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Selinsgrove, Jan 30. 1863

Hon. Eli Slifer.

My dear Sir

Confidential

Yours of the 29. Received.

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I know if I am paid for the work I have done for the United States I should have \$150.00 more than is in my bill. I hope my friends at Harrisburg will see that I will get a fair compensation. I would come to see you folks but I am so much affected with the Rheumatics this last winter that I do not trust to do so.

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I really dislike to trouble you so much. But I hope you will pardon me when I inform you that if Congress should fail to make an appropriation it would put me in an ogely situation. I have written to Messrs. Stevens & Killinger. I have received no answer. I have carefully look over the proceeding of Congress. but have not seen any thing said in relation to make provision for the payment of the Draft

The bill passed in the U. S. Senate. is Enrolling to call out the National forces. & I think is a good one. each Congressional District is to be a district. in each district the President shall appoint a Provost Marshal. and in each of said districts there shall be a board of enrolment to be composed of the Provost Marshal as President and two other persons to be appointed by the President of the U. S. one of whom shall be a Licensed and practicing physician and surgeon. & this board is to have the Enrolment made and make the Draft and exonerations no exonerations is to be made untill after the Draft is made and for every hundred sold for 150 are to be Drafted.

If I knew I could get the support of the Gov. your self and some other friends at Harrisburg. I would become an applicant for a member of the Board of enrolment. I would not ask to have the appointment of Provost Marshal. all tho that is the best but I would be well satisfied with the other. I believe I could perform the duties as well as any other man. You know we have no Member now in Congress of our District and but one senator him I do not know.

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Selinsgrove. April 21st 1863

Hon. Eli Slifer.

My dear Sir.

I would be much obliged to any ^{one} of our friends at Harrisburg - who would write to the proper person of the General Government to urge him to pay my claim. I hope we will attend to it.

It appears to me that you should not refuse to let your name be made use of by your friends. I intend to recommend you and if we see that it is not expedient to press your claim we will promise you to withdraw your name.

I must close for the male
Truly your friend
Israel Cutler

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Israel Gutelius

Selinsgrove May 4th 1863

Hon. Eli Slifer.

My dear Sir.

I have seen in the Union County
Pres. an editorial strongly recommending the Hon. James M. Sellers
for Governor. Can you inform me whether Mr. Sellers approves of being
recommended. I am willing to do him any favor in my power. It has
now appear to me since I seen him recommended that he expected that
you would speak to me to name him for Gov. In the morning on the
day I left for home. I had a conversation with Mr. Sellers he then request
me to see you. I promised I would go and see you in your office but
it rained and stormed so hard that I did not liked to go to the
hill. and I had to leave before you came down. If you will consent to be a can-
didate. I will do all for you in my power. If you will not I will do all
I can for our friend Sellers if he is willing to be made a candidate as he
has proven a true friend of mine. It appears to me that my friends
should not keep me in the dark. I am sorry our District is in the hands
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~~knowlge~~ knowlge of the people as they well know that it is the only
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candidate for Congress to any other office. Your present term of office
will expire in Jan. 1864 and the election for Congress will be in Oct 1864.
If we elect the President in 64. I would rather be a Member of Congress than
Gov. If we live that you can accomplish very handy I would like to know
whom my friends desire to go fore. for Gov. I do not ask you to say that
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It is true I have also a some enemies but I have many friends but he has no friends. Col. Miller is very friendly again but he has treated me so mean that he will have trouble to overcome his treatment towards me. A friend of yours said to me that you would prefer to be a Candidate for Congress to any other offices Your present term of offices will expire in Jan. 1864 and the election for Congress will be in Oct 1864. If we elect the President in 64, I would rather be a Member of Congress then Gov. If we live that you can accomplish very handy I would like to know whom my friends desire to go for for Gov, I do not ask you to say that you are a candidate all I ask is for you to say that it is a matter for the people to decide who Shall be the candidate for Gov. Truly your friend (over)

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NB. After I had written the above I received yours of the 2 inst I am sorry the recommendation was publish as it is so much against your will If you desire it I will state in my paper that it was published ~~is~~ against your consent and that you can not yield to your friends to become a candidate for the nomination of Gov. &c I am sorry you will not consent; Can it be that the yours &c

U.S. Government has been insisted on by any one in authority to pay for the Drafting when they have money to pay in abundance and when they know that the Commissioners have been at a great expense of their own money.

