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Dear Sir, April 20/61.

Dear Sir, Please get the place
of assistant surgeon for Doctor
John H. Hunt.

He is a regular
graduate, well qualified, &
goes with our company.

Very yours best to remain
& so

Your Friend

J. M. H. H. H.

John H. Hunt

Lebanon April 20/61

Dear Slifer-

Please get the place of assistant surgeon for Doctor John H. Shank.
He is a [regular?] graduate, well qualified, & goes with our company.
Try your best to serve him & so

Your friend
J.W. Killinger

Hon Eli Slifer

Waban May 10/61.

Dear Sifu -

May I trouble you a moment -

I want to go to
Washington next week -

Which way had I
best go? Can I go on some
official business, so as to
go without detention -
bearer of dispatches, or
something of the sort?

Can I take one or
two of my friends with me?

Do I need any pass, &
can I get through by the
N. Central from Harrisburg,
& please do for me what
you can to make my trip
pleasant & safe. W. Killinger

Lebanon May 10/61

Dear Slifer –

May I trouble you a moment.

I want to go to Washington next week.

Which way had I best go? Can I go on some official business so as to go without detention. Because of [dispatches?], or something of the sort.

Can I take one or two of my friends with me? Do I need any Pap, & can I get through by the N. Central from Harrisbg & please do for me what you can to make my trip pleasant & safe.

W. Killinger

Lebanon Pa
May 27/61.

Dear Sir:- There seems to be
two companies struggling
for acceptance here,
neither of which is full.

The two combined
will make a capital
company. Heber has been

a soldier for many years,
Captain of a volunteer
company seven years,
Lieut before that four years,
& more ought be put
at the head of this camp.

Meyer ought take the
First Lieut, & this would
give general satisfaction.

Truly, J. W. K. Meyer

Lebanon Pa, May 27/61

Dear Sir:-

There seems to be two companies struggling for acceptance here, neither of which is full.

The two combined will make a capital company.

Heber has been a soldier for many years. Captain of a Volunteer Camp seven years, Lieut before that five years, & [none?] ought be put at the head of this camp.

Myers ought take the first Lieut, & this would give general satisfaction.

Truly,
W. Killinger

Lebanon Aug 11/62.

Dr Sir,

Please dont give anybody permission here to subsist men for the Government, until you give us a chance. There are men here who are entitled to a chance, & who would do it well & cheap.

Yours Truly,
Eli Slifer & J. W. Kellenger

Lebanon, Aug 11/62

Dr Sir,

Please don't give anybody permission here to subsist men for the government, until you give us a chance. There are men here who are entitled to a chance, & who would do it well & cheap.

Eli Slifer

Yours truly,
W. Killinger

Seal
Havana Aug²⁰ / 62.

Dear Sir,

Please dont make any appointment of Con-
sular Agent to take the draft
in Havana Bank until
Waltham comes up to see you.

He expects to be up to morrow.
If time compels you to
make it, appoint Waltham,
if it will exempt him,
as I suppose it will.

I hope you will justify
Waltham, as well as myself, in
this matter.

Truly Yours,

Wm. McKim

Per Sister

Lebanon, Aug 20/62

Dear Sir,

Please dont make any appointment of commissioner to take the draft in Lebanon County until North comes up to see you.

He expects to be up to morrow. If time compels you to make it, appoint Worth, if it will exempt him, as I suppose it will.

I hope you will notify Worth, as well as myself in this matter.

Truly Yours
W. Killinger

Mr. Slifer

Laramie Sept 17/62

My dear Sister,

I wish you would
be good enough to take
an interest in Dr
Revin's Application in behalf
of his son, Capt Revin.

Both, father & son,
are among my most-
cherished friends, & if you
serve them I will regard
it as a favor to me.

Two of the Doctors
ours are in the service,
& I do earnestly beg you
to assist the Doctor in
behalf of one of them.

Yours, J. M. Killgus

Lebanon, Sept 7/62

My Dear Slifer,

I wish you would be good enough to take an interest in Dr. Nevins application in behalf of his son. Capt Nevin.

Both, father & son, are among my most cherished friends, & if you serve them I will regard it as a favor to me.

Two of the Doctors sons are in the service, & I do earnestly beg you to assist the Doctor in behalf of one of them.

