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Dear Sir

I have a little business in the Land office which I would be glad if you would attend to for me. Sometime in 1814 or 1815 a warrant was granted to Joseph Sellers my Father for some 120 or 130 acres of land in Greenwood Township then Mifflin now Juniata County. I wish to obtain a Patent for the same, and do not know will be required to obtain it. See what must be done in order to get the Patent and they issue the Patent I will send the money forthwith to you to pay for it.

truly yours,

James M Sellers

Miffluting March 21. 1857 Col Eli Shifu Dear Su I melose to you a leathfeate of the Register, that letter of Administration were dely Sud to mysy I Davier Carther on the state of my Tather, deed. I preserve this will be enough, when the Patent is spend I will send you the money to pay for the Patrak and the fees, due the office I would like to have it before the fish of April as I have sold the land, truly your frame James M Selley

Dear Sir

I inclose to you a Certificate of the Register that letter of Administrations were duly issued to myself & David Castlers on the estate of my Father, dead. I presume this will be enough. When the Patent is issued, I will send you the money to pay for the Patent and the fees, due the office I would like to have it before the first of April as I have sold the land.

truly your friend

James M Sellers

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Dear Sir

As you reside at the seat of  $\underline{War}$ , and the time seems to have arrived to make an effort I would like to have your candid opinion in relation to the local questions which unfortunately divide old Union County, and whether there is any prospect of the different parties uniting, or if there is any chance for a Whig Candidate for Senator being elected, if there is no chance I will not fight for a nomination with defeat staring me in the  $\underline{face}$ , if otherwise I will fight it to the "Bitter end" let me hear from you soon.

Truly

James M Sellers

Col bli Shipin Dear Fix all I am Convention held . This day appointed, V. D. Sharon Egg Michel Fenk. tooks I M' Condy Representative Confuses, without any unstructions, They are nasonable men and will do nothing hastily or without due reflection, and have The emportance of a thig trumph fully impressed as them, they are personal friends of mine and will be under my contral The Senative Confuce are Some O Evans Benjamin akely & A. M. M'alista, they are more particularly sender my contract than the other, you know some and attely attely will do acry thing I may wish him to do, and will to abledge our abledge you if he own secon my election, by any means, Modedo Thomas Bowns be strong in your county, and would be do better than a man in this county, I have some sough slidding here, but was nomenated on fush ballat. I will have some trance here let me hear from you soon they have affeomera Saturday The 9th day of august

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Dear Sir

Our Convention held this day appointed J. D. Sharon Esq Michael Fenck, & John S McCardy Representative Conferees, without any instructions, they are reasonable men and will do nothing hastily or without due reflection and have the importance of a Whig triumph fully impressed on them, they are personal friends of mine and will be under my control The Senatorial Conferees are Saml O Evans Benjamin Akely & N. W. McAlester, they are more particularly under my control than the others, you know Evans and Akely – Akely will do any thing I may wish him to do, and will to oblidge me can oblidge you if he can secure my election, by any means, Would Thomas Bowen be strong in Your County, and would he do better than a man in this county, I had some rough sledding here, but was nominated on first ballot. I will have some trouble here, let me hear from you soon they have appointed Saturday the 9<sup>th</sup> day of August

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for the meeting of the conferees at either Adamburg or Beavertown and both to meet at the same place, if Union County fails. I have made a bad job of it

Truly yours
James M Sellers

Mefflutom Oct. 4 1854 bed bli Slife Dear Sir find it atterty imp assible to be in your place, and may not comenia over will be a matter of no consequence, the have all manner of questions to meet here the worst of the lot is the questions is the Temperon ifee I am Trying to got things into Shape I find that a truiter in the Camp is worse than ten avoured enemin, and I have several here Me doing all we can to make matters work hight, and hope tobe met with a corresponding affort in allo limon y Telegraph me as soon as Lewisburg is Counted aff on Tourday night so that I can Know the worst, telo you buthin luw Mr Freeto that I am a It to ando Mr Doty is not, and let this he Know in the Aughboning Coroneils, Mute to me ando inform me the political sky loaks, till Mulameson, that Doty has always been a letter meny of his bother Semins -Fruly James Mobiller

Dear Sir

I find it utterly impossible to be in your place, and hope my not coming over will be a matter of no consequence, We have all manner of questions to meet here the worst of the lot is the question is the Temperance issue I am trying to get things into shape I find that a <u>traitor</u> in the Camp is worse than ten avowed enemies, And I have several here We doing all we can, to make matters work right, and hope to be met with a corresponding effort in "Old Union." Telegraph me as soon as Lewisburg is counted off on Tuesday night so that I can know the <u>worst</u>. tell your brother in law Mr Frick that I am a K. N. and Mr Doty is not, and let this be known in the Neighbouring Councils, Write to me soon and inform me the political sky looks, tell Wm Cameron that Doty has always been a bitter enemy of his brother Seniors-

