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Publishers' Exchange Philada. Jan. 16th 1861

Hon. E. Slifer, Sec. of Commonwealth:

Dr. sir. I have had some correspondence in regard to furnishing Mr. Roush at Lewisburg, with New County Seals. Mr Roush, upon examination finds that he has no authority to contract for said Seals, and refers me to you. I sent samples of workmanship to Mr. Roush which you satisfaction, and but for the act of Assembly authorizing Sec. of Com. to furnish County Seals, I would have received his order. Will you favor me with your orders for Seals for Union County and others that you will be required to furnish? Will fill orders as low as any other parties, and make same payable when work is approved.

> Yours Respectfully Thomas G. Orwig

Hon. Eli Slifer

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Philiadelphia April 16th - 1861

Hon. Eli Slifer Sec. of the Commonwealth

Dr. sir. I am a member of the "Union Cavalry" of Union Co. Pa. and wrote to John Hayes O. S. of the Troop, early last week, moving that the services of the same he immediately tendered to his Excellency Gov. Curtin.

I have had no response and presume unless some one is sent to Union County to direct the enlistment, Union county will be sadly behind in her Military demonstrations of her Patriotism.

I hereby signify my readiness to serve in any capacty in which I may be most useful in the impending struggle, and especially beg leave to suggest that Union County (our Home) will not be allowed to be in active in Miliatary affairs at this time.

Yours Obd'tly. Thomas G. Orwig address Box 1290 Philiadelphia,

Hon. Eli Slifer

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"Exchange Hotel," Lancaster City Friday night, June 14 -1861

Col. Slifer

Dr. sir. I met with tolerable good success today. I have names of 6 men upon whom I think I can depend. They have promised to be ready on Monday morning. One of these I have on expense and would have forwarded today if arrangements could have been made.

I sent you Dispatch asking for "pass" for ten men, at different time, by one, twos, or more, at a time. But I presume you cannot readily make one "pass" answer such an accomodating purpose division. One of my recruits will want to go tomorrow and if you can send me a pass for 5, immediately, I will send him on it - expecting however to have several to send with him. The recruits I can get together by Monday Morn I will then report and ask a "pass" for the number.

I have advertised by written notices at P. O. and other most public places, and also in "Evening Express", with Editorial notice, and hope to have a good number of applications tomorrow. I will probably go to Phia. tomorrow night and return here Sunday night to be ready for business on Monday Morn.

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Yours Res. T. G. Orwig

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Hon Oh Slifer

[Camp Griffin, Va.] [Dec. 31-1861]

Hon. Eli Slifer Sec. Com'wth. Penna.

Dear Sir. I am informed that the men of our Company, (Battery E. 1st Pa. Art'y.) have transmitted a petition to His Excellency, Gov. A. G. Curtin, praying for my promotion. They have done so upon their own responsibility. I cannot help but feel flattered for this expression of their friendship and confidence. But the interests of our Battery and the success of our cause will be my best pleasure, and I do not desire my name to be in the way of any one better qualified for the position. If however I am deemed worthy of the honor and trust this desire to place upon me, I will accept the same and do the best I can.

Our Company numbers, at present,

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one hundred and twenty one, rank and file—only two Com. officers—Lieut. A. W. Minnich and myself—and we greatly feel the need of the vacancies occasioned by the resignations of Capt. J. M. Barr, and 2nd Lieut. John Harder, being immediately filled. We have many men of good character and intelligence in our Company and some whom I deem worthy of Commissions

Since the discharge of Col. Campbell and being detached from Gen. M. Calls Division, no one here has taken the authority to order an election.

I respectfully submit this information for the benefit of all concerned.

Very Respectfully Yours &c. Lieut. T. G. Orwig

Camp Griffin Va. Dec. 31-1861

Hon. Eli Slifer.

