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Easton Pa Jan 17. 1861

Mr Eli Slifer

My dear Sir

I am now gathering in the  
letters kindly offered in aid of my  
application for the Directorship of the  
mint. —

In your esteemed favour of Nov 15<sup>th</sup>  
you were pleased to proffer me your  
help unless some local claimer interfered.

If you are ~~obliged~~ 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 favouring my application

I am gratified to be able to state  
that both Eastern Penna will back  
up my application with great un-  
-animity

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past mostly disregarded I left un

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fought & won. I trust however that this  
policy will not be always continued.

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Hence this scrawl

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Very Truly  
Yours  
HD Maxwell

613-0003  
Easton - Pa. April 13. 1861

Hon Eli Slicer

Secy of the Com<sup>th</sup>

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 drew up hastily upon receipt of the morning paper. —

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



on Monday. Capt Goke 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.—

W James McKee the father in law of Rev McClell of Harrisburg, a Democrat. was one of the Vice Presidents of our meeting and subscribed \$1000. on the subscription list—

Our people are awakened to the dangers of the Republic and determined to sustain maintain & defend it.

Truly Yours

H. L. Maxwell

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Easton Pa May 8. 1861

Hon Ch. Soper

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 I send me. As you may remember, when up at Haverburg 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 Philad<sup>a</sup>. buy enough for our Companies, have them exported to Haverburg 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 - Pure Companies draw none other from the state and inasmuch as the increased number of Volunteers from here requires us to economize our fund for their families please aid me to get this Bill through - The blankets are pronounced first rate

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Easton Pa Jan. 19. 1862

Hon Eli Sizer

Secy of Comth

My dear Sir

Your despatch was received by this evening at York. Our Court commenced today - I am retained in a number of criminal cases. Among others the Barbara Harcey at Bethlehem ferry, 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. I as Mr Muzie goes to Washington by Harrisburg tonight I send this to request you to telegraph me whether my coming on Wednesday will do. In these times I consider public matters of first importance yet I could not conscientiously with duty to my clients leave their cases unrepresented. I in the Bell cases my clients will not

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

In haste.

Yours Truly

A. Maxwell  
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Easton Pa Jan. 19. 1862

Hon Eli Slifer  
Secy of Comth  
My dear Sir

Your despatch was received by this evening at 7 o clk. Our Court commenced 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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Easton Pa July 11. 1862

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My dear Sir

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limited to 1 year will offer.

In that event if he could aid in  
raising a battalion here could not the  
Majorship <sup>or a Lt Colonelcy</sup> 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 app't would aid greatly in  
securing the men -

Please write me by May McCoy  
and when Mr Gov. returns if proper  
inform me of the result of his inquiries.

Very Truly  
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A. C. Maxwell

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(Private)

Easton Pa July 28/12

Hon Eli Hefin

My dear Sir

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

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 A Committee meet this  
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 demanded - It is believed that  
 the Legislature would when they  
 meet authorize each County to  
 levy a special tax to repay and  
 our Banker will advance the  
 money. What is the plan in those  
 Counties whose Comm have agreed  
 to pay.

In haste  
 your truly  
 H. D. Maxwells

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Easton Pa Aug 1. 1862

Hon Eli Sizer

My dear Sir

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There was no agreement upon Judge today - They ballotted until it was time to leave by car. - 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

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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. 23<sup>d</sup> 1862

Hon Eli Sifer

Sec. y 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 it 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 North<sup>m</sup>. went into the 3 year service - viz, <sup>Capt Bator Reserve &</sup> Capt Bell - Titus - Gard - Graeffe - Luckenbach - 4 Companies are in the 9 months - Stonebach - Thomas - Paylor, Ecker - Besler Horn, Bell, Lecher & others have sent squads

Can you inform me what will yet be required to avoid the draft? Easton I think ought to be exempt, judging from the fact that Phillipsburg, Ophron & Pelverie in N.J 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 & of Capt Eyerman & others. Thompsons appointment would do us undoubted good. - He has felt sore since the P.O. matter and is so strong a friend of the State Adm<sup>n</sup>. that we want him in good feeling when a State contest comes off. - I learn today that C. A. Luckenbach, name



has been presented - He is very wealthy & very unpopular, two strong reasons agst him. It would be another Eilenbergs appointment - Some of my fears are yet young I fear to be realized - I learn today that the redoubtable Major Lyman of whom you have doubtless heard, who wanted all recruiting stopped until the Govern would promise him a Colonelcy, & who is very much with Eilenbergs has been selected by the latter to make part of the enrollment 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 Poplar County. Eilenbergs was strong for appointing him for Salem Bk his old residence but I opposed it & he yielded - A few such successes can do vast mischief -

