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Hon. Ch Slife Secretary of the Commonwealth. Dear Si. You on the 29 " net and Enclind a perperse for a father of the 3000,000 . Loan the allot mant of thick has been postfrond untit the 18 inst. Place leten to us through May incuace the amount. Your Rispectally Milliam Mintagare Bank of Pottstown June 3rd 1861

Hon. Eli Slifer Secratary of the Commonwealth Dear Sir.

I wrote you on the 29th ult and Enclosed a proposal for a portion of the \$3.000.000. Loan the allotment of which has been postponed until the 13th inst. Please return to us through the mail Our proposal as we Shall probably amend and may increase the amount.

Yours Respectfully William Mintzer (one word illegible)

Eli Slifer Ey Sear Si. Herwith I Sent com Justin for a portion of the 3.000 000 loan. From what I lean I fear the beis for the low will not wach near the amount against. Thouse this pine to be the Case I am incline to believe the full amount Can be vain by making a patrolie appear to the people and office ly afents in the or more towns or Citiz in Every County in the Commonwealth to Mejoliate the bounds with the people, Thave no means of Knowing What other Communities Nia do but I am Confident that I Can Jerocure a Subscription of Several thousands in and around on Berough in Smak Sums, If the right Kind of Jusan wen intuest themselves in the mater with the Seize Whatever portion of the Loan is nor Salsentia for on the 13 unst Can be projected through them with a lufting Expense to the State, There is no necepity of Solling the Loan below for in my opinion, but to get the Country Juste to Subscule you must get other proper than City hope to rejoliate it. I hope my Umarks or Juggestins with our be considered importenent I want to See the State get all She wants in the way of Money at par and with do all Can to accomplish it. If Circunstanes penit I trant to make a visit to Harbury ton he long, if you Can in any marma apert me

in Keeping Arun travelling Expenses I Shah Consider supray under Seignting - Yours Respectful Milliain Minger fan

Pottstown June 10th 1861

Eli Slifer Esq Dear Sir.

Herewith I Send a proposal for a portion of the \$3.000.000 loan. From what I learn I fear the bids for the loan will not reach near the amount required. Should this prove to be the Case I am inclined to believe the full amount Can be raised by making a patriotic appeal to the people and appointing Agents in one or more towns or Cities in Every County in the Commonwealth to negotiate the bond with the people. I have no means of Knowing what other Communities will do but I am Confident that I can procure a Subscription of Several thousand in and around our Borough in Small Sums. If the right Kind of person will intrust themselves in the matter with the People whatever portion of the Loan is not Subscribed for on the 13th inst Can be negotiated through them with a trifling Expense to the State. There is no necessity of Selling the Loan below par in my opinion, but to get the Country people to Subscribe You must get other people than City Brokers to negotiate it. I hope my remarks or Suggestions will not be considered impertinent I want to See the State get all She wants in the way of money at par and will do all I Can to accomplish it. If Circumstances permit I want to make a visit to Washington Ere long. if You can in any manner assist me

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in Keeping down travelling Expenses I Shall Consider myself under obligations_

Yours Respectfully William Mintzer (one word illegible)

Eli Slifer En Secratary opth Comments. Shorth after the Lefislation paper a bit for the loan to arm our Stak our boar of Denetors Chielo me to notify the Sovenor that we moved boun the State +10.000. On the 23 of Aprice I mot to and advised the Garenn of the action of on Board. My letter was acknowledged but nothing furthe done in Connection test on proposition, I wish it to be under Stood that the proposition of the 20" of April is mitheliaux and the one of yesterday Substituted in its place it der met Occen or I much have mentioned it in my letter festing. Your Mespectate William Umper for

Bank of Pottstown June 11th 1861

Eli Slifer Esq. Secratary of the Commonth. Dear Sir.

Shortly after the Legislation passed a bill for the loan to Aid our State our board of Directors directed me to notify the Governor that we would loan the State \$10,000. On the 23rd of April I spoke to and advised the Governor of the action of our Board.

My letter was acknowledged but nothing further done in Connection with our proposition. I wish it to be under Stood that the proposition of the 23rd of April is withdrawn and the one of Yesterday Substituted in its place it did not occur or I would have mentioned it in my letter Yesterday.