I.G.

Selinsgrove May 7th 1863

Sam. Eli. Slifer.

My dear Sir.

Yours of 6 inst. Recd. Our friend Sellen requested me to inform you as he was going to Washington how I was getting along with Mr. J. Bilger I am getting near him. Mr. Sellen informed me that the conferees are to meet on nex Saturday this was news to me as he wright are the conferees to meet on nex Saturday were are they to meete. I will attend the confere meeting and will use all the means I can raise to have Mr. Sellen elected a Delegate & things going wrong we must have a meeting in our and your county and instruct the Delegates for the man we desire to have As to your matter I will leave it as it is now I would be much pleased to have the Delegates from our district instructed for you, then you could decline infavor of the wright man if you would not take the nomenation

If I should be so fortunized as to received my pay from the A. S. shal I deposed a \$100 in the Bank and send you a check for the \$100

Truely your friend. Israel Gutierrez
Ms. please inform Sellen in relation to Bilger

Selinsgrove May 7th 1863

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Selensgrove, May 8 of 1863

Hon Eli Slifer.

My dear Sir.

I have had a full conversation with Mr. John Bilger. at last I did accomplish to get from him confidential all their doings. Messrs John J. Patterson and John Bilger. are to be the Delegates. There is no doubt this matter has been agreed upon. Last fall Col. Patterson had a committee he could control and Mr. Bilger did procure the unthoughted power by a high handed game. so our three countys are intyely in the hands of two men. at the proper time your county and ours mus call county meetings to instruct our Delegates or elect conferees to meete and elect Delegates. I do not like to have a fight with this men therefore I would prefer onley to instruct them at county meetings called for that purpos &c. Bilger was requested by Gen. Cameron. that he and Patterson should come as Delegates and John Packer as Senatorial Delegate. you may let our frind J. M. Sellers see this but it is intyely confidential I have many things to tell you and the Hon. J. M. Sellers when we meet

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In the call for our County to elect conferees we will have loyal Democrats to sign the call and as many of the standing committees as will please to sign it as citizens. &c

I will not comite my self on the war for Gov. untill I know ho you folks will support Our people here are for you. I see in today paper that the Treasurer has made the payments for the enlyer Army up to the first of this month. I hope he will now pay us!

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You have not given me a statement of the amounts I owe you please do so and I will pay you the amount after deducting the amount of your Subscription I do not know the amount you paid for paper and the Quinen I do really not know what I owe you except the \$100. you advanced to me on the Draft I know I owe you more then the \$100. and the Quinen? Truly your friend
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Selinsgrove, May 29/53.



John Eli Miller

My dear Sir,

You say you do not desire to be a candidate for a Delegate to the State Convention. Who is it that will make any opposition to the State Administration. I suppose the opposition will be made from a man in Dauphin Co. if that is so, then the same place in such grade that in our District is to exist as the Delegates who have been made in such grade that and in such an ~~such an~~ underhanded way are under the influence of the men in Dauphin Co. who are opposed to the State Administration. You will remember I have heretofore informed you that Bilger came to see me and ask me to use my influence to have Mr. John Packer elected Delegate to the State Convention from our Senatorial District. you know. Bilger appointed my son J. P. a Senatorial Conferee. I know a few men have carried this matter for the purpose to serve some men in Dauphin County, as I was told that a man in Dauphin Co. had ask to have Bilger & Col. P. & Packer made Delegates to the State Convention. I know I will inger my self in going into this matter as the men I have to appose are now my friends and it makes it hard for me as my son J. P. was in the meeting of our Standing Committee and is Secretary of it. and Bilger appointed him Senatorial Delegate, and Col. Patterson has promised him an office under him he, ^{Col} P. says he was appointed Comonsary and that his appointment was conformend by the U. S. Senate, and that he ~~is~~ has not excepted the appointment yet but will do so as soon as the thing is arrange that he Col. P. changed the station at Harrisburg. (over)