Truly
W. Killinger

Swanton Sept ²³/62

Dear Sister,

My friends who bear
this note have come
in the Army. They are
very anxious to pay them
a short visit at a
near Williamsport,
Md. Do me the favor
of helping them to obtain
the necessary Passes,
if any are needed.

These gentlemen are
among our most estimable
Citizens, & will appreciate
your kindness. J. W. Killinger

Lebanon, Sept 23/62

Dear Slifer

My friends who bear this note have sons in the Army. They are very anxious to pay them a short visit at or near Williamsport Md. Do me the favor of helping them to obtain the necessary papers, if any are needed.

These gentlemen are among our most estimable citizens & will appreciate your kindness.

W. Killinger

Umanan, Oct ²⁷/62.

Hon Eli Sifu.

My dear Sir,

I wish very much you would oblige me by giving the bearer J. S. Shantz the first chance at supplying any ref-
inment you see proper to send here for the winter. He was the Deputy Marshal to take the en-
rolment, & deserves the chance. He & George Reinhard would undertake it, & would give satisfaction. Don't forget this, if such an arrangement is made, & you will place me under renewed obligations.

Yours friend,
J. M. Killings

Lebanon, Oct 27/62

Hon Eli Slifer.

My Dear Sir,

I wish very much you would oblige me by giving the bearer Jos. Shantz the first chance at supplying any regiment you see proper to send here for the winter. He was the Deputy Marshal to take the involvement & deserves the chance. He & George Reinhard would undertake it, & would give satisfaction. Don't forget this, if such an arrangement is made, & you will place me under reversed obligations.

Your Friend
W. Killinger

Philadelphia, Reading & Pottsville

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Dated *Lebanon Nov. 3^d 1862*

REC'D _____ 186 _____ o'clock, _____ min. *P.M.*

To *Ch. Slifer*

A report is
here today stating
that Governor Curtin
has promised a Camp
here - Is it true -
Please answer - Make
no arrangements un-
til you see Worth or
J. W. Killinger
27/62 Jde

Lebanon, Nov. 3 1862

To. Eli Slifer

A report is here today stating that Governor Curtin has promised a camp here. Is it true. Please answer. Make no arrangements until you see Worth or

J.W. Killinger

Stamora Nov¹³/63

Dear Sir,

There is much feeling here for Mr Gittinger, it having been intimated that the Gov. would appoint another person Notary Public.

Coleman, Worth & I have arranged to ask the place from the Gov. for Mr Gittinger, & you will much oblige us if you will say whether we can meet him next Monday at Harrisburg. Or, want you save us the trouble of coming up, by securing the place for Mr G. Please answer & oblige,
yours, J. W. Killinger

Lebanon Nov 13/63

Dear Sir,

There is much feeling here for Mr. Grittinger, it having been intimated that the Gov. would appoint another person Notary Public.

Coleman, Worth & I have arranged to ask the place from the Gov. for Mr. Grittinger, & you will much oblige us if you will say whether we can meet him next Monday at Harrisburg. Or, wait you save us the trouble of coming up by securing the place for Mr. G.

Please answer & oblige,

Yours J.W. Killinger

Lancaster Dec^r 13/64.

My Dear Slipes,

Somehow an impression has obtained here that you are the obstacle in the way of Gittingers appointment to be a Notary Public. I hope you will not hold the Governor too hard, & oblige all your friends here, with the single exception of Hopper, by withdrawing your opposition to Gittinger. Do this for your own sake, as well as the Governor's, & believe me I counsel you sincerely. Hopper is of no account here whatever & was simply thrown on the surface for one year by accident. Nobody here backs him up, while everybody is for Gittinger. Don't you oblige my old friend?

Lebanon Feb 13/64

My Dear Slifer

Somehow an impression has obtained here that you are the obstacle in the way of Grittingers appointment to be a Notary Public. I hope you will not hold the Governor too hard & oblige all your friends here, with the single exception of Hoffer, by withdrawing your opposition to Grittinger. Do this for your own sake as well as the Governors, & believe me I counsel you sincerely. Hoffer is of no account here whatever & has simply thrown on the surface for one year by accident. Nobody here backs him up. While everybody is for Grittinger. Wont you oblige me old friend.

Yours W. Killinger