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Chambersburg, Pa., June 9th, 1863.

Dear Col-

I called together half a dozen of our leading & most prudent men, and submitted your letter. We have sent out for one of the Co. Commissioners, a very prudent man (brother of Jim Scotts) and will have him and several of the Town Council in a confidential consultation tonight.

I am perplexed as to what course to adopt. If the Rebels come, they will come much stronger than

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before, and I doubt not with a much more <u>destructive</u> [purpose?]. Our raiders south have been wantonly destructive with private property, and the <u>lex talionis</u> may come back upon us.

We will at first arrange for communication, with a telegraphic instrument at Greencastle, Loudon &c and a few good scouts on the view, we may avoid surprise, and thus save much valuable property. In connexion with the Hagerstown, Greencastle, Mercersburg, Williamsport and Hancock people, we can, I think, organize a perfect police system, and

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be able at this point to have timely notice of any movement.

The Governor will fail at Washington I fear. [Stanton?] is so bitterly against him that he will interfere against any movement the Governor may desire. He seems to be actuated all the time by the impression that Gov Curtin is only seeking popularity in all these efforts; and he does not particularly desire to be popular.

Write me daily how things look. You need not fear any sensations from any facts or opinions you may give, for we shall be careful of all that.

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I fear Curtin is assenting [one word illegible] to the use of his name for re-nomination. If [Franklin?] is nominated on the 17<sup>th</sup>, every consideration of prudence will dictate his peremptory withdrawal; and under any circumstances it is of much more than doubtful wisdom.

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Hon Eli Slifer

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Chambersburg, Pa., Aug 24, 1863.

Dear Col-

I am persuaded that the arrangement we made to meet at Washington on Thursday morning is the best, and I could accomplish nothing in Phila before going there. Arrangements were made while I was in Phila last week to start the correspondence at once, and it will be done by Hammersly & others with promptness.

If Curtins special friends go to Washington first, I fear the result. They have

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been so plied with falsehoods there, that they have no hope of Penna: and it is of first importance that some others than Curtins immediate friend should confer with them first. This was arranged to be done as a preparatory movement, and we fixed the earliest [period?] we could follow it.

I will be down Wednesday & go direct to Washington & return to Phila.

Yours M C

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Chambersburg, Pa., Oct 28, 1863.

Dear Col-

Where does Senator Montgomery of the Northumberland district [live or lie?] - what does he follow & has he ever been in public life. He is the only Senator I know nothing of.

As soon as the quota of Penna is ascertained please advise me of it. The statement in the Bulletin that it is 38,000 cant be correct, is it?

Yours A K McClure

Hon Eli Slifer

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To Hon Eli Slifer

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A K McClure

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be at Pittsburgh. If I understand our business there, we want to see Johnston more than any other man, and we must not go until it is certainly ascertained that he is there. I wrote to Kunkel to let me know when he goes home, and we will follow him as soon as possible.

I shall of course make it a point to go to Pittsburgh with Killinger & Kunkel, unless I should in the mean time be [involved?] by Curtin's resignation, of which there now seems little probability.

Keep me [advise?] of the progress of matters, and I will do likewise. I sent communications to the city paper on Monday

Yours truly A K McClure

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Chambersburg, Pa., Feb 3, 1864

Dear Sir-

The Commissioner appointed to appraise Damages caused by the Rebel Raid has made a report to the [Court?] of Dauphin County, which when acted upon, will go to the Governor.

I presume it was acted on about the 18th alt. & is with the Gov now.

Please instruct one of the clerks to copy it - I mean just the names & amount awarded - for me so that I can get it the last of this week or [one word illegible] of next, for publication

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I will pay the clerk who may do it out of [one word illegible] for the work. It will be of special interest to the people in this section.

