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Friend Slifer

On my return home from Court I was handed the copy of a supplement to the act to incorporate the Sunbury and Erie rail road & which you sent me-I hope it may pass as it may insure an early completion of that great work-I fear W. Packers amendment would have a very injurious tendency, for we well know that if it should be left to a vote of the people, they will go against taxation. But should the county commissions [subscribe?] starts there would (in my opinion) be but little opposition-I hope you will do all in your power to have the Sunbury & Erie rail road put under contract soon-don't forget our side of the river-I assured many of your constituents prior to the election that if you was elected, you would do all in your power to have the road in our side of the river and I want you to show the citizens of our county, that, the pledge made

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will be fulfilled-Enclosed I send you a section relative to insurance companies which I wish you would get passed, it is in fact a supplement to the 11th Section of the act Apl. 8 1851. P.L. of 1857 page 354-[was?] to allow a [illegible] to go beyond his [illegible] to serve a unit-

Col McFadden had his life insured in the Harrisburg life insurance company after his death they refused to pay and a [rail?] was brought and the unit served in W. Hicholy who had been agent for the company for our county, but in order to avoid service; a few days before the unit was [served?] they searched the appointment of Mr. Hicholy, and thus by a trick avoided a service-It would be very hard for the estate of Col McFadden estate to have to take witnesses to Harrisburg to have the suit tried there, when the whole business was transacted in our county. I hope you will be able to get something passed to prevent such companies from playing loose and fast-Please give this matter your immediate attention, perhaps you can get a section added to some

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bill that is about to pass-

The new Berlin papers are still at use-[I?] [care?] for Indicted Gutelius for a Libel, I fear the course pursued in that [place?] will ruin the Whig party of our county or at least injure it considerably-

Is there anything [doing?] in regard to extending the charter of the Banke of Northumberland?-

We have nothing new here

Your Friend G.F. Miller

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Lewisburg Apl 28/54

Friend Slifer

Squire Cameron & I intended to leave for Harrisburg last evening but the canal broke at [cress?] [cut?] [which?] prevented [packet?] from going down-your despatch arrived too late [way?] before for the Boat-we will be down beginning of next week-I hope you may be able to get the [illegible] bill through as that will fit [illegible] as old [Israel?] says.

Yours truly G.F.Miller

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[Middlerburg?] Court House February 27th 1861

Hon Eli Slifer Harrisburg

My Dear Sir

From the feeling manifested in this county I fear if the Bill that has passed the House providing for the <u>repeal of the tonnage tax</u>, should become a law, our party in this county will be "killed up" and our county may also be revolutionized. I feel a deep interest in [Gov?] Curtin's administration and hurt that you will exert yourself to prevent the passage of my law calculated to injure his administration

Yours Truly G.F. Miller

PS Judge [Lynch?] arrives [illegible] our court here this week

GFM

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Hon Eli Slifer Secretary of State

Dear Sir

Charles Pleasants Esq of Sunbury has made application to Hon Gideon Wells for the appointment of [Pervzer?] in the Navy. He would like to have a letter of recommendation from Gov Curtin and one from you as Secretary of State-I wish you would get the Gov to write a letter for Mr Pleasants and also write one yourself.-Mr Pleasants is and always has been a firm supporter of our party.

I would be pleased if he could get the situation asked for, he is a worthy man, and his only son is in the army-

I think if the Gov would appoint Judge [Maynand?], Judge of Woodward's District, it would meet the approbation of the Governor's friends

Yours Truly G.F. Miller

PS send the letters to me & I will forward them to Mr. Pleasants-

GFM

Tewesterny Nov. 25th 18/11 Hon Elistefor Hundling bear, his It is reported that the hoverner is about raising a Caps of ingineers for modely services. Chan les & punies ing sun of Rubent punies by of Williamspirt) is desirous of procuring a Situation in the Corps. Make mis a young mun of Heellert Chan acter, and from what I can learn he is well qualified for the situation ashed for. Tweethe zen wented enter at rouncefin getting him a relevent in in the certis of tregeneen about to be runed ser respectfully zeur

Lewisburg Nov. 25th 1861

Hon Eli Slifer Harrisburg

Dear Sir

It is reported that the Governor is about raising a Corps of Engineers for military service. Charles C Faries Esq (son of Robert Faries Esq of Williamsport) is desirous of procurring a situation in the Corps. Mr Faries is a young man of excellent character, and from what I can learn he is well qualified for the situation asked for. I wish you would interest yourself in getting him a situation in the Corps of Engineers about to be raised

Very respectfully yours G.F. Miller

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Hon Eli Slifer

Dear Sir

[I read?] a letter from James Mitzer of [Lancaster?] County in which he says a friend of Mr Patterson told him that arrangements had been made months ago at Harrisburg that Patterson should be nominated and that <u>Gov Curtin and Eli Slifer was party to the arrangement and through them Dauphin county was secured to Patterson and Snyder county also"-</u>