Yours Respectfully William Mintzer (one word illegible)

Eli Shifer Ey. Dear Si. The Commission of the Notary Public of our place with Expire Sometime the Ceesing year and as I have no dinst then will be Mumous applications for the Setuation I wish to have your cufluence in favor of having About Evans my brother in law appointed when the time arives for filling the Schwater, I would be much Thouse to have you speak to Gavenor Ceutin in Welation to the Motton for Share As doubt then with Soon be a More jefet has nor always taken Many to Secure the positions for Some other Juster and I should nor have written to you do for in air and of the time of making the appointment dar I mer learned to day that an application would be made for Some other Tuson. The Coans is a leg Morthy Juson has all his days been a member of our That and Can have on doubt get the accommendation of all the officers & Mineters of on Bank and of Meanly at the Men of influence du Perfect in on town levy Respectful yours to William Umfa.

Bank of Pottstown December 28th 1861

Eli Slifer Esq. Dear Sir.

The Commission of the Notary Public of our place will expire Sometime the Ensuing Year and as I have no doubt there will be Numerous applications for the Situation I wish to have your influence in favor of having Abner Evans my brother in law appointed when the time arrives for filling the Situation. I would be most pleased to have You Speak to Govenor Curtin in relation to the matter. For I have no doubt there will Soon be a move (if it has not already taken place, to Secure the position for Some other person and I should not have written to you So far in advance of the time of making the appointment had I not learned to day that an application would be made for Some other person. Mr Evans is a very worthy person has all his days been a member of our party and Can I have no doubt get the recommendation of all the officers & directors of our Bank and of nearly all the men of influence and position in our town.

Very Respectfully Yours &c William Mintzer.

Eli Slifer Eig. Seandir. Mr. Evans has got up two petitions to the Governor asking his appointment of Notary Pablic One of then is Signed by the President Cartin and ten directors of the Bank of Poto town of the other two directors one has promin to Segn and the other has Mer leven in town owing to Siekness he with probably have the Whose boan, his other petition is Signed by Juhaps over 200 Celizens of tottstown and Vicinity Embracery Meanly all the Most Jecominut Citizens of our tour, The live of Mr Erans for Acting Passie is Joseph Potts of our town, he failed in busines Several Months ago is poor and I Suppose mould make a officer but is Unpopular and the Circumstances Connected mix his failen han Cualit a bad feeling tenan him. his friends Trincepaly his belatives are being active in Endear aing to Elast outside influence en his favor. and depend Much Upon Jos. I Poly lately Comette Mit the Genemer's Staff and Edmen Smith Secratary of the Seina Rail Road. they are both Nephew of his. and are Expected to have Sufferent influence to induce the Governor to appoint The Pots; I Sapponit will be Saw that Mr Evans is Meh off and does me heed the office, Such however is nor the Case, he has an cultured in a book and Statunary Slow, is moth purhaps 3 or \$6000. Nor more and his busines does not afford him à leving. Heave inform me What Else Shound be done to

the fire anxious to have the office for Mr. Eveny and if more petitioney are leguen they can be had. I shak be pleased to hear from Man am becieve any Suggestions you may bee pleased to make all of Which Shak be duly bemember by your friends. Miliane Unger.

Pottstown Jany 11th 1862

Eli Slifer Esq. Dear Sir.

Mr. Evans has got up two petitions to the Governor asking his appointment of Notary Public one if them is Signed by the President Cashier and ten directors of the Bank of Pottstown. of the other two directors one has promised to Sign and the other has not been in town owing to Sickness he will probably have the whole board. his other petition is Signed by perhaps over 200 Citizens of Pottstown and [one word illegible] Embracing nearly all the most prominent Citizens of our town. The rival of Mr Evans for Notary Public is Joseph Potts of our town, he failed in business Several Months ago is poor and I Suppose would make a good officee but is unpopular and Ch Circumstances Connected with his failure have created a bad feeling toward him. his friends principally his relations are very active in Endeavoring to Elicit outside influence in his favor. and depend much upon Jos. D. Potts lately connected with the Governor's Staff and Edmund Smith Secratary of the Penna Rail Road. They are both Nephews of his. and are Expected to have Sufficient influence to induce the Governor to appoint Mr Potts. I Suppose it will be Said that Mr Evans is well off and does not need the office. Such however is not the Case, he has an interest in a book & Stationary Store, is worth perhaps 5 or \$6000. not more and his business does not afford him a living. Please inform me what else Should be done to

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Impose the and Secure the appointment or promote his Chance for it I feel anxious to have the office for Mr Evans. and if more petitions are required they can be had. I Shall be pleased to hear from you and receive any Suggestions you may be pleased to make all of which Shall be duly remembered by your friend

William Mintzer.

