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Hon. James M. Sellers.

My dear Sir

Nothing could
be don with Mr. John Bilger. The thing was all made so shure
and strong that it was imposible to make a brake upon the
subject. The thing was made shure to make Messrs.
Bilger & Patterson. Delegates to the State Convention I was told
that it was don to prevent you to be a Delegate to the State
Convention. I knew the matter was arranged to defede any
thing in favor of Union County and I was sadesfied that Union
County would see that Bilger & Patterson had made ^{and first} every thing
before any Conferees were appointed. and I was sadesfied that
Union County would submit to be thus humbret. and the
trick pratresed on them. would induce them to make a call
to elect Conferees to meete Conferees of our Legalsliff and Senatorial
districts. I am not disopointed with Union County it has made
the call and will elect Conferees. During all this time I have
been at worick in our County in a quiet way preparing the
people to take a stand to orgenise a union party. and the
union party to elect Conferees to elect Delegates to the State Con-
vention. The thing has become very populer in our County. Bilger
had cald a meeting on Tuesday without leting us know. the
meeting was held and nothing said or don in relation to the Gov or
Delegates. I left the matter pass as I had not yed prepared the
people at Middelburg. Bilger was then shure that all was safe
But the next day I drew up a call for a county meeting to elect
Conferees &c. and had our men at our Town to sign it. the next day
I went to Middelburg and in a quiet way did bid every
one of our Officersholders to sign the call and all our prome-
nent. in and around the Town of Middelburg If it is a good

fare day we will have a very large meeting on Saturday the
20. inst at Freiburg. The movement to make a union Organi-
sation and election of conferees and Delegates to the State
Convention will be a grand triumph for you over a faction
who are deterrment to keep you down. Patterson. has been
doing every thing in his power to induce my son J. P. to
oppose the movement of an election of Delegates under the ~~organ~~
~~tion~~ Organisation without distinction of party Col P. says that
he holds a commission of Commissary. and that he will give my
son an appointment & Col. P. Card humbuck me he holds
now the office of "Provost Marshal" of your county. he
tels my son as soon as the State convention has been held then
he will except the appointment of Commissary. and
then he will appoint him to an office under him worth
twelve hundred dollars a year. I would be much pleased
to have your slipers and the Gov. support to have my son.
J. P. appointed a Commissary he is well qualified to perform
the duty. if this card be accomplish could not you please
procure an appointment for him under a Commissary.
I have no doubt you will do so if it can be don. Our
County has not one appointment made by the U. S. Govern-
ment. North Co. one of the strongest counties apposed to the
Administration has a number of appointments and
that too of men who never have spend any time or money
to sustain our party the truth is they have not even kept
of an organization of our party in said county. I will see to it
that you are elected a Delegate to the State Convention if you
will send conferees from your county who will support you
to accomplish this I had to compel my son to yeal to my
plan. I did make every thing bent to sustain you sliper and the
Gov. I have many things to tell you forkes when I see you. I have
gone into this matter. and altho the people are with me
but I have to do all the worick and bare all the expenses.

It requires a good deal of personal work to get out the people to a meeting. When there is no ~~set~~ court we will have several Loyal Democrats to address the meeting we want to have one Union Republican to speak if only the Hon. J. C. Kunkel could be induced to come.

What are the hopes that the U. S. will pay us for making the Draft &c it would give me great relief if I would get my pay. It seems hard to me when I am spending all my time and money to have the Administration sustained and stand so much in need of the money and when the Administration has the means and neglect to pay its most active friends.

You may think to get off this meeting can not be expensive. I want a large meeting to have it every Township must be gone through by some good man to induce the people to come, and to get men to do so they must be paid no one has done any thing except to give their names, unless paid. I have no doubt you will have to bare the expenses in your County. I would not care for the expense if I only had my money. I will have the thing done as well as in our County if my life and health is spared and if it takes the last dollar from my coat. Be sure to have good men for conferees from your County men that are not seduced by corrupt men. This is in confidens.

Let me hear from you

Truly your friend

Israel Gutelius

Selinsgrove, June, 13/63.

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