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Selinsgrove. Jan 30. 1863

Then, Eli Slifer.

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I know if I ame paid for the worsels I have don for the lented states I should have \$150.00 more then is in my bill. I hope my frinds at Harrisburg will see that I will Ged la fare compasation. I would some to sel you tokes but I ame so much explected with the Bheumaties this but wether that I do not but to do so. under your and Sellers instructions 'Insely your friend Garall Gutetin My Son J. P. is to come down today and I wount him to out

Selinsgrove, Jan 30~ 1863

Hon. Eli Slifer,

My dear Sir

Confidential

Yours of the 29 Received.

C.W. Gutelius is my second son. he is the man who does all the Chop work in our Printing offices. C.W. Gutelius, has printed no bills for Dr. W. and has not Given or signed a Receipt, for him for bills, he did print Certificates for him and the only receipt he did sign for him is for Certificates for five dollars. Dr. W. had no bills printed by any person and therefore had none to post up in the county. he did insist that we should give him a receipt for bills. I told him he had the wrong man to deal with and yet after we had positive refused and did not give him a receipt, for printing bills he did make a Charge of \$13.50 for Distributing bills. and as he in this way way is was going to snatch or take pay for the work we done is the reason I have referred to it. Please see whether C.W. Gutelius Receipt is for hand Bills or for Certificates if it is for Bills it has be altered as I am Certain for I have written the bill and receipt am C.W.G. signed.

I know if I am paid for the work I have done for the United States I should have \$150.00 more then 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 afflicted with the Rheumatics this bat whether that I do not trust to do so.

My Son J.P. is to come down today and I want him to act under your and Sellers instructions

Truly your friend
Israel Gutelius

Selinsgrove. Febr. 20. d. 1863

Hon. Eli Slifer. My dear Sir. I really dislike to trobel you so much. But I hope you will parten me when I inform you that if songres should fail to make an aproperation it would find me in an ogely situation. I have writen to Mepro. Stevens & Killinger. I have received to answer. I have carefully look over the proceeding of congress but have not seen any thing said in relation to mak proposion for the payment of the Maft

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be Drafted. If I knew I bould ged the Suport of the Gov. your self and Some other friends at Harrishung. I would become an aplean for a member of the Board of enjolement, Iwould not ask to have the appointement of Provose Marshal all the that is the best but I would be well sades fied with the other. I believe I would preform the dutys as well as any other man. You know we have no Member now in bongrep

Of our District and but one senator him I do not know,

Truly your friend Imuel Sutelies

Selinsgrove Feby 20.d 1863

Hon. Eli Slifer

My dear Sir,

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 ugly 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, to Enrolling to Call out the National forces, &c 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 bord 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, &c This board is to have the Enrolment made and make the Draft and exonerations no exoneration is to be made until after the Draft is made and for every hundred Called 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 though 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.

Truly your friend

Israel Gutelius

Selinsgrove. April 21 th 1863

Hon. Eli Slifer. my dear Sir. our frends at Harrisburg- who would write to the proper person of the General Governments to unge him to pay my clame. I hope me will attend to it. attend to it. It appears to me that you should not refuse to let

your name be made use of by your friends. I entend to recomend you
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Selinsgrove April 21 th 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 one 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 expended to press your claim we will permit you to withdraw your name.

I must close for the mail Truly your friend Israel Gutelius Selinsgrove may 4 at 1863

Hon. Eli Slifer.

My dear Sir.

