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Phill, June 1861

My dear Sir/

I enclose my official oath & Bond. Pray get the Governor to endorse in the letter his approval of the Parties.

I also enclose the [Didian] [viz] [Protestation] which was sent and which I told J.W. Thomas I would return. J.W [McCall] of course retains the one under which he administered the oath to me. I think I shall be in Harrisburgh on Thursday evening

With great regard Very truly

Yrs

Hon Eli Slifer W.M. Meredith

M: 3 /2 1862 My dear Si' Than examined the propers alloupanying the Requisition pan Mapachusetts for the James de of (alet B. Mer & John Hour, & think the Requisition angle- to be complied with suly then he an luflerith useye of your Office Requiring -Bill of Beditant the first from in Much Cases. h hope In Honny is Selangs fatty? M. M. Meresti Eli lefer

Ph. 3 July 1862

My dear sir/

I have examined the papers accompanying the requisition from Massachusetts for the Surrender of Caleb B. [Worth] & John Hour, & think the Requisition ought to be complied with, [unless] them be an inflexible way of your office requiring a Bill of Indictment the first found in such cases.

Dr. Romney is the counsel in the case Go [forth] Always faithfully Yrs

W.M Meredith

Hon Eli Slifer

Any. 24 July 1862 My dear In/ I tried to fee you this afternoon, but think you had form. I wanted E- Jay that probly M. Plufsells' telepane Meny that the U.S. will not pay bounty L-the 9 \$12 mos. men. If loit is my far from bring all light, I hipers the Mufity of immediately opining a Feneral Order to aunounce that Change, a leaving on the governor the lesponsdelets of Sitting authority to Inhaust the hessey neablimite in paying the bounty. Tray think of this, so that something may be done as lover as Rapell returns. Ar Can libras know musty how the matter Hands. My fathfy M. M. Shered HE Stan: Eli Slefer

Harrg 24 July 1862

My dear sir/

I tried to see you this afternoon, but think you had gone. I wanted to say that probably W. Rupells' telegram means that the U.S will not pay bounty to the 9 &12 mes. man. If so it is very far from being all right, & infers the necessity of immediately giving a General order to announce that change, or bearing on the Governor the responsibility of getting authority to exhaust the Treasury near winter in paying the bounty. Pray think of this, so that something may be done as soon as Rupell returns. He can let us know smartly how the matter stands.

Yrs faithfully
Hon Eli Slifer W.M. Meredith

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My dear Sir/

I should be glad to see you for a few moments as soon after you reach here as you can make it convienent.

Always faithfully Yrs W.M. Meredith 2 April 1863

Hon Eli Slifer

Ph: 7 April 1863 My dear Sin/ all Immunt- funded loans, Itapulati-that they I hall not he paid lifae a cutain from This is cheme t-add to the below of the Loan . Wiffer the Enfination of the time specified, they are reinhurall at the often of the Get he the new tolk for cars oldating and Lows it-is provided that the hew Loan Shall h limbons all an a fautale day. This is an indignity to the Itale. home of our Easis ting loans are there fragales her areany of them therefore our due. This new device is Evidently sliffed in to fin Counterman to than I can Hamme who are unjustly complaing that can how an onedon . If the like is to poly pray how this let right - a lefamen to any four low hour four 1826 - 7 in

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Phi 7 April 1863

My dear Sir/

All government funded loans stipulate that they shall not be paid before a certain time. This is done to add to the value of the loan. After the expiration of the time specific they are reimbursable at the officers of the Govt. In the new Bill for consolidating our loan it is provided that the new loan shall be reimbursable on a particular day. This is an indignity to the state. None of our existing loans are then payable nor are any of them therefore over due. This new device is evidently shipped into give [countenance] to those [illegible] [House] who are unjustly complaining that our loans are over due. If the Bill is to pass, pray have this set right a reference to any of our loan laws from 1826-7 or

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1827-8 downwards will give a correct -[illegible]. Pray do not let their profit degrade the State when any Government that ever made a loan.

Hon Eli Slifer

In health Always in faith Yrs W. M. Meredith

I visit you on Saturday

Ph: 4 June 1863 My clear fin / I would defer the Companie of the Maylas reguistion hile the return of the Germa. I enput tota up on ludius day in Thems day, when I can so min the or dishwell - I com will cape on the Juliet. The parties ned not wind. They have Counsel in Howis bry la the can communicate the result- to them The hapley Jes Mr She Shereouth

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Phi 4 June 1863

My dear Sir/

I would defer the Consideration of the Maryland Requisition till the return of the Governor. I expect to be up on Wednesday or Thursday, when I can [illegible] this I [distrust] & in [will] confer on this subject. The parties need not [mind]. They have counsel in Harrisburgh who can communicate the result to them.