I do not want any of the testimony, of course - just the awards, [giving?] the names, number of houses & amt

Very truly yours A K McClure

Hon Eli Slifer

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Private

Chambersburg May 12 [1864]

Dear Sir-

I enclose you a letter from [Lawrence?], written in answer to one from me demanding his correction of the statement that I had assented to Gen C's appointment as Chairman. This letter tells about the truth, although considerably colored on his side. Please show it to Quay & keep it carefully, as it might be useful here after

—I had a letter from the Governor on Monday which fully confirmed what I had good reason to believe before. I am satisfied from the article in the Telegraph on

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military claims was intended as a thrust at me; and [one world illegible] was doubtless driven to make an ass of himself by the same invisible power. The Gov thinks that they will extend the war to compass my defeat next fall, & I doubt not that they will if they either can or dare. We shall see about that.

The article in the Telegraph of yesterday, purporting to be a New York letter to a Chicago paper, is of course the violent struggle of a [one word illegible] to protract life. Unless all signs are delusive, he will make a push for the vote of Pennsylvania for the Vice Presidency. He has most if not all of the Philadelphia

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district delegates; three of the four at large, and I notice such fellows as [one word illegible] of Huntingdon cropping out in random counties over the State. If a majority can thus be received, he will claim that the vote of the State be cast for him as a <u>unit</u>, under the resolution of our State Convention; & unless we give it some attention he will receive the majority. Can't you [one word illegible] one man of the right stripe into your delegation?

If Cameron attempts this, as I doubt not now he will, I shall make open war, and I am assured that Stevens will go into the fight with earnestness. If he should get the vote of the delegation

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for Vice President, he would be [one word illegible] in defending himself in his assumption to be the leader of the party in the State. He cannot, of course, be nomated; but he must be driven from the attempt to entrap the party any further.

Where you can in a quiet way, give the selection of district delegates a little attention do so; & we will have such an [one word illegible] as will deter him from the attempt.

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Chambersburg, Pa., May 20 1864.

Dear Col-

I was absent today: but Mr. Stoner opened your dispatch & saw Mr. Hutton. He will give particular attention to [inquiries?] about your son.

I saw Col Boyd who commanded the scouts of Sigel; but he had no knowledge of any other commands than

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his own, which was made up of odds & Ends. Sigel lost about 1200 men, he informs me, but brought most of his wounded off, & is now in a safe position.

Yours A K McClure

Hon Eli Slifer

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Chambersburg, Pa., Oct 13, 1864.

Dear Sir-

Please speak to Mrs Espy and engage the best room she has for me this winter. Mrs McClure will be with me most of the time, & I will of course want the best accommodations I can get. Would like a front room on the second floor if possible. Please speak to Mrs Espy at once on the subject before her rooms are taken. I do not care so much about the price as about making Mrs McC comfortable.

We had a desperate contest in this county. The Democrats stiffened up fearfully within ten days before the election. They

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thought they had a chance to defeat me, & they exhausted themselves to do it. I gained some 300 in the county, and have a majority of about 70 in the district in the home vote. I will have from 200 to 300 in the full vote.

I infer from the reports that [Shriner?] is beaten in the home vote & Haines & Hall also. I telegraphed Curtin to mark for me the seat occupied by Cochran last winter—if that was taken to mark the one along side of it. <u>Please see that it is done</u>. If both are taken mark a good seat for me next to one of the aisles.

Yours A K McClure

Hon Eli Slifer

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Philadelphia, Dec 1, 1864

Dear Col

Please have one of the clerks copy the return made by the return Judges for President [Judge?], and Mr. Merediths letter & mail them to me at Chambersburg.

It will be eminently proper to publish Mr Merediths letter with a copy of the return in the district, as they will throw all the light on the subject. Mr Merediths letter will [relieve?] the Governor, no matter how the matter of the companies is decided.

I see nothing new here, but the old fight seems to be growing & must culminate soon I see Holt goes in the Cabinet. He is a cold, [unimpressable?] fellow, & will never know us.

Yours A K McClure

Hon Eli Slifer

Franklin Repository Office, Chambersburg, Pa., Upul 12 1865. Dear Cal-il mote jon last very that I had ananged for my Lumber le frend who is an ala dealer, has knowly consented to onthe me at cost, and I will some much truble & some morey of the anayout, I falf apee mette yne about the modern afhilary Bauer very high, live was 22/2, & the ren ove mill le the same, I monta have made it 24. but fu the fact that it mill, sen at 22%, le ratter too promient fu the House,

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Chambersburg, Pa., April 12 1865.