I was told that Israel Gutelius is [repenting?] through parts of Snyder county, and using your name as authority, that I refused to pay my part for transcribing records for Snyder Co-Please send me a certificate as to that as you know the report thus circulated as to the records to be false-The regional paper has been found my name is [illegible] sign to it, it [arranged?] by you & some others during my absence from home notwithstanding I was always willing to bear my part-I yesterday arranged

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[illegible] with the [illegible] of [illegible] Co which is \$75 more that I gave [Schol?] agreed to as the work for-If howvr you prefer paying the whole \$507 [illegible] [over?] to Mr [Newsly?] I am willing to bear apart

Yours truly G.F. Miller

PS I [felt?] confident of carrying Snyder county-

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Lewisburg June 2, 1862 (Monday morning)

Hon Col Slifer Harrisburg

Dear Sir

I will be down on Wednesday of this week. I wish you would see [some?] of the prominent Politicians in the mean time

Yours Truly G.F. Miller

But had a splendid lecture in the Methodist Church Saturday evening

GFM

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(confidential)

Lewisburg June 18, 1862

Hon Eli Slifer Harrisburg

Dear Sir

Will you be so kind as to inform me if J.J. Patterson has settled his account as late paymaster and if so how it stands-I understand he is bidding high for Snyder County

Yours Truly G.F. Miller

Lewiling July 22.18/12 Hun Cli Slifer Bunding Clearling luce redices were roned in me ar pary bells of taking deposition mique Gedened seeds thely billen evertothers pending in thes county, esce (nutin) stating depentions und beloken before Tumes effillering Alderman M/15 The sheet in city Alleghong on the 25. huland, and the other stating deperitions will be taken before John Clouds by, Alderman as his office an Muslborough Sheet below Girard Scenne in the cely of this on the 28th instant - Jassen they want to prove that all almer in his lifetime purchased in his our same machiner for the Planeing mill- Trent interegutineste be feel to the witness intellighen, city, and the otter mila endered send you you might get all elloridish sen te altend una crefs eyam ine- It may be well smorty to ash the witness whether he was not fraid by chech usued L. Palmentel"_we are to have an adjourned court on the first

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Hon Eli Slifer Harrisburg

Dear Sir

[Were?] [notices?] were [served?] on [me?] as part of [both?] of taking depositions in your Excellent wit as Philip Billum [eyes?] and others pending in their county, one ([nature?]) stating depositions would be taken before James Miller Esq Alderman [M/15] [who?] street in city of Allegheny on the 23d Instant, and the other stating depositions will be taken before John [Clouds?] Esq Alderman at his office on Marlborough Street below Girard Avenue in the city of Phil on the 28th Instant-I presume they want to prove that Mr Palmer in his lifetime purchased <u>in his own name</u> machinery for the planning mill-I sent interrogations to be part to the witness in Allegheny City and the other [nature?] evidence I send you, you might get Mr Meridiths son to attend and cross examine-It may be well enough to ask the witness whether he was not paid by [elects?] [issued?] "L. Palmer & Co"-we are to have an adjourned court on the first

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Monday of Sept. your cause will be tried that week

I had expected you to call and see me when you was up, but in that I was disappointed Wm. Jones Esq told me that you read to him part of a letter you received from Israel Gutelius in which he denied that he had made use of your name to aid him in the Primary Election in Snyder County-I have in my possession certificates to nail that matter I may add that, I have no doubt, through that means Wagonseller [& him?] were enabled to carry one district in Snyder County which changed the result, and to repel that influence I wrote you for a certificate, but you forgot to send me one

Yours Truly G.F. Miller

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Hon Eli Slifer Harrisburg

Dear Sir

I have been requested to say a word to you in behalf of Mr <u>Augustus H. Boyer</u> of this town who is desirous of getting a Lieutenant in the Army to serve during the war. From what I can learn he is a man of good character, and served his country bravely during the war with Mexico-If an opportunity offers I wish you would aid him in getting a situation (in the army)

Yours Truly G.F. Miller

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Lewisburg August 11, 1862 (Monday morning)

Hon Eli Slifer Harrisburg

Dear Sir

Last Monday (Aug 4th) the convention in [North.?] County at the [illegible] solicitation of Mr Lawson gave him the nomination of that county for Congress, as a compliment more than anything else. The feeling prevailing in that county and especially among the Delegates will prevent his throwing his influence for Mr Patterson, though I am inclined to believe that Paul Frick and him had some kind of a bargain with Patterson-If Dauphin County appoints the right kind of conferees all may yet be right for me-

I sent a subpoena this morning to Wilkes Bare for [two words illegible] your trial is to take place at the adjourn court to be held on the 1^{st} Monday of Sept-

