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Hampshire, Mar 21

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another Representative in
Congress has become a
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morning & will return
Monday morning.

Yr
A. M. C.

Harrisburg Mar 21 [18??]

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Yours
A K McC

Sentinel Office
Hephlinston, Aug 21, 1850 }

Dear Col

I wrote you a few days ago reminding you of your promise to visit us this campaign, and in reply to yours I would advise that you do so. I do not entertain any idea of your defect, but our folks would like to see you they are to vote for. Bring Snyder along if possible - he can do some good here, as the Socofers paper in this place has been abusing him most villainously for some time.

I regret the state of affairs in your ranks, and feel surprised that Mr Bogen, who once made such a manly escape, should throw himself into the hands of the disorganizers.

I will confidently expect you at our meeting and will say so in the Sentinel.

Yours truly

A. M. Clune

Sentinel Office
Mifflintown, Aug 21, 1850

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Yours truly
A K McClure

Sentinel Office
Mefflertown Dec 8. 1883 }

Dear Col-

I never liked to dun my friends, but I have a pretty heavy sum of money to raise in a few weeks, and I need a little assistance from my friends, For your tickets I leave the charge entirely to yourself, & rest assured that I will be satisfied, if convenient, the amount would be an advantage to me now.

I need hardly say that you can't be more rejoiced at your sweeping majority over Baum than I am, I am glad that the people of the district have taught the success part that they have some regard to the respectability of their candidates,

Yours truly
A. M. McClure

Sentinel Office
Mifflintown Dec 8, 1850

Dear Col-

I never liked to [one word illegible] my friends, but I have a pretty heavy sum of money to raise in a few weeks, and I need a little assistance from my friends. For your tickets I leave the charge entirely to yourself, & rest assured that I will be satisfied. If convenient, the amount would be an advantage to me now.

I need hardly say that you can't be more rejoiced [of?] your [sweeping?] majority over [Baum?] than I am. I am glad that the people of the district have taught the Locofoco party that they have some regard to the respectability of their candidates.

Yours truly
A K McClure

Central Office
Middletown, Jan'y 16. 1851

My Dear Col

Your favor came to hand last evening. I regret the election of Broadhead, because he is too small potatoes for that station. If we must have a regular line of office, I would prefer that they would elect one of respectable caliber. However there is no use in crying about spilt milk.

The bridge bill is all right. They had a fine bridge at Piquette, but lost it by a pestil a few years ago, and they need one and we all to have one. Of course some of our Middletown boys will be stockholders in our Bridge would prefer seeing none at Piquette; but that don't alter the merits of the matter. There can be no rational objection to the measure, only make the bill right.

Yours truly

A. M. McClure

Sentinel Office
Mifflintown, Jany 16, 1851

My Dear Col-

Your form came to hand last evening. I regret the election of [Broadhead?], because he is too small potatoes for that station. If we must have a regular live Locofofo, I would prefer that they would elect one of respectable calibre. However there is no use in crying about spilt milk.

The bridge bill is all right. They had a fine bridge at Perrysville, but lost it by a freshet a few years ago, and they need one and are able to have one. Of course some of our Mifflintown boys who are stockholders in our Bridge would prefer seeing none at Perrysville; but that don't alter the merits of the matter. There can be no rational objection to the measure, only make the bill [right?].

Yours truly
A K McClure

Senatorial Office
Sufflinton, July 13. 1851

Dear Col

You gave my card at hand and considered. I did write to Jueda Woods, and arranged it with him to be chosen Senatorial Delegate to the N.Y. State Convention, At the time our Convention met, I was not aware the Union had elected a Representative Delegate, and we would have confirmed him and nominated me for Senatorial, instead of selecting me as Representative Delegate. I was so much from home taking the Census, that your proceedings had escaped my notice. It will be all right however, as I have called our County ^{Committee} to confirm you Representative Delegate and me as Senatorial.

I agree most heartily with you in reference to Scott and Johnston. With them I am willing to "sink or swim - swim or perish!" If we can't succeed with them, we can't touch bottom with any other. They are in fact the salvation, the only hope of the N.Y. party, and the true policy of Pennsylvania N.Y. is to stand or fall with them.