Non Eli Stepen Dan Sin. The bearn Dr. Franklin Sull Whom I take great Thasan in introducing to you. Visets Hamisburg to ascertain the leuns and Centitions upon Which Surgeons are received into the Service of the State. he had cultured being Trusent at the Meeting of the State Medical board to day but was nor acquainter with the time of Meeting antin to lat to make anaugments to be present Me South is a graduali of Medical Colleges of this Country as well as of France. he is a Son of our friend Jesse Stubb of Chisten Bounds. Furthing you Can do for him trèle le Kindy Vernemben by yours Respected

Potts town July 8th 1862

Hon Eli Slifer Dear Sir.

The bearer Dr. Franklin Grubb whom I take great pleasure in introducing to You visits Harrisburg to ascertain the terms and Conditions upon which Surgeons are received into the Service of the State. he had intended being present at the meeting of the State Medical board to day but was not acquainted with the time of Meeting of board until to late to make arrangements to be present

Mr Grubb is a graduate of Medical Colleges of this country as well as of France. he is the Son of our deceased friend Jesse Grubb of Chester County. Anything You can do for him will be Kindly remembered by Yours Respectfully

William Mintzer.

Bank of Pottstown.

Pottstown, August 19 1862 Hon. Eli Shife Sendin Herewith you will please few a petition from Col. Hackangs. ofth 53 " Perma R. also Lejned by other officers of the A, agusting For bentin to Commission St. K. Means as a Least in the 53" the Titition with the accompanying Trapes the full The air ity the fistness of the application. You will also find a letter to me marker has which let lead frist with give You a Correct idea of the Merits of the application Mey promising young lawyer, is fully Compount for the position to Which he aspires and of the they is possible do pie him the affordments the Maand Sowed with the I mos men thick Cutil to himself as I decent and the fact of his having Eulister as a private Shows his potent - cim, his hacker has been Confined to his bed for over a year he together mach his mother and deiter are dependent on the applicant in a peat measure for Support, please to amine There papers untile I Come up to monow and of you think ma of the matter air one in having In Man affortion. Should Mr Man be appointe I have no Claim for aughing I May have done for him. I would dooner give than take augthing from him. I hope to See you to morrow Jamo te

I shall Want there popers returns to one when I comelly, William Minger.

Pottstown, August 19th 1862

Hon. Eli Slifer Dear Sir

Herewith you will please find a petition from Col. Hartranft. of the 53rd Penna. R. also Signed by other officers of the R. requesting Gov. Curtin to Commission H. K. Weand as a Lieut in the 53rd the petition with the accompanying papers will fully Explain itself the justness of the application. You will also find a letter to me marked No 1 which if read first will give You a correct idea of the merits of the application.

I feel a very great interest in Mr Weand he is a very promising Young lawyer, is fully Competent for the position to which he aspires and if the thing is possible do give him the appointment Mr Weand served with the 3 Mos. Men with Credit to himself as 1st Lieut. and the fact of his having Enlisted as a private shows his patriotism. his Father has been Confined to his bed for over a year he together with his mother and sister are dependent on the applicant in a great measure for Support. Please Examine these papers until I come up to morrow and if You think [one word illegible] of the matter aid me in having The Man appointed. Should the Man be appointed I have no Claim for anything I may have done for him. I would Sooner give than take anything from him. I hope to See you to morrow

Yours &c William Mintzer.

I shall want these papers returned to me when I come up.

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Bank of Lottskown.

Pottstown Sugart 25" 1862

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Pottstown, August 20th 1862

Hon Eli Slifer My dear Sir.