I return to day to the Sunbury court

Yours Truly G.F. Miller

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Hon Eli Slifer Harrisburg

Dear Sir

The subpoena I sent to Wilkes Bare to serve on Thompson Derr has <u>been returned</u> "<u>served</u>"- where shall I send a subpoena [to?] to serve on Mr Palmer Brotherinlaw? He is the person you told me can prove that Mr Palmer in his lifetime told the Boys him the Boys were equal partners in the planning mill-

Dr Wm. F. Seebold of [illegible] wants to be appointed Surgeon to examine person in our county that may be drafted [&c?]-I presume you have abundant of applicants for office

Yours Truly G.F. Miller

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Hon. Eli Slifer, Secretary

Dear Sir

Your of this [date?] has just been handed me-I regret that you [persist?] in taking the depositions in York-In accordance with your request enclosed please find a subpoena for D. Strickler Esq Sect of the York Insurance Company-if you have any other witness at York you can insert his name-The time is but short for another rule to take depositions between this and the adjourned court-I [presume?] Mr Strickler will be in time

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if he leaves home Mondays train - he will then arrive at Lewisburg by 5 o'clock-I think your suit will be the first for trial, as nearly all the rest have been continued-You must be present at the trial-[bail?] is in a [spree?]-Billmeyers co. have sent for J.W. Comly Esq to assist them in the trial

If the Atty Genl. came up I will answer if he arrives here on Monday-It commenced raining this morning and we have copious showers Have the person that [served?] the subpoena on Mr Strickler the [Secy?] to put an [affluent?] of the Service in the back so that if necessary an attachment

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can be taken out on Monday

If the Secy of the Insurance Co is not at home you can [insert?] the name of the [president?] & serve the subpoena in him-

Dont fail to bring with you the Insurance papers you got of me

Yours Truly G.F. Miller

Secristry, Any, 27th 1862 Hom. Eli Slifer, Secty of the lamb, Draw Dir, Henry Ez, enlisted as a private soldier in Caps. merrells Company now in Comp Curton, After laborery mith Commedable energy in the Cause in which me an all engaged, and after addressing our har meetings throughout the county he at last outers the ranks himself, It hour his devotion to our Country in this day of trial, and me blew he can be of mon service in some other position than that of a private poldier, In therefore respectfully linge you to gen him a commission and place him in some position when his abilities may be ofthe hot use to the Cause -Very Respectfully de-Chelliela Moameron munacy

Hon. Eli Slifer Secty of the Comth

Dear Sir,

Our young friend Alfred Heages Esq., enlisted as a private soldier in Capt. Merrills Company now in Camp Curtin.

After laboring with commendable energy in the cause in which we are all engaged, and after addressing our war meetings throughout the county he at last enters the ranks himself.

We know his devotion to our county in this day of trial, and we believe he can be of more service in some other position than that of a private solider.

We therefore respectfully urge you to give him a commission & place him in some position where his abilities may be of the best use to the cause-

Very Respectfully &c

G.F. Miller Wm Cameron Maxwell

Lewisburg Sep. 3.1862 (Mednerdaymorning) Hen Clo Slifer Hunisburg Humpion ben the legan I the york county himan co uniced here Yerlanday, and Than his depositionlaken. The Millinezer fruits were very much wound in the mouth when they learned hour propers were rigned and that too by Leveis Palma himself. Contestife that Levis Nalmer gare in the names 4 J. B Refs, J.J. Dal mer & humelf ces owners - the total is four for wednesday the 17th y Sept. Juin Lyon well defer the appointment of a comm. Tricey next Mountailes

Lewisburg Sept 3, 1862 (Wednesday morning)

Hon Eli Slifer Harrisburg

Dear Sir

Thompson Derr the agent of the York County Insurance Co arrived here yesterday, and I had his deposition taken. The [Billmeyer?] party were very much down in the mouth when they learned how papers were signed and that too by Louis Palmer himself. <u>Derr testifies that Louis Palmer gave in the names of J.B. Ress, J.J. Palmer & himself as owners</u>-The trial is fixed for Wednesday the 17th of Sept.

I wish you would defer the appointment of a commissioner for Snyder County until after Friday next

Yours Truly G.F. Miller

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Hon Eli Slifer Harrisburg

Dear Sir

I wish you would get <u>Charles Hower Esq of Selinsgrove Snyder County appointed</u> <u>Quarter Master of the Regiment in which the Selinsgrove Company may be placed</u>-I understand the company wants him. Mr Hower is a man of excellent character, a good Lawyer, and would be a popular appointment-This is the first I ever asked either of you or the Governor and I hope it will not be over looked-

I hear the war excitement

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will interfere with our court next week

My sons both give to war-[Bright?] is in the army in the [Delaware]

Your Truly G.F. Miller