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W. M. Sellers

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McConellsburg Oct 1, 1861

Hon Eli Slifer

Sir: On a recent visit to the extreme southern portions of your County (Fulton) I find a strong disposition on the part of the Citizens to form a company to join Gen Thomas' Potomac Brigade. A large number have already been enlisted for that purpose. They prefer to join this Brigade because they do not wish to leave this town which are in an extreme condition, being only 7 ½ miles from the Virginia lines. Could not this company be sworn into the service of Pennsylvania and then transferred to Thomas' Brigade under the Governors proclamation preventing enlistments in others states.

If your time will permit please censure me and I will give them the desired information.

Very Respectfully Yours

W.W. Sellers

Ed. Republicans

McConellsburg Pen



Malcom Mellesby, Oct 14/07

Hon. Eli Slicer

Sec. Commonwealth, Pa.

Dear Sir: The

bearer of this note, Mr. Jas. Pott, of this County, will apply to you for a Commission, under which he desires to recruit for the U.S. Service.

He is a gentleman of excellent character and one of the most energetic and enterprising men in Fulton County. He possesses every qualification for a good soldier and I feel confident that, if accepted in procuring a Commission, he can, by his untiring energy procure a number of recruits - at least

sufficient to entitle
him to the Commission
for which he will ask,
— for any Company or
regiment to which you
may attach him,

I take pleasure
in recommending him
as a gentleman of ste-
ady integrity and entirely
reliable in every par-
ticular.

He is a man to be
trusted.

Very Respectfully
Your Obedt. Servt.

A. M. Sellers

Hon. Eli S. Lippin

Sec. Commissioner
Pennsylvania

McConnellsburg, Oct 14/61

Hon. Eli Slifer

Sec. Commonwealth, Pa

Dr Sir: The bearer of this note, Mr. Jas Pott of this County, will apply to you for a Commission under which he desires to recruit for the U.S. Service.

He is a gentleman of excellent character and one of the most energetic and enterprising men in Fulton County. He possesses every qualification for a good [salarie?] and I feel confident that, if successful in procuring a commission he can, by his untiring energy procure a number of recruits - at least

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I take pleasure in recommending him as a gentleman of sterling integrity and entirely reliable in every particular.

He is a man to be trusted.

Very Respectfully
Your Old Servant

W.W. Sellers

McConnellsburg. Aug. 18/62

Hon. Eli Rife:

Sec. Commonwealth

Sir: At the instance of Col. McClone, I send you the enclosed list of names as suitable persons for enrolling the militia preparatory to the draft, in their respective townships - They are the best men I can think of and I have no doubt they would discharge the duties satisfactorily.

They are all Republicans, except David Frazer of Dublin and James Wishart of Wells. They are good war demerits, and about the only two I can think of in the County. Out of fifty-six volunteers sent from here on the 20th inst, forty nine of them were ~~military~~ Republicans. The demerits, with one or two exceptions, were military.

We have sent (altogether) ~~to~~ nearly four hundred men from Fulton, I think.

Respectfully Yours

W. B. Selley

Townships	Names	Post office
McConnellsburg Bor.	George King	McConnellsburg
Ayr ..	H. H. Deitrich	Webster Mills. Fulton Co
Wells. ..	James Wishart	Wells Farmery Fulton Co
Jodd ..	A. J. Cline	McConnellsburg
Dublin ..	Samuel Fraker	Fort. Littleton. Fulton Co
Taylor ..	Benj. Speck	West Dublin. Fulton Co
Brush Creek ..	John Akers	Akersville Fulton Co
Beefast ..	Thos. Morton	McConnellsburg
Licking Creek ..	G. L. Michaels	Harrisonville. Fulton Co
Bethel. ..	Jacob Bernhard	Warfordsburg. Fulton Co
Thompson	Will H. Powell	Hancock. Maryland

W. W. Sellers
Aug 16/62.

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They are all Republicans except Saml. Fraker of Dublin and James Wishart of Wells. They are good war democrats, and about the only ten I can think of in the county. Out of fifty-six volunteers sent from here in the 9th inst., forty nine of them were Republicans. The Democrats, with one or two exceptions, were missing.

We have sent (altogether) nearly four hundred men from Fulton, I think.

Respectfully Yours,

W.W. Sellers

Townships	Names	Post Office
McConnellsburg Bor.	George King	McConnellsburg
Ayr..	H.H. Deitrich	Webster Mills. Fulton Co.
Wells..	James Wishart	Wells Tannery Fulton Co.
Todd	A.J. Cline	McConnellsburg
Dublin	Samuel Fraker	Fort Littleston Fulton Co.
Taylor	Bay Speek	West Dublin Fulton Co.
Brush Creek	John Akers	Akersville Fulton Co.
Belfast	Thos. Morton	McConnellsburg
Licking Creek	D.L. Michaels	Harrisonville Fulton Co.
Belhil	Jacob Bemhard	Warfordsburg. Fulton Co.
Thompson	Will H. Powell	Hancock Maryland