I have been in the Union county Pres. an Editorial Strongely secomending the Hon James M. Sellers. for Governor. Gan your inform me wether Mr. Sellers. approves of Leing recommended. I ame willing to do him any faver in my power. It dus now appear to me sins I seen him recommended that he empeded that you would speke to me to name him for box. In the morning on the day I left for home, I had a conversation with Un Seller he then regues me to see you. I promised I would goe and see you in your offices but it raned and Stormed so hard that I did not liked to goe to the hill. and I had to leve before you came down. If you will consent to be a candedute. I will do all for you in my power If you will not I will do all I san for our frind Sellers It he is willing to be made a sandedate as he has proven a true friend of mine. It appears to me that my friends Should not teple me in the dark. Jame sory our District is in the hunds now of a few men this power that obtained threw intrich wethout the forthe knowlige of the people as they well know that it is the only way they san forse them selfs into hower I know the man who dus now exercise the power is the most unpopeler and dispused man in our bounts. It is true I have also som enemas but I have meny friends . but he has no frinds. Col. Miller is wery frindely agin but he has treted me so mene that he will have trobel to overcome his tretement towards me. A friend of yours said to me that you would prefere to be a Candedate for Eugres to any other offices your present term of offices will expire in San. 1864 and the election for tongress will be in Oct 1864. If we elect the President in 64. I would ruther be a Member of congress then For If we live that you can accomblish way handy I would like to know whom my frinds desire to goe fore for sour I do not ask you to say that you are a landedate all I ask is for you to say that it is a mather for the people to deside who shall be the candedate for fore Truely your friend (over)

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will, and I had to leve before you came down of it or viril constit to the day dedute I will do all for you in my loves of you will not suil down I down for our friend batters of it is willism to be much a canded at as he has proven a true friend & mine. It as freue to me that my friends Thould not sete me in the dark of one song no Sistered is in the hands more of a your men this course the othered The read waterest watered the terior tensular of he wolle as true well know stat it is the order ween they seen force here bette ento levele I have the new who has nois except the lover in the most will between and district man in our trunts it is true I have also a how Evening but I have meny faints

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Selinsgrove May 4 ad 1863

Hon. Eli Slifer,

My dear Sir,

I have seen in the Union County Press, 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 does 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 offices 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 candidate, 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 now of a few men this power they obtained through intrigue without the knol knowledge of the people as they well know that it is the only way they can force them selves into power. I know the man who dose now exercise the power is the most unpopular and despised man in our County.

It is true I have also not 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)

Israel Gutelius

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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 it 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.

Selingrove May 7# 1863 Flom. Eli Slifer. My dear sir. Yours of 6 inst Room, Our friend Seller requested me to inform you as he was going to Mashington how I was geding along with Mr. ? Bilger I sand ged near him. It sellers informed me that the confuces are to meet in new saturday this was news to me is he worth are the conferent to meet on new saturday ware are they to meete. I will attend the conferee inceting and will use all the mines I can ruse to him Sellers elected a Delegate I Things goe rong we must have a meeting in our and your country and instruct the Deligates for the man we desire to have As to your mater I will leve it as it is now I would be much pleased to have the Deligates from our district instructed for you then you sould docline infaver of the coright man if you would not take the nomenation If I should be so forgened as to received my pay from the H. S. Shal I deposed a from in the Bank and send you a shack for the proof

Ms. pleas inform sellers in relation to Biler corre

Selinsgrove May 7th 1863

Hon. Eli Slifer,

My dear Sir,

Yours of the 6 inst Recd, Our friend Sellers requested me to inform you as he was going to Washington how I was getting along with Mr. J. Bilinger I can't get near him. Mr. Sellers informed me that the conferences are to meet on next Saturday this was news to me is he right are the Conferences to meet on next Saturday where are they to meet. I will attend the Conference meeting and will use all the means I can raise to have Mr. Sellers elected a Delegate I things go wrong we must have a meeting in our and your counties and instruct the Delegates for the man we desire to have As to your mater 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 in favor of the right man if you would not take the nomination

If I Should be so fortunate as to received my pay from the U.S. shall I deposit a \$100 in the Bank and send you a check for the \$100.

Truly your friend, Israel Gutelius NB. please inform Sellers in relation to the Bilger Course

I.G.

Selengrove, May 8 at 1863

Hon Eli Slifer. My dear Sir. I have had a full conversation with Mr. John Bilger. at last I did accomblish to get from him confedengal all their doings. Mehrs John J. Putterson and John Bilger are to be the Delegates, Their is no doubt this muther has been govede Whon last faul Gol. Patterson had a committee he could controle and Mr. Bilger did precure the unotherised power by a highended game. So our three County's eve entyerly in the hunds of two men, at the proper time your bounts and ours mas will County meetings to instruct our Delegates or elect conferces to meete and elect Delegates, I do not like to have a fight with this men therefore I would prefor only to instruct them at county meetings Ealed for that purpos te Bilger was requested by Gen. Cameron, that he and Patterson Should come as Deligates and John Packer as Senatorial Delegate. you may let our friend f. M. Sellers see this best it is entyerly confedenced There meny things to tell you and the Hon J. M. Sellers when we meet

