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Publishers' Exchange Philada. }  
Jan. 16<sup>th</sup> 1861 }

Hon. C. Slifer, Sec. of Comm. & Atty.

Dr. Sir. I have had some correspondence in regard to furnishing Mr. Roush at Leesburg, 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 gave 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. Craig

Hon. C. Slifer }

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Philadelphia April 16th - 1861

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Sec. of the Commonwealth

Dr. Sir, I am

a member of the "Union Cavalry" of Union Co. Pa. and wrote to John Hayes Esq. of the Troop, early last week, moving that the services of the same be 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 capacity 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 military affairs at this time.

Yours Obedtly.

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address

Box 1298

Philadelphia,



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

Col. Sifer

Sr. 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 times, by one, two, or more at a time.

But I presume you cannot readily make one "pass" answer such an accomodating <sup>purpose</sup> ~~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 Phila, tomorrow night and return here Sunday night, to be ready for business on Monday morn.

Encourage Chamberlin. I think I can bring a good number of good men on Monday.

Yours Res. J. G. Craig



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Yours Res.  
T. G. Orwig

Hon. Eli Slifer }  
Sec. Comwth. Penna. }

Dear Sir. I am informed that the men of our Company, (Battery C. 1<sup>st</sup> 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 they desire to place upon me, I will accept the same and do the best I can. Our Company numbers at present,



one hundred and twenty one, rank and  
file - only two Com. Officers - Lieut.  
A. W. Minnick and myself - and we great-  
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by the resignations of Capt. J. M. Barr,  
and 2<sup>d</sup> Lieut. John Harder, being im-  
-mediately filled. We have many men of  
good character and intelligence in our  
Company and some whom I deem wor-  
-thy of Commissions.

Since the discharge of Col. Campbell  
and being detached from Gen. M. Call's  
Division, no one here has taken the author-  
-ity to order an election.

I respectfully submit this informa-  
-tion for the benefit of all concerned.

Very Respectfully  
Yours &c.

Camp Griffin Va. } Lieut. T. G. Orwig  
Dec. 31-1861 }

Hon. Ch. Sifer

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

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Sec. Com'wth. Penna.

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(Duplicate)

Camp Griffin, Pa. Jan. 15 - 1862

Gen. Smith, Comdg. Division.

Sir, Last week in prospect of an election to fill the vacancy of the Captaincy of Battery E. 1<sup>st</sup> Pa. Art. I was given to understand by Capt. R. B. Ayres, Comdg. the Art. of your Division, that Gen. Smith had promised Lieut. A. W. Munnich that no one under his (Munnich'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 6<sup>th</sup> Infantry U. S. A.

I feel that I have thus been condemned without a hearing or an opportunity of defence, 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

Gen. Smith,  
Comdg. Division

} Your Obedt. Servant  
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Battery E. 1st Pa Arty.

Gen Smith  
Comd'g Division



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Camp Griffin, Va. Jan. 13-1862  
Friend Stifer

Yours of the 2<sup>nd</sup> inst. was  
recd. on the 9<sup>th</sup>

Allow me to thank you for the friendly  
interest you have manifested for my ad-  
vancement from the date of my connection  
with the Stifer 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 volunteer officers  
and a quarrel about our Artz. Regt. Col.  
Campbell &c. of which you are undoubt-  
-edly aware. I feel that I have been affect-  
-ed by this and to some extent imposed upon  
and feel that it would be compromising my  
honor as an officer and a gentleman to sub-  
-mit without an effort to defend my rights  
and our Company. In my former letter  
I expressed my feelings in regard to my

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 preferred 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 letter acquainted.

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 recommended. When the time arrived the elect.



election was indefinitely postponed. On last Sabbath eve Capt. Ayres appeared and introduced Foster and ordered the election ~~im-~~mediately to be held after supper. Seeing it an improper time I remained silent and took no part whatever in the farce which ensued.

Three Officers of the Cameron Dragoons, whom I never met before, were brought by Lieut Minnich, and they held the election - allowing the men to vote for a Capt. & a Lieut. at the same time and putting the ballots together in one box.