In health Always, faithfully Yrs W. M. Meredith

Hon Eli Slifer

When will the Governor return?

Phy 11 July 1863 My dear Sip I have to thank you for your lotte. Which I received the the day you may be appeared you so kinds, topy, an fully responded my health conting much as when you left me. In are leasting accounts for news of the decision lattle which may The men in actual peoply. Our later private actives an of the 9 " When Meade's Drung lines in high ffinite drawing rapilly on her ! left-ling - Kelly ling in his right House on the late I hope Mende with fin a food account of him .

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Phi, 11 July 1863

My dear Sir/

I have to thank you your letter which I received the other day. You may be assured that the feelings of regard which you so kindly confess, are fondly reciprocated. My health continues much as when you left me.

We are waiting anxiously for news of the decisive battle which may be now in [rational] progress. Our latest private [actions] are of the 9th. when Meade's Army was in high spirits & moving rapidly on Lee's left wing – Kelly bearing on his right Hand on the Confederates. I hope Meade will give a good account of him.

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My daughters send their agenda & hope you write soon pray us another visit. The weather is oppressingly hot & draught & more like the dog-days than July.

Remember me kindly to the Governor

In health Always truly Yrs W. M. Meredith

Hon. Eli Slifer

Mi 31 / 1863 My dear ful I milon you too fly, from the Inquire of the morning. I do not- un-de, tand the are headed "Enorm on frands: As I fuffere, how of the State office, hack anything to do cute formishing Supplies, and the parties who did furnish them une without Emplies unfriendly tthe German. The hatte on this Intjut-unght- to be authorationly Status enthat-delay - you law to dealt- the Editaria in to day; Sufe. The affiliations of then town papers, runder itreasonally clear that the ader." at Kashiston means to held the German this playe, and will defeat- him if he sems when

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Phi 31 July 1863

My dear Sir/

I enclose you two [briefs] from the Inquirer of this morning.

I do not understand the one headed "Governors frauds". As I suppose some of these late offices had anything to do with transmitting supplies or houses and the parties who did furnish to them were without [suspicion] unfriendly to the Governor.- The truth on this subject- aught to be authoratively stated without delay.-

You saw no doubt the Editorial in to day's Paper. The affiliations of their two papers, under it normally claim that the Admin. at Washington means to hold the Governor to his pledge, and will defeat him if he wins. When

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I call it a "pledge", I refer to what you told me the this day, of which I had not before been aware.-It seems to me that the Governor ought to make up his mind definitely, and if he decides not to be a Candidate should announce the fact at the earliest moment.

In health Always, [illegible] Yrs W.M. Meredith

Hon Eli Slifer

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Phi 31 Aug 1863

My dear Sir/

Mr. D. McConoughy of Gettysburgh has written a letter to J.M. [Birney?] & myself proposing to raise a fund by private participation to purchase the Battle Ground at Gettysburgh to be held by a Corporation to be formed by the Legislation, as a memorial of the Victory.- Will you by return of mail, let me know what part of man Mr. McConoughy is, & whether his plan does not interfere with that which the Governor has prepared to the States interested?

Always faithfully

Yrs

Hon. Eli Slifer

W. M. Meredith

Mi 18hept. 1863

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Phi 18 Sept 1863

My dear Sir/

I have every prospect of being able to travel to morrow & expect to come up accordingly. Will you do me the favour to have all my letters & c sent down to J.W. [Espy] for me?

Always faithfully Yrs W.M. Meredith

Hon. Eli Slifer

Phy 18 Och. 1863 My dear hi /
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Phi 18 Oct 1863

My dear Sir/

I shall be up tomorrow Evening.

You have a right to boast the Superior accuracy of your Calculations, & you do it very moderately. We have a triumph at any rate, & I congratulate the governor most heartily upon it, both on his own account & for the sake of the Country.

All here Send you their regards.

Always very truly Yrs W.M. Meredith

Hon Eli Slifer

Ph: 27: Och 1965 My dea Sci / Sles you dispetal fent how thom my hastity scentition a prodamatin - Let it he copie with foregraphy at-sen clame -Then but - a - La Colita letter at- Each of Cam - Than an Cety of the Prenders Perlamate, butblise I have fine the date county. Then is a flip copy in one of the drawn of my talk t-which you can refer to with the dute. I think it and he will but the in a bury with the Prolund for volunties. I did hot for the Gov. in tam, but-draw of the hers papers that he combat yes tenden Gin him on ange St. - I am glod.
Them he am and sung to to the O
Cany's Hoshing St. Him W. She ShewishPhi 27. Oct 1863

My dear Sir/

I received your dispatch just now than my hastily scratched a proclamation. Let it be copied with Paragraph at every clause.

I have but a [] & a Capital letter at each of [illegible]. I have no copy of the Presidents Proclamation, but wish I have given the data correctly. There is a flip copy of one of the drawers of my talk to which you can refer to verify the data.

