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Philad^a
28 Jan'y. 1864

My dear Sir/

I have just heard that the Ledger stated
the other day that Mr. McGeath had said the
Interest was to be paid in Gold as he had borrowed
it from the Banks for that purpose. If he has
done this there will be no occasion for the Government
acting in the matter. I have not seen the Article
in the Ledger, but the impression I received from
what was said, was that Mr. McGeath considered
the Act of last year provided for the case. If
he takes the responsibility of this, of course the
Case for interest under the Act of 1840 does
not arise - If interest under that Act is to be
had, take care that the provisions of the Act
are strictly pursued. I write to you, as you
say the Government was to learn Harrisburgh this
afternoon.

Hon. Eli Hefner

Yrs very truly
W. M. Meredith

Philad 28 Jany 1864

My dear Sir/

I have just heard that the ledger stated the other day that Mr. McGrath had said the interest would be paid in Gold as he had borrowed it from the banks for that purpose. If he has done this then is to be no occasion for the Governor's acting in the matter. I have not seen the action in the ledger, but the impression I received from what was said, was that Mr. McGrath considered the Act of last year provided for the case. If he [seeks] the responsibility of this, of course the case for action under the Act of 1840 does not arrives. If action under the Act is to be had, take care that the promises of the Act are strictly pursued. I write to you, as you say the Government was to leave Harrisburg this afternoon.

Yours very truly
W.M. Meredith

Hon Eli Slifer

~~Paris~~
Th^y 27 July 1864

My dear Sir

Since I telegraphed you the evening,
it occurs to me that I had already made
an engagement - here for Saturday. I had
intended to go to St. Ann's by the next Monday
on Tuesday. I suppose the German's Call ought
to be perfectly plain & simple. As the object is
to avoid the draft, the people of the United
States will probably require no additional
stimulus. If you wish however to see
me about it, I will come up, unless you
can conveniently come down. If you
cannot get the perfect convenience, pray
telegraph me in the morning & I will
come up in the Reading Train to-morrow
afternoon. Thank you for your dispatches
about the new rails.

Always faithfully yr

Wm. Eli. Bliss

W. M. Meredith

Ph 27 July 1864

My dear Sir/

[Illegible] I telegraphed you this evening it occurs to me that I had already made an engagement here for Saturday. I had intended to go to Harrisburgh next Monday or Tuesday. I suppose the Governor's call ought to be perfectly plain & simple. As the object is to avoid the draft, the people of the several [illegible] will probably require no additional stimulus. If you wish however to see me about it, I will come up, unless you can conveniently come down. If you cannot with perfect convenience, pray telegraph me in the morning & I will come up in the Reading train to-morrow afternoon. Thank you for your dispatches about the new rail.

Always faithfully yrs
W.M. Meredith

Hon Eli Slifer



Ph: 16 April 1865

My dear Sir/

I received your dispatch yesterday afternoon. It does not appear to me that the Government will be expected to make any announcement just now. I suppose he went to Harrisburg yesterday afternoon. I am in hopes of being able to break, in which case I shall be up on Tuesday or Wednesday.

In haste
Always, faithfully
Yours

Hon:
Eli Hufsch

Wm M. Meredith

Phi 16 April 1865

My dear Sir/

I received your Dispatch yesterday afternoon. It does not appear to one that the governor will be suspected to make any announcement just now. I suppose he went to Harrisburgh yesterday afternoon. I am in hopes of being all to hand, in which case I shall be up on Tuesday or Wednesday.

In health
Always faithfully
Yrs
W.M. Meredith

Hon Eli Slifer

Philad. 16 Dec. 1865

My dear Mr. Lisle

I received your letter
this morning & agree with you that
it would be as well to delay the
appointment of a Sheriff for York.

I am glad to hear such favourable
accounts of the Governor. Pray give him
my regards when you write. - I
am very well & will come up at
any time that you think it necessary,
but, unless there should be some real
necessity, I would prefer staying here
till after New Year, as I have occasion
to look a little after my own affairs,
and shall also want to be in the
Supreme Court at their meeting.

I think you have shown

Your actual objection in declining
to be an officer of the projected N. E.
Rd. I have issued a Law Warrant
against the A. & G. W. W. Co. of
Ohio Penn & N. York, I shall issue
one also against the A. & G. W. W. Co.
Co. of Penn. — The first — when
agreement of Jurisdiction you re-
fused to file, instead of applying
for a Mandamus, which would
bring up the questions for decision —
have just approved themselves to be
a Corporation & in that Capacity
have undertaken to make a Con-
tract with the Citizens of N. York
which would be illegal for other reasons.

I hope you have no return of any
of your last representations.

In haste
Always truly yrs

Hon:
Elihu

Wm. M. Meredith

Philad. 16 Dec 1865

My dear [JW?] Slifer

I received your letter this morning & agree with you that I would be as well to delay the appointment of a sheriff for York.

I am glad to hear that favourable accounts of the governor. Pray give him my regards when you write. I am very well I will come up at any time that you think it necessary, but only, there should be some such necessity, I would prefer staying here till after New Year, as I have occasion to look a little after my own affairs and shall also want to be in the Supreme Court at their meeting.