The result was as follows. List of voters 109  
ballots for Capt. - Foster 57 - Craig 54 - Campbell 2 - Total 113 - four more than voters - for Lieut 103, Serjt. John Hasler receiving the majority.

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 ballots were compared. I was favorably impressed with Foster and feel almost certain he will not accept

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Gen. McCall and have his advice how to  
proceed in the event Foster is ordered and  
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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 Communica-  
-tion, yet have no objections it used  
officially at your discretion.

Gratefully Yours to Command

Hon.  
Ch. S. Sipe

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Jan 14/62  
J. G. Orin



Camp Griffin, Va. Jan 15 1862

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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



Camp Griffin, Pa. Feb. 17-1862

Hon Eli Stifer

Dear Sir. I addressed a letter to you on the 13<sup>th</sup> 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." 1<sup>st</sup> Penna. Arty. allow me to present my claims in a semi-official and friendly manner.

On the 30<sup>th</sup> Jan'y. Lieut A. W. Minnich Comdg. 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 election faree 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 ~~made~~ 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 and boldly begin to think the position is due me, and therefore feel emboldened to ask your favor in the



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 necessity 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. Smith's.) 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." 1<sup>st</sup> Pa. Art'y. on Sunday Jan'y. the 12-1862?

Very Respectfully

Your Obedient Servant

Hon. Eli Shifer  
Sec. of Com. in Ch. Pa.

S. G. Arwig 1<sup>st</sup> Lieut.  
Comdg. Battery "E." 1<sup>st</sup> Pa. Art'y

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 Sumner.



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.

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

Hon. Eli Sizer  
Secy. of the Commonwealth

Dr. Sir. Your kind letter of the 19<sup>th</sup> Feby. was duly recd. - Much obliged for your proffered aid in behalf of my promotion.

Our Battery was transferred from South Division to Gen. Keyes. 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 Adjt. of our Reg. He has eight years of experience, and is a favorite of Gen. Barry's & Maj. West's. He is formerly from Pottsville & Pa. and joined Capt Barry's (now Genl.) Battery eight years ago. He rose to the rank of Serjt. Major in the regular army and from there to a Lieutenant 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 we exchanged our 6 par. Guns for rifled Parot Guns & a Howitzer and when Gen. Keyes Division moves, which is expected every day, we will be in the field again.

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Lieut. T. G. Orwig



Camp near James River Va }  
July 8<sup>th</sup> 1862 }

Hon. Eli Sifer

Sir. The fall of Capt. Easton of Co. "A" 1<sup>st</sup> Pa. Arty. has left a vacancy in our regiment. I believe I have the honor to be the Sen. 1<sup>st</sup> Lieut. of the regiment and am entitled to the place by the regular line of promotion. My greatest military 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 "C" 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 Battery is given to me I will with great pleasure do my utmost to maintain the good name of the Battery which won "Frankville" for our Flag and done such an invaluable service at Mechanicsville.

The loss of so good a man and officer as Capt. Easton is irreparable. 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. Over 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 authority. My health continues excellent. Still hopeful of a final triumph and a speedy restoration of the Union, I remain as ever

Yours &c. J. G. Orwig 1<sup>st</sup> Lieut  
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Head Quarters  
Battery "B," 1st. Penna. Art'y,  
Near Williamsburg, Pa.)  
August 27th. 1863.

Friend Sifer

Dr. Sir.

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

Lieut. Wick's dismissal was published in  
the Phia. Inquirer of the 20th inst., but no of-  
ficial notice of it has yet reached me.

My Brother is entitled to the position by  
rank (our Sergt. Major is promoted) and also by  
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Very Respectfully

Yours &c.

J. G. Orwig

Capt. 1st Pa. Art'y.

Wm. Eli Sifer

Secy. Common<sup>alty</sup>

Hamstburg Pa.



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Secy. Commonwth  
Harrisburg Pa.

Head Quarters Battery "E" 1st Penn<sup>a</sup> Art'y.  
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