I repeat my objections to the appointment of Voorhes or DeWester as Surgeon - Either would make trouble - I am told that the latter has employed Mr Fuller Esq of Catawagus & claims (God save the mark) to be a Republican! - He was appointed a short time ago 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 -

D. Seem whom I named would make a safe post. appointment against whom no reasonable objection could be urged - & the Country portion of our party would feel that they were represented,



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.

Very Truly

Yours

N. D. Maxwell  
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P.S. I have heard C B Keller a brother in law of  
both DeBarre & Goble appointed as one of the enrolling  
agents for Lawrence Co. — He is a good man — This  
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Eastern Pa Aug 25. 1862

Hon Eli Fisher

Secy of Armt.

My dear Sir

In writing to you hastily on Satur-  
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 enumeration several Companies  
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 the County viz Capt Pelham's  
 54<sup>th</sup> Reg. - Bell<sup>n</sup> Cavalry Co.  
 under Nettleton & Dorler went to  
 Harlan Regt. Capt Schatz's Cav-  
 alry Co. & a number in Cavalry  
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Committee to ascertain that number.

My opinion as to the romances of Comr. Ferguson is strengthened notwithstanding that Eilenberger has given the Republicans perhaps an oversight of the Deputies he has made Lynn a Sub Deputy General to go into the Rm, Sweden as Deputes de (by what power I know not as Supreme the legal maximum Deputes nonpotest debutare would apply to him as authorized to administer oaths.) My objection to Lynn is his inherent constitutional double facedness, talking patriotically with one set and the reverse with another, proclaiming to one his desire to be in service, to another his determination not to fight for the niggers de de — There are the most dangerous men we have — Please answer at your earliest convenience as to our probable the call likely yet to be made upon us. I thank you

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 4 Companies the first week to the 3  
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Very Truly  
 Yours  
 A. H. Maxwell

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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Very Truly  
Yours  
HD Maxwell



Easton Pa - Aug. 30. 1862

Hon Eli Slifer

My dear Sir

Your favour of the 27<sup>th</sup> 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 County ought to exempt the Borough from draft.

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

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



He was much gratified and will discharge the duties of the office conscientiously and I have no doubt satisfactorily, to all but the coward who will endeavour to feign sickness & disease.

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HD Maxwell

Easton Pa. Sep. 19. 1862

My dear Sir

I have just seen Thompson, Commisioner. 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 arrangements 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 selected for the Lieut Colonelcy and I am in hopes that the Majorship may be secured for Hancock.

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

I paid myself \$3.75 the freight on what was sent this afternoon.

Very Truly  
Yours  
W. H. Maxwell

Wm Elflinger

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Very Truly  
Yours  
HD Maxwell

Hon Eli Slifer



Easton Pa. Sep. 19. 1862

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Geny of Armt.

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 to -

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

Very Truly  
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Sec'y of Comth.  
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Easton Pa Jan. 24. 1863

Hon Eli Slifer

My dear Sir

I have been anxiously expecting to hear the action of the Court Martial on Col. Frick & Lt Col Armstrong but am yet without any information. In the expectation that Mr Justice would go on to Washington I wrote a letter to Mr Coove and another to S. S. Blain giving them particulars and urging them to aid themselves to interest the delegation - I wish that he had gone - I believe he could have secured an interview with the Secy of War and impeded him or the President with the injustice of unpardonably affecting even in reputation officers who had done sacrificed so much. He informs me that he left the letters with you upon deciding not to go further - What representations have been made to the Secy 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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request for a hearing - Please write me  
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Yours  
HD Maxwell

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 Feb 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 & book me up. I hope you received & forwarded my letter to the Secy of War sent on Saturday to you

Truly

Yours

W. H. Alexander

Hon. Sec. of War



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

Philad<sup>a</sup>. Feb. 8. 1863

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Hon. Dr. Heber Lewis of Conth

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