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Selwogrove, Jan. 27 ~ 1862

Sam Eli Slifer

My Dear Sir

This is to be proved and
Confederal. General Order No 301. requires that the Commissioners
must certify the report of the surgeon as to the number of those who
on this rolls have been exempted. by him he exempted. 318. 2, 497

This I have don and had the Dr. not made
a charge for posting of bills I would have not said any thing about his
bill. he has had his bills printed and had none to post of. At one of the
orders he and I received requested him or autherised him to have bills
printed. I had the lone of his Hoss and he charged me \$2.00 a day.
he has also a charge for statunery I found it all. we used.

He has charged \$16.00 for
Hoss & Buggy and expences During the time we made the exemption.
for him self, I have onley charged \$58.50 for Hosses and Bugges for and
expences for the time we made the exemptions and the Draft for
J. P. S. who was with me all the time and for 4 days for G. Hower.
I am much surprisid. at the Dr. and especially for the charge for
posting bills. As you are not promoted to name me in this matter
you can say to him that he was not autherised to have bills printed
and can also ^{ask him} for a receipt of the man who printed the bills he posted
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expences and we have sined every sent charged. The truth is I spend all
my time and nearly every Sunday. People would come and would have
a hering and the whol matter was new and no one could give
at first correct information.

I hope my bill will be sustaned by the Gov
and that it will be paid. so that I can pay you the \$100.00.

I have never earned any money that I was more intideld to then this

I have Received two circulars from
A. Chapin. Capt A. A. S. G. The one says. "The Commissioners for Drafting
are requested to forward to this rendezvous Medical certificates approved
by themselves" Who is to pay the Commissioner for his work.

Truely your friend
Isaac Gutelius

Selinsgrove Jan. 27 ~ 1862

Hon Eli Slifer.

My dear Sir,

This is to be private and Confidential.

General Order No 201 requires that the Commissioner must Certify the report of the surgeon as to the number of those who on the roles have been exempted by him he exempted 318 I, L 97

This I have done and had the Dr. not made a charge for posting up bills I would have not said any thing about his bill. he has had no bills printed and had none to post up Not one of the orders he and I received requested him or authorized him to have bills printed. I had the loan of his Horse and he charged me \$2.00 a day. he has also a charge for stationary I found it all we used.

He has Charged \$46.00 for Horse & Buggy and expenses During the time we made the exemption for himself. I have only Charged \$58.50 for Horses and Buggies ~~for~~ and expenses for the time we made the exemptions and the Draft for J.P.G. who was with me all the time and for 4 days for C. Hower. I am much surprised at the Dr. and especially for the Charge for posting Bills. As you are not promitted to name me in this matter you can say to him that he was not authorized to have Bills printed and can also ask him for a receipt of the man who printed the bills he posted up &c. I and my Sons have done all the work and bore all the expenses and we have earned every cent charged The truth is I spend all ~~my~~ the time and nearly every Sunday. People would come and would have a hearing and the whole matter was new and no one could give at first correct information.

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Truly your friend
Israel Gutelius

Selinsgrove. March 18 ~ 1862.

Hon. E. Slifer

My dear Sir,

The time is come that I should make an effort to induce my friends to make an effort for me to secure an appointment of collector of taxes for the U. S. Government. I have understood that Mr. Th. W. Snyder is an applicant for collector and that Col. M. F. Wagenseller will also be an applicant for an appointment. Will you do me the favor to induce the Gov. to give me his support, and our friend the Hon. George J. Lawrence, &c. You know that no man can be appointed who will more faithfully attend to the duties of the office, than myself, and in going among the people no one can and will defend our party in power better than myself, and I am sure there is no one more deserving. Mr. Snyder has not during the elections for Gov & President attended a single meeting outside of our town. he never has done any thing for the party the truth is he said or would do any thing among the people. The Hon. J. W. Killinger has promised me his support in full. I know that my friends can secure this for me, if they will take a stand for me. I would be much obliged to Mr. G. J. Lawrence if he will write a letter to Senator Cowan, in my favor I will do him any favor in my power. I don't know whether I should ask Gen. Cameron. I suppose he is soon leaving to attend to his foreign mission. I still believe if you will consent that we can make you our next Gov. you know that I am sincere.

Let me hear from you especially in relation to my own subject I hope the Gov. will give me his full support. Truly your friend
Wm. L. Tuttle

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Israel Gutelius

Slingsrove. March. 22 ~ 1862

Hon Eli Slifer

My dear Sir.

Yours of the 19 inst received

A number of our men here insisted on that my son J. P. should be an Applean for the appointment of shiff. I send him to Middleburg to see our men and examon the Dockets to see what it is worth. every one that we had ask did signe for him. before my son had returned from Middleburg I did write to you and onley requested you to give him your suport with the Gov. in case if he would come well recomended. Therefore it appeared very strang to me that you should have said to Attorney Ziegler that we could not induve you to take the responsibility to make or to have made the appointment of shiff. I am confident my letter dur not ask you to do so. You say in your letter if my son will bring the evidences to be filed in you Offices that he is the choice of the majority of the people of our county you will give him your suport. I have no doubt he could have had a majority of the people to signe for him. unles there should have been many Appleans. But if the Gov. should have demanded that to goe to all that trobel and expens he should not have been any longer an Applean. As I know that other men will take appointments and secure Offices without an expressions of a majority of the people having expressed them selfs in favor of it

But before Mr. Ziegler came home or before I received your letter I had decided and my son had consented not to be an Applean.