(Suplicate) Camp Griffin, Va. Jan. 15-1862 Gen. Smith, Condy. Sinsion Jin Sir. Last week in pros,-- peet of an election to fill the vacancy of the Captainey of Oratter E. 12 Pa. art; I was given to understand by Capt R. Or arries, Comag. the art; of your Sinian, that Ship Smiths had promised Sieut. A.W. Murpiels that no one under his (minuchin) Command should be alloued to be promoted to fill the vacancy alove named and further that it was your request that I should with draw 'my name god not allow the same to, be used in apposition to Link. S. A. Foster of the 6th Jufanty W. J. a. without a hearing or an offertunity of defense, and therefore do heret most respectfully request to be informed (if the request is not inconsistent with miliatary sules or gentleman know) who represented me to you and was made the grounds of berry Vichelfuth your ObdA. Serrant Gin Smith Comaz Swision Paint. J. G. Onig Batter, &. 12 Pa arts.

(Duplicate)

Camp Griffin, Va. Jan. 15 - 1862

Gen. Smith, Comd'g. Division.

Sir. Last week in prospect of an election to fill the vacancy of the Captaincy of Battery E. 1st Pa. Art'y. I was given to understand by Capt. R. B. Ayres, Comd'g. the Art'y. of your Division, that Gen Smith had promised Lieut. A. W. Minnich that no one under his (Minnich's) Command should be allowed to be promoted to fill the vacancy above named; and further that it was your request that I should withdraw my name and not allow the same to be used in opposition to Lieut. S. A. Foster of the 6th Infantry U. S. A.

I feel that I have thus been condemned without a hearing or an opportunity of defense, and therefore do hereby most respectfully request to be informed (if the request is not inconsistent with military rules or gentlemanly honor) who represented me to you and was made the grounds of this seemingly, singular proscription?

Very Respectfully Your Obdt. Servant Lieut. T. G. Orwig Battery E. 1st Pa Arty.

Gen Smith Comd'g Division

Friend Slifer Va. Jan. 13- 1862 yours of the Ind inst. was reed, on the 9th Allow me to thank you for the friendly interest you have manifested for my advancement grow the date of my connection with the Slifer Guards, and to address you in a familiar way in regard to my present position and future prospects. There seems to be a Jealousy between Regulars in authority and bolunteer officers and a quarrel about our arty. Regt. Col. Campbell so. of which you are undout t. edly anare. I feel that I have been affect. =ed by this and to some extent imposed whom and feel that it would be compromising my honor as an officer and a guilteman to sul-= mit without an effort to defend my rights and our Company. In my former letter I expressed my feelings in regard to my

asire for promotion. I have not changed. anything honorable to promote the good of our Battery and our cause will be satisfac-- tony to me. I will not stand in the way of a letter man if he is fairly presented. Lient. Minnich now in Command of our Batty, who is illiterate immoral intemperate and ungentlemany, and against whom I prefered Charges today, made every effort his with suggested to gain the captainey and when he descovered very effort fulth he abandoned his object and determined to prevent any one his his inferior in rank to be promoted to Command him. I enclose a dufficate note I sent to You. mitho betay with a view of discovering wheth-- I have not been grossly misrepresented and of making the You's letter acquaintance. If he really work the position implied in the note I think I can prove it indefensible. An election was verbally ordered by Capit. ayres last nech and the name of Sunt. S.A. Faster of the Gu Jufanty U.S. a. presented and recommended. When the time arrived the elect.

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Camp Griffin, Va. Jan 15 1862

#### Friend Slifer

Yours of the 2nd inst. was recd. on the 9th

Allow me to thank you for the friendly interest you have manifested for my advancement from the date of my connection with the <u>Slifer Guards</u>, and to address you in a familiar way in regard to my present position and future prospects.

There seems to be a jealousy between Regulars in authority and Volunteer officers and a quarrel about our Art'y. Regt. Col. Campbell &c of which you are undoubtedly aware. I feel that I have been affected by this and to some extent imposed upon and feel that it would be compromising my honor as an officer and a gentleman to submit without an effort to defend my rights and our Company. In my former letter I expressed my feelings in regard to my

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desire for promotion. I have not changed. Anything honorable to promote the good of our Battery and our cause will be satisfactory to me. I will not stand in the way of a better man if he is fairly presented.