I have not a "free ticket" as you seem
to suppose, and I should probably not go
often than I do. However I reckon I go
about often enough. Considering that I edit
a paper after a fashion and study a little
law to boot, I should have been down at the
Committee meeting, but it came on Court week.
But I will be down before the Depon does

— I guess you had better try and
help our Superior friend Bonsall out of his
scrape. There is some merit in his case. I
don't like him as a man nor a Sheriff,
but I wouldn't do him injustice for all
that. He is a perfect mule any way you
take him. Though honest as the day is long.

I trust you will be able to read
this letter. Write whenever you have anything im-
portant on hand, and as much often as you
feel like it. Remember me to Cunningham.

Yours truly

A. McElaine

Sentinel Office
Mifflintown, Feby 13, 1851

Dear Col-

Your [one word illegible] duly at hand and considered, I did write to friend Woods, and arranged it with him to be chosen Senatorial Delegate to the Whig State Convention. At the time our convention met, I was not aware that Union had elected a Representative Delagate, or we would have confirmed him and nominated me for Senatorial, instead of selecting me as Representative Delegate. I was so much from home taking the census, that your proceedings had escaped my notice. It will be all right however, as I have called our county committee to confirm your Representative Delegate and me as Senatorial.

I agree most heartily with you in reference to Scott and Johnston. With them I am willing to "sink or swim – survive or perish!" If we can't succeed with them, we can't touch bottom with any others. They are in fact the salvation, the only hope of the Whig party, and the [true?] policy of Pennsylvania Whigs is to stand or fall with them

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I trust you will be able to read this letter. Write whenever you have anything important on hand, and as much oftener as you feel like it. Remember me to Cunningham.

Yours truly
A K McClure

Sentinel Office
Supplement, Feb 27th. 1851 }

Dear Col

Mr Cooper informed me that
have some apprehensions relative to the propriety
of legislating on the License question, without
a formal expression of the popular will by peti-
tion or otherwise.

The reasons that induced the
repeal of the general law so far as it related to
this county, I have before stated, and that state-
ment is substantially true. It was not done be-
cause there was any popular manifestation against
it.

If petitions are necessary, they
can be furnished by the ends; but the short time
allowed if we wish to get the law in operation
this Spring, would prevent anything like a general
expression of the people. Rest assured it was not
because we feared to put petitions among the
people.

To make the law operative when li-
cences are granted at the May Court, the bill should
be passed by the first week, or the middle of March.

at the farthest; and the matter was not taken
in hand until our February Court. A number
of petitions were then presented for licenses, and
several were illegal, but owing to the fact that but
few of the citizens in the respective neighborhoods knew
that application would then be made, and knew nothing
respecting who were the signers, remonstrance was
impossible. You are not aware perhaps, that both
our February and May Courts grant licenses, and
application may be made at one or the other of the
terms, as petitioners may choose. This can only be
remedied by requiring one Court to grant all licenses
for the year, or by requiring the publication of the
petitions. Of the two, you cannot be long in de-
ciding which would best subserve the interests of
the public and afford the best check to illegal licen-
ses.

I know also that both in Warren and
Mifflin Counties the law we ask is in operation,
and inferred that its practicality even necessity,
would be obvious to both you and a friend Sam-
mingsham.

I trust that under the circumstan-
ces, you will hasten the passage of the bill. By
so doing you will be almost universally sustained
by the people, and will also be heartily defended by
both the Prefers here.

As I said before, our Court

meets in May, and the middle of March should find the bill passed to be carried into effect this Spring. Cooper and I will have the Landlords fully apprized of the matter, so that no complaints can be made; and as to any division of sentiment in reference to it among the people, I will agree to take the responsibility and gather all damages.

We have nothing special here, I see that the Union has done the thing all right, though I fear the resolution of conciliation proposed by Shadlesworth is hardly a fair representation of the sentiments of the leaders of the two factories. I had a letter from Woods containing a statement of the whole thing, from which I infer that, in spite of the union and harmony resolution, there is a serious split in the party. I hope it may be healed before the next campaign opens.

I have not heard from friend Cunningham lately. I hope he is enjoying himself. I shall be sorry to lose so good a ally out of our district next spring. I believe he moves to Huntington. Remember me to him, and secure his efforts to effect a speedy passage of the license bill.

I will be down one of these days.

Col Eli Shaffer

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A. M. Colver

Sentinel Office
Mifflintown, Feb 27th, 1851

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I knew also that both in Union and Mifflin counties the law we ask is in operation, and inferred that its practicability even necessity, would be obvious to both you and friend Cunningham.