You say I never send you an Order to draw my money from the U. S. I am confident I did send one but I can't ^{not} remember wether I had send one for the final amount. therefore I ask you in good fath. as I will do any favor to you in my power and if you are under any impresshion that I have said or don any thing that ^{is} against you either direct or indirect you are mistaken or have be misinformed. I have been your friend and supporter under every circumstances and at all times. I had not ask your suport for Marshall. of the board of making Enrolment and Draft only for one of said Board. the Marshall is to be the President of said Board and has to do much worick and gets a large salary. the two other members of the Board have onley to have the enrolment and Draft and exoneration to make.

Can you give me the information to who I should write urging to pay us the amount coming to me from the U. S. please give me said information if I do not see it before the first of April I am in a grade fix. The shiff had promised to pay me \$100.00 but they I will not get now.

Truely your friend
Israel Gutelius

B. I hope the Gov will appoint Daniel Gembeling shiff. 25

Selinsgrove. March 22~ 1862

Hon Eli Slifer

my dear Sir.

Yours of the 19 inst received A number of our men here insisted on that my son J. P. should be an applicant for the appointment of shff. I send him to Middleburg, to see our men and examine the Dockets, to see what it is worth, every one that we had ask did sign for him, before my son had returned from Middleburg I did write to you and only requested you to Give him your support with the Gov. in case if he would come well recommended. Therefore it appeared very strange to me that you should have said to Attorney Ziegler that we could not induce you to take the responsibility to make or to have made the appointment of shff. I am confident my letter dose not ask you to do so. You say in your letter if my son will bring the evidence to be filed in you offices that he is the Choice of the majority of the people of our county you will give him your support. I have no doubt he could have had a majority of the people to Sign for him, unless there should have been many Applicants. But If the Gov. should have demanded that to go to all that trouble and expense he should not have been any longer an applicant. As I know that other men will take appointments and Secure offices without an expression of a majority of the people having expressed them selves in favor of it

But before Mr. Ziegler came home or before I received your letter I had decided and my son had consented not to be an Applicant.

You say I never send you an Order to draw my money from the U.S. I am confident I did send one but I can not remember whether I had send one for the final amount, therefore I ask you in good faith, as I will do any favor to you in my power and if you are under any impression that I have Said or done any thing that is against you, either direct or indirect you are mistaken or have be misinformed. I have been your friend and Supporter under every Circumstance and at all times. I had not ask your support for marshall, of the board of making the enrolment and Draft only for one of said Board. The marshall is to be the President of said Board and has to do much work and Gets a large salary, the two other members of the Board have only to have the enrolment and Draft and exoneration to make.

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Truly your friend

Israel Gutelius

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Selins Grove May 1st 1862

Hon. E. Sleser.

My dear Sir.

There are a number of men who have from time to time requested me to write to you for favors from the State Administration men who have no claims on me or the Administration. I have refused to do so. But I have learned that they have induced my son, J. P. to write to you asking you this was done without my knowledge or consent. You will understand this and treat all such requests accordingly.

I have received no answer of our friend Lawrence. I was surprised from all men when I learned that a law was passed last winter compelling the Officers Administrators Executors &c. to have all the advertising published in Andrew Peters German paper at Middlebury. Peters was the candidate of the Free Soil & Reform Party for Mayor & Recorder last fall. This is the most unjust high handed and infamous law ever enacted. Administrators and Executors &c. who had sold German and were the paper did not circulate are forced to publish their Notices and Sale in said German Paper. Bitter & Beaver will see where they stand and it is strange that you and the Gov. have not detected the fraud unjust in the act. It will be over \$100 out of my pocket this year.

I must close it is mail time

Truly your friend

Israel Gutelius

Selinsgrove May 1~ 1862

Hon E. Slifer

My dear sir.

There are a number of men who have from time to time requested me to write to you for favors from the State Administration men who have no claims on me or the Administration I have refused to do so. But I have learned that they have induced my son, J. P. to write to you annoying you this was done without my knowledge or consent. You will understand this and treat all such requests accordingly.

I have received no answer of our friend, Lawrance I was surprised beyond all measure when I learned that a law was passed last winter compelling the officers, Administrators Executors &c &c to have all the advertising publish In Andrew Peters German paper at Middleburg. Peters was the Candidate of the Locofoco secession Party for Reger & Recorder last fall This is the most unjust highhanded and infamous law ever enacted Administrators and Executors &c &c who can't read German and where the paper dose not circulate are forced to publish their Notices and Sale in said German Paper. Ritter & Beaver will see where they stand and it is strange that you and the Gov have not detected the Grade injustice in the act. It will be over \$100 out of my pocket this year.

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Truly your friend

Israel Gutelius

Selinsgrove May 5 ~ 1862.

Hon. Eli Slifer.

My dear Sir.

Col John J. Patterson.

Has written to me from Harrisburg on the 3 inst. the same day you have written. He says he will be a candidate for Congress and will come to our Town this week and wants my support. I would be very much obliged to you if you will in confidence make known to me your preference on this subject. If you intend to be a candidate for Congress and you don't want now to have it known by the public you can safely let me say that is much said on the subject in our county. The Sheriff & Prothonotary have several times insisted on me, to let them know who I would support.

I have helped a number of men to good offices and every one of them have betrayed me except your self and at one time I was under the impression that you had also deserted me. I am well satisfied that I was mistaken. And if you want to be a candidate for Congress you shall have my support. I have paid many of those who have deserted me, and if I will be spared yet some years I will pay some others.