#### Dear Col-

I wrote you last evening that I had arranged for my Lumber. A friend who is an old dealer, has kindly consented to supply me at cost, and I will save much trouble & some money by the arrangement.

I fully agree with you about the wisdom of building Barns very high. Mine was 22 1/2, & the new one will be the same. I would have made it 24, but for the fact that it will, even at 22 1/2, be rather too prominent for the House.

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I am going to rebuild my House this summer also & it is a fearful undertaking. I am sorely perplexed about it, & the more I study the more I get confused as to what kind of a House I shall build. Mrs McC & I have agreed that the roof shall be on the top, & the cellar under the House, but that is about as far as we have got.

My grounds are such that I have but a certain amount of room each way, without interfering with some tree or something else, so that I must locate it about as the old one was, & cannot widen

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out either way. I mean to follow the general plan of yours, which is something after the old one: [viz?] Library, Diningroom, kitchen &c on one side & parlor on the other.

I will go down to Philadelphia next week, if I can then meet Jno Rice, & will stay there until I worry out a plan, & then I will dismiss the subject & put the contractor at work

It is a jolly time to build. House & Barn will cost me all of \$20,000 & then finishing is to follow.

I think the war is ended, & the [order?] is safe. Now that there is no army in Virginia for [one word illegible] to

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fall back upon, they will soon be compelled to abandon their occupation, as they will be hunted & shot down wherever caught.

There will be no stagnation in [one word illegible] this year. Gold will be higher Jany 1, 1866 than now, & I doubt whether it will at any time in the next three years touch so low or be [one word illegible] as it did on Monday last

Our debt is now \$4,000,000,000. It is all very well as long as the government declines \$4,000,000 per day: but when that stops, the severe ordeal for government credit will be at hand.

Yours A K McClure

Franklin Repository Office, Chambersburg, Pa., June 10 1865. Dear Cal Please and me a copy of the Montana Jula & Thee Mening Bill. & sull life the clarter in a short time. I want & send it out to Mentara at I mill not for ente the Comentin, as klave. been in very one for the last dozen years, excepting the last me, and duant, of levery, to be in the one af 1866, I will have young thill for the mile go straight along on all

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Chambersburg, Pa., June 10 1865.

#### Dear Col

Please send me a copy of the Montana Gold and Silver Mining Bill. I will lift the charter in a short time. I want to send it out to Montana at once.

I will not go into the Convention, as I have been in every one for the last dozen years, excepting the last one, and I want, if living, to be in the one of 1866. I will have young [Will?] go, and he will go straight along on all

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questions. [Governor?] will attempt some bolstering process, doubtless in the shape of an endorsement of his management of the last campaign.

The more I reflect upon it, the more I feel convinced that we must take [Hancock?] for Governor. He will sweep the [course?], and the climbing politicians will vanish before him like cobwebs. With him trotted out under <u>our</u> auspices & management, we can swing Curtin into the Senate, & clean the boards.

Yours Truly A K McClure

Hon Eli Slifer

M'CLURE & STEWART, Attorneys at Law, CHAMBERSBURG, PA. Chambersburg, Pa., Left 5, 186 6 Cinla grufain spra mille a retafthe sicements, finals te of the Cast reform. I opten need them, friat entirely conewit, no matter Laureice is safe & 1000, lexude mel hetty certains he elected, I though his claime quite as food, of not letter, today than Morello. The frame soll of Maine must be felt deaded en l'ecra,

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Chambersburg, Pa., Sept 15, 1866.

Dear Col-

Could you favor me with a set of the Documents, journals &c of the last session? I often need them. If not entirely convenient, no matter

Sarnesee is safe by 1000, [one word illegible] will pretty certainly be elected. I think his chance quite as good, if not better, to-day than Merrells. The [two words illegible] of Maine must be felt decidedly in Penna.

Yours A K McClure