I trust that under the circumstances, you will hasten the passage of the bill. By so doing you will be almost universally sustained by the people, and will also be heartily defended by both the Papers here.

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A K McClure

Col Eli Slifer

Secretarial Office
Wilmington March 6. 1851 }

Dear Col.

About three or four years ago
the question of Abolishing Capital Punishment
was before the legislature, and there was a Majority
and Minority report from the Select Committee.

I want those reports hady - par-
ticularly the one in favor of the abolition - and
will feel a thousand times obliged to you
if you can furnish them to me by to-morrow
or next day.

I cant give any directions as to
where they can be found, and do not even
know whether they can be found at all; but
if they can, I shall be most thankful for
them.

I recd your letter but every all
rights.

Yours truly

A. M. Lehman

Col. E. M. Hoff

Sentinel Office
Mifflintown March 6, 1851

Dear Col-

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I recd your letter last evening—all right.

Yours truly
A K McClure

Col Eli Slifer

Legislative Office
Mefflenton April 7. 1857 }

Dear Col-

I recd two letters from you on
Friday - one of which was due the evening before.
I am glad thd you are getting along with the
bill. And I hope it may not get lost in the
long route it has to take to get through, Don't
let it fail in any event.

I am going away from home
to-day, and will not return until you
will have adjourned. You will oblige me
by writing on Wednesday to me at Bloomfield
Perry county, and letting me know concerning it.

With my especial thanks for the
kind and prompt attention you have given
me during your legislative career, and my
best wishes for your future happiness and prosperity.

I am Sir

Yours truly

Wm McCalister

Col Eli Soper
Hancock }

Sentinel Office
Mifflintown April 7, 1851

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I am [one word illegible]

Yours truly
A K McClure

Col Eli Slifer
Harrisburg

Private & Confidential

Sentinel Office
Mifflintown, July 9, 1857 }

Dear Col

You have doubtless been in-
formed of the recommendation of Gen Bell
for Senator by our Whig les Convention.
It was rather unexpected here, but as there
was a triangular fight for it, he succeeded
I am a Conferee & shall vote for him
of course; but from the indifference that
is manifested in reference to his nomination
both here & in Mifflin Co, I am induced
to think that the district conference will
turn to Union Co for the candidate. Gen
Bell is a most estimable man, a fine
Whig, but he is justly liable to the charge
of a want of efficiency. He is a quiet, honest
man, but is a stranger to political tactics,
and would be of little use as a partisan
Senator. On this ground I find that he
will be strenuously opposed, and I am in-
clined to think he will be defeated.

After mature reflection, I have
concluded that in the event of the nomination
of a Union County man for Senator,

I will run for Assembly, Bell will not
want it, and our side of the view is
entitled to it, so that there will be no differ-
ence with the Whigs of this County. As I
am a Conferee, selected to sustain Gen
Bell, I am morally bound to support
him honestly, and I shall not enter a
Contest with him to throw the Senator
to your County, as I would deem such
a course dishonorable; but considering
the great probability of his defeat, I have
taken the liberty to address you on the
subject, I would like to meet you as
a Conferee.

Please write to me and post
me up in reference to your County, State
how the Contest ^{for Senator} is likely to terminate in
your County, and what the chances seem
to be for Whiffles County concerning its
your Selection. Also state whether there has
been any manifestation of popular senti-
ment in reference to Assembly, State whether
in any event you will be a candidate
for Senator. Let me hear from you soon.
Remember me to friend Nicholas

Yours truly

A. McClure

P.S. - If you think it prudent, I would be
glad if you will have my name brought
before the public through the "Chronicle" for example.
It has been done in the "Star," but I would
like to have it done in both. If you will attend
to it, I will cordially appreciate the favor at any
time.

Private & Confidential
Sentinel Office
Mifflintown, July 9, 1851

Dear Col-

You have doubtless been informed of the recommendation of Gen Bell for Senator by our Whig led Convention. It was rather unexpected here, but as there was a triangular fight for it, he succeeded I am a conferee & shall vote for him of course; but from the indifference that is manifested in reference to his nomination both here & in Mifflin Co, I am induced to think that the district conference will turn to Union Co for the candidate. Gen Bell is a most estimable man & a fine Whig, but he is justly liable to the charge of a want of efficiency. He is a quiet, honest man, but is a stranger to political tactics, and would be of little use as a partisan Senator. On this ground I find that he will be strenuously opposed, and I am inclined to think that he will be defeated.