When I wrote to you yesterday I fully Expected to See you to day, but from Several Circumstances that have occurred I have concluded not to leave home. Nor do I See that my presence Could add anything to induce the Governor to give the Commission to Mr Weam as his appointment is asked for by the Col, Lieut Co. & Major of the Regiment with to which he would be connected. and if the Governor wont make the appointment at their request I hardly think I Could Change his mind if I was to try to do So. I Saw Mr Weam to day on his Way to join his Company and after Conversing with him he thought it unescessary for Me to go to Harrisburg at present. I enclose order No 107 of the War Department. this I Suppose will remove all obstacles if any existed in the Way of his being appointed. I Will leave the matter in Your Hands and respectfully request that you will present the application of Mr Weam to the Governor as a Special Case and if possible obtain the Commission, if Successful please forward to me and I will See to getting it to Mr Weam. I hope you will pardon me for troubling You So often. I Know that your Duties at this time must be laboring, and it is only that I think this a deserving Case that I moved in it. I do hope that Mr Weam will be Commissioned, but whatever may be the issue please Send me all the papers I forwarded to You at Your Earliest Convenience.

Yours truly William Mintzer.

Eli Slife Eig Standie. No have a full Company organiza Which will be offered to the Genemor to day No an Equippey them with Every thing a Soldie I have have, Mr have Tunchand 100 Specifical musket under the Supporition that our State honer not be able to feinsh arms for all, culturing to make a Claim when the State for rein busement. Since there aims have been purchased the Steet Uceend a Telegraph from the Sevenor Stating that the State bened feinest aims, Now What Shall M do Shali ME Send ou Company with the aims Me have punchain and fran for, or Shale me Sound them Mithout. Me paint 15. a June, for our Mushing if her Seed them Mr Will Make Claim When the Star amount Naw -Please telegraph whether the Company Shale Come With or Michael Muskety - Mellian Music. The Stat has Some Telegraphic Cones pondence med the Genema law week but has fore from home and in done Know when he stain in telacion loth acmg.

Pottstown September 15th 1862

Eli Slifer Esq Dear Sir.

We have a full Company organized which will be offered to the Governor to day We are equipping them with Every thing a Soldier Should have. We have purchased 100 Springfield muskets under the Supposition that our State would not be able to furnish arms for all, intending to make a Claim upon the State for reimbursement. Since these arms have been purchased the State received a Telegraph from the Governor Stating that the State would furnish arms. Now what Shall we do Shall we Send our Company with the arms we have purchased and paid for, or Shall we Send them Without. We paid \$15. a piece for our muskets if We send them we will make Claim upon the State amount paid-

Please telegraph whether the company shall come with or without muskets-

Yours Respectfully William Mintzer.

Mr. [Steel?] had Some Telegraphic Correspondence with the Governor last week but has gone from home and we dont Know where we Stand in relation to the arms.

Bank of Pottskown.

Pottstown, Och 24" 1862

Eli Shifer Eez Dembin

Adam F. Saylor of Potts give tunship was appointed deputy marshall of the Tourship and Made the Encollment and Competer his duties in a very Cirletalea Marma, in adu to be impaited he placer his our home upon the Eurolement and was So senfortunate as to be drafter aux is now anxious to be belease if position by britan of his been a Unite States office, he is a very Worthy man with a laye family and but lately became a member of the Republican part, In the adjoining tranships of Charles County one of the defents marshay was drafted but the Marshall for the County placed his name aside When chaun having Consider him Exenciate or Exempt by law. I have bearing of Several circlancy in which the defuly Manhou was drawn but released, All our primings Men an anxious for the release of the Saylor, and you will be day Mysey and many other of your friend in this Vicenit a quat favor if you will introck in behalf of me Daylor and delain his Exemplin or Melean, Me Sagler made appearation to Me Boyd Commission for the Count to be beleased, he informed him that he around have to apply to the Geneman, you will qually oblige me by giving an Early lefty to this apprientin, as the

Chafter men are to appear at Nonis line on morry hext. Yours truly te

Pottstown, Oct. 24th 1862

Eli Slifer Esq Dear Sir

Adam F. Saylor of Pottsgrove township was appointed deputy Marshall of that Township and made the Enrollment and completed his duties in a very [Creditable?] Manner, in order to be impartial he placed his own name upon the Enrollment and was So unfortunate as to be drafted and is now anxious to be released if possible by virtue of being a United States officer. he is a very worthy man with a large family. and but lately became a member of the Republican party. In the adjoining townships of Chester County one of the deputy Marshalls was drafted but the Marshall for the County placed his name aside When drawn having Considered him Exonerated or Exempt by law. I have learned of Several instances in which the deputy Marshall was drawn but released. All our prominent men are anxious for the release of Mr Saylor, and You will be doing myself and many other of your friends in this vicinity a great favor if You Will intercede in behalf of Mr Saylor and obtain his Exemption or release, Mr. Saylor made application to Mr Boyd Commissioner of the County to be released, he informed him that he would have to apply to the Governor. You will greatly oblige me by giving me an Early reply to this application, as the drafted men are to appear at Norristown on Monday Next.

