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Deul on -Than pust reed Reural letters from our men, they are delighted note new Jungsons the John B. Juni

Col. Eli Slifer Sec. of Com.

Dear Sir:

I have by directions of the Col of the Regiment engaged the "Milton Cornet Band" for the Fourth Regiment during their term of service – They wish to go either on tomorrow Wed. morning or Thursday morning 13th [inst.] Please have their papers to Washington or send pap for 14-members of Milton Band to J.F. Gauyer Milton Penna. I wrote his Col. To get a pap from the war Department but I will not have time to reach here before they start as they will after the present term, volunteer for the war it is important that they be

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sent on-

I have just recd several letters from our men, they are delighted with new uniforms & c

Yours respectfully John B. Linn

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Venisburg June 13th Col Eli Slifes The hulton band fourteen members leave this evening to form the fourteenth Regiment at washington will the government pass them over the road per answer J B Linn

Lewisburg June 13th Col. Eli Slifer

The Milton band fourteen members leave this evening to join the fourteenth Regiment at Washington will the government pass them over the road free answer

J.B. Linn

Leuishurg Penna. Ohro. 25-1861

Non. Eli Slefei, See. og the Communicaeth; my wear Sir:

my bother in law C. G. Faries is deserves of Onlening the Dervice ai hie Capacity of an Engineer. I understand he Vate is about rusing a corps. I have written the greener whis behalf and I wish you would aprest Mr. Janes to got a position we the Corps. You remoties father Webert Janes Esq of lens. port and canapan que he es acle qualifia for any position upon an Enqueir Corps. He cause here this morning who a Celein from his uncle Ishua W. Comely Esq. on purpose to see que, but was disappointed. Ibelieve Thave not bored wither you ar he Governor do far with any application for my friends and I will be under a thousand obligations of Jam Ducceppel wi this

ben ze hælfully John B. Finni Hon. Eli Slifer Sec. of the Commonwealth;

My Dear Sir:

My brother in law C.G. Faries is desirous of entering the service in his capacity of an Engineer. I understand the State is about raising a corps. I have written the Governor in his behalf; and I wish you would assist Mr. Faries to get a position in the corps. You knew his father Robert Faries Esq of Lewisport and I can assure you he is well qualified for any position upon an Engineer corps. He came here this morning with a letter from his uncle <u>Joshua W. Comely</u> Esq. on purpose to see you but was disappointed. I believe I have not <u>bored</u> either you as his Governor so far, with any application for my friends and I will be under a thousand obligations if I am successful in this

Very respectfully yours John B. Linn Leursburg Peruca.

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Hon Eli Slifer,

Dear Sir:

Please not to forget the Instructions for applications for Recruiting Services [responsible] of this Saturday

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Yours ever

J.B. Linn

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Schlemter 9.1162 Dearvin; ne eprile to J. C. Kunkel to apist mets milly and Bucher in Trying Case of Communicalthe h. S. J. Finerucaie trabeluction do Dr. Hartungh amoghter the purmed to altered. We been now minilling to come on acce putably of Fireaucions precies who are welltry stiffmential. If hus not that it is generally huderstock that heis to try the Cause for Dr. Hallangh he anda not Core much about it. Kellinger suggests that you spende to hui to come tithing him that the people expecther that the Cause has excelled a great deul of arterest Ho: I dislette houbling Jou with or small a matter at this time, but if you mil speak to him about it you mu funt M. Hailungh & myself hille many thejaline / me me Man B. Finn

Dear Sir:

We spoke to J.C. Kunkel to assist Mrss Miller and Butcher in trying case of Commonwealth v. S.T. Lineaweaver for abduction the Dr. Harbaugh daughter & he promised to attend. He seems now unwilling to come on acct probably of Lineaweavers friends who are wealthy & influential. If it was not that it is generally understood that he is to by the cause for Dr. Harbaugh he would not care much about it. Killiliger suggests that <u>you</u> speak to him to come, telling him that the people expect him, that the cause has excited a great deal of interest & c: I dislike troubling you with so small a matter at this time; but if you will speak to him about it you will put Dr. Harbaugh & myself under many [obligations]

