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Sleus Grove April 14. 1857

Dear Cab

I have just heard that the Leisy RR charter has passed both houses. Is it so & if so in what shape is it. I wish to trouble you with a small matter and will be pleased if you will give it your attention at your earliest convenience. Last fall Mr Aldred who ~~lives~~ whose yard is towards the canal near Eby's Store built a monument for my late brother and I enclose my check on Bury North for No. 15 the balance due him as per statement also enclosed. Mr A lives nearly opposite his yard & I think next door to Meunich Bakery. Please date the enclosed receipts and get him to sign it & return it to me. He holds out a acknowledgment of the debt please send that also. Do not pay till you get that -

Your early attention to the above will much oblige truly yr -

W D Waggoner

Selins Grove April 4 1851

Dear Col

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WF Wagenseller

Philad<sup>o</sup> May 24. 1854

Dear Sir

Much to my mortification I have not yet got through with our business here and cannot get off as I had expected -

I have not yet heard from Harrisburg since I left

Truly yours  
W. H. Burgess

Philada May 4 1854

Dear Sir

Much to my mortification I have not yet got through with our business here and cannot get off as I had Expected -

I have not yet heard from Harrisburg since I left

Truly yours  
WF Wagenseller

Selma Good July 13. 1859  
Dear Sister

Dear Sir

I saw Sumner at the office  
yesterday for a few minutes only but he does  
not say that he will carry out his written as  
well as verbal pledge to go for my re-nomination  
He was non-committal - From some thing that  
I learned last evening I think it likely that he  
will oppose me unless you can show him that  
he is wrong for I learned some days ago  
that he says you would be his friend in  
preference to me - I write you now as he said  
he was going to Harrisburg to be there several  
days & I suppose you will see him -

I mention  
the above that you may know exactly ~~how~~ ~~what~~  
what his feelings are as to you & what he counts on  
but I may say that I do not believe it - I  
write with difficulty my arm being painful  
Mean untow

Truly  
W. W. Wright

of course the idea was that you cared more for his  
& his friends interests than for my re-nomination

Selins Grove July 13, 1859  
Col Slifer

Dear Sir

I saw Jeremiah Kleckner yesterday for a few minutes only but he does not say that he will carry out his written as well as verbal pledge to go for my re-nomination He was non-committal - From some thing that I learned last Evening I think it likely that he will oppose me unless you can show him that he is wrong for I learned some days ago that he says you would be his friend in preference to me - ~~H~~ I write you now as he said he was going to Harrisburg to be there several days & I suppose you will see him-

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We are [one word illegible]

Truly  
WF Wagenseller

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Amos  
Dear Sir  
Selus You May 2, 1861

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Dear Sir

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which we want the advice of Gov Curtiss & his Cabinet -  
- B. J. Struments of the place went with one of your Sons  
by Company (Chamblain I believe) and got as far  
as Perryville - Here he says the Drilling and standing Guard  
were entirely too much for his physical condition  
and he left - He was entirely ignorant of the punishment  
and it seems thought that his leaving would amount to  
but little as there were so many more men than  
could be accepted - but it is for the Parents of this  
Boy that we would speak - They are well enough  
distraught and are urging their friends to assist  
them when in fact we scarcely know how or whether  
it is right to interfere - It is very certain that he  
was entirely ignorant of the consequences & now  
we desire you to bring this matter before Gov Curtiss  
& let us know what if anything can be done  
to relieve his poor distraught Parents - for I verily believe the  
Father will lose his mind if not soon relieved - The mother I have  
not seen nor do I wish to in her deep distress <sup>to</sup> ever



Will you please answer this as soon as  
possible and do as you think right

Yours  
W. H. Reynolds

Dr. J. W. Reynolds  
May 1/61

Selins Grove May 2, 1861  
Col E Slifer

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Truly  
WF Wagenseller

Selins Grove May 13. 1861

Dear Col

We have considerable oats to sell  
and would like if we could sell to the Army  
for there is small sale here for them - Will you  
please put me in the track to do so or  
inform us to whom to write & the address  
- I do not know who the Commissioners are  
either State or General - There can be no  
better oats than we have

Truly  
W. J. Magruder

Have you any knowledge ~~about~~ whether boats  
pass the Tide water Canal without detour

