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Bank of Pottstown June 3rd 1841
Hon. Eli Sizer Secretary of the Commonwealth.

Dear Sir.

I refer
you on the 29th inst and Enclosed a proposal for a portion of
the \$3,000,000. Loan the allotment of which has been post-
poned until the 13th inst. Please return to us through
the Mail Open proposal as we shall probably amend and
may increase the amount.

Yours Respectfully
William Tinsley

Bank of Pottstown June 3rd 1861

Hon. Eli Slifer Secretary of the Commonwealth

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Yours Respectfully
William Mintzer (one word illegible)

Porto town June 10th 1861
Eli Sifer Esq
Dear Sir.

Herewith I send an 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 appoint-
ing Agents in one or more towns or Cities in Every County
in the Commonwealth to negotiate the bonds 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 thousands in and around our
borough in small sums. If the right kind of persons
will interest 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 Doctors 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

in keeping down travelling Expenses I shall be obliged
and obligating - Yours Respectfully William Winger

Wm Winger
June 61

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)

Bank of Potosi June 11th 1861

Eli Sizer Esq Secretary of the Com. of the

Dear Sir.

Shortly after the Legislature passed a bill for the loan to 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 wrote 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 understood 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 Stimpson

Bank of Pottstown June 11th 1861

Eli Slifer Esq. Secretary of the Commonth.

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William Mintzer (one word illegible)

Bank of Pottstown December 28th 1871
Eli Stifer 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 Alben Evans
 my brother in law appointed when the time arrives for filling
 the Situation. I would be much pleased to have you speak
 to Governor 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 Lininger.

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.

Pottstown July 11th 1862
Eli Sifer Esq.

Dear Sir.

Mr. Evans has got up two petitions to the Governor asking his appointment of Notary Public one of them is signed by the President Cushman 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 vicinity 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} officer but is unpopular and ~~the~~ circumstances connected with his failure have created a bad feeling toward him.

his friends principally his relatives 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 Secretary of the Pennsylvania 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 bank and stationary store, is worth perhaps 3 or 4000. not more and his business does not afford him a living. Please inform me what else should be done to

~~and~~ ^{the} 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 friends
William Munger.

Mr Munger
Jan 11th 1862

Pottstown Jany 11th 1862

Eli Slifer Esq.

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William Mintzer.



Potts town July 8th 1862

Hon Eli Steyer

Dear Sir,

The bearer Dr. Franklin
Grubb whom I take great pleasure in introducing to your
visits Hanisburg 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 ^{board} ~~board~~ to take to make arrangements to be present

Mr Grubb is a graduate of Medical Colleges of this
County as well as of France. He is a son of our ^{deceased} friend
Jesse Grubb of Chester County. Anything You can
do for him will be kindly remembered by Yours Respectfully
William Minger.

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 19th 1862

Hon. Eli Sizer
Dear Sir

Herewith you will please find a petition from Col. Hartman of the 53rd Penna R. also signed by other officers of the R. requesting Gen. Bentin to Commission Mr. H. Mead as a Lieut in the 53rd the petition with the accompanying papers will fully explain 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 Mead 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 Mead 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 me of the matter aid me in having Mr Mead appointed. Should Mr Mead 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 I shall want these papers returned to me when I come up. William Mintzer.

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Yours &c
William Mintzer.

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

Bank of Pottstown.

Pottstown, August 20th 1862

Hon Eli Sizer

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 Wram as his appointment is asked for by the Col, Lieut C. & Major of the Regiment ^{with} 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 Wram to day on his way to join his Company and after conversing with him he thought it unnecessary 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 Wram 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 Wram. I hope you will pardon me for troubling you so often. I know that your duties at this time must be laborious, and it is only that I think this is a deserving case that I moved in it. I do hope that Mr Wram 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.

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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 unecessary 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.

Pittston September 15th 1862

Eli Sizer Esq
Danville.

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 Mr. Still 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 Urzfer.

Mr. Still had some Telegraphic Correspondence with the Governor last week but has gone from home and we don't know when he stands in relation to the arms.

Pottstown September 15th 1862

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Yours Respectfully
William Mintzer.

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Bank of Pottstown.

Pottstown, Oct. 24th 1862

Eli Sizer 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 his 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 others 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 the Bond Commissioners for 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 November on Monday next. Yours truly

William Mintzer.

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Yours truly &c.
William Mintzer.

Pottstown February 20th 13
Eli Steyer Eg
I am Sir.

For some time past
we have had quite a number of Volunteers from
our place returning to their homes. from Enquiry
I find some are deserting others claim to have
been discharged for disability. Some of the
deserting it appears had been returned from Capt
ivity 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 is certainly guilty of this act as
well as endeavouring 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 discharged by
Surgeon's Certificate or for disability say that they

Obtained their discharge by paying a fee of
\$20 to Surgeon Parker at Camp Convalescence
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 Cloths to
Voluntaries 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

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 their being so.

Yours truly
William Mifflin.

William Mintzer

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Private Member

You District will
have by my name: -

Appointments are
to be made in
a few days by
General Sherman

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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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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Yours Truly &c
William Mintzer.

[*on back of letter*]

Provost Marshall for District will have [one word illegible]:-

Appointments are to be made in a few days by General [one word illegible]

Pottstown May 18th 1843
Eli Sleser Esq
Dear Sir.

I received the enclosed letter to day from a friend, H. K. Meard, at Manassas. 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 Minter.

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.

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Very Respectfully Yours &
William Mintzer.

Bank of Pottstown.

Pottstown, August 17th 1863

Eli Sifer 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 Guest of Co - 68th Reg. P. B. 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 have 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 nomination of Gen. Center, and I sincerely hope he will be re-elected. What is the prospect for his being re-elected?

Respectfully Yours &
William Mintzer.

Pottstown, August 17th 1863

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William Mintzer.