[Your] [illegible]
John B. Linn

Leurburg Penna.
17. mar. 1463 Col. Eli Olefen Dec. of bow. my sear Sir; Irecis. major fin cit for mis. G. A Kelly Brunty cto, I am under muny obligations to you for your Kundnif is the maller. By notice of Opecial order no 48 pour Hod. Jul army Cops, I have been hours of discharged fun the Vernce order is dated 9. March 1863, It is my canded openine Mas J. B. Sterner Len' Sow man 1º Josquats is the proper man to file Any posetione, he mes me of the man - men in getting up the Company, Has been nithe it in com Talte and never had even a leave of absence. He knows more about the dule them a good many officers 'and he fight because he believes ne are viglet in this matter. Theres met with a coldier is the army that I thought muse of their Frault Steiner, The Edmel total me he nas the man for the place; the Captain rule recommend hui will I know the whole company well regues in hi punchine, I believe in group the offices to those who have forme the heart of truther of the day. Beside this Leu Deiner has duce mure to help recounting Open have I morely for that purposed than any there person in his place. Mul I think Duch things Though be raynized, of we want to retain me freces Shope the Greener the que he

promotion wi this case to Sergeant Sterner John B. Juni Col. Eli Slifer Sec. of Com

My Dear Sir: I recd. Major Lyn CK for Mrs. J.H. Kelly Bounty cts, I am under many obligations to you for your kindness in the matter.

By virtue of special order no. 118 from [16d?] [under] 9th army Corps, I have been honorably discharged from the Service order in dated 9. March 1863, It is my candid opinion that F.B. Sterner (Len' Son) now 1st Sergeant is the proper man to fill my position. He was one of the main men in getting up the Company. Has been with it in every battle, and never had even a leave of absence. He knows more about the drill than a good many officers, and he fights because he believes we are right in this matter. I never met with a solider in the army that I thought more of than Frank Sterner, the Colonel told me he was the man for the place; the Captain will recommend him and I know the whole Company will rejoice in his promotion, I believe in giving the offices to those who have born the heat and further of the day. Beside this Len Sterner has done more to help recruiting (speak true & money for that purpose) than any other person in this place. And I think such things, Should be recognized, if we want to retain our friends

I hope the Governor will give the

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Promotion in this case to Sergeant Sterner

Yours respectfully John B. Linn Leuisburg Teuwa.
Ol. Eli Shifer Merris. 6. 1863
Marnsburg Puina.
Dear Sir; I would be glad if any opportunity offered you muld there D.B. Miller, who is now Still in private in the sautes then get detailed with Captain muser) from the ranks by a Commission; he is well versed now in [minupary busines and muld make an excellent Tuarter master of entire a new or old regiment, I mish you would do all in your fines to get him a Commission as a Secult Lieutenant at least, He has been in The route a good while and Suffered a gova many hardships. He has written me several lines when the subject and I muld be glad adeed of Dine - Many Could be detil for

hui. Ju will redlect that he spend Considerable miney a raising the Owens Company + was left in the lusch there there neat and en--lested as a private in Che Ellmakers requirent. Hous any thing been dine get to be come the promotion of Gol. Hearthauft to a Bugadier ship ? If I dece not Consider him one of the fest offices withe Service, I muld not unge his claimes so much. He was of great Service to us I understand duning our late Campaign but Wat I do not thuck so much of as the advantage the service muld gain by his puntie. I have been dunning Esq. Camera Secral truies for the Muney collected by William an the Palmer Refs 160. books, but he put, me off. I should like to get that amount in order

Clauri. Suppose que muld conte hui veging him to pay it, as you are arrayed by Classics Which Ju defend afour these books to Jours hul John B. Fini The decrees, I proudle not and the late of me for age as the advantage the is may addisted to , 50/2 woll

Col. Eli Slifer Harrisburg Penna.

Dear Sir:

I would be glad if any opportunity offered, you would raise D.B. Miller who is now State a private in the ranks (thought detailed with Captain Muper) from the ranks by a Commission: he is well versed now in Commissary Business and would make an excellent Quarter Master of either a new or old regiment. I wish you would do all in your power to get him a Commission as a Second Lieutenant at least. He has been in the ranks a good while and suffered a good many hardship.

He has written me several times upon the subject and I would be glad indeed if something could be done for

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him: you will recollect that he spent considerable money in raising the Owens Company and was left in the lurch there, then went and enlisted as a private in Col. Ellmakers regiment.

Has any thing, been done yet to secure the promotion of Col. Harthaulf to a Brigadier Ship? If I did not consider him one of the best officers in the Service, I would not urge his claims so much. He was of Great Service to us I understand during our late campaign, but that I do not think so much of as the advantage the service would gain by his promotion.

