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Hon. G. Gutelius
April 10/61

Selinsgrove April 10 ~ 1861

Hon. Eli Shifer.

My dear Sir.

I left Washington on Saturday last at 3 O'clock P. M. and arrived in Harrisburg at 11 P. M. I came to Harrisburg with the hope to see you on Sunday after church. I called at your boarding house and was informed that you had gone home and would not return until Monday at 10 O'clock P. M. On Monday at 8 O'clock A. M. I left for Lebanon, to see Mr. Killinger and came back to Harrisburg at 10 O'clock P. M. The time was too short to come to see you, as I had to be at home on Monday evening.

Now my old and true friend my object in writing to you is to make an appeal to you to go to Washington, with Mr. Killinger to see the Secretary of the Navy, ~~is~~ before the Philadelphia appointments are made

There is no doubt. Gen. Cameron will ask the
Secretary to appoint me and I believe he will
insist on it. But not ^{one} of my friends has went and
urged my appointment. I believe if you in company
with Mr. Killinger and Col. Patterson. would see the
Secretary and urge my claim. and then Gen. Cameron
would insist on it when the appointments
for Philadelphia are made I would be appoi-
nted. Killinger promised me to go and do all
for me in his power. he requested me to ask you
to go with him. and also Col. Patterson. I seen
Col. P. when I arrived at Harrisburg on Monday
at 1. O Clock P. M. Patterson said he would go with
you and Killinger. and that he could induce
there Representiff in Congress to give me his
support. The Gov. has send me a letter of accommoda-
tion. but not for the office I am an applicant
has given Ray of Philadelphia a letter for Naval
storekeeper. so I have been informed. I am very sorry
that the Gov. believes it to be his duty to indirectly
oppose my appointment after the promises that

were made to me and after I have so faithfully stood
by him, you may say that I am doing the Gov. unjust
I am not. The Gov. has recommended ^{me} as a good and
deserving man. but he has been at Washington urging
the appointment of another man for the very
office I am a candidate of. and as I understood
will be there again and do the same thing again.
Philadelphia will be many appointments
and if I am defected I don't know that our county
or district will be any thing. I have understood
that Messrs Snyder & Wagenseller have given up
their hopes of being any thing. Wagenseller has
gone into the Merchantile business with B. J. Denoch.
Old. Nev. will do nothing in politics and if I
be nothing I will have to settle up my business
as I am too poor to establish a first rate
Paper. and my sons. will not stay any longer
with me unless I will publish a first rate English
Paper. This I will do at Selensgrove if the party
will assist me. Now you may rely on it if I will
be forced to abandon political matters that our

County will be a locofoco county and my loss
as two Members next Fall, as I well know that
there is not a single man in our County who
knows how to organize and manage the matter
to keep our party together. nearly all our County
officers will be elected next election and all ready some
are commencing to dispute about the different offices
If the party will sustain me I will pledge myself
to keep our party well organized and give our
Candidates at least 400. majority. There are
very few men to who I would write such a letter
but I know that you know that I can do all I
have promised. as the election of two Members may
depend on my appointment. What will the party
lose if Rely or some other man in Philadelphia
is not appointed Naval Storekeeper the Gov.
may never have thought of this. Philadelphia
allways blames nearly every thing and we in the Antero
get nothing this is not wright. Now I hope you will
not misunderstand me. I am not making threats and
have only stated facts. you know I stand in need of
something to enable me to serge the party hereafter and you
are the only way to who I can make an appeal with the
hope that it will be complied with, Killinger said you
should write to him. Truly your friend
Isaac Gullick

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keep our party together nearly all our county officers will be elected next election and already some are commencing to dispute about the different offices If the party will Sustain me I will pledge my self to keep our party well Organized and Give our Candidates at least 400 majority. There are very few men to who I would write such a letter but I know that you know that I can do all I have promised. as the election of two Members may depend on my appointment. What will the party lose if Ray or some other man in Philadelphia is not appointed Naval Storekeeper. the Gov. may never have thought of this Philadelphia always claims nearly every thing and we in the Country Get nothing this is not right. Now I hope you will not misunderstand me. I am not making threats no I have only stated facts. you know I stand in need of Something to enable me to serve the party hereafter and you are the only may to who I can make an appeal with the hope that it will be complied with, Killinger said you should write to him.