Israel Gutelins

Truly your frend

Selinsgrove, May 8 ad 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 unauthorized power by a highhanded game. so our three counties are entirely in the hands of two men, at the proper time your county and ours must call county meetings to instruct our Delegates or elect conferees to meet and elect Delegates. I do not like to have a fight with this men therefore I would prefer only to instruct them at county meetings Called for that purpose &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 friend J.M. Sellers see this but it is entirely Confidential. I have many things to tell you and the Hon. J.M. Sellers when we meet

Truly your friend

Israel Gutelius

Selinsgrove may 27~ 1863

Hon. Eli Slifer.

My dear Sin

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I will not comite my self on the say for you untill I know he you foks will suport Our people here are for you. I see in today proper that the Treasurer has made the payments for the entre army of to the first of this months I hope he will now pay us.

I ame for you for son

God would not done to refuse.

you have not given me a Statement of the amounts I owe you pleas do so and I will pay you the amount ofter deducting the amount of your Suboribtion I do not know the amount you paid for haper and the Junen I do realy not know what I owe you excep the \$100. you advant to me on the Iraft I know I owe you more then the \$100. and the gelinene ? Truely your found Israel Gullie

Selinsgrove May 27~ 1863

Hon. Eli Slifer,

My dear Sir-

Yours of yesterday recd. I will use my exertions to make your self and Mr. Sellers Delegates to the State Convention if you will Consent to it. Will Mr. Sellers see to it that a meeting is had in Juniata County to elect conferees. I suppose the Committee of that County will not make a call, and I do not know whether the paper in said county will publish one. but his Should not prevent Mr Sellers to have a meeting he can draw a call and get signers to it and have Handbills printed. he should have some loyal Democrats to sign the call.

In the call for your county to elect conferees we will have loyal Democrats to Sign the Call and as many of the Standing Committee as will please to Sign it as Citizens, &c

I will not commit my self on the Gov. for Gov. until I know how you folks will support Our people here are for you. I see in today paper that the Treasurer has made the payments for the entire Army up to the first of this months I hope he will now pay us.

I am for you for Gov. and if the Convention Should See proper to Nominate you you would not dare to refuse.

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 quinine 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 quinine Truly your friend Israel Gutelius

Hon. Eli Slifer.

My dear Sir.

Sou Say you do not desire to be a Candedute for a Delegate to to the State Convention. Who is it that will make any opposition to the State Administration. I supose the opposition will be mude from a man in Dauphin. Es. if that is so then the Same plade in such grade hast in our District is to assist as the Delegates who have been made in such grade hast and in such an seek an underhanded way use under the influeens of the men in Doughin to. who are apposed to the State Administration. You will remember I have heretofore informed you that Bilger & ame to see me and ask me to use my influeers to have me. John Packer elected Delegate to the State Envention from our Senatorial District. you know. Bilger appoinded my South F. a Senatorial Conferer. I know a few men have carried this mather for the purpos to Serve Some men in Duephin county, as I was told that a man in Daufehin to had ask to have Bilger & Tol P. & Pocker mude Delegates to the State Convention. I know I will inger my self in going into this mather as the men I have to appose are now my finds and it makes it hard for me as my Son. J. P. was in the meeting of our Standing Committee and is Socretary of it and Belger appointed him Senatorial Delegate, and Eol. Patterson has promised him an offices under him he P. says he was cappointed Comousary and that his appointment was conformend by the M. S. Senate, and that he is has not excepted the appointement yet but will do so as soon as the thing is arange that he colof Banged the Station at Harrisburg. He (over)

My owne opinion is that my son is deserred in this whole thing. but he contends and believes it is all true and he would ged the appointment under col. of and he sengers me wery much for going into this New movement as he says it will defed him he also says that you men awould never do any thing for him and now I was going into a matter to appose the men that would give him someing. Gond you affectine the fact wether tol. P. has said appointement, if he has not that would sadesfie my son and if he has I don't believe that he would appoint him except under tester sinctions.