My own opinion is that my son is deceived in this whole thing. But he contends and believes it is all true and he would get the appointment under Col. P. and he scengers me very much for going into this New movement as he says it will defed him. he also says that you men would never do any thing for him. and now I was going into a matter to appose the men that would give him somsing. and you asertane the fact whether Col. P. has said apppointement. if he has not that would sadesfie my son. and if he has I dont believe that he would apppoint him. except under certen conditions.

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Selinsgrove. June 22/63

Hon. Eli Slifer.

My dear Sir.

We had a very large meeting at Freeburg on Saturday all you desired was accomplish. The Representative and Senatorial Conferences were unanimous instructed, by the meeting to instruct the Delegates. who they are to elect to the State Convention to support the nomination of Cuttin. for Gov. & Bruster. for Judge. I was not informed who is the wright man for Judge. but some of our men were strong infaver of Bruster. ~~to~~ so I concented to it we aurt to take a good Loyal War Democrat who sustanes the U. S. & State Administration as the Candidate for Judge.

Clinton Lloyd, Esq., made a very excelant speech he spoke over two hours. he sustanes the Administration in all its meshers and did denounce the secessionists North and South in the most bitter terms. The slave holders and the men in the free states who sustain the aristocratic slave holders. were denounced by Lloyd the most swerest I ever herd them denounced Lloyd stated that he had lived 3 years amongst the slave holders and could speak of what he knew to be true. he made a strong appple to the true Democrats to do as he has don to leve the corrupt foul Disunion party &c.

I have not herd from Mr. J. M. Sellers since the 6 of may I think I have ask you to inform me how I should direct a letter so that it would reach him. It does now appear to me that there is somesing wrong some ware It is 5 or 6 weeks since Mr. Sellers has gone to Washington to have the accounts paid to make the Draft it looks if the Administration did not intend to pay we were orderd ~~to~~ by the state to give receipts in full to the U. S. without having received one cent of course the U. S. has my recede in full. If I could get any better

Satisfaction then I have received heretofore I will write to the
Treasurer of the U. S. or go to Washington ~~and~~ and see
how this matter is.

Mr. Joseph Wenrich, ^{of our town} a former loyal
war Democrat and Mr. Motensaul of Centre Township
and myself are the Representative Conferees. Th. W. Snyder &
S. Alleman are the Senatorial they are to meet at Sunbury
today. I suppose an arrangement can be made for the
Conferees of Union & Juniata to meet at Selinsgrove
If Mr. Sellers will have Conferees from his county I can have
him elected a Delegate to the state convention I have examined
our Juniata paper the standard and see nothing of any
thing ^{it in} relation to a meeting for conferees Sellers should
have three men to come from his county as conferees if this
is not done it may make us some trouble. I would not now
have the matter to fall for one hundred dollars. I had to
carry this whole matter through and after I have carried
the matter so triumphantly in our county, if it should fall
it would grieve me very much. You know I will do all
in my power to serve my friends in a fair and honorable
way but I look to them not to let me stick.