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Please write to me, and post me up in reference to your county, State how the contest for Senator is likely to terminate in your county, and what the chances seem to be for Mifflin County concerning in your selection. Also state whether there has been any manifestation of popular sentiment in reference to Assembly. State whether in any event you will be a candidate for Senator. Let me hear from you soon.

Remember me to friend Hickock.

Yours truly
A K McClure

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P.S.-If you think it prudent, I would be glad if you will have my name brought before the public through the "Chronicle" for Assembly. It has been done in the "Star," but I would like to have it done in both. If you will attend to it, I will cordially reciprocate the favor at any time.

Confidential

Missflintown

Aug 16, 1857 }

Dear Col

From the best information I can gather on the subject, I am induced to fear that the nomination of Maadlesworth would be an unfortunate selection; and I will say to you in all sincerity, that the nomination of Gen Bell would be unfortunate for us in this county. I will be at the conference myself, and if an arrangement can be effected, I will use my best endeavours quietly to get the Missflint men to refuse to nominate either, and when I think I can with propriety, I shall go in heart and soul for your nomination. I do not mean to flatter you when I say that your nomination would be the best one for our county that can be made; and if Maadlesworth's nomination will bring an organized opposition into existence from the Whig Party, it should not be given to him. I am persuaded that there would be no disorganization against you, and I think you had better conclude to accept it if circumstances should arise to give it to you. You had better come on as a conferee, for if you do not

An arrangement will be charged upon us
and Muddlemaths friends would be disappointed
I will not be a candidate for
Apsently, and will therefore be on as a con-
fess. I will explain the matter to you
when I see you. We can do better here by
nominating another man.

Let me hear from you on this
subject, and rest assured that I will heartily
cooperate with you in anything that will aid
in the consummation of my proposition.

Yours truly

A. W. C. C. C.

Confidential

Mifflintown
Aug 16, 1851

Dear Col-

From the best information I can gather on the subject, I am induced to fear that the nomination of Middleswarth would be an unfortunate selection; and I will say to you in all sincerity that the nomination of Gen Bell would be unfortunate for us in this county. I will be at the conference myself, and if an arrangement can be effected, I will use my best endeavors quietly to get the Mifflin men to refuse to nominate either, and when I think I can with propriety, I shall go in heart and soul for your nomination. I do not mean to flatter you when I say that your nomination would be the best one for our county that can be made; and if Middleswarth's nomination will bring an organized opposition into existence from the Whig party, it should not be given to him, I am persuaded that there would be no disorganization against you, and I think you had better conclude to accept it if circumstances should arise to give it to you. You had better come on as a conferee, for if you don't

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I will not be a candidate for Assembly, and will therefore be [one word illegible] as a conferee. I will explain the matter to you when I see you. We can do better here by nominating another man.

Let me hear from you on this subject, and rest assured that I will heartily cooperate with you on anything that will aid in the consummation of my proposition.

Yours truly
A K McClure

Wilmington Aug 25. 1857

Dear Co-

Your despatch of Saturday came to hand this morning. I immediately answered by telegraph that I had sent full proceedings to Warden on Saturday. Things are all right here in reference to Sevier. The referees were most unhelpfully led by your nomination. They confidently expected to be able to do some thing against either Madlemath or Bell, but they give it up now. The only chance they have now is to get out Madlemath as an independent, and he could not even get the referees vote of this County. Rest assured that now is the best time that any man can best you are

Come over to our meeting unless you are needed badly in Union. If you can't come, write to me and look me up about things over your way.

Yours in haste

A. McBlaine

Mifflintown Aug 25, 1851

Dear Col-

Your dispatch of Saturday came to hand this morning. I immediately answered by telegraph that I had sent full proceedings to Worden on Saturday. Things are all right here in reference to Senator. The Locofocos were most [ruefully?] beat by your nomination. They confidently expected to be able to do something against either Middleswarth or Bell, but they give it up now. The only chance they have now is to get out Middleswarth as an independent, and he could not even get the Locofoco vote of this county. Rest assured that 100 is the [longest?] that any man can beat you here.

Come over to our meeting unless you are needed badly in Union. If you can't come, write to me and look me up about things over your way.