Truly your friend Israel Gutelius

Selinsgrove. April 13th 1861.

Hon Eli Slifer.

My dear Sir.

Yours of the 10. inst was received. I did not intend to say that the Gov. said any thing against me. But that he urged the appointment of Naval Storekeeper of another man. so I was informed. for this I am very sorry as I was true to him and labored day ~~and~~ and night for him from the day he was nominated untill he was elected and I know that no man has made more votes for him then I have and I bore all my owne expences and paid to others more then \$150. The reason I made an appeal to you is I know you have allways been true to me how Glad I would be if I could say the same of some other men. Gen. Cameron is for me there is no doubt of this. I received a letter from him the same evening I received yours. he insist

that our Member Mr. Killinger could do as much to assist to secure my appointment as he could do and he hopes that Mr. Killinger and some others of my friends would come to Washington and see the Secretary of the Navy and insist on my appointment and he will back it and do all he can. he also says that some of the Philadelphia applicants are back of Strong by their members and others. The secretary must be informed that the contrary people don't to have something this is necessary to sustain the party. If I am appointed I will publish one of the best contrary papers and I know I can keep our district weight and do as much to sustain the State and the United States Administration as any other man. I know if my friends will present this matter to the Secretary it would have much weight with him. I had seen Mr Killinger before I received the last letter of Gen. Cameron. and had also written to you. Killinger consented to go but desired

that you and Col. Patterson should go with
him. If you were there with Killinger you
could have an opportunity to see the Secretary.
According to Gen. Camerons letter the weight time
to be there would be on Tuesday or the day following.
If you can go and if I fail I will pay expenses
and if appointed I will pay ten fold
I know you will do me this favor if it is in
your power to do so, and all I ask of the
Gov. is this that he will say that he is
satisfied if I am appointed. If Gen. C.
has the influence you say he has I will be safe.

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Israel Gutelius

Selinsgrove May 7~ 1861

Hon. Eli Slifer.

My dear Sir.

I was informed that the man who our Gov. had given his support, was appointed Naval Storekeeper of Philadelphia. I have not said this for the purpose to complain or to find fault, no I have stated this with the hope that the Gov. will now give me his influence for some other appointment. The Gov. has always said I aint to have soming, I really do not know what to apply for I would be glad if my friends would give me some information, I am much discoride, as I have all my time and all the money I could raise during the entyer campaign, as I was confedent if we don our duty we would carry the elections, and if we would carry I also felt confedent that my friends would see that I would be soming. If I could only

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I could then make a good living. Had I staid
oute of the Campaign and collected my money
during the last year I would have been
able to do it. I did not collect for fear I wo-
uld inger the election. and now if this
stay law will pass, then I can collect.
I am sorry that I am forced to come to the
conclusion that since we have curied our
elections. that some of those who made
strong professions of friendship for me was all
a sham. In your self I have full confidence
& and if I had any thing I believe it will have
to be obtained thro' your direct & indirect
influens, ^{for which I would be qualified to attend to} I would except any appointment
under the State or Genral Government if I
could only cleare and to estabesh such a
Paper as already stated. If I will be compelled
to abandon the Political field in our County you
will see that it will become a strong Pro-
foco County, all the men in our County who

have applied for smearing have been flogged
and felled. And the Democrats will make
a deterrment eford against our party on account
of the repeal of the Tonnage tax &c. and there
is not one man in our party in our County
who can keep our men upright except myself

My situation is this If I will start
a first Clas Paper my sons will stay with
me and do the work. If I will not do so
they will not stay. so I will be compelled
to sell and collect all I can ^{abovemyself} or under the
Stay Law. to get into some busness to make
a living. No man has laberd more faith-
full & more successfull for our party then
I have don, and it appears hard to me
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are so many places to fill. This faul our County
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have applied for Something have been floored and feel cool. And the Democrats will make a determined effort against our party on account of the repeal of the Tonnage tax &c. and there is not one man in our party in our county who can keep our men right except myself

My Situation is this If I will Start a first class Paper my Sons will stay with me and do the work If I will not do so they will not Stay. so I will be compelled to Sell and collect all I can or under the abominable Stay law. to Get into some business to make a living. No man has labored more faithfully or more successfully for our party then I have done, and it appears hard to me that I should have nothing when there are so many places to fill. This fall our County elects all our County officers and a President Judge. Nearly all our Farmers are down on our party on account of the repeal of the Tonnage tax.