Do you know where
Sellers is now if you do will you please to give me
the direction to direct a letter to him so that he will
receive it. I think the Committee of your County has
named the 25 day of this month for the conferees to
meet. who would you like to have besides Sellers.
for a Delegate would you consent to go now.
let me hear from you at the earliest moment. If I knew
who are to come from Juniata county as conferees I would try to have
them to come to our town. only because our people here are all wrought
on this subject. If the conferees meet at Boyers in Perry Township. Bilger
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Mr. Joseph Wenrich of our Town a form loyal War Democrat and Mr. Witenaul of Centre Township and myself are the Representative Conferees. H.W. Snyder & S. Allemen are the Senatorial they are to meet at Sanbury today. I suppose an arrangement Can be made for the Conferees of Union & Juniata to meet at Selinsgrove. If Mr. Sellers will have Conferees from his county I can have him elected a Delegate to the State Convention I have examined our Juniata paper the Sentinel and See nothing of any thing in it in relation to a meeting for Conferees Sellers should have three men to come from his County as Conferees if this is not done it may make us Some trouble I would not now have the matter to fail for one hundred dollars. I had to carry this whole matter through and after I have carried ~~is~~ the matter so triumphed in our County, if it should fail it would injure me very much, you know I

will do all in my power to Serve my friends in a fair and honorable way but I look to them not to let me stick

Do you know were sellers is now if you do will you please to p give me the direction to direct a letter to him so that he will receive it. I think the Committee of your County has named the 25 day of this month for the Conferees to meet, who would you like to have besides Sellers, for a Delegate would you Consent to go now, let me here from you at the earliest moment. If I knew who are to come from Juniata County as Conferees. I would try to have them to Come to our Town, only because our people here are all right on this subject. If the Conferees meet at Boyers in Perry Township, Bilger and Patterson will have a party there to fight us.

Truly your friend
Israel Gutelius

Selinsgrove. June 24th 1863.

Hon. Eli Slifer.

My dear Sir.

I have no information from Union or Juniata Counties who the conferees are or any thing in relation to the matter. On Monday I did write to Col. G. J. Miller and informed him of the action of our County meeting that Joseph Wenuich of our Town and D. Weidensaul of Centerville and my self were elected conferees and that he should inform me who the conferees are from Union County. I have received no answer. I also ask Miller to make the arrangement with the conferees from Union Co. to have the conferee meeting in our Town I did also write to you and informed you of the action of our meeting and that we instructed for Curtin & Brewster &c. The Senatorial convention of our District yesterday met and also instructed for Curtin & Brewster. So see I have carried every thing you and Sellers desired. We must have a conferee meeting of our District under any and every circumstances.

Let me here from you as soon as possible. I assured our people that your County & Juniata would act in this matter. if it falls intyly it will be death on me

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My dear Sir. Capt. A. C. Simpson, the Baron has a request to make on you which I will name hereafter. Yours of the 24 inst. Received. Yesterday I received an answer of Col. G. F. Miller. He says the Return Judges were told that they had no authority to appoint conferees, that the Standing Committee had to do that. He said he would see some of the Committee and get them to appoint conferees to meet at our Town. If the Committee in your County has been created without distinction of party it would answer if they would appoint conferees, but I would prefer to have them elected by a meeting called without distinction of party as the State Convention has been postponed to the fifth of August we have time & nof to have the matter arranged. I hope you will not permit a litle trick in your County to deprive your people to send men to the convention who will carry ineffect their will. Col. Miller says the people in your County are all for Curtin, and the men who are elected threw the intric of a very few men ^{for the very express purpose} ~~are~~ to go to the convention to oppose Curtin, and in direct opposition to the call of the State Convention. Now I do hope that the friends of the State Administration in your County will not submit to this grade description I know you can make matters right in your County and you want to do so. that is, ^{to elect} ~~to have~~ conferees to meet at Selinsgrove. It will not do in this trying times to let a few political intriguers overthrow every movement to strensen the Government. The only hope I have to save our Government is by concelating the loyal Democrats. If the union movement is triumphantly carried in our County should be defeted it will injer us from 300 to 500 votes at the coming election. I assured the loyal Democrats that one of their men would be a Delegate to the State convention and have a fare representation to make the call for the nomenation of County and Assembly nomenations. I received a letter of the Hon. W. Miller yesterday he said he would send three conferees from Juniata County but he has not

informed me when or where he would send them. We wount the Comtee to meet here if we can save one and this must be don some way or another.