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do not pay them to

Truly your friend

Gruel Gutetius

Selinsgrove, May 29/63

Hon. Eli Slifer

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 Game played in such great haste in our District is to assist as the Delegates who have been made in great haste 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 injure 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 offices under him he Col. P. says he was appointed Commissary and that his appointment was confirmed 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 arranged that he Col. P. can get the Station at Harrisburg, &c (over)

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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 censures me very much for going into this New movement as he says it will defeat him, he also says that you men would never do any thing for him and now I was going into a matter to oppose the men that would give him something. Can't you ascertain the fact whether Col. P. has said appointment, if he has not that would Satisfy my son and if he has I don't believe that he would appoint him except under certain conditions.

Of Course I will go into the new movement I am bound to stick to you & Sellers. Our call for a County meeting to elect Conferees is Signed by nearly all who are requested to do so, but I don't like to publish it until I know that Juniata Co. will do Something in the matter, sellers Can certainly get some men to attend to elect Conferees, you can rely on me. I will stick to the men who I know are my friends

That I can't get my money has been a great injury to me nearly all the men in the County that have any money to get on account of the draft say I drew all the money and do not pay them, &c

Truly your friend

Israel Gutelius

Solinsgrove. June 22/63

Hon. Eli Slifer. My dear sir.

We had away larg meeting at Freeburg on Saturday all you desiend was accomblish The Representive and Schatorial Conferes ware unamous instructed, by the meeting to instruct the Delegates. who they eve to elect to the state convention to support the nomention of Euten for Gov. & Bruster for Judge. I was not informed who is the weight man for Judge. but some of our men ware strong infaver of Brusten to so I concented to it we aust to take a good Loyael War Democrat who sustanes the M. S. + State Adminis= trations us the bandedate for Judge.

Eliston Lloyd, Esq. made a every excland speth he spake over two hours. he sustaned the Administration in all its meshers and did denounce the Seceptionests North and South in the most bitter terms. The Slave holders and the men in the free states who sustain The arastocratic slave holders ware denounsed by Lloyd the most suverest I ever herd them denounced Lloyd Stated that he had lived 3 years amonest the slave holders and could spek of what he knew to be true he made a strong apple to the true Democrats to do as he has don to leve the Corufit foul Desemon party He.

Thave not herd from Mr. I M. Sellers sins the 6 of may I think I have ask you to inform me how I should direct deletter so that it would rech him. It dus now applear to me that their is somsing song some ware It is 5 or 6 weeks sins Mr. Sellers has gone to Washington to have the accounts haid to make the Braft it looks if the Administration did not intend to pay Me ware ordered to by the state to give recepts in full to the M.S. wethout having received one Bent of Eorse the las. has my recede in full of I cand ged any bether

Sociefaction then I have received heretofors I will wrote to the Treasurer of the M. S. or got to marchington syrray and see how this mather is.

Mr. Joseph Wenrich a form loyal War Democrat and Mr. Mitensaul of Bentre Townships and myself are the Representive conferees. To.M. Snyder & S. Alleman are the Senatorial they are to mete atsurbury to day. I supose an arangement ban be mate for the Conferes of Union & Juniata to meete at Selinsgrowe If Mr. Sellers will have Conferees from his county I can have him elected a Delegate to the State Convention I have examond our Junata paper the sentand and see nothing of any thing in relation to a meeting for conferees Sellers should have three men to some from his county as conferes if this is not don it may make us some trobel Iwould not now have the mather to fale for one hindred dollars. I had to Eary this whole mather threw and after I have carred the mather so biompend in our bounty, if it should fall it would inger me every much. you know I will do all in my power to serve my frends in a fare and honerable way but I look to them not to let me stick

Sellers is now if you do will you pleas to A give me the direction to direct a letter to him so that he will receive it. I think the Commuttee of your county has named the 25 day of this month for the conferes to meti. eacho would you like to have besides sellers. for a Delegate would you consent to goe now let me here from you at the corlect moment. If I know who are to some from funiate county as conferent I would trye to have them to come to our Journ. only becose our people here are all daught on this subject. If the conferent meete at Boyers in Penny Journship. Bilgm and Patterson will have a party thair to fight us

Israel Gutelius

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 Conferees ware unanimous instructed, by the meeting to instruct the Delegates who they are to elect to the State Convention to Support the nomination of Curtin for Gov. & Bruster for Judge. I was not informed who is the right man for Judge, but some of our men were strong in favor of Bruster to so I consented to it we ought to take a good Loyal War Democrat who sustains the U.S. & State Administrations as the Candidate for Judge.