Truly Your Friend,

Israel Gutelius

Selinsgrove July 3rd 1861

Hon Eli Slifer

My dear Sir

Yours of the 1st inst came to hand. I am perfectly satisfied with the proposition you have made to purchase the Prep for me owned by N. Mordon. it will suite I send my son to Lewisburg to day to see what belongs to it so that I will know what I must purchase at Philad. I would like to bid the Prep at once as it is so nepery that a paper should be publish setting our men aright. But the Gov. aint to do soming as he has opposed me if not directly he has don it indirectly I have spend so much for him and have don more for him and the man he gave his support.

I will of course support the administration on your account. under the arrangements
Truly yours.

Selinsgrove July 3 ~ 1861

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Delinsgrove, July 9th 1861.

Hon. Eli Slifer,

My dear Sir,

When I said that many of our People say that you and the Gov. aint to remove those who have defiled the Volunteers, and that I said that you could not be held responsible, of course I said so with the object that you would give me such a statement that I could show that the Gov. had don his duty. I did suppose you would see my object without specifying it as I had said to you that my paper would sustain the Administration. It is true that I said that I would have to sustain the Gov. on your account.

In all the papers of our party I have not seen a single article defending the State Administration in such a way that does exonerate the Gov. entirely, but many of them have been down on it in the most high handed way. I have written seven articles for my paper defending the Administration which I believe will have the effect to satisfy the public that under the circumstances that the Volunteers had to be forced into the Army, that it was impossible to see that some men who furnishing articles would not take the advantage. &c. as the whole thing was a New Operation in which no one had much experience. &c. I am very sorry that so many of our papers have in such good part denounced the State Administration. I have one of the best men to write for my new paper in this part of the state he is a scholar of the first order it is Rev. G. H. W. my son in law, he is one of the ablest preachers in our Church, he had first read law, and is built up in Government matters, he will assist me and do all he can to give my paper character and influence. this matter in relation to my son in law is confidential.

When will you go to Lewisburg, I should now have the press as I tore down every thing, and had publish a paper until I have the press. I have a fine large office and will publish

a paper that my friend will be proud of.

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My dear Sir.

Yours of the 9 inst was

received. You say you had not the time to attend to the Prep when you were at home. When you made me the offer to purchase that Prep for me I did take it for granted that you had made the arrangement with Worton providing I would agree to take it. I did send my son to Lewisburg to see the Prep it is in a Barn or Stabel and is all apart therefore he could not see how it would work and is all rusted he did ask Mr. Worton he did not give him much satisfaction. My impression was that it was new when Gebach did purchase it since I had written to you the last time I was informed that it was an old Prep when Gebach bought it and had to be mended then. Of course I do not want the Prep unless it was a good one. I have now been delude so long by being disappointed in sever things that I am all most discridge the money that was promised to me last week to pay for my type and materials at Philad. was not paid to me it is due me and more then ten times the amount but I said yes it of course I have some need I lack \$100. Col. G. F. Miller was in our town to day. he said to me that you and he had made arrangements with Worton for the Prep. I told him that I was told that the Prep was as above stated. he said he would see Worton and insist on him to give me a correct statement. I told him that my Prep was a very good one and I could print a paper on it as large as the Ind. Pa. Telegraph. and if Mr. Wortens was not a good Prep that I would Publish the paper on my Prep. Miller said that you and he had to pay Mr. Worton. \$100. for the Prep and other articles. Miller did not say that he would do any thing. Proceeding I will not take the Prep. and I did not ask him he has always been very close with me he has not even paid his subscription for the paper. I did not desire to have him included in this

I would have rather paid for the half of the Press myself
perhaps, this you should have understood from what I written
to you. he should be made to know that he must support the
men who have stood by him under trying circumstances and
not support the men who have done every thing in their power
to ruin the men who have been injured and persecuted because
they have defended him you will understand me. I hope