Lieut. Minnich, now in command of our Battery, who is illiterate, immoral, intemperate and ungentlemanly, and against whom I prefered charges today, made every effort his wits suggested to gain the Captaincy and when he discovered every effort futile he abandoned his object and determined to prevent any one his his inferior in rank to be promoted to Command him. I enclose a duplicate note I sent to Gen. Smith today with a view of discovering whether I have not been grossly misrepresented and of making the Gen's better acquaintance. If he really took the position implied in the note I think I can prove it indefensible. An election was verbally ordered by Capt. Ayres last week and the name of Lieut. S. A. Foster of the 6th Infantry U. S. A. presented and reccommended. When the time arrived the elect

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I was first to congratulate Foster and felt satisfied until the fraud was discovered and evidence of interference by the way of threats, reported to me by the men who felt most disappointed. Foster left immediately upon the announcement of the result and before the voters and tallies were compared. I was favorably impressed with Foster and feel almost certain he will not accept

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the command under such circumstances. But I am told Capt. Ayres has ordered him to report and take command. I consulted Gen. M. Call and have his advice how to proceed in the event Foster is ordered and takes command. Fosters actions, after being informed of the circumstances, will be my index to his character, and if he disappoints me I will rather resign than be under his command. If he proves himself a gentleman I will be his friend, and if he is commissioned lend him all the aid I can in successfully commanding our Battery.

I deem this a private communication, yet have no objections it used officially at your discretion.

Gratefully Yours to Command Lieut. T. G. Orwig

Hon. Eli Slifer

012-003 Hon Eli Slifer Defin. I addreped a letter by you on the 13th Jariy. Concerning our Battery, Officers, bacancies So. - Presuming that you received the same and that you are fully informed upon the subject of officers for Ballery "6" 1st Penna, arty. "allow me to present my claims in a semi-official and friendly manner. On the 30-Jany. Lieux A.W. Minnich Coundy on Battery was ordered under arrest - has siner been Court mon. = tialed and is now anaiting sentence. I think he will be dismissed the service. On the same day I was ordered to tak. Command of the Battery and have Continued in Com-= mand ever since. At the time of our dection fare and when I would be you, I fell diffident and a want of self Confidence and would have been well satisfied with Liend. Forter who is a Work Point Graduate of he would have been fairly Chosen as om Captain. I never made asked a man to tole for me or made any effort to gain the position sare by bying to learn, and he do my duties and to merit promotion. Now however, Since my experience as Commander I feel more self-Confident and hally begin to think the position is due me,

the furtherance of my claims. When you remember that one Capt. and four Sient. are usually allowed to a Battery, and that I am now the only Commensioned officer on duty, belowing to our Batter You will see the neccessity of doing something for my relief from too nuch labor by the filling of at least several of the ta-Cancies existing. I mote to May. West, who is now in Command four Regt. requesting an order for an election. But To has never replied. There is no one in our Darsion ( gen. Smiths) who will take the responsibility of ordering another election Please present those facts to His Excellency you. Curtin as Showing the necessity of some action required to promote the good of the service. Was there ever any return forwarded & your Separt-ment of the election held in Battery "O" 1st Pa. arty: on Sunday Jany. the 12-1862! How Ohi Shifer Jun Oledient Seriant How Ohi Shifer Jun Oledient Seriant See. of Committed On Gooding Battery "E" 12 On arty P.S. I close in the midet of great excitement - the droming of Cannon and the Shouting of thousands of men - in honor of our great vielon, at Fort Donnelson.

Camp Griffin, Pa. Feb. 17 - 1862

#### Hon. Eli Slifer

Dr. sir. I addressed a letter to you on the 15th Jan'y. concerning our Battery, Officers, Vacancies &c. — Presuming that you received the same and that you are fully informed upon the subject of Officers for Battery "E." 1st Penna. Art'y. allow me to present my claims in a semi-official and friendly manner.