Clinton Lloyd, Esq. made a very excellent Speech he spoke over two hours, he sustained the Administration in all its measures 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 ware denounced by Lloyd the most severest I ever heard 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 appeal to the true Democrats to do as he has done to leave the corrupt foul Disunion party &c.

I have not heard from Mr. JM. 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 dose now appear to me that there is Something wrong some where 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 ordered 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 can't get any better

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

Mr. Joseph Wenrich of our Town a form loyal War Democrat and Mr. Witensaul 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

Selingrove. June 240 1863.

Hon. Eli Slifer.
My dear Sir.

I have no information from Union or Juniate Countys who the confences are or any thing in relation to the mather. On Monday I did write to bol. I. & millen and informed him of the action of our bounty meeting that Joseph Wenrich of our Town and D. Weidensaul of Genterolle and my Self ware elected Enferces, and that he should inform me who the Conferces are from Penion County. I have received no answer Salso ash Miller to make the arangement with the Conferes from union to. to have the conferee melling in our Town I did also write to you we informed you of the action of our milling and that we instructed for Gurtin & Bruster & The Senatoreal convention of our District gesterday met and also instructed for Genten + Bruster. To see I have carried every thing you and Sellers desired. We must have a conferer meeting of our district under any and every Bermstans.

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Selinsgrove, June 24~ 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.F. Miller and informed him of the action of our County meeting, that Joseph Wenrich 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 & Bruster &c The Senatorial Convention of our District yesterday met and also instructed for Curtin & Bruster. Go 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 hear from you as Soon as possible. I assure our people that your County & Juniata would act in this matter, if it fails entirely it will be death on me

Truly your friend Israel Gutelius

Selinsgrove. June 25 # 1863.

Hon. Eli Slifer. -

My clear Sir. Capt A E. Simpson, the barow has arrowed to make on you wich Swall name herafter yours of the 24 inst Received. Gesterday I received an answer of tol. G. F. Millen the says the return Judges ware told that they had no athority to appoint Conferees, that the Standing Committee had to do that, he said he would see some of the Committee and ged them to appoint conferees to meete at our Town. If the Committee in your County has been greated without distinction of party it would answer if they would appoind conferees, but I would prefor to have them elected by a meeting balled without distinction of party as the State Convention has been posponed to the fifte of August we have time a not to have the mater aranged. Ihope you will not promite a litel Elich in your County to defrive your people to send men to the convention who will Cary inefect their will Gol. Miller, Sup the people in your County are all for Burtin, and the men who are elected threw the intrict of a wery feel men was to got to the Convention to approx Curtin and in direct opposition to the Gall of the state Convention. Now I do hope that the friends of the State Administration in your County will not Submite to this grade deseption I know you can make mathers wight in your sounty and you ount to do so. that is to the Conferees to meete at selingrow. It will not do in this trying times to let a few political intrichers overthrow every muvement to strenden the Government The only hope I have to save our Government is by concelecating the loyal Democrats if the renion inverment So triomfitery carried in our county should be defeded it will inger us from 300 to 500 votes at the coming election. I ashured the loyal Democrats that one of their men would be a Delegate to the State Convention and have d fare reprecentation to make the ball for the nomenation to county and Apemly nomenations. I received a letter of the Honfill seller yester. day he sed he would send three Enferces from Jenuala County but he has not

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Selinsgrove, June 25 th 1863.