Yours in [one word illegible]
A K McClure

Waffleston
Oct 9, 1855 }

Cal Eli Sifer

Sumata is right on the
Senatorial question, and can't be made any
thing else. The Specifiers have not even had
a dream lately of defeating you, and they have
distributed nearly all their tickets, and the Candidates
for County officers have been round in the several
districts distributing made up tickets. Rest assured
that their best man could not now get any
thing like the party vote, and unless something
most extraordinary occurs, they will make no
effort at all for Senatu. We have got them
most confoundedly scared about the County
officers, and they will not be willing to
take any more papers in their umbrellas
when it is cracking already.

Defend upon it tho against
any man who can now be sprung on the party,
you must have from 300 to 500 majority
in this County; and I don't matter an inch
would be at all willing to give any encouragement
to any lay man. You will get the solid
Oldy vote, and a little more. I will telegraph to
you the returns. Yours truly
A. M. Blue

Mifflintown
Oct 7. 1851

Col Eli Slifer-

Juniata is right on the Senatorial question, and can't be made any thing else. The Locofocos have not even had a dream lately of defeating you, and they have distributed nearly all their tickets, and the candidates for county officers have been round in the several districts distributing made up tickets. Rest assured that their best man could not now get any thing like the party vote, and unless something most extraordinary occurs, they will make no effort at all for Senator. We have got them most confoundedly scared about the county officers, and they will not be willing to take any more passengers on their omnibus when it is cracking already.

Depend upon it that against any man who can now be sprung on the party, you must have from 300 to 500 majority in this county; and I doubt whether our Locos would be at all willing to give any encouragement to any body now. You will get the solid Whig vote, and a little more. I will telegraph to you the returns.

Yours truly
A K McClure

Mifflintown, July 3, 1852.

Dear Col-

I enclose you fifty dollars, with which please lift a note in the Harrisburg Bank given by Dr James W Crawford of this place. The note is due today, but has the three days of grace to run. Please pay it today if possible so that no difficulty may occur. Enclose the note to me by mail.

We have nothing new here. The Poor House bill will have to pass this session - I mean allowing a vote on the question next fall. I saw Shanon on Saturday - he knows the feeling on the county. I want the bill to provide for the election of Directors by districts, and we can then make use of at least one Director. I will draw a bill and send it down in the course of a week.

Yours truly

A. M. Chase

Col Eli Sifer
Harrisburg, Pa }
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Mifflintown, Feby 3, 1852.

Dear Col-

I enclose you fifty dollars, with which please lift a note in the Harrisburg Bank given by Dr James W Crawford of this place. The note is due to-day, but has the three days of grace to [one word illegible]. Please pay it to-day if possible so that no difficulty may occur. Enclose the note to me by mail.

We have nothing new here. The Poor House bill will have to pass this session—I mean allowing a vote on the question next fall. I saw [one word illegible] on Saturday—he knows the feeling in the county. I want the bill to provide for the election of Directors by districts, and we can then make sure of at least our Director. I will draw a bill and send it down in the course of a week.

Yours truly
A K McClure

Col Eli Slifer
Harrisburg, Pa

Sentinel Office
Middletown, Feb 29, 1852

Dear Col-

You have doubtless noticed that they are cutting up Jack in Union County about sending Delegates to the Wing State Convention. The Eyster Men have presented you for Senatorial and Maj Sharon for Representative Delegates to the Convention, and the other faction have presented Old Abe for Senatorial Del, and left the Rep Del for Sumner.

Feeling persuaded that you are as earnest in your desires for harmony as I am, I propose that Sumner shall concur in the nominations of Abe and Sharon - this conforming one named by each party. We pulled you over Abe once rather roughly, and I doubt not that you would not wish to be brought in contact with him again as it would seem as if your friends wished to wage a war of extermination against him.

Maj Sharon will be perfectly acceptable to Sumner as Representative -

None in the County would be more
so; and the fact that it might do
something towards reconciling matters
in Union, is an additional reason
why it should be done.

I have called a meeting of
the Committee on Saturday next to take
action on the subject; and I will
be glad to hear from you as early
as possible. We will of course not
forget you in our resolutions, as I
will prepare them myself.

Yours truly

A. M. Chase

Col Eli Shpar

P.S. I saw Dr. Rotherick ten a day or two
ago, and he assured me that if we confined
either of their men, they would be perfectly satisfied
to have the other deal from the other factory.