Would it make any difference to you if you would
give me the amount to ^{or put it for me} pay towards the Paper and materials
that you was willing to pay towards the Press. I do not
think the Press is worth any thing if it was a good one it would
bring more money with what belongs to it please answer me
immediately as it is so important that my paper should be published.
Col. Miller is not a trade friend of yours I heard him say more than
once that you only look out for your self that no one from
your Town had any share that you was always in the look
out. I drew him out today he said what some other say of
the State Administration that they were playing a fast game.
You must not think that I am committed against Col. Miller.
he has not told me that he was a candidate but has ~~been~~
~~for~~ always pretended that he did not want it to be
Judge. but from the time he refused to give me any support
for the appointment I had not spoken to him or he to me
If a man wants my support he must come and tell me I am
a printer and must make a living of it. I will not do this
year as I don last year spend my time and money for me
who will give me the cold shoulder after ^{they} ~~that~~ are in office.
This is to be intgerly confidential. After I had written the foregoing
I received your of today. I hope I will have my paper out
next week. and I will most sharefully publish all you
will write either as Editorial or as Communications

The Gov. aurt to do somsing for me I work so hard
for him made many speeches for him printed for him and
spend so much time and money for him he will not regret
it if he will do somsing for me. Truly your friend
I must pay the cash for Paper &c. Israel Cutler

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Would it make any difference to you if you would Give me the amount to pay or pay it for me towards the Type and materials that you was willing to pay towards the Press. I do not think the Press is worth any thing if it was a Good one it would bring more money with what belongs to it please answer me immediately as it is So important that my paper should be publish. Col. Miller is not a Grade friend of yours I heard him Say more then once that you only look out for your Self that no one from your Town had any Chance that you was always ~~in~~ on the look out. I drew him out today he said what some others say of the State Administration that they were playing a fast Game. You must not think that I am committed against Col. Miller. he has not told me that he was a candidate but has ~~hereto fore~~ always pretended that he did not want it to be Judge. but from the time he refused to Give me any support for the appointment I had not Spoken to him or he to me If a man wants my Support he must come and tell me I am a printer and must make a living of it. I will not do this year as I done last year Spend my time and money for me who will Give me the Cold shoulder after they ~~them~~ are in offices This is to be entirely confidential. After I had written the foregoing I received your of today. I hope I will have my

paper out next week. and I will most Cheerfully publish all you will write either as Editorial or as a communications

The Gov. ought to do something for me I work so hard for him made many Speeches for him printed for him and spend so much time and money for him he will not regret it if he will do something for me

Truly your frind

I must pay the Cash for the Type &C

| Israel Gutelius

July 19 - 1861

Hon. E. Slifer

My dear sir,

Yours of the 18. inst. received.

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Selengrove Aug. 8th 1861.

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My dear Sir.

It is almost time for the Mail to leave therefore I can't write much.

Will you do me the favour to
and go to Mr. George Bergerner and
buy two bondels of Printing paper of the
paper on which he prints the Daily Telegraph
I will saddle up you as soon as I can I have
my New Type and am ready to prep of as
soon as I had paper. I was disappointed in
getting paper they will not send any unless I
first send the money, and I have laid out
all I had. I hope you will do me this
favour. Pittier has been down on Curtin.
he has said that Curtin was the merriest
man in the state. & I will write tomorrow
to you, and give you a full history of matters
and things. send the paper by express if he
will not sell ~~two~~ two bondels send me one

as I would like to prep of my paper this
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Selinsgrove, August 9th 1861

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My dear Sir.

Things in our county are all in confusion we had taken no part untill the few last ^{days} ~~weeks~~ and then we only have taken part for a few men. Some of my friends insisted on it that I should be a Delegate. I consented. we met on Saturday and there was a very large turnout. My friends carried the Organisation. Mr. W. F. Eckbert was elected Chairman and J. P. Sietelus Secretary. but after the orgenis was made there could be nothing done. W. F. Wagenseller denide and dispued every dision made by the Chairman. and he had his men there to back him. this riot and quarling with the Chure was continued for several hours. my friends left. and then Wagenseller and his party had there own way. they brought in a large number of Democrats and in this way of course I was depeled.

