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Huntingburg Penna.
June 11/1861

Col. Eli Chifer
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-
nesday or Thursday morning 13th
inst. Please have them packed to
Washington, or send pass for 14-
members of Milton Band to J. F.
Gauger Milton Penna. I wrote the
Col. to get a pass from the War
Department but it will not have
time to reach here before they start
as they will after the present
term, volunteers for the War it
is important that they be

Sent on ~ ~ ~

I have just recd several letters
from our men, they are delighted
with new uniforms. Be
Yours respectfully
John D. Finn

Lewisburg Penna.
June 11 1861

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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Yours respectfully
John B. Linn

1861

Newburg June 12th
Col. Eli Sifers

The Nutton
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

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

Lewisburg Penna.

Nov. 25 - 1861

Hon. Eli S. Lefevre,
Sec. of the Commonwealth;

My dear Sir:

My brother in Law C. G. Faries is desirous of entering the Service in the 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 know his father Robert Faries Esq. of Lewis. port, and I can assure you he is well qualified for any position upon an Engineer Corps. Because here this morning with a letter from his uncle Joshua W. Conely Esq. on purpose to see you, but was disappointed. I believe I have not bores either you or the 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. Farris

Lewisburg Penna.
Jun. 25 1861

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 Joshua W. Comely Esq. on purpose to see you but was disappointed. I believe I have not bored 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

Lansburg Tenn.

June 24-1862

Hon Eli Chafee,

Dear Sir:

Please not to forget
the instructions for application for Recruiting
Service in spite of on Saturday
Hbley

Yours
J. B. Linn

Lewisburg Penna.
June 24 1862

Hon Eli Slifer,

Dear Sir:

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

[oblige]

Yours ever

J.B. Linn

(Private)

Leicester Tenn.

September 9. 1862

Dear Sir;

We spoke to J. C. Kunkel to assist Mrs. Miller and
Bucher in trying Case of Commonwealth v. S. J. Fineman
for abduction of Dr. Wadsworth's daughter & he promised
to attend. He seems now unwilling to come on acct probably
of Fineman's friends who are wealthy & influential.

If it was not that it is generally understood that
he is to try the Case for Dr. Wadsworth he would not
care much about it. Mullinger suggests that you
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 or make a matter at this time; but if you
will speak to him about it you will put
Dr. Wadsworth & myself under many obligations
from me

Wm B. Fin

Private

Lewisburg Penna.
September 9, 1862

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 you 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

Lansburg Penna.

Cot. Eli Clefer
Sec. of Com.

17th Mar. 1863

My dear Sir; I recd. Major Genl. M. J. Kelly County etc, I am under many obligations to you for your kindness in the matter.

By virtue of Special order No. 48 from Hd. Quarters Army Corps, I have been honorably discharged from the Service order is dated 9. March 1863. It is my candid opinion that F. B. Sterner (Levi's son) now 1st Sergeant is the proper man to fill the 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 day 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 soldier 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 officers to those who have borne the heat & burden of the day. Beside this Levi Sterner has done more to help recruiting (Open time & 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 Governm^t will give the

promotion in this case to Sergeant Steves
Yours respectfully

John B. Linn

Lewisburg Penna.
17 Mar. 1863

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.

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Promotion in this case to Sergeant Sterner

Yours respectfully
John B. Linn

Lewisburg Penna.

Nov. 6. 1863

Col. Eli Shifer

Harrisburg Penna.

Dear Sir:

I would be glad if any opportunity offered, you would raise D. B. Miller, who is now still a private in the ranks (though detailed with Captain Mueser) from the ranks by a Commission; he is well versed now in Company 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 hardships.

He has written me several lines upon the subject and I would be glad indeed if some thing could be done for

him. You will recollect that he spent considerable money in raising the Owens Company & was left in the lurch there; then went and enlisted as a private in Col. Edmatters Regiment.

Has any thing been done yet to secure the promotion of Col. Heathcote 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 on the Palmer Rep &c. books, but he puts me off. I should like to get that amount in order

to settle the Brema & Clure Co.
claim. Suppose you would write
him saying him to pay it; as
you are annoyed by claims which
you depend upon these books to
settle.

Yours truly

John B. Finis

J. B. Finis
Nov 6/63.

Lewisburg Penna.
Novb. 6. 1863

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.

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Yours truly
John B. Linn

Lewisburg Penna

23^d Novr. 1863

Col. Eli Sizer
Harrisburg Pa.