Will you do me the favor to write to the Hon John W. Killinger and request him to see that the appointment of tax collector is made secure for me. You don't say that I informed you that he will secure it for me. So he has said in ~~his~~ letters to me several times but it is some time since he has written to me and I don't feel so satisfied as I have been. You will see my object to request you to write to him it is to draw him out and I also know you have more influence with him than any other man. You will best know your self what to write to him it may perhaps not be expedient to tell for you to write to him that he has promised to secure the appointment for me. If there should have been any undue influence used it is hard indeed but I will do as much as any other man, as I am very anxious to secure this as we can attend to it and the Printing Offices and all we would earn here would be a clear gain. As I said to you already I much depend on you if not directly you have your friends who can secure it and will do it to please you. Give an answer on the Congress matter by the Triely your friend
returns Mail

Israel Cutler

Selinsgrove May 5 ~ 1862.

Hon Eli Slifer.

My dear Sir.

Col John J. Patterson,

Has written to me from Harrisburg on the 2 inst the same day you have written. He says he will be a candidate for Congress, and will come to our Town this week and wants my Support. I would be very much obliged to you if you will in Confidence make known to me your preference on this subject. If you intend to be a candidate for congress and you don't want now to have it known by the public you can safely let me know it. There is much Said on the Subject in our County. The shff & Prothonatary have several times insisted on me to let then know who I would Support.

I have helped a number of men to Good offices and every one of them have betrayed me except your self and at one time I was under the impression that you had also deserted me. I am well Satisfied that I was mistaken. And if you want to be a Candidate for Congress you shall have my support I have paid many of those who have deserted me. and if I will be spared yet some years I will pay some others.

Will you do me the favor to write to the Hon John W. Killinger and request him to see that the appointment of Tax Collector is made secure for me. You ought to say that I informed you that he will secure it for me. So he has said in a letters to me Several times but it is some time since he has written to me and I don't feel so satisfied as I have been You will see my object to request you to write to him it is to draw him out and I also know you have more influence with him then any other man you will best know your self, what to write to him It may perhaps not be expedient ~~to tell~~ for you to write to him that he has promised to secure the appointment for me. If there should have been any undue influence used it is hard indeed but I will do as much as any other man, as I am very anxious to secure this as we can attend to it and the Printing Offices and all we would earn here would be a clear Gain. As I said to you already I much depend on you if not directly you have your friends who can secure it and will do it to pass you. Give an answer on this Congress matter by the
return Mail

Truly your friend
Israel Gutelius

Selinsgrove July 10th 1862

Hon. E. Slifer

My dear Sir.

Yours of the 9th inst. received
I have said to Mr. Miller that you had written to me and said
that you would ~~stand~~ stand by him in your county and that
you were for him. he has told you an untruth or has misunderstood
me. I had told Patterson he should ask you whether you would be
at Harrisburg this week that I would go down. but I may not
come this week as Patterson has left here without attending to a
matter he had promised to attend to, ^{after his nomination of our county} who can or will carry
Dauphin County. There is a powerfull disaffecton in
Juniata County. and also in our county. in relation to P. nomination

Some time since the
Hon. J. M. Killinger has written to me about the Tax &
he told me to hold still and he would see that I would be
preveded for. but since the bill has passed. I have not heard from
him. I am forefull I am flored agin. I am saderfied wen ever
our men are in power they have no respect for thos who have don
the worick. I know you are my frind and I will stick to you
to the last. I will tell you the mene trick and description that has been
plade on me reverndely when I see you

Truely your frind
J. Gutelius

M.B. I dont intend to ask the Gov. agin for a recomodation.
I apisted to nomenate him. and laberd hard to elect him and
he has never don me a favor. but has allways apposed me.

J. S.

Selinsgrove July 10~ 1862

Hon E. Slifer

My dear Sir.

Yours of the 9 inst. received I have Said to Mr. Miller that you had written to me and Said that you would ~~Stand~~ Stand by him in your county and that you were for him. he has told you an untruth or has misunderstood me. I had told Patterson, he Should ask you whether you would be at Harrisburg this week that I would Go down, but I may not come this week as Patterson has left here without attending to a matter he had promised to attend too after his nomenation of our County who can or will cary Dauphin County. There is a powerful dissatisfaction in Juniata County, and also in our county, in relation to P. nomination

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Killinger has written to me about the Tax &c he told me to hold still and he would see that I would be provided for, but since the bill has passed, I have not heard from him. I am fearful I am floored again. I am Satisfied when ever our men are in power they have no respect for those who have done the work. I know you are my friend and I will stick to you to the last. I will tell you the mean trick and deception that has been played on me recently when I see you

Truly your friend

I. Gutelius

NB. I don't intend to ask the Gov. again for a recommendation. I assisted to nominate him, and labored hard to elect him and he has never done me a favor, but has always opposed me.

I.G.

Selinsgrove, July 28th, 1862.

Col. Eli Slifer -

My dear Sir - Dr. H. P. Hutton
stein proceeds to Philadelphia this morning to
attend the examinations of physicians, he being
desirous to become an applicant for an
appointment as an Assistant Surgeon in
the Army. His numerous friends, therefore, in
this county would consider it a great favor
if you could give him your influence to se-
cure the position.