Yours truly &c. William Mintzer.

Pottstown February 20 13 Eli Stefer Ey Dem Sir. For Some time past We have had guite a mumber of Voluntery from our place letumeng to their homes. From Enquier I find Some are deserted others Claim to have been dis Chayes for disability Some of the desertes it appears had been return from Cap tirity to camp parow aumapolis for Escharge but director before that look place, Several of them State that they deserted after howing been milion to by then Captain to do So. This Captain is Still in Common in the 18th Hegt ain is Certainly quilly of this act as Will as Endeavoing to have his Culin Company to muling and offered as premium of feredous to Each private that hourd do So. Some of the Men Who Claim to have been dis charged by Sugeon Certificate or for disability Say that they

Ablained then discharge by Raying a fee of 20 to Sengeon Benker at Camp Convacacena and day that any Soldier Can obtain a discharge if he Can get cuts that Camp for 20-Unfortundet for us Nearly Every Man that between is a democrate Aside from the enfluence this will have on our Elections the Effect Such Conduct has rependen Soyal Cetizeny is disheartenery, is their he way to put a stop to the Conduct of this Coptain and Sugar and perish them. If you Les proper to investigate the Mater I Can give you the have of the principals and hitnesses, Know of an instance in Which a pura Enjaged to Cransport the baggage of the officer of a beginnent Who has been guilt by his own Confession of Laving fumisher Citizens Clocks to Ly Volunties to desent, this Man is a democrat and will do day they to injure the Reduced Cause of you decin it I can give you his name and the Milnesses, I Could give

Merinstances of bad Conduct toward the government can the part of low of these men. but if what I have betater hile hor institute Enquiry and punishment of found quilly it is no lese to Mention More I am livel Satisfied that the demonsty of our town are Sappeging Money to the democratic bolunting to bribe the Sayson to get a dis chaye, and they are also Useing Every influence they can to get them to desert. I Still have hope and Confidence in Oh final traumph of our Cause, but I Must Confess that Jack Conduct as I have Melation on the past of the Sayson, Captain and transportation agent. Makes the Sicket heart to Contempeate it would do my heart good to have there parties penceta of quilland I have the doubt about their being So. Your lingte .

William Mentzer Jet: 20:1863 be. Expany no 22) ack trake the days Privat Minhall to an all her for Duties will have logny The Confidence in apportraits are to be made an in Cause but) t Consuct as There a few days by to Sugar Petring General Growners he to he dicka hat to Contemperate three de make you to have their forter percent of girls alout this being to ludke linger.

Pottstown February 20th 63

Eli Slifer Esq Dear Sir.

For Some time past we have had quite a number of volunteers from our place returning to their homes. from Enquiring I find some are deserters others Claim to have been discharged for disability. Some of the deserters it appears had been returned from captivity to camp parole Annapolis for exchange but deserted before that took place, Several of them State that they deserted after having been written to by their Captain to do So. this Captain is still in Command in the 68th Regt. and Certainly guilty of this act as well as Endeavoring to have his Entire Company to mutiny and offered a premium of five dollars to Each private that would do So. Some of the Men who Claim to have been dis charged by Surgeons Certificate or for disability say that they

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obtained their discharge by paying a fee of \$20- to Surgeon Burke at Camp Convalesence and Say that any Soldier can obtain a discharge if he can get into that Camp for \$20-

Unfortunately for us nearly every man that returns is a democrat- Aside from the influence this will have on our Elections the effect Such Conduct has upon our Loyal Citizens is disheartening, is there no way to put a Stop to the Conduct of this Captain and Surgeon and punish them? If you See proper to investigate the matter I Can give you the names of the principals and witnesses. I Know of an instance in which a person Engaged to transport the baggage of the officers of a regiment who has been guilty by his own Confession of having furnished Citizens Clothes to 4 volunteers to desert. this man is a democrat and will do any thing to injure the Federal Cause. if you desire it I can give You his name and the witnesses. I could give

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more instances of bad Conduct toward the government on the part of two of these men. but if what I have related will not instigate Enquiry and punishment if found guilty it is no use to mention more-

I am well Satisfied that the democrats of our town are Supplying money to the democratic volunteers to bribe the Surgeons to get a discharge, and they are also using Every influence they can to get them to desert.

