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Caston Pa Jan 17. 1861

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Easton Pa Jan 17, 1861

Hon Eli Slifer

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In your esteemed favor of Nov 15th you were pleased to proffer me your help unless some local claim interfered.

If you are not embarrassed by any such and yet approve I would be under very great obligations if you would enclose me a letter to the President Elect favoring my application.

I am gratified to be able to state that North Eastern Penna will back up my application with great unanimity.

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-recognized after the battles had been fought & won. I trust however that this policy will not be always continued.

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Hence this scrawl

Very Truly Yours HD Maxwell

Caston - Pa. Office 13.1861 Hon Eli slifer
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Easton Pa. April 13, 1861

Hon Eli Slifer Sec'y of the Com'th My dear Sir

From what Gov. Curtin told me I presume he is not now in Harrisburg and will not be before Tuesday. I therefore write to you to state the action of a very large and enthusiastic meeting of our citizens held here last night in pursuance of a call which I draw up hastily, upon receipt of the mornings papers. -

The enclosed Resolution passed by the meeting will inform you of what was done. They were presented by me and adopted with enthusiastic cheers. About 70 men signed the volunteer lists before the meeting adjourned and three of us headed the subscription list for \$2500 to defray the expense of maintaining the force proffered if necessary. It will be circulated freely

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on Monday. Capt Yohe presided over the meeting subscribed \$1000. and headed the list of volunteers He will undoubtedly be placed in command unless what many of us wish he can be put at the head of a battalion which can be readily raised in this vicinity Cannot this be done? Please confer with the Governor immediately on his return and write me No better man can be found in the Commonwealth to head a battalion & his being at its head would draw to it the flower of our active men. —

Mr James McKeen the father in law of Rev Mr Caltel of Harrisburg, a Democrat was one of the Vice Presidents of our meeting and subscribed \$1000. on the subscription list.

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Truly Yours HD Maxwell

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Easton Pa May 8. 1861

Hon Eli Slifer Secy of the Commonwealth My dear Sir

Genl Hale advised me to send the enclosed to you as knowing the circumstances with a request that you would deliver them and get the necessary order _ Please do so & send me. As you may remember when up at Harrisburg as a Committee prior to our Volunteers leaving Capt Simmins in your office advised that our men should bring their blankets_ In accordance with the suggestion I got one of our most careful merchants to go to Philada, buy enough for our Companies & have them expressed to Harrisburg to meet the men _ They arrived the same night directed to The Governor & were immediately delivered to the Volunteers who otherwise would have been without _ Those Companies over none other from the State and inasmuch as the increased number of volunteers from here requires us to economize our fund for the families please aid me to get this Bill through _ The blankets are pronounced first rate.

Very Truly Yours HD Maxwell

Cashur Pa Jan. 19. 18/12

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Hon Eli Slifer Secy of Comth My dear Sir

Your despatch was received by this evening at 7 o clk. Our Court commencd today - I am retained in a number of criminal cases. Among others is the Burglary & Larceny at Bethlehem [Surency?] which will be taken up tomorrow. I therefore at once despatched to you to know if it would answer for me to go to Washington on Wednesday. I have received no reply & as Mr Murfle goes to Washington by Harrisburg tonight I send this to request you to telegraph me whether my coming on Wednesday will do. In these trials I consider public matters of first importance & yet I could not consistent with duty to my client's leave their cases unrepresented & and in the Bethl cases my clients will not

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be here until tomorrow morning - Please therefore telegraph me on receipt stating your wishes.

In haste Yours Truly HD Maxwell Caston Pa July 11. 18h ?

Mon. Eli Slefer

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Easton Pa July 11. 1862

Hon. Eli Slifer My dear Sir

Our friend Armstrong is strongly bent on going into service again and if the call for the new forces is limited to 1 year will offer.

In that event if he could and in raising a battalion here could not the Majorship or a Lt. Colonelcy be secured to him. He bore himself ably in the 3 months service & returned with the confidence of men & officers. I think that an assurance of such an appt would aid finally in securing the men.

Please write me by Maj McCoy and when the Gov returns of proper inform me of the result of his replies.