My dear Sir;

Capt. Geo. W. Waplesburg
Co. E. 61st Penna. Regt. desires me to
procure from you, with an endorsement
by Govr. Curtin, a letter of recommendation
to Col. James B. Fry Prov. Mar. 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 heul
from this place, also of him raising a
full Company for three years of which he
was in command, until the fearful
marches from Breckney to Jackson & back
again, used him up altogether as far
as active field service is concerned.

George has (since he had a vote) spoken
with me while finally been on my
side in public has well in times

of respect as of victory. And his
services are well worthy of recognition.
His testimonials from Regimental
& Brigade Commanders are of the very
best, and his wish is to remain in
the field but on account of hernia
& his injured leg that is out of the
question.

I hesitate bothering you with application
of the kind as I have done a good
deal upon your kindness, but Capt.
Napier's letter has inspired so well
I don't doubt that you will take
pleasure in recommending him.
You may enclose it to me and
I will send it to him to trans-act
with his other papers —

Peter Anson died very suddenly
of mania a pota this morning at
6-

Yours truly
John B. Ford

Lewisburg Penna
23d Novr. 1863

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 hernia & 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

Huston Penna.
Col. E. Sizer Sept. 21. 1864

My dear Sir

I want Capt. Merrill
to appoint me of the Companies to
take the soldiers vote from this Co.

There had best made out of all the soldiers
from the Company with ~~names~~ and an
gather up all the information necessary.

Could you not send me some blanks
you are preparing immediately

Very much yours

John B. Sizer

Lewisburg Penna.
Sept. 21, 1864

Col. Eli Slifer

My Dear Sir

I want Capt. Merrill Linn, appointed one of the Commissioners to take the soldiers vote from this Co.

There had best 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

Lewisburg Pa.

Oct. 20 1864

Cet. Eli Sifer

My dear Sir

I will be under
obligations if you will forward me per
express immediately about 200 pieces
& envelopes if you cannot spare that
many then as many as you can.

I wish you would advise me as
early as possible if you hear any thing
further of the matter we were
speaking of very respectfully, &c.

John B. Guin

Probably I could get along with 100
pieces =

Lewisburg Pa.
Oct. 20 1864

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-

Lewisburg Penna.
18th Nov. 1864

Hon. Eli Hefen
Lewisburg Penna.

My dear Sir; I was much surprised and gratified on the receipt of your letter this evening. I had supposed the want of Thriver's resignation would check all further progress in the matter, and I of course said nothing about it, till 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 fill 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 Thriver will be reappointed, and nothing has been said about it. However Sheriff Albright told me to day that in the event of Thriver's vacating his place he (Albright) was to have it. It will come like a clap of thunder in a clear sky. I am sure it will surprise Eng Cameron; as he counted confidently on making the appointment.

How did the department get rid of Thriver? 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 way I can do

Very truly yours
Wm B. Felt

Lewisburg Penna.
18 Novr. 1864

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.

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Very truly yours
John B. Linn

25 Nov. 64.

May. Thrued just here says I have been appointed
in his place, says he has been written to both from
Washington & Housatonic to come immediately - that
they don't know how I was appointed, I told him
I could not tell either. Told me to decline in event
he could not get any thing better. I told him as I did
not understand how the matter was got about, I
would not decline until I consulted Whitcomb & he
appointed - your letter intimates Capt. Craig as
his successor, I told him I heard either Capt. or my
or Capt. Shuttle, would be - you have sided
the inside track & I am one as the office at
Housatonic is detaining my Commission, I would
like to be at Housatonic in this matter and wish
you would do every thing you can to have
the Commission forwarded.

Mr. Miller is just home from Washington and
spoke me of an appointment there but I do
not wish to leave home under present circumstances,
I would like to hold on to this - Thrued 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
favored me without objection. If you will
forward me through somebody whose name
Commission forwarded I will take care of the



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

~~you are best~~

~~J. B. Lewis~~

I would have telegraphed, but was opposed

J. B. Lewis
 1864

25 Nov. 64.

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.

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JBL

I would have telegraphed, but was [approved]

Wesley, Pa.

Nov 25 / 64

Col. E. S. Sizer

My dear Sir

My commission as a postman
at Sizer has just come when a letter from Mr.
Kendry Halsey that it came to hand on the 23^d
inst. I write you this morning hoping what
Mr. Kinner 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
yours

Wm. B. Trice

Hershey Pa.
Nov 28/64

Col. Eli Slifer

My Dear Sir

My commission as assistant [assessor] has just come 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