Capt. Simpson, is using his influence to secure the Office of Quartermaster for my son Calvin M. Gutelius. I would be very glad if you would give him all the information how to proceed and give your influence. I know you have much influence with the Gov. and the field officers and Mr. Sellers. He Calvin is now ~~sergeant~~ a Sergeant in Simptons Company. he is well qualified a good business man. he would make a faithful and proper quartermaster. Capt Simpson has taken a strong stand for the Administration of the U. S. and State and the War and has don much good amongs the Democrat he deserves much credit and should received the support of the Government. I believe my son Calvin never became personally acquainted with you. I again say I hope you can help our folks to something.

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Hon. E. Slifer.

My dear Sir.

How can I induce Miller to go to
work to have Congress appointed. It is a disgrace for the people
of Union. Junata & Snyder to permit a few traitors to send two
Delegates to the State Convention to misrepresent them. The Union men
are almost unanimous in favor of the State Administration and for
the re-nomination of Gov. Curtin. I am confident if the Hon. J.
M. Sellers. and you would take a stand in your Counties as I have
done you could have matters all right - I will urge Col Miller. to
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will meet him and you. Yours.

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to lay around the Taverns and stores abusing the Administration and our officers. they will not volunteer I hope some one of our men at Harrisburg will inform the proper officer of the conduct of Capt Davis. William Shroyer who was 2^d Lieutenant in the ^{same} company who died this summer was also a Coperhead and he was also at home one half of his time he pretended that he was lame it was all pretention I will now give you the name of Capt Davis company.

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Truly your friend

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Israel Gutelius

Selinogrove, July 11th 1863.

Gen. Eli Lifer.

My dear Sir.

Yours of the 6^{inst} rec^d

On last Monday Capt. C. Davis made a fest at his Hou^s. Jack Cummings and a number of Copperheads were the invited guests. ^{he came home in May} he is now at home more then two months I seen him on our streets the day after he had arrived in our Town he ^{was and} is as hardy and well as he ever was he looks much better then when he volunteered. I believe he has been under the instructions of Jack Cummings & his Brother James F. Davis, all the time. On last Monday evening Capt. D. and his ^{Copperhead} advisers belived all the battels were now over. And on Tuesday Capt. D. left to gain his company wich is. Company G. 147th Reg. P. V. ~~1st~~ 1st Brig 2^d Div 12th Army Corps. But on yesterday Thursday evening. Capt. D. came home agin. Of course after he had left he thought that there was another battel. likely to take place and he belived it was more agreeable to him to be with the Copperheads of our Town then ~~in~~ in his company to face the rebel army Our union men here are very much disaffected with the Administration some denounce it in strong terms for promoting the Copperheads who ^{hold} offices in the army to practices such a grade game of desepition. Now can it possible that Capt Charles Davis. will received from our Government over \$200.00. for the time he was here under the coping of the Copperheads of Selinogrove. It is very provoken. at the time the Rebels were manging into our state when our union men spran to arms at their owne expens to defend our state. Capt D. and all his relations remand at home cap. D. draws \$100. a month and he did nothing in no way to even aspis to have any one to goe to defend the state. meny of this with whome Capt D. associates here and his neresst relations would have rejoiced if Gen. Lee. had been victories over Gen. Meade. A litel boy of 15 years old who lives in one of Capt D. Brother in laws famely said to my girls.

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Selensgrove. August 11/63

Hon. Eli Slifer.

My dear Sir.

I had made the paper or document ready to have my son C. W. exempt from the Draft. But I am not able this morning to come to Harrisburg. Therefore I have send the document to you. Will you do me the favor to hand the document to the ^{Board} ~~Board~~ of Enrollment and ascertain whether it is all wright and whether it will exempt my son C. W. and let me know as early as you can whether it is sufficient to exempt him. If you can attend to it today and telegraph to me I will pay the dispaech if it answers all you need to say all wright if it will not answer you will say not wright. If you can attend to it today write to me tomorrow. I am compelled to take this course as it would ruin me if my two sons should be Drafted. the truth is I could not publish my paper if I would lose my two sons. and it is the only support I have ~~now~~ I can not do any ^{hard} work and have not been able this last four years.