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Selins Grove Sept 20. 1861

Dear Sir

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My nephew Dr Magrussell  
is desirous of serving his country in the Army  
in some other capacity than as a surgeon if such  
place can be found for him if no examination of  
surgeons will soon take place - What is the  
prospect for an early examination of surgeons  
- He has been doing all in his power to get  
men for the army and has aided materially  
in raising men here before & is still at it -  
But he is somewhat indebted and wishes to  
pay that off -

Your early reply will  
much oblige

Truly  
W Magrussell

Ed W. Maguire

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1861

Political matters did not go as  
I wished - The explanation I can  
give when I see you - It was from  
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Selinsgrove Oct 1. 1861

Wm E. Super

Respr.

The bearer of this W<sup>r</sup>B. F. Magaweller, is desirous of an appointment as Surgeon mate in the Volunteer Force of our Commonwealth. He visits Hanisburg with the intention of attending the examination of the board of Surgeons on the 2<sup>nd</sup> inst. As to his qualifications for the appt. I can speak knowingly having been associated with him in practice of medicine & surgery for now nearly 2 years.

In surgery I have every confidence that he will give satisfaction - and in the diseases which are most apt to attack the soldier as ~~the~~ Typhoid, Typhus & Bilious Fevers - as well as Dysentery, Diarrhoea &c he has had sufficient experience to warrant his appt. His success hitherto has been marked. Will you please do us the favor to give him your influence - as well as consult with His Excellency Gov C. and pres. of board Prof A. Smith - My only fears are that his timidity before the



Board may operate against him and that his  
examination might possibly not fairly represent  
him - Mental Superiority might embarrass  
him yet as to fears of physical danger  
you will find few more courageous -

neither  
myself nor uncle can make it suit  
to attend and, as his acquaintance is  
very slight, any favors you may show  
him will be most gratefully acknowledged  
by his friends.

Respectfully Yours  
D. R. Wagonseller

Selins grove Oct 1, 1861

Hon E. Slifer

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Respectfully yours,  
P.R.Wagenseller

Salem Nov Oct 11, 1861  
New Ellipton

Dear Sir

As to the qualifications &c  
of Dr B F Wagonsell I can add nothing to  
what is so well said by Dr P. R. W in the  
letter herewith sub.

From the interest you have  
already manifested in his case I feel  
warranted in asking you to please assist  
him in any way you can.

Could you or  
Gov C. ask Dr. Smith to be lenient with him for  
he is timid - when I ask this I know if passed and  
appointed he will render full satisfaction  
of this I give you my pledge -

I ask this from  
Gov Curtin & yourself as personal favor  
erring we have had nothing yet at the  
hands of either administration

Your attention to  
this will much oblige

Truly yours  
W F Wagonsell

I would go with him but it is out of my  
power

Please hand this to Gov Curtin to read

Selins Grove Oct 1, 1861

Hon E Slifer

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Salem Nov Oct 29. 1861

Dear Sir

Dear Sir

Please excuse me for again  
troubling you - Dr B. F. Waggoner is desirous  
of knowing what his chances are for an appt  
as a surgeon and I do not know to whom  
to apply to ascertain - Will you please  
inform me if you can -

Dr P. R. W. says that some  
appts have been made that ought for the credit  
of the administration not to have been made or  
in other words men have been appt'd who  
do not begin to equal B. F. W. He is personally  
acquainted with a number of such -

Very truly yours,  
W. F. Waggoner

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WF Wagenseller

Balt<sup>n</sup> Washington Wednesday

Dear Sir I met Mr Magraw at the Depot and handed him your letter immediately - He was pleased to hear that you were likely to pass the bill soon - He says he cannot possibly go off now as they are making great preparations for the Convention - But said he would write you - He informed me however that the object was to show the Baltimoreans that the people of the Lucy Valley really wanted the roads and that Packer & Ino Skunkle had promised to speak &c &c This was the substance though I could scarcely get away from him - He is an old acquaintance who I had last sight of or rather did not know that it was the same person - The object is to get the favor up here <sup>20</sup> as to induce the subscription by the City Hospital - I told him what Capt Mitchell had done - - - -

As ever yours  
W. Wagonsell

Balt March 10th Wednesday Evg

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