Very Truly Yours HD Maxwell

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(Private) Easton Pa July 28/62

Hon Eli Slifer My dear Sir

Mr J P Helrich asked me this morning for a letter of introduction to you which I gave. His professed object was to try to get his son a Lieutenancy in one of the old Regiments. If the [real?] it is all right - His son was a Lieut. in his Ninth (3 mon) served well & gave satisfaction. He was taken ill with fever on his return or he would have gone ajar – I told the father his difficulty, as promotion according to rank from the Companies was the proper rule if qualifications persisted_

We had a good County meeting at Nazareth on Saturday - The people were all right. Resolutions

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were unanimously passed asking Co. Comm to appropriate \$30,000 & a personal guarantee was signed by our most influential men to indemnify them. Certain political airs were however working with them behind the scenes and I fear will be too strong for the people. A Committee meet them this afternoon to determine the matter. Men far Paxton of Easton & Bethlehem have done the paying - there equality is now demanded_ It is believed that the Legislature would when they meet authorize each County to levy special tax to repay and our Banker will advance the money. What is the plan in those Counties where Com'rs have assented to pay.

In haste Yours Truly HD Maxwell

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Mon Eli Slefer

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Easton Pa Aug 1, 1862

Hon Eli Slifer My dear Sir

I had written the accompanying note to the Governor before Capt Armstrongs return and as he informs me he is not expected back for some days (which I was glad to hear) I now write this to you asking your kind offices in behalf of this afflicted father if you can properly give them. He fears the death of his son (yet a lad) and I think his request ought to be allowed.

There was no agreement upon prose today. They ballotted until it was time to leave by carr. It begins to look as if the people will take the matter into their own hands. I was highly pleased to hear of my friend Armstrong's good prospects. He deserves the confidence bestowed.

Very Truly Yours HD Maxwell

P.S. I do hope that the Governor will keep out of the way of public annoyance for some time.

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Easton Pa Aug. 23d 1862

Hon Eli Slifer Secy of Comth-My dear Colonel

We had a meeting of our "War Committee" at my office last evening. There is a strong desire to avoid the draft in this County if can be done & I was requested to get the information if I could what number of men will be the proportion of Northampton. 6 Companies mostly from Northm. went into the 3 year service – viz Capt Balor Rescuer Capt Bell – Jeter's – Yard – Graeffe – Luckenbach – 4 Companies are in the 9 months – Stonebach – Thomas, Paylor, Ecker – Besides Horn, Bell, Lesker & others have sent squads Can you inform me what will yet be required to avoid the draft? Easton I think ought to be exempt, pressing from the fact that Phillipsburg, opposite & Belvidere in NJ have been declared by Gov. Olden exempt. Your early reply will greatly oblige.-

I have spoken to a number of our friends today who I had not seen yesterday e.g Capt Eyerman & others. Thompsons appointment would do us undoubted good. He has felt sore since the PO matter and is so strong a friend of the State Admn that we want him in good feeling when a state contest comes off. I learn today that C. A Luckenbachs name

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has been presented – He is very wealthy & very unpopular, two strong reasons agst him. It would be another Eilenberger appointment – Some of my fears are yet going I fear to be realized – I learn today that the redoubtable Major Lynn of whom you have doubtless heard, who wanted all recruiting stopped until the Governor would promise him a Colonelcy, & who is very thick with Eilenberger has been selected by the latter to make part of the enrolment in West Ward and a Democrat told me today he was repeating where he went that 300 men were dying daily from yellow fever in Poper County. Eilenberger was strong for appointing him for [Lancaster?] Pa his old residence but I opposed it & he yielded. A few such companies can do vast mischief.

I repeat my objections to the appointment of Voorhees-Detweiler as Surgeon_ Either would make trouble – I am told that the latter has employed JW Fuller Esq of Cataraughed & claims (God save the mark) to be a Republican!_ He was appointed a short time afr Jail Physician as a strict Democrat & if he has changed no one has heard of it.

Besides if Thompson is appointed that satisfies Yohe Thompson & their friends-Dr Seein whom I named would make a safe good appointment against whom no reasonable objectives could be urged - & the country portion of our party would feel that they were remembered.

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I have no earthly interest but am actuated in writing as I do wholly & solely from my friendship for the administration. I would be obliged however if you will consider this "confidential" for the Governor & yourself.

P.S. I have had C B Heller a brother in law of both Detweiler & Yohe appointed as one of the curdling [illegible] for Saucin [illegible]_ He is a good man. This ought to satisfy.