On the 30 – Jan'y. Lieut A. W. Minnich Comd'g. our Battery was ordered under arrest—has since been court martialed and is now awaiting sentence. I think he will be dismissed the service. On the same day I was ordered to take Command of the Battery and have continued in Command ever since.

At the time of our <u>election farce</u> and when I wrote to you, I felt diffident and a want of self confidence, and would have been well satisfied with Lieut. Foster, who is a West Point Graduate, if he would have been fairly chosen as our Captain. I never <del>made</del> asked a man to vote for me or made any effort to gain the position save by trying to learn, and to do my duties, and to merit promotion. Now however, since my experience as commander I feel more self-confident <u>and</u> really being to think the position is due me, and therefore feel emboldened to ask your favor in the

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the furtherance of my claims.

When you remember that one Capt. and four Lieut. are usually allowed to a Battery, and that I am now the only Commissioned Officer on duty, belonging to our Battery, You will see the neccessity of doing something for my relief from too much labor, by the filling of at least several of the vacancies existing. I wrote to Maj. West, who is now in Command of our Regt. requesting an order for an election But he has never replied. There is no one in our Division (Gen. Smiths) who will take the responsibility of ordering another election. Please present those facts to His Excellency Gov. Curtin as showing the necessity of some action required to promote the good of the service.

Was there ever any return forwarded to your Department of the election held in Battery "E". 1st Pa. Art'y. on <u>Sunday</u> Jan'y. the 12 - 1862?

Very Respectfully Your Obedient Servant T. G. Orwig 1st Lieut. Comd'g. Battery "E" 1st Pa. Arty.

Hon. Eli Slifer Sec. of Com'wth. Pa.

P.S. I close in the midst of great excitement—the booming of Cannon and the shouting of thousands of men—in honor of our great victory at Fort Donnelson.

Camp They Week Washington D.G. Tuesday night, mch. 4- 1862 Hon. Cli Slifer Sieg. of the Commonwealth of the 19the Fely was duly red. - much obliged for your profined aid in behalf of my promotiony. Cur Battery has transferred from Chuth Division to Gul. Reyes. I moved from Camp miffin Va. to our present Mation. on lack Thursday. Then I arrived here and foined Batteries "6" "D' & He' of our Reg. Commanded by map. West I found everything planned for our reorganization. Jesterday from he cleeted a Captain Theodore Miller the Adgh. of our Reg. He has eight years of ex--periever and is a farorite of Gen. Barrys To May. Weats. He is formerly from Pottsiile To Phia, and frined Capt Barry's (now Jun!) Battery eight years ago. He rose to the rank of Sergh. major in the regular army and from there to a Lienterreger in our Regt. and then to adjulant, and now to the Captainer of Battery G" I think he is letter qualified by experime for the position than I am and I cheerfully gielded my claims in his farm and proposed to the Company to elect him by acclemation which mandone. Yesterday he exchanged our & par. Guns for rifled Ranot guns is a Howetyn and When you Reyes Division mores, Which is expected every day, we will be in the field again. Very Respectfully yours se.

Camp Key West Washington D.C. Tuesday night Mch. 4 - 1862

Hon. Eli Slifer Sec'y. of the Commonwealth

Dr. sir. Your kind letter of the 19th Feb'y. was duly recd.—Much obliged for your profered aid in behalf of my promotion.

Our Battery was transfered from Smith Division to Genl. Reyes. I moved from Camp Griffin Va. to our present station on last Thursday. When I arrived here and joined Batteries "C" "D" & "H." of our Reg. Commanded by Maj. West I found everything planned for our reorganization. Yesterday morn we elected a Captain Theodore Miller, the Adgt. of our Reg. He has eight years of experience, and is a favorite of Gen. Barrys & Maj. Wests. He is formerly from Pottsville & Ohia. and joined Capt. Barry's (Now Genl.) Battery eight years ago. He rose to the rank of Sergt. Major in the regular army and from there to a Lieutenancy in our Regt. and then to Adjutant, and now to the Captaincy of Battery "E". I think he is better qualified by experience for the position than I am and I cheerfully yielded my claims in his favor and proposed to the Company to elect him by acclamation which was done. Yesterday he exchanged our 6 pdr. Guns for rifled Parrot Guns & a Howitzer and when Gen. Keyes Division moves, which is expected every day, we will be in the field again.