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in the State. a number of others told me the
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In his Township (Penns) he carried the instructions
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received yours, and the two Bonds of
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See you at any time. If you will
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that you would write some for my paper
I told you that I would publish it if
you would do so. I was told that Beaver
had been to see Bitter. if he got in with
Peter he will be defected at the election you
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Since writing the above I have received yours and the two Bundles of paper. you have not said what the paper cost let me know and I will send you the money as soon as I can.
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Selinsgrove, Aug. 26 ~ 1861.

Hon. Eli Slifer

My dear sir,

Yours of the 24 came to hand. On Saturday evening I had a conversation with H. K. Ritter. I ask him what induced him to come down on the State Administration. He said that he made his platform to have a thorough investigation of the Arms frods next winter and upon this platform he intended to go into the campaign. This he said he did promise to do to Bucher of New Berlin with whom he had an engagement at May Court in Middelburg. he admitted that he did then and there say if the charges of the Volunteers were true that Curtin & Slifer were the meanest men living. I said to him that there may have been some ~~some~~ description put in but that the Gov. & Secretary may be in error. Well said he that they have appointed Democrats and refused to give the appointments to our men and this induced him to be down on Curtin & Slifer. he would be a fine tale for the Democrats he can be soft doubt ever then any man I ever knew. N. Moyer who is a grade fellow to blumbuck-soft fokes he said to Ritter in a large company, that he Ritter would make the best speech of any man in this part of the state and all those who made speeches were false of him. Ritter sprang to his feet and said he was aware of it but by the Lord he would fight them as long as there was a button to his pants. everyone present knew that Moyer was making sport of him. except Ritter he swaled it. If I could see how we could manage to elect good men. I would not care if he was nominated. I know he could be defeded if we could manage to have two good Union and Administration men as our candidates. This is intgerly
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yours

I. G.

Selinsgrove Sept 16 - 1861

Hon. E. Slifer.

My dear Sir,

I have been looking for a letter from you every day. I suppose you know all about the Nominations for Assembly. The Comptroller of Juniata County have not gone into the Conferee Convention. Peter and Beaver have been down on the State Administration. In a conversation with Beaver he said that no one dare defend the State Administration in Union County. and boasted that he knew all about your Affairs in your County. He Capt John Kahn. told me that he heard Peter say that Curtis and Slifer were the two biggest rascals in the State. He I believe that Peter and Beaver will be beaten if two good men are taken. the truth is I can support them with any energy and I may aspose them. they are not the men

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Selinsgrove Sept 16 ~ 1816

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Israel Gutelius

Selinsgrove Oct. 3rd 1861.

Hon. Eli Sifer.

My dear sir.

You have not answered my last letter. I should like to know whether the arrangements are made in relation to my son.

I have understood that ~~that~~ the Wagensellers are making an effort to be an appointment for the young Dr. M. do desert in the army. he is not qualified he has had no practice. I hope you will not permit any of them to be successful. they are the most bitter animators of ours and may have been down on you were ever they have an opportunity to do so. you know I have always defended you and I think you owe it to me not to favor men who have never been your true friends, and are persuading you and your true friends.

Mr. Ritter and Mr. Beaver have no opposition. I believe we will elect our whole county ticket. Mr. S. S. Woods will be defeated. Mr. Slenker will beat him in our county from two to three hundred. Nearly all our leading men support Slenker. I will name some of them. Charles Bower. W. M. Snyder. Daniel Witmer. W. L. Herrold. Jeremiah Klockner. J. D. Boyer. Samuel Warwick. Frederick Rothfong. S. S. Alleman. Jacob D. Boyer. D. Treveler. & C. In every district in our county some of our leading men oppose Woods. Our friends in Chapman Township say that Slenker will have 200 maj. and Klockner says that Centre will give him 75. maj. Some of our best men in Mifflin County advise me that Woods will be beaten 400. and some of our friends in ^{County} Perry say that Slenker will have 300 maj. some say that he will have 600 or 700 maj. all the attorneys in Mifflin Co are opposed to woods except D. W. M. all in our county are opposed to him he will be beaten. that you may depend upon