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Easton Pa Aug 25 1862

Hon Eli Slifer Secry of Comth My dear Sir

In writing to you hastily on Saturday at request of Committee inquiring as to probable number yet to be called for from Northn Co. I omitted in my enumeration several Companies now in service raised mostly in this Country viz Capt. Belhemiers 34th Reg. Bethm Calvary Co. under Wetherite & Dorter went to Harlam Regt. Capt Schortz cavalry Co. & a number in cavalry Co of A N Seip besides some 30 to 40 enlisted in artillery under then Capt now Gen Seymour. Easton has certainly a very large number in service & I have appointed a

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committee to ascertain that number.

My opinion as to the nominees of Com'r & Surgeon is strengthened. Notwithstanding that Eilenberger has given the Republicans perhaps an overshare of the Deputies he has made Lynn a Sect Dep'y General to go into the [illegible], swear in Deputies &c (by what power I know not as I presume the legal maxim *Deputatus non potest deputare* would apply to him as authorized to administer [illegible].) My objection to Lynn is his inherent constitutional double facedness, talking patriotically with one set and the reverse with another, proclaiming to owe his desire to be in service, to another his determination not to fight for the niggers &c &c These are the most dangerous men we have Please answer at your earliest convenience as to the call likely yet to be made upon us. I take it

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for granted that Easton which sent 4 Companies the first week to the 3 months service and has sent full 2/3 or of all that have gone from the county will have separate credit for the number she has sent.

Very Truly Yours HD Maxwell Easton Pa - Aug. 30.18/12

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Easton Pa – Aug. 30. 1862

Hon Eli Slifer My dear Sir

Your favour of the 27th inst is received A canvass of our Borough gives about 700 men in Service As our population is about 1/5 that of the whole County that count ought to exempt the Borough from draft.

Upon receipt of your letter I wrote to Dr Seein to come in as he had not been aware that his name had been prescribed to the Governor.

He is a modest but very excellent man, skillful in his profession, firm & decided yet courteous, a sound Republican possessing intelligence & worth His appointment will be pleasing to our country friends of his region who hold him in high regard

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Very Truly Yours HD Maxwell

Casta Pa. Sep. 19. 1862

My dear Sir

I have just seen thompson, Commefine He has will his usual evergy completed his Exemplies and has all ready. The Regument to avoid the draft is also ready and as he went through the founty he made are cugments for the men to come in here early next week. to elect their officers and be organized -I do hope that this arrangment-may be Sanctioned and Thimpson permetted to take the men on to Harrisbury next week. They lete me that Lynn has been thelow for the Leet Coloneley and Jam in hope, that he majorship may be because for threeoup. Our Lachier lis Society Leut Mincefler. - noon to addrep of Gent Hale Hands Iboy Heale of Supplies - They have another lange boy almost leady - Thank requested head Hale to write me whether arrangements have been made on this voute for hours por taler Spart myself \$3.95 the peight on what was but their afternoon Very Fraly

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Easton Pa. Sep. 19. 1862

My dear Sir

I have just seen Thompson, Commission He has with his usual energy completed his Exemptions and has all ready. The Regiment to avoid the draft is also ready and as he went through the County he made an augment for the men to come in here early next week to elect their officers and be organized

I do hope that this arrangement may be sanctioned and Thompson permitted to take the men on to Harrisburg next week.

They tell me that Lynn has been shelved for the Lieut Colonelcy and I am in hopes that the majorship may be secured for Ferueausy.

Our Ladies Aid Society sent this afternoon to address of Gen Hale 3 barrels 1 box & 1 bale of supplies. They have another large box almost ready. I have requested Genl Hale to write me whether arrangements have been made on this route for transportation.

I paid myself \$3.95 the freight on what was sent this afternoon.

