough to pay my own expenses. and H. may thing I mad the whole amount for my self. I am now well satisfied that we will not Get one dollar form the State Committee for our county

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or 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 hamb translated in the German and to publish in pamphlet form 1000 Copies and send to him the ballots I do not need for our my district. he does not say that I must do it for nothing but he dose 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 enough 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 cool towards him. Then are those who are apposed to him. John Gardner John Hartman Kiser Fry &c all of our party in our Town. Those who are so cool 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 these men who are cool towards W. are the men who Should assist to make the election for W. If the Democrats will nominate Philip Hilbish 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 disorganizers in our County are infavor 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 then 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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his election he would be beaten 1000 in the county last year all the leading men of both parties worked hard for him. There is nothing that will Save him in our county except hard work and money no one can be induced to Go to work for him unless he is paid. I have been at work every day and if my life and health is spared I will work until the election is closed for W & H. I want you to explain to Hays how and for what purpose that money was spent. And that it was done at your request. W. expects that we would Get some assistance how that will be I don't know. I have no hopes that we will Get any assistance from the state committee.

I have not heard of Gen. Cameron on any Subject yet I have faithfully attended to advance his interest. I have had a Resolution passed at our Conferee Convention in his favor. he had promised me at Philadelphia that he would Get a free pass for me from the Lebanon bally R. R. C. he has not attended to it. let me hear from you Truly your friend

I. Gutelius