The Doctor has practiced medicine in Selinsgrove
for many years, and is the physician of many of our
best families. He has been successful in his
profession and has paid some attention to Surgery.
In making application for the appointment he
is prompted by one motive only, and that is to lend
a helping hand to the Government. In almost every
engagement there has been a great deficiency of Sur-
geons, and he consequently believes it to be his
duty to tender his services as a Surgeon as he
can make himself more useful in that capacity
than in any other.

In politics he was a Douglas Democrat, ~~but~~
now there is no more ardent supporter of the
Union cause and of President Lincoln's Adminis-
tration in the State.

I hope that you will use your influence
to have him appointed, and thus oblige

Your friend,
Israel Gutelius.

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My dear Sir— Dr. N. P. Hattenstein proceeds to Philadelphia this morning to attend the examinations of Physicians. he being desirous to become an applicant for an appointment as an Assistant Surgeon in the Army. His numerous friends, therefore, in this county would consider it a great favor if you could give him your influence to secure the position.

The Doctor has practiced medicine in Selinsgrove for many years, and is the physician of many of our best families. He has been successful in his profession and has paid some attention to surgery. In making application for the appointment he is prompted by one motive only, and that is to lend a helping hand to the Government. In almost every engagement there has been a great deficiency of Surgeons, and he consequently believes it to be his duty to tender his services as a Surgeon as he can make himself more useful in that capacity than in any other. In politics he was a Douglas Democrat, and now there is no more ardent supporter of the Union cause and of President Lincoln's Administration in the State.

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Israel Gutelius

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Selinsgrove July 28 ~ 1862

Hon. Eli Slifer.

My dear Sir.

Today we have had a large and spirited war meeting at Middelburg for the purpose of raising a company in our county. The meeting by a unanimous vote requested our county commissioners to pay \$50. to each man in the county as a bounty, who enlists under the call of our Gov. The commissioners at best complied with the request and are prepared to pay the fifty dollars to each man as soon as they are sworn into the service. it will only amount to five thousand and fifty dollars. for 101.

My object in writing to you at this time is to request you to give me all the information necessary to how to proceed to raise and organize the company in a lawful manner. please do so without delay. I also desire to know how officers of the company are to be made are they appointed by the Gov. or elected by the members of the company. I see in the Proclamation of the Gov. that "The President has made a requisition on Pa. for twenty one new regiments. and the regiments already in the field must be recruited. I do not see that the Gov. has named the number of men needed to fill out the regiments already in the field. are the 21 regiments all that is now ask for of Pa. for the new. and to fill out the old regiments. These matters we should have understood the day at our meeting. but no one knew. I have full confidence we can raise one company this week if I will received the proper and full instructions how our men are to proceed. I suppose the men who are now out enlisting men all over the state are enlisting to fill out the old regiments. and I expect let me hear from you at once. Truly your friend
Israel Gutelius

July 28

NB. I have this moment ascertained, that the commissioners have recommended a number of men for recruiting ^{and officers} and have named men who are not the upright kind of men. I hope no one will be appointed until we hear from you and understand the whole matter. You know what kind of commissioners we have, and as they pay no more ^{tax} than any other tax payer they ought not to have any more to say than other men of our country. I assure you that after the you will give us the information ask for the true friends of the General and State Administration will give you the upright names, men who ~~also~~ approve of the new plans intended to be pursued in the war and men who can defend and sustain our Administrations. almost every one wants to be an officer and some have offered me a horse to ride to Harrisburg this night to secure or to endeavor to secure an appointment. I have promptly refused as this matter is of more importance than dollars. Some one has recommended my son E. W. I hope he will not be appointed to any station until at least until I have heard from you, and the truth is he has not any military knowledge as well as many of those that have been recommended by the commissioners and others. I have also understood that some have gone to Harrisburg to secure the appointment. Now I will say to you that I hope you will not act in this matter until I hear from you and you from us as the matter may fall if the upright men are not appointed. To remove all doubts I tell you that I do not want the appointment of my son, the truth is I stand spare him and will not unless the number of men necessary can not be raised. I have got to much trouble and some expenses to assist to set things into a good shape in our country, and we have some good men that we can induce to take the matter in hand and carry it through but if the wrong men are appointed the whole thing will be a failure, and this can and ought to be avoided. When I came away from Middelburg the understanding was that no movement should be made for officers until the 101 men were raised and then the members of the company should recommend ^{the} officers they wanted. I. S.

Selinsgrove July 28~ 1862

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I.G.

Selinsgrove Aug 5/62

Hon. E. Slifer.

Dr. H. C. Houtz.

Was written to me requesting me to write to you and request you to give him your assistance to secure an appointment as Serjeant in the Army. he has had a good practice for about 18 years. he had be unforgetful and is poor and down hauled. I would esteem it a great favor if you would give him your assistance.

I see the Tax bill requires a man to be a freeholder to be an Assessor or Collector. There are many honest poor men who are no freeholders, who could give good security and would honestly and faithfully perform the duties. but this deprives all who are not rich. I am not surprised that our party never can hold the reins of the Government more than one Term. This act is the very foundation of real aristocracy. did our Congress not know that they were paid in power by those who are not freeholders. ~~It is~~ ^{it not} strange that the men who elect the officers, and fight our battles are deprived of an opportunity to hold offices.

By whom are the men appointed who are to prepare the Military to be organized for a draft. I understand that ^{rich} a Locofoco is appointed, all the favors that have been given to men in our nation under the General Government or in relation to the Army have been given to Locofocos.

Truly your friend.