Hon. Eli Slifer,

My dear Sir, Capt A.C. Simpson, the barer 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 greeted without distinction of party is 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 enough to have the matter arranged. I hope you will not permit a little clique in your County to deprive your people to send men to the Convention who will Carry in effect their will Col. Miller Says the people in your County are all for Curtin, and the men who are elected through the intrigue 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 great deception I know you can make matters right in your county and you ought to do so that is to elect to eliave Conferees to meet at Selinsgrove. It will not do in these trying times to let a few political intricacies overthrow every movement to Strengthen the Government. The only hope I have to save our Government is by conceding the loyal Democrats if the Union movement so triumphantly carried in our county should be defeated it will injure 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 fair representation to make the call for the nomination of county and Assembly nominations. I received a letter of the Hon J.M. Sellers yesterday he said he would send three conferees from Juniata County but he has not

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informed me when or where he would send them We want the Conferee to meet here if we can raise one and this must be done Some way or another.

Capt. Simpson is using his influence to secure the offices of quartermaster for my Son Calvin W. Guteluis. 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, &c Calvin is now Sertn 2 Sergeant in Simpson's Company, he is well qualified a good business man, he would make a faithful and popular quartermaster. Capt Simpson has taken a Strong Stand for the Administration of the U.S. and State and the War and has done much Good amongst the Democrat he deserves much Critic 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.

Mr. Sellers has not informed me to where I shall direct now to that he would received my letter.

Truly your friend

Israel Gutelius

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Hon, E. Slifer

My dear Sir,

How can I induce Miller to go to work to have conferees appointed. It is a disgrace for the people of Union, Juniata & Snyder to permit a few intricker to send two Delegates to the State Convention to misrepresent them The Union men are almost unanimous in favor of the State Administration and the renomination 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 go into it but you ought to assist. If Mr. Sellers is at Harrisburg, I will meet him and you there.

There is one thing that is very provoking Capt Charles Davis of our Town he and Nelson Byers last October and others raised a Volunteer Company it was the understanding that Davis or Byers was to be Capt. and the one who was beaten for Capt was to be first Lieutenant Davis made a bargain with Byers that neither of them should electioneer for them selves. Dr. Wagenseller my Son J.P. and myself had to hold an appeal that day the election was in Perry, T. But H.C. Eyer George Schnure James K Davis and all the Locofocos through every unfair means did beat Byers by 2 votes had we been at home Byers would have been elected, by a very large majority. Capt Davis had become very poor and had no business to make any thing and a large family he went expressly to make money, he and the whole friendship are Copperheads Capt. Davis came home aright after the battle at Fredericksburg pretended that he was sick and he is here yet he was and is as well as he ever was, he was at home a long time in the Spring and last fall when his company was at Harrisburg he came home and brought all the Locofocos along and they all voted and fought for the Copperheads Candidates many of our men say if our Administration and officers will permit the Copperhead officers to remain at home and pay them \$100 a months

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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 Shroger who was 2 Lieutenant in the same company who did this Summer was also a Copperhead and he was also at home one half of his time he pretended that he was lame it was all pretension I will now give you the name &c of Capt Davis Company Company, G. 147th Reg. P. V. 1 st Brig 2 d Div 12 th Army

Corps. I do much dislike to Get into a fight with my neighbors but it is too provoking to See them rob the Government and fill their pockets with money and then abuse State and U.S. Administrations for squandering the money

Col. H.C. Eyer, James K Davis & George Schnure, have always pretended to be union men but since we have formed a union organization they refuse to go into it Eyer is even making an effort to secure the nomination of the Copperheads for Senator these men believe they can elect Woodward Gov. and McClanan President J. K. Davis is the most unprincipled among the whole he would do any thing to make a few dollars he would take the shirt of a poor man back when I moved here every one was afraid of him that is to contradict him in relation to political matters but I broke him down and have Cep him down. He has been the lickspitel and tool of the Camersons to Secure their Support to a be elected a Dor Director in the

Bank. Eyer and all of them did all in their power for Slenker last fall yet we beat them 55 in our Burrow, and we have the rank and file of the Democrats and they are true and firm union men Eyer & Davis have very little influence here as they skinning the poor people too much. I repeat I hope Capt Davis will be brought to an account and dismissed from his offices which he dose so much disgrace

Truly your friend

NB pleas hand to Mr Sellers,

Israel Gutelius

W. Byers and my letter--

Selinsgrove, July 11 th 1863.

Hom. Eli Slifer.
My dewr Sir.

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Selinsgrove, July 11 th 1863.