Very Truly Yours HD Maxwell

Hon Eli Slifer

Easton Per Sep. 19. 18/12

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My Dear Li

In response to the Call made To the Ladies in behalf of the deck and wounded in the late battles the Lades Midfocely of our letter Church will this afterwoon forward by Wpref derected to You Hale Several burner of Supplies -The call did not morcale how the good were to be sent and by my ad vice there. wite be sent by by pref when which I will propay the people here. Pleane however inform me whatare the cerrain ments as to forwarding & will the flate pay the freight to -The are auxiously waiting the report-

of the next battle. God defend the right

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Hon Eli Slifer Sec'y of Comth. My Dear Sir

In response to the call made to the Ladies in behalf of the sick and wounded in the late battles the Ladies Aid Society of our little Church will this afternoon forward by Express directed to Genl Hale several barrels of supplies - The call did not indicate how the goods were to be sent and by my advice these will be sent by Express upon which I will prepay the freight here. Please however inform me what are the arrangements as to forwarding & will the State pay the freight &c

We are anxiously waiting the report of the next battle. God defend the right

Very Truly Yours HD Maxwell Sten Eli Slejen

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Easton Pa Jan. 26. 1863

Hon Eli Slifer My dear Sir

I have been anxiously expecting to hear the action of the Court Martial on Col. Prick & Lt Col Armstrong but am yet without any information. In the expectation that MrChidley would go on to Washington I wrote a letter to Mr. Covode and another to S.S Blair giving them particulars and urging them to aid themselves & interest the delegation I wish that he had gone I believe he could have secured an interview with the Secy of War and impressed him or the President with the injustice of injuriously affecting even in reputation officers who had done & sacrificed so much. He informs me that he left the letters with you when deciding not to go further What representations have been made to the Sec'y of War or President? Would it not be well to enclose these letters with a request that they be submitted to

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the Department before any action prejudicial to these officers in determined on with the request for a hearing Please write me stating whether you have any further news. This Court preventing my leaving in very annoying but cannot be helped.

> Very Truly Yours HD Maxwell

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Hon Ele Plefer

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Easton Pa Feb 3/63

My dear Sir

I had hoped to have got away tonight but it is impossible – We are in the midst of our Argument list on which is very important matters which must be disposed of to go to the Sup Ct for March our only term for the year. I have got my cases precedence & can finish them so far as I am concerned tomorrow. My purpose is to leave by the 10 P.M. train tomorrow night which reaches Harrisburg in time for the train 3 AM for Washington_ please meet me at the car on their arrival & look me up. I hope you received & forwarded my letter to the Secry of War sent on Saturday to you.

Truly Yours HD Maxwell

Hon Eli Slifer

Philade Feb. 8. 18/13

My dear fir Governor has informed you of what has been promised in relation to Col Frick It Col Country - I have no doubt of the performance if matters Remain as now. In view however of the Thousand stone things engaging the fecretary attention, the uncertainty of any man's henve of office there days I the deliberate intentional with holding the papers by Year Numphrey Sam Satisfied that the case Should be prefed until consummated and was pleased to learn from Got Frick that you were expected on Monday or Tuesday. Armstrong is better although yet very ile Sweak - His father in law reached Washington yesterday afternoon. - I have done all I can't after all the delay in my getting off Struck in my opinion the best time for action. After the restration it is of freat emportance

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The Governor has informed you of what has been promised in relation to Col Frick & Lt Col Armstrong I have no doubt of the performance if matters remain as now. In view however of the thousand & one things engaging the Secretarys attention, the uncertainty of any man's tenure of office these days & the deliberate intentional withholding the papers by Genl Humphreys I am satisfied that the case should be pressed until consummated and was pleased to learn from Col Frick that you were expected on Monday or Tuesday. Armstrong is better although yet very ill & weak_ His father in law reached Washington yesterday afternoon. I have done all I can & after all the delay in my getting off struck in my opinion the best time for action. After the restoration it is of great importance

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I go to New York tomorrow morning & expect to reach home late Monday night Please keep me informed.

Very Truly Yours HD Maxwell

Hon Eli Slifer

Caston. Pa. May 12 18/13

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Easton. Pa. May 12th 1863

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I was absent in New York all yesterday. Am informed this morning that Sage & Hechl have both agreed to withdraw their applications for the present vacancy for Notary and write in recommending the one war Soldier Kuisey. Sadge is out of town today. As soon as he returns I will see him & report. If this is so the 2d appointment should be left without committals with the understanding that it will not be given to anyone who declines to work in the coming canvass. Please inform me as soon as the Governor returns. I am very anxious to have our League inaugurated next week if possible & wish his presence with us if practicable. We will take first rate care of him. Please hand enclosed to Armstrong on his reaching Harrisburg

Truly Yours HD Maxwell

Hon Eli Slifer Secy of Comth