Israel Gutelius

Selinsgrove Aug 5/62

Hon. E. Slifer

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Has written to me requesting me to write to you and request you to Give him your assistance to secure an appointment as Surgeon in the Army, he has had a Good practice for about 18 years, he had be unfortunate and is poor and down hearted. I would esteem it a great favor if you would Give him you assistance.

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Israel Gutelius

Selinsgrove August 9/62

Hon. E. Slifer

My dear sir,

I have send to you eleven Papers of the Selinsgrove Times. I have selected them from December 1861. so that it can be seen that the Editor has been writing and publishing the most high handed & unreasonable doctrahⁿ ^{almost every week} The Times has don much injury. The only paper the Democrats in the country take and read is the Selinsgrove Times. and a large majority of them are redy and willing to take up arms in defens of the traitors. Franklin Marish. the Proprietor and Editor boast of his independans and vorge to defend seception. any thing I print to prove his fail's statements will have no effect on his readers. nothing except the strong arm of the law will stop this trisonable influens & hopelet will be speedely don I do not believe there is a paper publish that is as bold in defending the Traters and denouncing the Administration as the Times is. Pleas urge this matter upon the War departement. I believe if this is don we could raise another company in two days. — Can you find me on the tract that I could sed a situation for my son J. P. he has no expericiens in Military matters as an Officer in the Army. but there are some situations in the Army he could fill well. It is true and make somsing. It is true I cand well spare him. yed I would do so in the times if he could make somsing to upis me too a littel

Truely your friend
J. Guttleires

Selinsgrove August 9/62

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Truly your friend

I. Gutelius

Selinsgrove. Sept. 8/62

Hon Eli Slifer

My dear Sir.

On the 4th inst in the evening I received my appointment on the 4th inst I was to Middelburg and sworn. Dr. Wagenseller did not go to be sworn until Friday evening. On Saturday morning I was for the first time informed that the Enrollment list was filed. This information I received of Dr. Wagenseller on Saturday the Dr. and I agreed on 10 different places to meet ^{for} exonerations. as we were under the impression that it was our duty to give those who claimed exemption all the time the law allowed ~~before~~ ^{last} I received your instructions which was on Saturday evening. before they came I had the handbills printed and many of them distribut. and as the bills were only posted up on Saturday evening I believed I should give ~~two~~ one day time so we only comense on Tuesday the 9th inst and finish on the 19th inst I am very sorry that I have given 10 days to here those who claim exemption. I will do all in my power to make the draft on Saturday the day after we complete hearing those who claim exemption. I have written to the Gov. and I hope he can give me ^{time} until Monday the 22nd inst to complete the exonerations and drafts. I am very sorry that I have been delaid so long before I could comens. and I now regret that I have extended the time to the 19th inst I hope you will see the Gov. and save me from being blamed of having gone wrong.

Truly your friend
Israel Gutelius

Selinsgrove, Sept. 8/62

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On the third inst in the evening I received my appointment on the 4 inst I was to Middleburg and sworn. Dr. Wagenseller did not go to be sworn until friday evening. On Saturday morning I was for the first time informed that the Emolument list was filed, this information I received of Dr. Wagenseller on Saturday the Dr. and I agreed on 10 different places to meet for exonerations, as we were under the impression that it was our duty to Give those who claimed exoneration all the time the law aloud ~~before~~ before I received your last instructions which was on saturday evening, before they came I had the handbills printed and many of them distributed, and as the bills ware only posted up on saturday evening I believed I should Give ~~time~~ one day time so we only commence on Tuesday the 9 inst and finish on the 19 inst I am sorry that I have given 10 days to hear those who claim exemption. I will do all in my power to make the draft on saturday the day after we complete hearing those who claim exemption. I have written to the Gov. and I hope he can give me time until monday the 22 inst to complete the exoneration and draft I am very sorry that I have been delayed so long before I could commence. and I now regret that I have extended the time to the 19 inst I hope you will See the Gov. and save me from being Claimed of having gone wrong.

Truly you friend
Israel Gutelius

Selensgrove. Oct. 13/62.

Hon. E. Slifer.

My dear sir.

Capt. Davis. of our Volunteer Company came home on Friday and it is reported that all the Loefboers who belong to said Company will be at home tomorrow to vote the Secession Ticket.

Has the Administration not the power to prevent the secession volunteers from leaving their post to come home to defeat the Government at the ballot box. I hope they have and will promptly attend to it. by telegraphing to Capt. Davis. to be at his post this day and his men.

The secessionists in our County have spend more time and money to carry the election tomorrow then they have for many years. Our candidates have don nothing they have not spend one dollar in our County that I know of to have our voter brought out to the election. and our prominent men here have don nothing. Col. Wagenseller. Dr. Eyster. ware at the City attending to their own business. I have don all I was able to do. The secessionists Jack Cummings and all other ware oute day and night the two last weeks and have spend more then ~~\$2000.00~~ \$1000.00. from all the information I have.

After the Draft is made it would be a grade convenens if the Drafted men could be assembled at Selensgrove in stid of Middelberg. as they will have to come here for transportation. What am I to do with the tickets in the ar wile after I have drawn the number of a Township. &

Truly your friend
Israel Gutelius

G. Bergner Esq. I directed this letter to you for fere. Col. Slifer is not at Harroburg will you see to this matter
yours
I. G.

Selinsgrove, Oct. 13/62.