Hon. Eli Slifer,

My dear Sir,

Yours of the 6 inst recd. On last monday Capt C. Davis made a fest at his House. 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 K. Davis, all the time. On last monday evening Capt D. and his Copperhead advisers believed all the battles were now over, and on Tuesday Capt. D. left to join his Company which is, Company G. 147 th Rig. P.V. Brig 1st Brig 2 d Div 12 th Army Corps. But on yesterday Thursday evening, Capt. D. came home again. Of course after he had left he learnt that there was another battle likely to take place and he believed it was more agreeable to him to be with the Copperheads of our Town then to in his Company to face the rebel army Our union men here are very much dissatisfied with the Administration some denounce it in strong terms for permitting the Copperheads who hold offices in the army to practices such a great game of deception Now can it possible that Capt Charles Davis, will received from our Government over \$200.00 for the time he was here under the keeping of the Copperheads of Selinsgrove. It is very provoking at the time the Rebels were marching into our state when our union men Sprung to arms at their own expense to defend our State. Capt D. and all his relations remand at home Cap. D. draws \$100- a months and he did nothing in no way to even assist to have any one to go to defend the State many of those with whom Capt D. associates here and his nearest relations would have rejoined if Gen. Lee had been victorious over Gen. Meade. A little Girl of 15 years who lives in one of Capt D. Brother in laws families said to my Girls

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if the Rebels came here they would protect them they would not injure any of the Copperheads, but would take and destroy every thing of the Union men, you may Say this is Children's talk but I understand it and know it came from the head of the family

You may depend on it if this conduct of Capt D. is not investigated and dealt with according to law it will injure us much at the election Our men Say if the Locofocos are to hold the offices and defraud the Government with abundance under our Administration at would be better that they should be in power then we could attack and denounce the Administration. Now you know I am poor and am here amongst these men, and am dependent on the public to make a living and they would injure me much or I if this was not so. I would have reported Capt. D. at headquarters but you and others can see that this matter is investigated without Sustaining a personal injury. It must be done. I have told our men they should report Capt D. they say it is the duty of Col. and officers in the Army.

What can be the reason the U.S. dose not pay to make the Draft. I know they have the money it is now nearly a year I know Mr. Sellers will do all he can to have me paid.

Truly your friend Israel Gutelius

Selinsgrove July 18, ps 1863 Hom. Eli Slifer.

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Selinsgrove July 18,rs 1863

Hon. Eli Slifer,

My dear Sir,

We the Union men her are very desirous to know whether any thing thing has been done to bring Capt Charles Davis to account for staying away from the army Some ten or eleven weeks assisting the Copperheads to vilify and Slander the Administration and to make hay and go Trout fishing, at a time when our own State was in danger, and especially the Capital of our State and of the Nation Now will our Administration pay Capt D. between two and three hundred dollars, for staying at home between two and three months assisting the Copperheads to Slander it, at a time too when so many of our people Sprang to arms not near as hardy as Capt D. who know they will only receive \$13 a month if they get any thing. If our Administration will permit the Locofocos Copperheads to play Such monstrous deceptions there is now use to elect them. If the Locofocos ware in power then we could have the Satisfaction to expose them. What makes the case of Capt D So provoking is this his nerest some of his relations boast that no common man would dare to act as he does that his many rich influential friends have so much influence that they can Sustain him. Col. Eyer now openly defends the Times, he is making and effort to secure the Nomination for senator of the Copperheads, he J. K Davis & G. Schnure are all defending the Copperheads it is true they call it the Democratic party Some of our union men say they can not respect these men as much as Wurich Eyer & Davis, pretended to be with is as long as they had hopes to get contract or offices and especially J. K. D. is the most contemptible of all he was on of Gen. C. dupes he would do any little dirty act for the Camerons to become Bank director or to get a little offices But always voted Locofoco.

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I do not desire that you Should attend to all these matters but you know and See the men who ought to attend to it. The Copperheads of our county have carried on such a highhanded game of deception against the Administration that Our men say if the Copperheads are permitted to act the way they have don acted they will not go to the election. One half of the Copperheads who ware Drafted in our County remained at home, or came home, bought them Selves free when at Harrisburg or through fraudulent means made them Selves free I did give the information of a number of them but when no measures were taken to bring them to Justice I Seen there was no use to report any more And those Copperheads who Volunteered and Secured Offices to make money have been at home nearly one half of the time and our men in power permit them to practice such barefaced deception without bringing them to an account Our men all know this and are insulted by these Copperheads who are Cheating the Government with impunity Our men are continually complaining and asking me to see that something done they all Come to me it appears our men have more confidence in me now then at any time heretofore.