On Monday we made our nominations. Thair never was a man so completely lade out as Mr. John Bilger. his Condedates were beten four to one. he is not on the County Committee this year. he had not one friend in the convention. he woted for Curtin in the state convention but is down on him. I must close for the mail I will write to you again or come to Harrisburg.

Truely your friend

J. Curtin

Selinsgrove, August 11/63

Hon. Eli Slifer,

My dear Sir,

I had made the paper or document ready to have my Son C.W. exempt from the Draft. But I am not able this morning to come to Harrisburg. Therefore I have Sent the document to you Will you do me the favor to hand the document to the Board ~~Board~~ of Enrollment and ascertain whether it is all right and whether it will exempt my Son C.W. and let me know as early as you can whether it is Sufficient to exempt him. If you can attend to it today and a Telegraph to me I will pay the dispatch if it answers all you need to say all right if it will not answer you will say not right. If you can't attend to it today write to me tomorrow. I am compelled to take this course as it would ruin me if my two sons should be Drafted, the truth is I could not publish my paper if I would lose my two sons, and it is the only Support I have ~~and~~ I can not do any hard work and have not been able this last four years.

On monday we made our nominations.

There never was a man so completely laid out as Mr. John Bilger, his candidates ware beaten four to one, he is not on the County Committee this year, he had not one friend in the convention, he voted for Curtin in the State Convention but is down on him. I must close for the mail I will write to you again or come to Harrisburg Truly your friend

I. Gutelius

Selinsgrove. August. 14 ~ 1863

: Hon. Eli Slifer.

My dear sir.

I have send to you my certificate and also one from H. C. Eyer & J. Eyster blaming the exemption of my son C. W. I was not able to come to Harrisburg. this is the reason I did ~~not~~ send it to you to hand it ~~to~~ to the Marshal. I don so to make it shure will you pleas to let me know wether the Board has the certificates & I will pay for it. if it is noperly I will come down to night. You may say I stool you too much I amne sorry I have to do so. I was fearful if I send the certificates to the Marshal he would not time to answer me.

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Salisbury, August. 17th 1863

Hon. Eli Slifer.

My dear Sir.

From what you said on Saturday it appeared to me that it was necessary to make a statement to the Governor in relation to the receipt furnish by the Borough of Salisbury. if it was not necessary it can do no harm. I left my Spectacles lay some place in Harrisburg my impression is that I left them lay in the Office of the Provost Marshal. they are of the very best for me they cost \$4.00. I requested the Clerk in Ferris Tavern to go to the Office of Clement. and I also ask one of the Clerks in the Store of Mr. M. Miles & Co's No. 4 Market Square. to see whether I left ~~it~~ ^{them} in the Office of Clement. If you can without any inconvenience ask these men for my Spectacles. and keep them for some until I can come or send for them or you can send them to me. I will be under great obligations to you.

First Lieut Nelson Byers. Comd. Co. 147: Regt. P. V. 1st Brig. 2nd Div. 12: Corps. came home on Sunday morning last and leaves again this evening for duty he has hitherto been in Philad. and has taken some of the Profratern men into the Army. he is a strong Union & Curtin man. he told me that every man in their company was for Curtin. and the War. except the Capt Charles Davis. one of the men ask Capt. Davis when ~~the~~ the War would end he told the man not until ~~the~~ our Government would lay down their arms. The Officers had a meeting for the purpose to pass Resolutions in favor of the Administration and the War Capt. Davis refused to participate. he skulked off. you remember that I had informed you of Capt Davis's conduct at the election last October and when our state was in danger he was at home

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making hay and trout fishing &c &c despises the Administration
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speak to the Gov. about this matter our men complain to
me nearly every day that this Copperhead is promoted to
play a great game of deception. I know you and the
Gov. can not do it but you know the men who can
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