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After the Draft is made it would be a great convenience if the drafted men could be assembled at Selinsgrove instead of Middleburg, as they will have to come here for transportation. What am I to do with the tickets in the ~~B~~ well after I have drawn the number of a Township, &c

Truly your friend
Israel Gutelius

G. Bergner Esq. I directed this letter to you for fear Col. Slifer is not at Harrisburg Will you see to this matter

you &c, I.G

Pennsburg October 28th 1862
Montgomery County Pa

Hon. Eli Slifer.

My dear Sir

I would be much pleased. If you would send to me at Selinsgrove a copy or some information of some bills of the Commissioners I do not desire to have a tier bill in preparation to the work done the truth is I spend much time to have matters all aright. To bid the men to serve the Notices on Friday afternoon Saturday and Monday. As you made my appointment and desire to come out aright please give me some information. you know what I want

I came here to improve my health and I am glad that it had the desired effect my health is better than it has been in one year

Truly your friend
Israel Gutelius

Pennsburg October 28~ 1862
Montgomery County Pa.

Hon. Eli Slifer,

My dear Sir

I would be much pleased, If you would Send to me at Selinsgrove a copy or Some information of Some bills of the Commissioner. I do not desire to have a higher bill in proportion to the work done The truth is I spend much time to have matters all right. To Get the men to Serve the Notices on friday afternoon Saturday and monday. As you made my appointment and desire to come out right please give me Some information, you know what I want

I came here to improved my health and I am glad that it had the desired effect my health is better then it has been in one year

Truly your friend
Israel Gutelius

Pennsburg Oct. 30/62

Hon. Eli Slifer.

My dear Sir.

Mr. Fomenstoek. The collector of the tax of our Congreganial district. has witen to the Hon. John W. Killinger. Informing him that he was desirous to do him the favor to appoind his frind Gutelius in Snyder County collector. But that Gutelius had not ask for said Appointment nor any one for Gutelius. &c. Mr. Killinger send the letter to me and one of his ^{owne} ~~owne~~ requesting me to ask you to speak to Mr. Fomenstoek for me will you do so. I will see him in a few days my self.

I came here to Rev. Weisers my son in laws to ged some rest to recerate my helth ~~and~~ During the election and holding the appeals and making the Draft I became indyrbly broken down but my helth is better now then it has been for some years.

~~Common~~ I would be glad if I could ged a copy of a Commisponers Bill the number of days. &c The truth is I work on this subject nearly all the time day and night and nearly every Sunday to have all don in time. Yet I do not ~~charge~~ desire to charge all the time I was imployed in doing the work if it would amount to more then other ^{the} charge to ged men and to serve the Notices on the 515 Drafted men on Saturday and Monday. This was all the time ~~given~~ ^{given} the order ~~to~~ if I could ged 25 cents for the notices and serving notice on each man I will live on this atom. I am sadesfied I don my work as correct as any Commisponer in the state. and with as much sadesfation to the Peple in the County. in this County (Montgomery) they are ged serving notices and the whole work ~~is~~ not don according to Law. Truly your frind. S. Gutelius

Pennsburg Oct. 30/62

Hon. Eli Slifer,

My dear Sir,

Mr. Fonenstock, The collector of the tax of our Congressional district, has written to the Hon. John W. Killinger, Informing him that he was desirous to do him the favor to appointed his friend Gutelius, in Snyder County Collector, but that Gutelius had not ask for said Appointment nor any one for Gutelius, &c. Mr Killinger Send the letter to me and one of his own ~~one~~ requesting me to ask you to speak to Mr. Fonenstock for me will you do so. I will see him in a few days my Self.

I came here to Rev. Weisers my son in laws to get some rest to recruit my health ~~an~~ During the election and holding the appeals and making the Draft I became entirely broken down but my health is better now then it has been for some years.

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Selinsgrove. Nov. 7th 1862.

Hon. Eli Slifer.

My dear Sir,

Mr. A. N. Fehnestock has informed me that he will give me the appointment to collect the tax of our county. But under existing circumstances. I am fearful I may not be able to give such security as he has ask for he ask to have three or four men of well known character who are men of good standing worth \$3000. Prior to the last election campaign I could have complied with his request without any difficulty. Then Col. H. C. Eyer, G. Schurz, & would have do me the favor sharefully. But after Eyer & did take such a strong stand for the secession party I did expose and denounce thare course. and of course they will not do me a favor now. and the men of our party are nearly all broke except B. Schoch and him and I are not friends how. the course he had take against me after he lerned that he was not also Commissioner was mean and I made him feile it. and you know. Col. M. F. W. is not a true friend. and would inger me if he could do so in the dark and you know our Farmers are very much afeard to give + security. for any one I can sed men the stiff and Prothy, and some othe good men but I am afeard he would not be suspecied. Would you have any objection to give your name.

I may goe to see Mr. W. Cameron and ask him. I had to give heavy Bait when suberuser on the Canal & ^{when} staff. no one need fear that I will not attend honestly and faithfully to the duties of the office.

Truely your friend

Israel Gutelius

Selinsgrove, Nov. 7~ 1862.