Very Respectfully Yours &c. Lieut. T. G. Orwig

Camp var James River Tang Hon Oh Shifer Co. A" 14 Pa arty has left a vacancy in our regiment. I believe have the honor to be the Ben. Maient. of the regiment and am entitled to the place by the regular hive of promotion. My greatest miliatary ambition is to crush the rebellion of do not write to urge my claims for promotion. But as you will remember I resigned my claims for the capitaincy of Battery "E" you hight infer I would do so again. To inform you upon this point is my object now. An well acquainted with the men of Battery "A" and Know them to be tried and the good and have as any in our army. If the Command of the Battery is given to me fuill with great pleasure do my almost to maintain the good name of the Battery which non "Dranesville" for our Flag and done such tet inaluable service at the chamicsville. The loss of so good a man and officer as Caft Baston is inepairable. No one can hope to fill his place fully. He was loved and almost norshiped by his men. The loss of his guns is only a matter of dollars and cts. They were almost northless normout by rapid and continued firing. Our one hundred men, I am informed, are reported present for duty. With new guns and a commander the Battery can again te made a terror to our enemies. I know others are amlition for the command I have nothing to say in disparagement of their claims. Please represent me to the appointing authority. My health Continues excellent. Still hopeful of a final triumph and a speedy restoration of the lunion & remain as en Jun to. J. G. Onvig 1th Lient 1 Pa. arty. P.R. C.

Camp near James River, Va. July 8th 1862

#### Hon. Eli Slifer

Dr sir. The fall of Capt. Easton of Co. "A" 1st Pa. Arty. has left a vacancy in our regiment. I believe I have the honor to be the Gen. 1st Lieut. of the regiment and am entitled to the place by the regular line of promotion. My greatest miliatary ambition is to crush the rebellion. I do not write to urge my claims for promotion. But as you will remember I resigned my claims for the Captaincy of Battery "E." you might infer I would do so again. To inform you upon this point is my object now.

I am well acquainted with the men of Battery "A" and know them to be tried and true—good and brave as any in our Army. If the Command of the Batery is given to me I will with great pleasure do my utmost to maintain the good name of the Battery which won "Dranesville" for our Flag and done such <del>val</del> invaluable service at Mechanicsville.

The loss of so good a man and officer as Capt. Easton is irrepairable. No one can hope to fill his place fully. He was loved and almost worshiped by his men. The loss of his guns is only a matter of dollars and cts. They were almost worthless—worn out by rapid and continued firing. Our one hundred men, I am informed, are reported present for duty. With new guns and a commander the Battery can again be made a terror to our enemies. I know others are ambitious for the command. I have nothing to say in disparagement of their claims. Please represent me to the appointing authorities.

My health continues excellent. Still hopeful of a final triumph and a speedy restoration of the Union, I remain as ever

Yours &c. T. G. Orwig 1st Lieut. 1st Pa. Arty. P. R. V. C.

Head Quarters Battery" B". 1st. Perna, Arty, Mar Williamsburg 1a, August 27th. 1863. Friend Slifer Orfir. Enclosed & transmith a recommendation for the promotion of my trother. I am not anare of the formal-ities that may now be required, and if such a recommendation is not sufficient, please ad-= vise me concerning the same. Sient. Wick's dismissal was published in the this figures of the 20th inst. but no of-= ficial notice of it has get reached me. May Brother is entitled to the position by New (our Sergh. Mafor is promoted) and also by qualifications and I most respectfully request your favor in procuring his promotion ... Hoy Eli Sliper Jours T. G. Ornig Sich Common Mth Capt. Inthe Raity. Hamsburg Pa,

Head Quarters Battery "E." 1st. Penna. Art'y. Near Williamsburg, Va. August 27th, 1863.