Can any thing be done in relation to elect Delegates to the State Convention. If nothing is done in Union & Juniata I must say I have been ill treated before we publish the call in our county the Standing Committee of union had publish a call to elect conferees and I was assured that there would be conferees of Juniata.

Truly your friend

Israel Gutelius

Selensgrove. August 11/63

Hon. Eli Slifer. My dear Sir.

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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

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Selingrove. August. 14~ 1863

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I have received a letter from Mr Orwig do you desire his nomination. Mr. Alleman has carried the nomination four to one against Mr. Weirich the candidate of J. Bilger. Allemen was my candidate all my men ware nominated by large majorities I would like to know who you want

Truly your friend

Israel Gutelius

Selingrove, August. 17~1863 Hom. Eli Slifer. My dear Sir. From what you said on Saturday it appeared to me that it was nepery to make a Statement to the Governor in relation to the creep furnish by the Brough of Selingrone. if it was not refler it Eats do no ham. I left my spectels lay some place in Habrisburg my impression is that I left them lay in the offices of the Troops Marshal. They are of the wery best for me they and \$ 4.00 I requested the Eleven Herrs Takento goe to the offices. of Element, and I also ask one of the Elerks in the Store of mr. M. Miler & 60.5 No.4 market Square, to see wether I left in the offices of Element. If you can wethout any inconvenens with the men for my spectols, and Esep them for me untill I can come or send for them or you can send them to me. I will be winder new obligations to your G. 147: Rigt . P. St. 1 St. Brig. 2 ml Div. 12: Corps. Came home on Sunday morning last and leves agin this evening for duty he has heheld fore been in Thebod and has taken Some of the Drotte men into the army he is a Strong Union & Eurtin man. he told me that every man in their company was for Eurting and the War. except the Eapl Charles Delvis, one of the men ask Eaft. Davis when the the Mar would end he told the man not wittle the lover our Govermend would buy down this arms. The Officers had a meeting for the purpos to purp Reso. lections in faver of the Administration and the war topt. Davis refused to partesepale he Skulk off. you remember that I had informed you of cafit Davis es conduct at the election last October and when our state was indanger he was at home

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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 excess furnish by the Borough of Selinsgrove, 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 offices of the Provost Marshal, they are of the very best for me they Cost \$4.00. I requested the Clerk in Herrs Tavern to go to the offices of Clement and I also ask one of the Clerks in the Store of Mr. M. Wiler & Co. No. 4 Market Square, to See whether I left it them in the offices of Clement. If you can without any inconvenience ask these men for my Spectacles, and keep them for me until I can come or send for them or you can send them to me, I will be under new obligations to you.

First Leut Nelson Byers, Cam. G. 147. Regt. P.V. 1 st Brig 2nd Div. 12: Corps, Came home on Sunday morning last and leaves again this evening for duty he has heretofore been in Philed. and has taken Some of the Drafted 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 he the War would end he told the man not until the Gover-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 Skulk off, you remember that I had informed you of Capt Davis conduct at the election last October and when our state was in danger he was at home

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between two & three months connecting with the Copperheads, making hay and trout fishing &c He despises the Administration and the War, and is doing much harm and is Swindling the Government out of a fine Sum of money. It is a disgrace and Shame that he is not brought to Justice by the Administration. Davis even expect to be promoted. I hope you will Speak to the Gov. about this matter our men complain to me nearly every day that this Copperhead is permitted to play a great game of deception. I know you and the Gov. can not do it but you know the men who can do so

Truly your friend

Israel Gutelius

NB after the battle at Gettysburg Davis had left to go to his Com. but when he heard that Gen. Lee was making preparations for another battle he came home again and state until all the danger was over. MR. N. Byers also told me that before up to the time he procured leave of the absence because he pretended to be Sick but was that the Cook told him that he was the greatest eater in the Company.

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