Hon. Eli Slifer,

My dear Sir,

Mr. A.N. Fahnestock, has informed me that he will Give me the appointment to collect the tax of our county. But under existing circumstances, I am fearful I may not be able to Give Such security as he has ask for he ask to have three or four men of well known character who are men of Good standing worth \$30,000 Prior to the last election campaign I could have complied with his request without any difficulty. Then Col. H.C. Eyer, G. Schnur, &c would have do me the favor cheerfully. But after Eyer &c did take such a strong Stand for the secession party I did expose and denounce their Course, and of course they will not do me a favor now, and the men of our party are nearly all broke except B. Schoch and him and I are not friends now. the course he had take against me after he learned that he was not also Commissioner was mean and I made him feel it. and you know Col. W.F.W. is not a true friend, and would injure me if he could do so in the dark and you know our Farmers are very much afraid to Go & security for any one I can Get men the Shff and Prothy, and Some other good men but I am afraid he would not be Satisfied Would you have any objection to Give your name.

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Truly your friend

Israel Gutelius

Selinsgrove Nov. 25 ~ 1862

Hon Eli Slifer.

My dear Sir,

I have today send my bill directed to you as I did not knowen to who to direct. my bill is a fare and honest one. I have given more time to attend to the duty then I have sharg. and I would have come down with my bill but spending money has become very shars with me. this matter has cost me much money as I of course had to pay all expences &c. and the men I have not paid are continually after me. I would be much oblig to you if you could help me to the money or a part of it. I paid the last dollar to the men I had employd and now some of thos who are not paid. say I have drawn the money. The truth is you are the only man I can have any hope to do me a favor. If thair should be any objection to any part of my bill will you pleas to let me know what the objection is and send the bill to me to make it ~~an~~ order wright. The items in my bill are much more specified then the one the Hon. J. M. Sellers. send to me. If the exception and Draft would now have to be made ~~now~~ and reasonable time given it could be don at one half the expens. The complaint against me is that I have not given more time for the drafted men to meto in Midd-
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I am glad I can say with truth my debts are few but every dollar I owe is demanded of me. If I am paid my account agins the U. S. I can pay ever cent I owe and have some left. let me herefrom you and help me if you can do so. any thing in my power I will do for you at any and all times. I am ~~more~~ satisfied that you want to be the candidate for Gov. } Truly your friend
you know I am sincere. } Small Guttle

Selinsgrove Nov. 25~ 1862

Hon Eli Slifer,

My dear Sir,

I have today Send my bill directed to you as I did not known to who to direct. my bill is a fair and honest one. I have given more time to attend to the duties then I have charge. and I would have came down with my bill but spending money has become very scarce with me. this matter has cost me much money as I of course had to pay all expenses &c, and the men I have not paid are continually after me. I would be much oblige to you if you could help me to the money or a part of it. I paid the last dollar to the men I had employed and now some of those who are not paid. Say I have drawn the money. The truth is you are the only man I can have any hope to do me a favor. If there should be any objection to any part of my bill will you please to let me know what the objection is and send the bill to me to make it ~~on-objeeter~~ right. The items in my bill are much more specified then the one the Hon. J.M. Sellers send to me. If the exception and Draft would now have to be made ~~now~~ and reasonable time given it could be done at one half the expense. The complaint against me is that I have not given more time for the drafted men to meet in Middleburg I gave all the time that was given in order No. 99. many Commissioners violated said order by giving weeks more time. I am under the impression that the State pays the Commissioners. In order No. 99 ~~Issect 3~~ Sect 3 is the following, "All reasonable expenses &c will be Reimbursed by the United States," &c. Now Col. S. I know you will do all for me as you have always done.

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you know I am sincere

Israel Gutelius

Selinsgrove. Nov. 29 ~ 1862

Hon. Eli Slifer.

My dear Sir.

Yours of the 28 inst received. If I understand you correctly an officer of the General Government will come to Harrisburg and pay the expense of the Draft, some of those I have not paid are doing me every day. They contend that I have ~~not~~ received the money to make the Draft and that I am to pay them I will send you an Order to draw the four hundred and fifty six dollars and fifty cents the amount of my bill against the United States for making the Draft &c of Snyder County, Pa. If you advance one hundred dollars to me at once until my bill against the U. S. is paid I will be much obliged to you for this new favor. I pledge my word and honor that you shall ~~the~~ have the hundred dollars out of the money coming to me of the U. S. as Commissioner of Snyder County to make the Draft &c. which the \$100. I could settle all. Please do me this favor, by Monday

Truly your friend

Israel Gutten

United States. Pay the Hon. Eli Slifer, four hundred and fifty six dollars and fifty cents the amount of my bill for making exemption the draft &c as Commissioner of Snyder County, Pa.

Selinsgrove. November 29. A. D. 1862.

Israel Gutten

Commissioner of Snyder Co.

Selinsgrove, Nov. 29~ 1862

Hon. Eli Slifer,

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Israel Gutelius

Commissioner of Snyder Co.

Selinsgrove. Dec. 15 ~ 1862

Hon. E. Slifer.

Dear Sir

The Lewistown Democrat speaks very highly of Surgeon A. S. Cummings who is in the Hospital in Harrisburg.

In my absence my sons copied this paper into my papers. I am very sorry this mistake is made

I am surprised that the Administration does employ its most bitter opposers. Dr. A. S. Cummings is one of the most bold and outspoken secessionists in the state He gave Notices to Rev. Mattenstern, the Pastor of the German Reformed Church of Selinsgrove not to speak for our government if he would do so he would offend some of his members. meaning Cummings &c. he at the same time informed Rev. H. that his feelings was with the South. &c. If he is not removed from his offices we will lose many votes at the next election. It is a bitter pill to take to know that the men who are denouncing and slandering the whole party in the most bitter terms, are appointed to offices by those we elect. It is not necessary that this should be made public, so that I would have to bear all the blame he has some relations I respect. Is there any hope that the U. S. Government will soon pay the expenses for making the draft. I would like to see that you will get your money and I need mine also. Can you do any thing to induce them to make payment

I believe we can carry our State next year providing
our men now in power will sustain their friends and if we
~~use~~ conquer the rebels. but I believe we ought to take a new
man and I believe we could elect you Gov. with less trouble
then any other man, will the Gov. be a candidate I hope
not he never has don any thing for me he has of course for
your sake condensed I should be Commissioner. but he did
keep it back untill you came to Harrisburg but had
all the others publish. he knew me as well as any other
man, I had spend time and money for him.