Sentinel Office
Mifflintown, Feb 23, 1852

Dear Col-

You have doubtless noticed that they are cutting up Jack in Union County about sending Delegates to the Whig State Convention. The Eyster men have presented you for Senatorial and Maj Sharon for Representative Delegate to the Convention, and the other faction have presented Old [one word illegible] for Senatorial Del, and left the Rep Del for Juniata.

Feeling persuaded that you are as earnest in your desires for harmony as I am, I propose that Juniata shall concur in the nomination of [one word illegible] and Sharon - this confirming one named by each party. We pulled you over [one word illegible] once rather roughly, and I doubt not that you would not wish to be brought in contact with him again as it would seem as if your friends wished to wage a war of extermination against him.

Maj Sharon will be perfectly acceptable to Juniata as Representative-

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none in the county would be more so; and the fact that it might do something towards reconciling matters in Union, is an additional reason why he should be chosen.

I have called a meeting of the committee on Saturday next to take action on the subject; and I will be glad to hear from you as early as possible. We will of course not forget you in our resolutions, as I will prepare them myself.

Yours truly
A K McClure

Col Eli Slifer

P.S. I saw Dr. [Rothrock?] here a day or two ago, and he assured me that if we confirmed either of their men, they would be perfectly satisfied to have the other Del. from the other faction.

Sentinel Office
Meffletown, Feb 25, 1882 }

Dear Col -

Your favor came to hand last evening, and I am glad that you have left your friends in Sumner free to confirm the selection of Middlemanth, He and Sharon will now be the delegates, and I trust Union will be satisfied all round.

I sent a for home bill to May Sharon recently, our people are petitioning pretty extensively for it, and it will be well to let it pass.

I notice bills reported in both branches for the publication of the laws, there is really merit in the suggestion, and the law cannot be enacted too soon; but if it is done, I hope the Whys will see that the law does not throw the whole patronage into the laps of the Scriber papers. If not published in two papers in each county, it should be made to require the paper in each county having the largest circulation.

I do not now know that I shall be down before the Whig Convention, Mrs McMill then be along, and we will put up with you
Yours
A. M. M. M.

Sentinel Office
Mifflintown, Feb 25, 1852

Dear Col-

Your favor came to hand last evening, and I am glad that you have left your friends in Juniata free to confirm the selection of Middleswarth. He and Sharon will now be the Delegates, and I trust Union will be satisfied all round.

I sent a [poor?] house bill to Maj Sharon recently. Our people are petitioning pretty extensively for it, and it will be well to let it pass.

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Yours
A K McClure

1852

Chambersburg May 29

Dear Cal.

I cannot now say
just when I will visit you:
but it is one of the things
to be done, and I mean to
seize the first favorable oppor-
tunity for it.

I will be busy for a
few weeks now; but will see
you either Monday or Tuesday
on my way to Phila. I
have been brain-rotting and
in order to cure it, have just
bought out the old Repository
& will amuse myself conduc-
ting it. I have a good business

partner, and will have only
the editing & a few other
provisions of the business.

It will involve no more
labor than is necessary to
a healthy existence; and
I will try & make it a
paper to which our friends
can look with some
assurance & satisfaction.

It looks very much
as if Curtis would see
He sent me some confi-
dential messages by Gen
Crawford a few days ago
which looked very much
that way. Indeed, I am
satisfied that he at least

does not discourage it
positively. Well, if so, I
will follow his footsteps
as of old: but the act
of nomination must not
be ruine.

Truly yours

A. M. Deane

Hon. E. S. Loring

Chambersburg May 29 [1852]

Dear Col-

I cannot now say just when I will visit you; but it is one of the things to be done, and I mean to steal the first favorable opportunity for it.

I will be busy for a few weeks now; but will see you either Monday or Tuesday on my way to Phila. I have been brain-[wasting?] and in order to cure it, have just bought out the old Repository & will amuse myself conducting it. I have a good business

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partner, and will have only the Editing & a general supervision of the business. It will involve no more labor than is necessary to a health existence; and I will try & make it a paper to which our friends can look with some assurance and satisfaction.

It looks very much as if Curtin would run He sent me some confidential messages by Gen Crawford a few days ago which looked very much that way. Indeed. I am satisfied that he at least

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does not discourage it positively. Well, if so I will follow his fortunes as of old; but the act of nomination must not be mine.

Truly thine
A K McClure

Hon Eli Slifer