I have been dunning Esq. Cameron several times for the money collected by William as the Palmer Rep & Co. books, but he puts me off. I should like to get that amount in order

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to settle the [Penna] McClure Co. claim. Suppose you would order him requiring him to pay it: as you are annoyed by claims which you depend upon these books to settle

Yours truly John B. Linn

Lewisburg Penna 23 d Avor. 1863 Col Eli Shifen Mansturg Pa. my wear In; Capt. Geo. 16. Makeuplug Co. E. 61 Jenna. Regl. deseres me to procure from you, with an enderencent ly your Eustice a letter of recommendation to Got James B. Fry Prov. Mar. Jeul in order to his speedy transfer and purution We the invaled Corps. you are aware of his terrices as a Least of the 3 months men Co. That heal from this place, also of him ruesing a full Company for three years of which he has in Command, until the fearful marches from both hung to Jackson & back again used him hip attenthe as far is actue field service is Encerned. George has (houce he had a vote) bythe puto her while family here in my Lede a pelities las nell in times

of velepeat as of victing trakes Lewice andvell worthy of receptution. His testiminal fun Regimental + Ingalle Commander are of the being best, and his mich is to remain un the field but on account of herma This argued beg that is cut of the questien. I deslike bothering you note application Of the Rend on I have drown a good deal aper four Kinetiefs, but Capt. Hapeuflug has behaved Souch I don't dinds that you will take pleasure in recommending tuni, you may enclose it to me and I me suid it to have to hour mil With his other papers of mania a fite this mining al John 18. Finis

Col Eli Slifer Harrisburg Pa.

My Dear Sir:

Capt. Geo. H. Hassenplug Co. E [b-1st?] Penna. Reg 7. desires me to procure from you, with an [endorsement?] by Govr. Curtin, a letter of recommendation to Col. James B. Fry Prov. Maj. Genl. in order to his speedy transfer and promotion in the invalid Corps.

You are aware of his services as a Lieut. of the 3 months men Co. that [went] from this place; also of him raising a full company for three years of which he was in command, until the fearful marches from Vicksburg to Jackson & back again used him up altogether as for inactive field service is concerned.

George has (since he had a vote) together with his whole family been on my side in politics as well in times

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of defeat as of victory. And his services are well worthy of recognition. His testimonial from Regimental & Brigadier commander are of his very best, and his wish is to [reconaince?] his field but on account of <u>hernia</u> & his injured leg that is out of the question.

I dislike bothering you with application of the kind as I have [done] a good deal upon your kindness, but Capt. Hassenplug has behaved so well I don't doubt that you will take pleasure in recommending him. You may enclose it to me and I will lend it to him to have and [make?] his other papers-

Peter Herman died very suddenly of mania a potu this morning at 6-

Yours truly John B. Linn Ed. Ele Slefer Tept. 21. 1864 The been In I ment Capt Menule Tuck afformater the of the Commenters to take the volumes of from the Ce. Thun heel lest made out of all the Iddies from the Comme but securately and and and gathery ap ale the information hereforymuce preparing unuedialel beg med Junes Thus The

Col. Eli Slifer

My Dear Sir

I want <u>Capt. Merill Linn</u>, appointed one of the Commissioners to take the soldiers vote from this Co.

There had lest made out of all the soldiers from the county with [securities] and our gathering of all the information necessary

Could you not send me some blanks you are preparing immediately

Very much yours John B. Linn

Lewis Mey Pa. Col. 201864 Cel. Eli Safee my sear Sur I meli he wider Expres inimediales about 200 progres + Enclopes if you could spore that Many there is many is you care I wish you would adorse me a lady as pepible of you hear any thing futer of the matter he here very ses pecopally to. heaking of John B. June Protably I could got along withe 100 puries -

Col. Eli Slifer

My Dear Sir

I will be under obligations if you will forward me per Express immediately about 200 proxies & Envelopes if you could spare that many there as many as you can.

I wish you would advise me as early as possible of you hear anything further of the matter we were speaking of

Very respectfully, H. John B. Linn

Probably I could get along with 100 proxies-

Luishing Penna, 18 hors: 1864

Mon. Eli Slefen Manshery Pecca.

