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Tuesday Evening Jan<sup>2</sup>/55

My dear Sir, It is not advisable for you to be here before Monday next. About that time I think you ought to be here. Your prospect is good, but of course the election is attended with the doubt which is usual to such occasions. Your friends here whom I have consulted say they can give you no more definite information at present. Candidates for the place are here, Hart, Dr Lutton, &c, but the whole talk now is of the organization, & this week will be unfavorable for canvassing. We credit elect Hendricks to day, Price & Darsie voting agst him.

Yours, J. M. McKim



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At present however  
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Yours,  
J W Killinger

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Manon June 28<sup>th</sup>

My dear Sir,

It is so very warm that I hardly think Kunkle, or myself, will venture to start for Union County yet awhile.

I understand General Cameron is firing up the river. Please let me know if anything connected with our confidential correspondents is out of his sight. We are a little afraid of some mischief being here. This paragraph is private.

Let me hear from you whenever you have leisure.  
Yours truly, M. K.

Lebanon June 28/58

My Dear Sir,

It is so very warm that I hardly think Kunkle, or myself, will venture to start for Union County yet awhile.

I understand General Cameron is going up the river. Please let me know if anything connected with our [one word illegible] [private?] [canvass?] [favours?] out of his visit. We are a little afraid of some mischief [hewing?] here. This paragraph is private.

Let me hear from you whenever you have leisure.

Yours truly,  
W.K.



Lebanon Aug<sup>3</sup>/58.

My dear Colonel,

I have not heard anything from you since I left your hospitable mansion in Lewisburg. We have nothing especially new here. Yesterday the Hampshire county convention instructed her conferees to support the Lebanon nominee. So far I see or hear of no candidate in this county except myself. I hope you are not forgetting to attend to my interests in Union & Snyder. I leave both counties in yr hands, & wish you would advise how matters progress. I write, & send the necessary papers, to yr friend Mr Wall, to day. Please stir him up. Let me hear from you. Always yours, W. K.

Lebanon Aug 3/58

My Dear Colonel,

I have not heard anything from you since I left your hospitable mansion in Lewisburg. We have nothing especially new here. Yesterday the Dauphin County Convention instructed her conference to support the Lebanon nominee. So far I see or hear of no candidate in the county except myself. I hope you are not forgetting to attend to my interests in Union & Snyder. I leave both counties in yr hands, & wish you would advise how matters progress. I write, & send the necessary papers to yr friend Mr. Walls to day. Please stir him up. Let me hear from you. Always your W.K.



Washington Feb 20.

My dear Sir,

I telegraphed for Snyder to come on immediately. I have secured a place for him, after such a struggle as exceeded all my best political experiences. Cameron insists on an appointment for Pearce of Harrison, & he was naturally more powerful than myself, & so cut me out of the place I wanted. But, thank God, I have taken care of the sea man, in spite of every thing that militated against him.

I repeat to you now what I have written to Under that I feel myself under obligations to secure him for the next session, as he requests. I will only be too happy to meet your & his views. And you know that my position is constantly full of embarrassments & collisions, & I am doing the best I can. No one can do more. Write me again. Mrs. Feb, 20



Washington Feb 8/60

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I telegraphed for Snyder to come on immediately. I have secured a place for him, after such a struggle as exceeded all my past political experiences. Cameron insists on an appointment for Peacock of Harrisburg & he was naturally more powerful than myself, & so cut me out of the place I wanted. But, Thank God, I have taken care of the old man, in spite of every thing that militated against him.

I repeat to you now what I have written to [Andrew?] that I feel myself under obligations to secure him for the next session as he requests. I will only be too happy to, meet your & his views. And you know that my position is constantly full of embarrassment & collisions, & I am doing the best I can. No we can do more. Write me again.

Yours truly  
J.W.K.