Truly James M Sellers

Hamsburg Fely 15.50 Cal Elifa The horskgating committee are under way and is Constituted as follows forder Brown AM Eliver Sivate, Eyster Momp son Bollady House, They have sut for prof Lunduson. Harry Councilly, Dr Jague & Coloni and eller Payton when of Infform we will have some from I am receiving a pufich torent of aller from The anh Division men protecting against The time of the election and asking that the true may be changed to the October elistion, that there would be

be no time out, and have no Jan expussion, would you men in any went agree to the election ting held in Ochrand, I will Keek you advend on the furtime question I think barren Stock is down, let me han from you soon, Forly younguis James Melley

My Dear Sir

The Investigating committee are under way and is constituted as follows, Jordan, Brown, & McClure Senate, Eyster, Thompson & Lollady House. They have sent for Jno. P Landaden, Harry Connelly, Dr. Jayne, S.C. Swain and Mr Paxton when I suppose we will have some fun. I am receiving a perfect torrent of letters from the Anti Divisions Men protesting against the time of the election and asking that the time may be changed to the October election, that there would be

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be no time out, and hence no fair expression, would your men in any event argue to the election being held in October!

I will Keep you advised on the Senatorial question I think Cameron Stock is down, let me hear from you soon.

Truly your friend James M Sellers

Ramshing Fely 23. 1850 Col Eli The Dem Sir My Dem Sir ble is in the hands af Dr Growford I washed hun to take it out I have it disposed of he may do so a Forumorow, The article in Justina = ays Ledga in letter of the Hani - stregs correspondant tothe autodin the fieling here, and my canded impression is that if the aill now before the Secrete they would Kill it without any hope afred emplin, I wish the infund Thing was sucled, There is nothing nurher in the way of Sunatu I Thunk Canon cannot come in, I am getting cetters by any

mail to cut loose from leavern and instructions from nearly every com -cel in my district, to lane him, what am I to do! did you see the Sentre I af last week there is a mest unguettemathy artist in it among in part at you, own the balance at me, I cannot on what from means, by his corner, I cularly and so do you desire better treatment from him, let me hear from you soon Saw el Lelly

My Dear Sir

The Division bill is in the hands of Dr Crawford I wished him to take it up & have it disposed of he may do so on tommorrow. The article in yesterdays Ledger in letter of the Harrisburg correspondents letter embodies the feeling here and my candid impression is that if the bill now before the Senate they would Kill it without any hope of redemption, I wish the infernal thing was ended, There is nothing new here in the way of Senator I think <u>Cameron cannot curse us</u>, I am getting letters by every

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mail to cut loose from Cameron and instructions from nearly every council in my district, to leave him, what am I to do! did you see the <u>Sentinel</u>" of last week, there is a most ungentlemanly article in it aimed in part at you, and the balance at me, I cannot see what [Green?] means, by his censure. I certainly and so do you deserve better treatment form him. let me hear from you soon

Truly
James M Sellers

Hamsbuy Fely 28 1888 My Dear Si Defor this reacher you you will see doubt have learned. that the Smathed election has bun post pundo, I voled for Camera an every ballot & thought it was sufficiently dem oustrated that he could not be decht, and then votet for the portponement I suppose the friends of Cameron will that I should not have voted as I did on the lash vote, but I felt as if some thing was due to my our self weforch after I had struk to him outh coflending fed dely from the first auch

was sabsfied that no election could be had . I therefore voiced as I did to place myself ught with men who have always sustements me and who have been pracing in letters to me with the significants offusion beware how you wood, can I be sustained with you in The last vote I Know mine teaths of my proble at home well say that achte ught at last my conscern fell better, and I breate easier new means you is his action but he is not a usprunde being, he wister to me that my course is both " meun and contimptably so That you so that I am in warse for them you are the besis in new from selwayson

are here wheat they may do but wil Know som, at me hear from you when Millerin Camora Borras home, as he will no doals like you his mind in the premiss. ( have you filled) all your Cluttships, I have a group fined when would Will to have a strain under you he to the Brother of I Desharon Ey, of Myfliation and would have the least usprande clurship with the smallest Salary - July Sanus de Selley