I Still have hope and Confidence in the final triumph of our Cause, but I must Confess that such Conduct as I have related on the part of the Surgeon, Captain and transportation agent Makes me Sick at heart to Contemplate it would do my heart good to have these parties punished if guilty and I have no doubt about them being So.

Yours Truly &c William Mintzer.

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Provost Marshall for District will have [one word illegible]:Appointments are to be made in a few days by General [one word illegible]

Eli Sleje Ez Dem Si. day from a friend, A. K. Weard, at Menteus low he is a loothy young man and I mik to Serve him if I can, please lead it. and if you Can give me the information he desires I with he under obligations to you for it. I concluded the letter hours be the Explain his Mants and Situation than I could diet please betien his letter to me when you answer this. I hope to lear you hall has emproned as I was tow Some time ago that you was Sich I am Sony to trende you but in doing to I am only trying to Some those who are trying to Some them Country.

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Potts town May 18th 1863

Eli Slifer Eq Dear Sir.

I received the Enclosed letter to day from a friend, H. K. Weand, at Murfreesboro. he is a worthy young man and I wish to Serve him if I can, please read it. and if you Can give me the information he desires I will be under obligations to You for it. I Concluded the letter would better Explain his wants and Situation than I could do it. Please return his letter to me when you answer this.

I hope to learn Your health has improved as I was told Some time ago that You was Sick I am Sorry to trouble You but in doing So I am only trying to Serve those who are trying to Serve their Country.

Very Respectfully Yours &c William Mintzer.

Bank of Poffskown.

Pottstown, August-17" 1863 Eli Slifer En Dem Sin. Some of my Soldier friends have desired that I Show with to the puper authorities at Nanisbeing for them as I done Know to Whom Else to apply I again take the likes of two leing you. It appears that I'm Scient. Benjamin Tuest of Co - 68" Meg. P. b. has been appointed to a first Level. and that David Allhight has been afformen to the 2 " Xunt. Same Q. and Reg. they State that their peopers making the affaint Ment have been forwarded to Hanisbury, They appear to be anxious about their Commissions and hery desirous that they bee Sent forward at oness it would afford me plassen to lear the Commissions have been forwarded. I leave enform me to whom I Shall write in Cases like the present ones Thered I have any in fution. I Know It don't properly belong to your department. Jong to twarble for in this instance but I Cannot before to and our hobbe fellows if it is in my former to do so. It is a I has Much pleased to lear of the benomes notion of Son Centin, and I Sincered hope he will be to clected What is the propert for his being reclected? respectfull Jones & Milian Minter.

Pottstown, August 17th 1863

Eli Slifer Esq Dear Sir.

Some of my Soldier friends thinking I can assist them in obtaining their commissions have desired that I should write to the proper authorities at Harrisburg for them as I dont Know to Whom else to apply I again take the liberty of troubling You.

It appears that 2nd Lieut. Benjamin Giest of Co ___ 68th Reg. P. V. has been appointed to a first Lieut. and that David Albright has been appointed to the 2nd Lieut. same Co. and Reg. they state that their papers making the appointment have been forwarded to Harrisburg. they appear to be anxious about their commissions and very desirous that they be Sent forward at once it would afford me pleasure to learn the Commissions had been forwarded.

Please inform me to whom I Shall write in cases like the present ones Should I have any in future. I Know it dont properly belong to your department. Sorry to trouble You in this instance but I cannot refuse to aid our noble fellows if it is in my power to do So.

It is a I was much pleased to learn of the renomination of Gov. Curtin, and I Sincerely hope he will be re elected What is the prospect for his being reelected?

Respectfully Yours & William Mintzer.