Truly your friend
Israel Guttle

Dec 1862

Selinsgrove, Dec 18~ 1862

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Truly your friend
Israel Gutelius

Selinsgrove. Dec. 27 ~ 1862

Hon. Eli Slifer.

My dear Sir

Yours of the 17. inst was received.

I am sorry the U. S. Government neglects to pay its friends who have been doing work for them and paid the expenses out of their own pockets. I have no doubt if you or the Gov. would write to the proper Officer at Washington requesting him to have the expenses paid to make the Draft in our State it would be done. especially if you would inform them or him that some of our poor men have done the Drafting and would be very thankful if received the money they expended and paid out. I would also like to see you get the \$100. You have sent me a check for. Please see that this matter is attended to. The Democrats have been much favored by the U. S. Government and also by the State Government. they make money from our Administrations and use it to brake down the Administrations and our party. Nearly all the leading Democrats with us who have been the most loudest Union men, have gone back into the Locofoes ranks. A. C. Simpson. H. C. Eyer Jr. W. Davis G. Schure & H. all these men wounted was offices and favors from the party, and some of them strained every hard to bring their rank and file into line at the election. But they could not come it we had 50 maj in our Borow were they had from 40 to 60. I never seen H. C. Eyer & J. Cummings look so much like they had promised their candidates from 40 to 60 majority. The appointment of Dr. C. is an infamous insult to the friends of the Administration.

It is a fact when ever our party gets into power they will not take care of our men who really have been endeavored in bringing it into power. I believe I make as many votes for our party as any other man can under the same situation. Yed when the collector of the U. S. taxes of our District offered me our county but ask me to give him men for security of known caracters and standing. Such men are not so plenty, and I wrote to such ^{of our} men that I believed would do me the favor and would sacrifice the collector but I received the cold sholder. The paper told me the tax of our county now to be collected will not amount over \$3000. as this is a small amount but the advertising &c. I would have made something out of it. Of course after the

fers oposition and stand I had taken at our election against Col. H. C. Eger. I could not ask him or Mr. Schure. and I would not have Eger for my Bail. as I know he wounds to be a candidate for an office I could not support him therefore I do not want to be under any obligations to him. I could have had good men in our county but I was afraid the Electer would not be satisfied with them. I think no one has been appointed yet for our county.

I have repeatedly given heavy Bail when supervisor on the Canal. and when Superintendent to repair the Kerns kin Dam. and when Sheriff. I have always faithfully accounted for every cent that came into my possession.

After I received your letter stating that. If Cameron would consent to go on my Bond you would I have not written to Cameron since as I understood he told you he could not do so. thair fore I did not deem it nepery to say any thing about it.

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Selinsgrove. Dec 27~ 1862

Hon. Eli Slifer,

My dear Sir

Yours of the 17 inst was received. I am sorry the U.S. Government neglects to pay its friends who have been doing work for them and paid the expenses out to their own pockets. I have no doubt if you or the Gov. would write to the proper officer at Washington requesting him to have the expenses paid to make the Draft in our State it would be done, especially if you would inform them or him that Some of our poor men have done the Drafting and would be very thankful if received the money they expended and paid out I would also like to see you Get the \$100 you have sent me a check for. Please see that this matter is attended to. The Democrats have been much favored by the U.S. Government and also by the State Government. they make money from our Administrations and use it to break down the Administrations and our party. Nearly all the leading Democrats with us who have been the most loudest Union men have gone back into the Locofoco ranks. A.C. Simpson, H.C. Eyer, J.K. Davis G. Schnure &c &c, all these men wanted was offices and favors from the party, and some of them strained very hard to bring their rank and file into line at the election but they could not commit we had 50 maj in our Borough ware they had from 40 to 60. I never seen H.C. Eyer & J. Cummings look so much like they had promised their Candidates from 40 to 60 majority. The appointment of Dr. C. is an infamous insult to the friends of the Administration.

It is a fact when ever our party gets into power they will not take care of our men who really have been instrumental in bringing it into power. I believe I make as many votes for our party as any other man can under the same situation. Yet when the Collector of the U.S. taxes of our District offered me our County but ask me to give him men for Security of known Characters and Standing- Such men are not so plenty, and I wrote to such of our men that I believed would do me the favor and would Satisfy the collector but I received the cold shoulder. The assessor told me the tax of our County now to be Collected will not amount over \$3000.00 This is a small amount but the advertising &c I would have made something out of it. Of course after the

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first opposition and stand I had taken at our election against Col. H.C. Eyer I could not ask him or Mr. Schnure, and I would not have Eyer for my Bail, as I know he wounds to be a candidate for an offices I could not Support him therefore I do not want to be under any obligations to him. I could have had good men in our County but I was afraid the Collector would not be Satisfied with them. I think no one has been appointed yet, for our County.

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