I think you have shown

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your usual discretion in declining to be an officer of the projected RIRd. I have informed a Law warrant against the A & G.W. RIRd Co of Ohio Penn & N. York. I shall issue one also against the A.G.W. RIRd of Penna. The first [illegible] agreement of consolidation you refused to file, instead of applying for a Mandamus which would bring up the question for decisions- has just assumed themselves to be a corporation & in that capacity has undertaken to make a contract with the [Catawissa?] RIRd Co which would be illegal for other reasons.

I hope you have no return of any of your [bad?] [illegible].

In health

Always truly yrs

W.M. Meredith

Hon Eli Slifer

Dec: 28: Dec: 1865

My dear Mr. Lifer

It seems to me that
immediately on the reading of the Messy
the legislature ought to pass handsome
Resolutions respecting trial & adjourn-
to the 1st Monday of March. If
the Gov. is compelled to return before
the winter has broken, I fear he will
relapse at once. If you approve of these
views you will be well I have no doubt
to get them adopted - provided the
thing be done immediately on reading
the Messy.

I will examine the Bills you
sent & Mr. Ester will take them up
with him to-morrow.

I have just seen
Mr. Allen, Wright
& Hunt. The former
with no doubt is
yours.

In haste
Always faithfully

Yrs

Hon:

Eli Lifer

W. M. Meredith

Ph. 28 Dec 1865

My dear Mr. Slifer

It seems to me that immediately in the reading of the message the Legislature ought to pass laws and resolutions responding to it & adjourn to the 1st Monday of March. If the Gov is compelled to return before the winter has broken, I fear he will relapse at once. If you approve of these views you will be able I have no doubt to get them adopted- Provided the thing be done immediately on sending the message.

I will examine the Bill you sent & Mr. Elter will take them up with him to-morrow.

I have just seen McClure, Wright, & Harth. The [illegible] with no doubt [for?] you.

In health

Always faithfully

Yrs

W.M. Meredith

Hon Eli Slifer

Ms. 5 Jan. '66

My dear Sir!

I find from letter from
Mr. Fisher, that the Committee of Frey's
Recognition has been in session.
He writes that they are now arguing
the point on it. I did not know the
fact before I saw you that Frey was
pardoned before San Antonio, & after
reflecting on that Circumstance, it
appears to me that the General being
already released him from the Capt,
ought now to go back. I would
therefore send him an unconditional
Pardon. To be of any use, it ought
to be sent at once.

I see your telegram just now.
I will come up to New York you think it
necessary. I have a letter from the General
this morning. He seems to expect the
Army to be ready on his return. Has
the Military History been prepared?
Always faithfully

Yrs

Hon.

Eli Hays

Wm. S. Knapp

Phi 5 Jan 66

My dear sir/

I find from letter from Mr. Fisher that the [illegible] of Frey's [recognisance?] has never been sent. He writes that they are now arguing the start on it, I did but know this just before I saw you that Frey was pardoned before [Santuer?], & after expecting on that curious tenure, it appears to me that the Governor [having] already relieved him from the [illegible] ought now to go back. I would therefore send him an unconditional [Remittance?]. To be of any use, it ought to be sent at once.

I recd. your telegram just now. I will come up whenever you think it necessary. I have a letter from the Governor this morning. He seems to expect the message to be ready on his return. Has the military history been prepared?

Always faithfully

Yrs

W.M. Meredith

Hon Eli Slifer

P2: 13 Jan 1866

My dear Sir/

I recd your letter this morning. You were quite right in refusing Mr. Ashbridge a Commission.

I saw your despatch stating that the Governor is expected next week. The Supreme Court is sitting here & I should like much to attend to some cases there both for the Crown & private parties. When should the papers be ready. Could you not send me the papers here? Would that be as convenient as my coming up?

They do not allow any Company in-
under the Act of 1854 to file a certificate
of declaration of its Capital, merely because
an affidavit is presented of the amount
of Capital paid in. I will talk to you of
this when I come up. I mention it because
Mr. W. J. Price informs me that some Com-
panies have taken that course. I think you
were right to refuse to file the Certificate
which he presented. Always yours

H. W.

Eli Slabe

W. S. Mearns

Phi 13 Jan 1866

My dear sir/

I recd. your letter this morning. You are quite right in refusing Mr. Ashbridge a commission.

I have your dispatch stating that the Governor is expected next week. The Supreme Court is sitting here & I should like much to attend to some case these better for the [Comm?]. & private parties- When should the [illegible] be ready? Could you not send me the papers here? Would that be as convenient as my coming up?

Pray do not allow any Company incorp. under the Act of 1854 to file a certificate of discrimination of its capital, merely because an attendant is presented of the amount of capital paid in. I will talk to you of this when I come up. I maintain it because Mr. W. J. Price [informants?] saw that I owe companies has taken that course. I think you are right to refer to file this certificate which he presented.

Always very truly

Yrs

W.M. Meredith

Hon Eli Slifer