I think it would be well not to be in a hurry with this Proclamation for Volunteers.

I did not for the Gov. in town, but drawn by the [illegible], papers [that] [be] [illegible] of yesterday. Give him my regards- I am glad to hear he was well enough to [tend] toward Carry's [Herb]

Very truly Yrs W.M Meredith

Hon Eli Slifer

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Phila Oct 28 1863

Hon Eli Slifer

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W. M. Meredith

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[illegible] to [illegible] there the Assistant General of the Commonwealth.

Phi 28 Oct 1863

My dear Sir/

I send a draft of Proclamation for Volunteers. The advance pay to the Proct refers to special letter from the Prov. Master Genl to the Governor. If they have made any regulation at Washington touching the [mandates] of Enlistment, of course you will substitute them for what I have [said] on that subject. The state has no means or officers for enlisting men for old Regiments. If recruits will be received for <u>particular</u> Regiments that fact ought to be stated. Their reason for thinking was no hurry about the Proclamation was that it would take time to get information from Washington on their hands & I supposed the action would be more efficient if they could be fully [enflamed] at first. I have added the clause

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about future Gnl Aders to learn the opening for future [sublamation] of them.

I am sorry that I cannot come up to-night, but I am under a position precarious to remain here thro' this week for consulting in a case involving some millions of dollars, & in which most of my clients minds in [those] [states] & [illegible] be here at any time, relying on my [provision]. I should not [have] made it, if I had provision there I could be [proven] at Harrisburgh.

I sent this Thanksgiving proclamation yesterday, which I suppose you received.

Always faithfully Yrs W.M Meredith

Hon Eli Slifer

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Whereas the President of the United States by proclamation becoming [data?] on the 16: day of October instant has called for 300,000 volunteers to recruit the Regiments now in the [field?] [from?] the [separation?] States, and whereas by dated the [illegible] of the State of Pennsylvania under [illegible] call is distant to the man and whereas the President in his said Proclamation requests the Governor of the [separation?] States to assist in raising the [form?] thus required [illegible] [illegible] I, A.G.C. do earnestly call on the good & loyal freemen of this Commonwealth to enlist in the service of the United States under the Proclamation [illegible] aid. So that the [required?] way to make up [quarter?] before the 5: day of January next on which day the President announces that a draft will commence for any deficiency that may there enlist in the [same?].

The freemen of Pennsylvania enlisting under this call will be attached to Regiments from this State. All who are willing to enlist are requested to present themselves at [areas?] for that [purpose?] to the U.S. [illegible] [Marshals?] recruiting and may [bring?] [offices?] in their respecting cities, towns & counties.

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They will receive the following [illegible] as advance pay previously thought [illegible].

In making this appeal to the good & loyal freemen of Pennsylvania. I [illegible] [section?] confidence that it will be effectively responded to. The approaching expiration of the [form?] of Enlistment of the men now in the field under it necessary to replenish our regiments. Let us maintain the glory which their valour & [illegible] have affected on the Commonwealth, and let our people shown by their [illegible] [illegible] on this occasion, that they have [illegible] [abated?] in [illegible] a love of Country, or in the determination that the unholy Rebellion, already stunned and staggering, shall be utterly crushed & extinguished.

Such General orders with further details as may from time to time be found necessary.

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Phila Nov 3 1863

Hon Eli Slifer

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W.M. Meredith

My dear Sur

I han your letter of Yesterday fam flad t- hear you are getting on hell. As for mu, I have been faffering quatty for the last two levels, - in fact - han been wholly weath to track, a I should have brung. I hope to he able to come in a week a In days. I am traly long that my alram Should hear caused you any inconvenience. I relied on your beligation of you desced to consult about any thing - which burn I thought not pushell as then could be no questions of any great defeatly- that mightmet le laid on - Eu. Meale i at-blushigher I I hope is an anying some action morning. Hi late Sutupin was well planed to

hall executed tought-t-lead to fouther Jungers . -In hapte Alux futhfully Jes M. In Meresth Hm. Eli Slefer

Phi 15 Nov 1863

My dear Sir/

I have your letter of yesterday I am glad to hear you are getting on well. As for me, I have been suffering greatly for the last two weeks, in fact have been wholly unable to travel, I should have been up. I hope to be able to come in a week a few days. I am truly sorry that my [absence] should have caused you any inconvenience.

I wish on your telegraphing if you desire to consult about anything – which however I thought not probable or than could be no questions of any great difficulty- that might not be laid me. Gnl. Meade is at Washington & I hope is an [illegible] some active movements. His late enterprise was well planned &

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well executed & aught to lead to further successes.

In health Always faithfully Yrs W.M. Meredith

Hon. Eli Slifer