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I was much surprised to learn that Jack Cummings was with the Army on the other side of the Potomac at Washington. You may rely on it that he is a very strong secessionist and that he went there to get some information to send to Gen. Daves. to make money out of them. it is true he is a little careful in public but his real feeling will always show that he is a strong friend of the secessionists and a deadly foe to the General and State Administrations. He and Family boards with Miss Chesney his sister and every one of Mrs Chesney family are violent secessionists the old woman her sons and Daughters they are all controlled by Jack and they come out boldly. Jack is also the man who controls the Times and it is surprising that the Editor of the Times is not created by some Government officer it publishes ~~each~~ ^{week} after week the most treasonable articles. Jack Cummings and his wife have ~~so~~ sold all their property I have no doubt with the object to slip off to the South as soon as he can ascertain some important movement of our Army of course this is only my opinion made up from all I have heard and seen. I don't want Jack to know that I have written this letter. but I desire that the Government should know that he is a most detestable enemy of our Government and a strong friend of the secessionists and as these truths are well known. I would like to know who has given him a pass to go over the Potomac to our Army. I hope you will see that Jack is not promoted to any such privilege and that the Editor of the Times is attended to if I did not publish a paper here I would had him created.

The Hon. John W. Killinger has promised that I should have the appointment of collector of taxes in our district. I would like to have your support and the Gov. as it is very evident that I will not get any good appointment. I will have to be satisfied with some small appointment or do without any. I suppose if I could afford it to be in Washington three or four weeks I might secure some appointment for my son. This I can do.

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Hon. Eli Sleser

My dear Sir.

Mr. Henry S. Boyer, Prothonotary elect. Requested me to write to you and request you to send him the Blank Bonds and all that is necessary of ours you know. all he must have on the first of December is the time he avert to get into Office if you will send them by the return of the Mail he may send them back so that he may receive his Commission on Saturday please attend to this matter J. Cummings is still in Washington have you or the Gov. given any information to some of our men. Mrs. Cummings has been telling that she would also go to Washington. Shortly before Jack left he was speaking to some of the Democrats from the County Mrs. Gutelius heard him as they ^{were} standing near our Jesus. Jack was damning and cursing and denouncing the State and the U. S. Administration and the way. he said that that the d. Republican who were Abolitionists brought this way on the County and that they were a d. pack of robbers &c. Our people are much provoked that such an infamous secessionist did get a pass. I am not surprised that our Government is so often caught by men who are traitors if a man can get a pass what is so generally known to be the friend of the secessionists. I hope you will give one of your friends at Washington a hint to keep a look out on him.

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Mr. Henry S. Boyer. Prothonatary elect. Requested me to write to you and request you to Send him the blank Bonds and all that is necessary of course you know all he must have on the first of December is the time he ought to Go into Offices If you will Send them by the return of the Mail he may Send them back so that he may received his Commission on Saturday please attend to this matter

J. Cummings is still in Washington have you or the Gov. Given any information to Some of our men. Mrs. Cummings has been telling that she would also Go to Washington. Shortly before Jack left he was Speaking to Some of the Democrats from the country Mrs. Gutelius heard him as they were Standing near our House. Jack was damning and cursing and denouncing the State and the U. S. Administration and the war. he said ~~that~~ that the d. Republican who were Abolitionists brought this war on the Country and that they were a. d. pack of robbers &c &c. Our people are much revoked that Such an infamous Secessionist did Get a pass. ~~I am~~ I am not surprised that our Government is so often caught by men who are traitors if a man Can Get a pass who is so Generally known to be the friend of the Secessionists. I hope you will Give one of your friends at Washington a hint to keep a look out on him.

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My dear Sir,

The papers of Henry S. Boyer, Esq, were at Middelburg as you have said. But there is a report here that the Gov. would not give the Commission until 30 days after the return judges had assembled to make the returns of the volunteer votes. I hope the Gov. will not understand the law to bear that construction. I assure you that there is no difficulty and that there will be none in our County in relation to Mr. Boyers election. If the Gov. has not made out his Commission that he will do so at once I ask it as a special favor. Mr. Boyer has always been our active friend.

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