#### My Dear Sir

Before this reaches you you will no doubt have learned that the Senatorial election has been postponed. I voted for Cameron on every ballot I thought it was sufficiently demonstrated that he could not be elected, and then voted for the postponement. I suppose the friends of Cameron will think that I should not have voted as I did on the last vote, but I felt as if something was due to my own self respect after I had stuck to him with inflinching fidelity from the first, and

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was satisfied that no election could be had. I therefore voted as I did to place myself right with men who have always sustained me, and who have been pouring in letters to me with the significant expression "beware" how you vote, can I be sustained with you in the last vote. I Know nine tenths of my people at home will say that acted right at least my conscious feels better, and I breathe easier [Green?] mentions you in his article but he is not a responsible being, he writes to me that my course is both "mean and contemptable" so that I am in worse fix than you are. The Davison men from Selinsgrove

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are here what they may do but will Know soon, let me hear from you when William Cameron comes home, as he will no doubt tell you his mind in the premises. Have you filled all your Clerkships. I have a young friend who would like to have a situation under you he is the Brother of J. D. Sharon Esq. of Mifflintown and would take the least responsible clerkship with the smallest Salary-

Truly

James M Sellers

Hamistry March 2 1855 bol Eli Slefu My Dear Sir The Division Bull will be passed to day and he signed by the Bovernor, so that the fruits of devision can go to work, and got out then men There is nothing new ein way of W. S. Linator, but as far as d'an learn there is but few dessuling opinions from the course larcan by the majority, I thought I had fully performed all my ablegations to Senin Cameron, and thinks so still, of the men who promised to rote for him had prefuned them promeirs as furth fully as I have down mine, he would have but the Linator

and of they fuled to vate at The time they promised is culturely no funct of mine, I do not Know what may now be done, I feel that I have proposed my overa duty, John W Maynow Ery looks two votes from Common, Centin o Thurkle both think that they have some chance, my own empression is that benten is deado, what Think you? I suha entreu som days me to AP, Chillary in relation to the Learsbury Bend do you Know whether he has answered it yet, I am about bird voting for Bunks, and wish min evas disposed, at me herform you often Laws a Liller

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### Harrisburg March 2 1855

Col Eli Slifer

My Dear Sir

The Division Bill will be passed to day and be signed by the Governor, so that the friends of Division can go to work, and get out their men. There is nothing new in way of W. S. Senator, but as far as I can learn there is but few dissenting opinions from the course taken by the majority. I thought I had fully performed all my obligations to Senior Cameron, and think so still, if the men who promised to vote for him had preformed their promises as faithfully as I have done mine, he would have been the Senator

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The committee of the Judiciary have asked to be discharged from the consideration of Mr Geo F Mullins Bill and it has gone to the committee on Rail Road for which [Arugyh?] is chairman and he will Kill the bill if he can, he has promised to hold it over until he either sees or hears from you. I will write to you as soon as I Know what is done in the [preservation?]

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and if they failed to vote at the time they promised is certainly no fault of mine, I do not Know what may now be done. I feel that I have performed my whole duty. John W Maynard Esq took two votes from Cameron. Curtin & Kunkles both think that they have some chance, my own impression is that <u>Curtin is dead</u>. What think you? I sent a [one word illegible] some days since to H. P. Shiller Esq in relation to the Lewisburg Board do you know whether he has answered it yet. I am about tired voting for Boards, and wish mine was disposed, let me hear from you often Truly

James M Sellers

Hamsburg Mach 14/55 Sol Eli Slefer May Dun si I enclose to you a letter hand to me this mente, a sporte to Fregueson in relation to his clutiship, he is well pland and wishes you to une a line to his man Elder, and Auch it tohim and he end sud it to Elda, the reason why he earshes it is that Elder my eent a house, the plumelius are guthing ento Harnsbuy, and I suppor Something is to be done, it The way of electing fearur Janes Modelas

My Dear Sir

I inclose to you a letter handed to me this minute, I spoke to Ferguson in relation to his clerkship, he is well pleased and wishes you to write a line to his man Elden, and send it to him and he will send it to Elden, the reason why he wishes it is that Elder may rent a house. The plunderers are gathering into Harrisburg, and I suppose something is to be done, in the way of electing Senators Truly

James M Sellers

Hamsburg March 26th 55 Ool Eli Thefin Dear sie 230 is before I think when a better State of feeling exist I may get the Bunk Bui through, It was the personal appeals of Dave Vaggait that defeated me, he went round to Lendow Lewis Brown and a number of others, and I have deposed it whispud Cameron to there and then, when I was relying on the procum of men he was getting them to vote against it Levi then the Boomme has begget afme not to call it up, as he would be campled to gretto the Bill much as he might distitue doing so, I entend to vate a guint all Bunks and for a few new counties to please elepen dorden Friet Lewis and athen, until they become deanh I will do the best I can in the Rail Road Bill all ter, has gone home they make us deriver offert to change the Decim law but speak long and bods about fruit tournhault haly your tout Janus Milley