Friend Slifer

Dr. sir.

Enclosed I transmit a recommendation for the promotion of my brother. I am not aware of the formalities that may now be required and if such a recommendation is not sufficient, please advise me concerning the same.

Lieut. <u>Wick's</u> dismissal was published in the <u>Phia. Inquirer</u> of the 20th inst. but no official notice of it has yet reached me.

My Brother is entitled to the position by rank (our Sergt. Major is promoted) and also by qualifications and I most respectfully request your favor in procuring his promotion.

Very Respectfully Yours &c. T. G. Orwig Capt. 1st Pa. Arty.

Hon. Eli Slifer Secy. Commonwth Harrisburg Pa.

012-0017 Head Quarters Battery" &" Ist. Perm & arty. Near Williamsburg, Fa, Sept. 32 1863. Hon Eli Slifer Decy. Commonwealth, Prima. Let inst is received. Enclosed please find a recommen-edation in which is Contained the date or information required. The appointment required. The appointment or Commission of my Bro. should in accordance thereto date from the 19th. day of Suly 1863. I certainly feel a great interest in the Contest at home and feel, anxions for the result. I senta letter to hepro. Morden & Cornelius for publication in the Chroniele giving a soldiers tiews upon the present political parties, platforms and Standard-bearers. In any way that I can aid the Cause I am yours to command. Very Respectfully Jours Sc. J. G. Onig Capt. Ist. Pa. arty.

Head Quarters Battery "E" 1st. Penna Arty. Near Williamsburg, Va. Sept. 3rd 1862.

Hon. Eli Slifer Sec'y. Commonwealth, Penna

Dr. sir. Yours of the 1st. inst. is received. Enclosed please find a recommendation in which is contained the date, or information required. The appointment or commission of my Bro. should in accordance thereto date from the 19th. day of July 1863.

I certainly feel a great interest in the <u>Contest at home</u> and feel anxious for the result. I sent a letter to Messrs. <u>Worden & Cornelius</u> for publication in the <u>Chronicle</u>, giving a soldiers views upon the present political parties, platforms and Standard-bearers. In any way that I can aid the cause I am yours to command.

Very Respectfully Yours &c. T. G. Orwig Capt. 1st. Pa. Arty.

Herry Hotel Kanieburg, Juma, Fely. 10-1864 Dear Col. morning and we intered starting out in the 1P.M. train for Leureburg and Consequently Cannot call to see you today. I has occurred to me that I night probably by fully as useful on "home duty at this stage of af. to himp "Carley" and myself here on "Special dute," the getting up of the histories of our Perma Regts. as suggested by his Excellency Gon. Curtin I would like to consult you upon the subject. Please levolve the matter in your mind at leisure and he fore I return to yorktown fill seek an interner with you Teny Reefectfully of Homas I Ourig Con Eli blifer & Capt. 1th Punk, thety. your Cledient Servand

Herrs Hotel Harrisburg, Penna. Feb'y. 10–1864

Dear Col.

Mrs. Orwig is unable to walk out this morning and we intend starting out in the 1 P.M. train for Lewisburg, and Consequently I cannot call to see you today.

It has occurred to me that I might probably be fully as useful on "<u>home duty</u>" at this stage of affairs and that an arrangement might be made to bring "Harley" and myself here on "<u>Special</u> <u>duty</u>"

If no arrangement has yet been made for the getting up of the histories of our Penna. Regt's. as suggested by his Excellency Gov. Curtin, I would like to consult you upon the subject. Please resolve the matter in your mind at leisure and before I return to Yorktown I will seek an interview with you.

Very Respectfully Your Obedient Servant Thomas G. Orwig Capt. 1st Penna. Art'y.

Hon. Eli Slifer Sec'y Comwth.