My Dear Sin. I was much surpriged and gratified on the receipt of juntette this exercing. I had supposed the want of Thrinen resignation unda check all further progress with matter and I of course Juid nothing about d, the my return I met him and he tota me he ameld not resign untel he got smetting better and that he would not attend the meeting of the election college + allow them to per his place I thought hat an end of the maller & Knew no better malie the receipt of your letter. There not received way notice of my affirmament and I huit it is not Runn or even suspected. The parties here when were primised it, Juppose of course Thrines will be reapposited and potación has been dand abal il Homeno sheriff Albright tota me to day that we the event of Thener unseating yudge hale the Alhight ? was there it - It will eme like a clap of hundle in a clear oly, I am our it will Surprize Eng Cameron; as he counted confidently on making the appointment, How did the department get no af ohrener? I have not heard of his asi protein the is at limited tales Court at Petto free they week. Please mite me how the matter has accomplished Meanwhile Jan under a thursund obligation to you for you Sundrep, and Jan may always Courte me at your dernice as bery hul guins any May I cando

Hon. Eli Slifer Harrisburg Penna.

My Dear Sir: I was much surprized and gratified on the receipt of your letter this evening. I had supposed the want of Shriner resignation and a check all further progress in the manner and I of course said nothing about it. On my return I met him and he told me he would not resign until he got something better, and that he would not attend the meeting of the electoral college & allow them to free his place. I thought that an end of the matter & knew no better until the receipt of your letter...I have not received any notice of my appointment, and I think it is not known or even suspected. The parties here, who were promised it, suppose of course Shriner will be reappointed, and nothing has been said about it. However Sheriff Albright told me today that in the event of Shriner unseating Judge Hall he (Albright) was to have it.-It will come like a clap of thunder in a clear sky. I am sure it will surprize Esq. Cameron; as he counted confidently on making the appointment.

Now did the department get rid of Shriner. I have not heard of his resignation. He is at United States court at Pittsburg this week. Please write me how the matter was accomplished Meanwhile I am under a thousand obligations to you for your kindness, and you may always consider me at your service in any thing I can do

Very truly yours John B. Linn

May Thrued yust here Lays Thank been approuled in his place Lays he has been written to tothe fine Mathington I How my to come in minedealed - That they and know how me appointed, I like him I will not lett either. To there me to dichie we event he could not get any thoug better. I that him as I did not understand his the matter her frot, about, I muld not deduce until I consulted buhnerech d'hie appended Jun letter neternales Cept. Oring as his hecupen, that him Theard literalaft orung 1- Cuft. Shukley under be- In have sideall the winde track of I me me is the office al Hourstrup is detauny my Commepene, I muld lette total there is this maker and nother Junualle do every thay you can to buse That Commpany formaided -

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cafe if a com manage to Keefel Do -Im had better bute hur Lews requestinghours to enquire why the amountour & detained, Shruin gres down on the trum this morning Jan bush - 113/ - I mile here tegraphed but his affina Maj. Shriner [just] here says I have been appointed in his place, says he has been written to both from Washington & Harrisburg to come in immediately that they don't know how I was appointed, I told him I could not tell either. Wished me to decline in event he could not get any thing better. I told him as I did not understand how the matter was brot about I would not decline until I consulted [illegible] had [illegible] appointed your letter intimates Capt. Orwig as his successor. I told him I heard when Capt. Orwig or Capt. Shukley would be you have evidently the inside track & save me in the office at Harrisburg is detaining my commission. I would like to be at [illegible] in this matter, and wish you would do every thing you can to have that commission forwarded.

M. Miller is just home from Washington and assures me of an appointment there but I do not wish to leave home under present circumstances - would like to hold in to this- Shriner promises me much, if I will do as he wishes; but I intend to take care of myself, that I do not compromise those who have found me without [satisfaction]. If you will manage through somebody when that commission forwarded I will take care of the

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rest. I know from Shriners talk we are safe, if we can manage to keep it so-you had better write Mr. Lewis requesting him to enquire why the commission is detained. Shriner goes down on the train this morning

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JBL

I would have telegraphed, but was [approved]

Hushy M. mist 6h Ch. Eh Shepen my weem In My commepen as apostul aprefu hos just enne mhe a letter from hu. Rending Hating that I come to hand m the 23 d ust Tanti you this morning hostif what My . Suner told ne. I whend while in to the Commission I have not true to day nine hands That I am deeply grateful to gin for Just Le Mula min

Col. Eli Slifer

My Dear Sir

My commission as assistant [assessor] has just came with a letter from Mr. [Reading] [Slaterey] that it came to hand on the 23d last. I write you this morning hastily what Maj. Shriner told me. I intend to hold on to the Commission.

I have not time to say more than that I am deeply grateful to you for your kindness in this matter

very respectfully your ol. serv John B. Linn