Dear Sir

Your letter of the 23rd is before I think when a better state of felling exists I may get the Bank Bill though. It was the personal appeals of Dave Taggart that defeated me, he went round to Jorden Lewis Brown and a number of others, and I have doubt whispered Cameron to them and then defeated it when I was relying on the promises of men he was getting them to vote against it Since then the Governor has begged of me not to call it up, as he would be compelled to veto the Bill, much as he might dislike doing so, I intend to vote against all Banks and for a few new counties to please Missrs Jorden Frick Lewis and others, until they become decent, I will do the best I can in the Rail Road Bill "Old Nev" has gone home, they made no serious effort to change the Davis line but speak long and loud about "friend & compatriots"

Truly your friend James M Sellers

Mifflinton July 21, 1855 Col Eli Shefu My Dear Si I returned home on Monestelay night by the long of Hamslery but ded not go up town, came in at 11. Oldock and would out at 3, shave not dramed any about Lineshus succe hored you inform me when those Eengin on the mountain are for sule, if you thow, and I you do not Know, enform me when you find out a fruit of none wishes to king James M Sellar

My Dear Sir

I returned home on Wednesday night by the way of Harrisburg but did not go up town, came in at 11 Oclock and went out at 3. <u>Have not dreamed any about Lewisburg since</u> Would you inform me when those Engins on the mountain are for sale, if you know, and if you do not know, inform me when you find out a friend of mine wishes to buy one.

Truly

James M Sellers

(Confidential) Mifflentones Sept 22 1855 My blear her have been from home which is the warm I have not witten to you sooner, The america - Cun Party afther County have now inated or James M Counted and My ofricin is that the bed thing the facty can do in your country would be to normale him by The Order, His dection would sustin our action last writer it Thinks it of your men to cente a joint atte to the Doctor asking huin to sun an na hidefrendent Cue de late I will see The soon, in the mean how propue a little and such it town I saw the Democe I he to fremshed the right Kind of " material and, That your funds

### (Confidential)

Mifflintown Sept 22 1855

My Dear Sir

I have been from home which is the reason I have not written to you sooner. The American Party of this County have nominated Dr. James W Crawford and my opinion is that the best thing the party can do in your county would be to nominate him by the <u>Order</u>. His election would sustain <u>our action last winter</u> I think it would be policy for a number of your men to write a joint letter to the Doctor asking him to run as an Independent Candidate I will see Slifer soon in the mean time prepare a letter and send it to me I saw the Democratic printer here, he will do right if he is furnished the right kind of "Material Aid"

Truly your friend
James M Sellers

April 23 1857 bal Eli Shifen Dember Our Bunk bell has got been signed. and I thoule Ageni Carneron Heald be here. I cannot tice when we sell adjuni but not furome line Traly yenfund Janus M Lellers

Dear Sir

Our Bank bill has not been repaid, and I think Squire Cameron should be here. I cannot tell when we will adjourn, but not for some time

Truly your friend James M Sellers

Alefflutour Dec 10, /50 bal Eli Slefes Dead Sei I have had we word from that money each it come I has a aller last night from Il lowery in which he says he four that Some of the City menters may go for Laggart, & suppose you do work Serian grough for them can you do any dicy more in that quarte, I fell that bathran is the Langues man, I had a latte recipily out he lathere The Mifflin les member

He doct talle as through as his funds do, ha send that as fue as you come concerned he thought & was all right, but he had been told that forch Han cear a good man he is right now, but bachron may make terroad sohne see do not offect folia days he say both Burly Megdon and that they promised to orle right. I presume the election of Herin despesses of him, have you any ween from the dorthe, Truly Las de helen

Dear Sir

I have had no word from that money will it come. I had a letter last night from J M Pomeroy in which he says he fears that some of the City members may go for Taggart. I suppose you do not <u>Scream</u> enough for them can you do any thing more in that <u>quarter</u>. I still think Cochran is the <u>dangerous man</u>. I had a talk myself with Mr {Wetherson?} the Mifflin Co member

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He dont talk as strong as his friends do. he said that as far as you were concerned he thought it was all right, but he had been told that Cochran was a good man he is right now, but Cochran may make inroads where we do not expect. John says he saw both Bursby & Wigdon and that they promised to vote right I presume the election of Keim disposes of him, have you any news from the North?

Truly
Jas M Sellers