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Harrisburg Mar 21 [18??]

Dear Col-

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I leave for home this morning & will return Monday morning.

Yours A K McC

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Sentinel Office Mifflintown, 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 defeat, but our folks would like to see who they are to vote for. Bring Snyder along if possible - he can do some good here, as the Locofoco paper in this place has been assailing him most villianously for some time.

I regret the state of affairs in your ranks, and feel surprised that Mr [Bogar?], who once made such a [narrow?] 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 K McClure

Sentinel Office Mefflentour Dec 5.1888

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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

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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 Locofoco, 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

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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 have not a "free ticket" as you seem to suppose, or I should probably visit you oftener 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 would have been down at the committee meeting, but it came on court week. But I will be down before the session closes

— I guess you had better try and help our Locfoco friend Bonsall out of his scrape. There is some merit in his case. I don't like him as a man or as a Locofoco, 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 important on hand, and as much oftener as you feel like it. Remember me to Cunningham.

Yours truly A K McClure

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Sentinel Office Mifflintown, 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 petition or otherwise.

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

If petitions are necessary, they can be furnished by the [one word illegible]; 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 licenses are granted at the May court, the bill should be passed by the first week, or the middle of March

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at the farthest; and the matter was not taken in hand until our February court. A number of petitions were then presented for license 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 license, 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 deciding which would best subserve the interests of the public and afford the best check to illegal licenses.

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.

As I said before, our Court

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meets in May, and the middle of the 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 [one word unintelligible] all damages.

We have nothing special here, I see that Union has done the thing all right, though I fear the resolution of conciliation prepared by Middlesworth is hardly a fair representation of the sentiments of the leaders of the two factions I had a letter from Woods containing a statement of the whole thing, from which I infer that, in spite of the union and [harrisburg?] 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 leave so good a Whig out of our district next spring. I believe he moves to Huntingdon 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.

thine, A K McClure

Col Eli Slifer

Sentuel affici Imfflortone march 6.18813 Dear Col-Hout theer a four years ago. the question of Alolishing Capital Punishment nas before the legislature, and the nas a majority and minority report from the select committee. I mant those reports budg-partrailand that one in Jacor of the abolition and will feel a thousand thomes obliged to for if you can Junish them to me of to- money where they can be found, and do not even Amon white they can be found it all; his of they can, I build be most thuntiful for Hern. I reed pour letter lat every all vitt. Ju Bon Try Millelin Col El Hofen

Sentinel Office Mifflintown 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 badly—particularly 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 can't 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 will be most thankful for them.

I recd your letter last evening—all right.

Yours truly A K McClure

Col Eli Slifer

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Sentinel Office Mifflintown April 7, 1851

Dear Col-

I recd two letters from you on Friday—one of which was due the evening before. I am glad that 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 [one word illegible]

Yours truly A K McClure

Col Eli Slifer Harrisburg

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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.

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

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I will run for Assembly. Bell will not want it, and our side of the [river?] is entitled to it, so that there will be no difficulty 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 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 Mifflintone Queg 16, 1887 S

Dear bol- From the best information of Can gather on the sugech I am enduced to Jean that the nomenation of Madesmath would be an unfortunde selection; and I mill Say to you in all sencent, that the nomenation of hen Bell would be emfortunde for us en this county. I will be at the conference myself, and if an anaugment can be effected, I will are my best endeavous quette to get the Mifflin men to refuse to nomenate exter, and when I think I can with profuely. I shall gr in heart and roul for your nomenation, d do not mean to flatter gon nen dag the your normatou would be the best one for our County that Can be made; and if Madles. nath's nomenation will bring an aganged afforton ento existence from ete Ming Jais. It should not be given to him, I am fama dea that there would be no disagany atom against you, and I think you had letter con clude to accept it if cucumstance don't anice to que it to you. You had letter Comon as a Conferer fu if you do to

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#### 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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an arrangement will be charged upon us and Middleswarths friends would be [one word illegible].

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

Mifflentown aug 25. 1850 Dear lotto hand the morning. I commediately answered by telegraph that I had sent full proceedings to norden on Saluday, Theup are all right hu in reference to Secratar, The harfres, nere most nofully leat by your nomination Hey confidents expected to be able to do some they against either Madhererath on Bell, but they gove it of non, the only chance they have now is to get out Middlemath as an indefendent, and be could not even get the hafrer with of this County. Kest aprica the en is the light that they man lan lest you we Come our to one meeting unles gon are needed had en unon. If you Cant Come, unte to me and look me up about they our your nay, Down en laste

## 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

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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.

<u>Depend upon it</u> 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

Dear bol- Mifflentonn. Fely 3. 1882. I enclose gow fefty dollars, with which please lift a note in the Hamisburg Hank given by Dr James the Crawford of this place, The note is due to day, but has the three days of prace to run. Heave pay it today if populle or that no difficult may occur bulone to note to me by mail, He have nothing new here, The Voor House bill well have to pap the Deferda I mean allowing a note on the guestion next fall, I saw Thanon on Saturday te Muons the feelery on the county. I nout the bill to provide for the election of Ductors by districts, and he can then make here of at loast ane Duestu, I will dian a bill and Send it down en the Course of a neck, Pour hug All Cleve Col Eli Slifer & Samsley In &

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 <u>districts</u>, 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

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hove in the count, noula be more So; and the fact that it might do Something towards reconciling matter en Umon, is an additional reason ulz te shouly be closen. I have called a meeting of the Committee an Jutenday next to loke action on the Subject; and I will be glad to lear from you as early ast fopible, he will of come note forget gon an our resolutions, as I nell frefare Hem myself, Paint top All Clean bal Celi Sheer PS. I Dan Dr Rotherch Leve a day a two app, and he apured me that if ne confumed either of their men, they would be ferfects satisfied to have the other Del from the other factors, dutil and within an alice and

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.

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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.

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 Whigs will see that the law does not throw the [whole?] patronage into the laps of the Locofoco 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 McC will then be along, and we will put up with you.

Yours A K McClure

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## 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 <a href="main-[wasting?]">brain-[wasting?]</a> 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.

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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