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## Selins Grove April 4 1851

#### Dear Col

I have just heard that the Susq 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 likes whose yard is towards the canal near [Ebys Stere?] built a monument for my late brother and I enclose my check on BKy North for 160.15 the balance due him as per statement also enclosed. Mr. A lives nearly opposite his yard & I think next door to [Meunch?] Bakery Please date the enclosed receipt and get him to Sign it & return it to me. He holds an acknowledgement 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- WF Wagenseller

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# 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

Selins Grow July 13.1859 Cal Slifer Dearfw 3 Joan Semmahlle Akner yesterday for a few minutes only but he does not say that he will carry out his written or well as verbul pledge to go for my or moments De un non-committel - From some thing that I learned last Every I think I willy that he will appose me unless you can show him that he is wrong for I learned some Lays ago that he says you would be his friend in profesence to me - # Junite you now as he raid he was going to Hamstring to be there several days + Leappor you will see him the above that you may Norm exactly Some # what his feelings areas to your swhat he counts on but I many way that I do not believe it \_ I Wear unter Luly of centre the idea was that you cased more for his this frust extents than for my re-numeration

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 <u>written</u> as well as <u>verbal</u> 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 -  $\frac{1}{2}$  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 H 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

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Truly WF Wagenseller

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Will you please auxure this as som as possible and do as you think ngth Meagmeelles Selins Grove May 2, 1861 Col E Slifer

Dear Sir

A sad case has arisen here about which we want the advice of Gov Curtin & his Cabinet - B. [E. Hursworth] of this place went with one of your {illegible} Companies (Chamberlain I believe) and got as far as Perrysville - 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 the boy that we would speak - They are well nigh distracted and are urging their friends to assist them when in fact we scarcely know how or whether it is right to interfere - He is very certain that he was entirely ignorant of the consequences & now we desire you to bring this matter before Gov. Curtin & let us know what if anything can be done to relieve his poor distracted parents- for I verily believe the Father will lose his mind if not soon released - The mother I have not seen nor do I wish to in her deep distress

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

Truly

WF Wagenseller

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# 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 on 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 WF Wagenseller

Have you any Knowledge about whether boats pass the Lede water Canal without detection

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Selins Grove Sept 20, 1861 Col Slifer Dear Sir

My Nephew Dr Wagenseller Jr is desirous of serving his country in the Army in some other capacity than asst 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 heretofore & is still at it - But he is somewhat indebted and wishes to pay that off-

Your Early reply will much oblige Truly WF Wagenseller

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### Selins grove Oct 1, 1861

Hon E. Slifer

Dear Sir,

The bearer of this Dr B. F. Wagenseller is desirous of an appointment as Surgeons mate in the volunteer Force of the Commonwealth. He visits Harrisburg with the intention of attending the examination of the board of Surgeons on the 2nd 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 solider as the typhoid, typhus & Bilious Fevers- as well as Dysentery Diarrhoea &c &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 prest. of board Prof H. Smith- My only fears are that his timidity before the

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Board may operate against him and that his examination <u>might possibly</u> 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,
P.R.Wagenseller

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### Selins Grove Oct 1, 1861

Hon E Slifer

Dear Sir

As to the qualifications &c of Dr B F Wagenseller I can add nothing to what is so well said by Dr PR W in the letter herewith sent.

From the interest you have already manifested in his case I feel warranted in asking you to please assist him 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 a personal favor seeing we have had nothing yet at the hands of Either administration

Your attention to him will much oblige Truly yours WF Wagenseller

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

Please hand this to Gov Curtin to read

Seling Gran Oct 29, 1861
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Dear for
Pleasing ceen me for again Trubling you - De B. F Wagnesseller is desires as auch lurgen and I do not them touhen to apply to ascertain - hillymplian inform me if you can -DP. R. N. Soys that seme appt, here been made that eight for the cutil of the administration hat to have been made et in other wirds men have bun apple who de not began to Equal B. FM- the is personally acquainte anth a number of such very truly yours MH Wagniselle

## Selins Grove Oct 29, 1861

Hon E Slifer

Dear Sir

Please excuse me for again troubling you- Dr. B.

F. Wagenseller is desirous of knowing what his chances are for an appt as asst surgeon and I do not know to whom to apply to ascertain- Will you please inform me if you can-

D P. R. W. says that some appts. have been made that might for the credit of the administration not to have been made or in other words men have been apptd who do not begin to Equal R.F W- he is personally acquainted with a number of such-

Very truly yours WF Wagenseller Dearful I mit Mr Magnew at the Defort and handed him your letter immeteately - Her way pleased to hear that you were likely to pass the bill hem. He vays he cannot have bly goup now on they are making great preparation for the Convention - But haid he would write you. He informed me herowar that the object was to show the Waltemorrum that the poeple of the Lucy vally welly wanted the words and that Packer & mookenthe had premund to Speak to te This was the Substance Meryla I could searcely got away from him - It is an old adjuantance who I had last sight of go rather did not Rown that it was the same person - The abject is to get the from up here to as to induce the subscription by the lety Hapitalist - I tota him what fact mith had den -- de an Ever your le

#### Dear Col

I met Mr. Magraw at the Depot and handed him your letter immediately-he was pleased to hear that you were likely to hear the bill soon. He says he cannot possibly go up 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 Baltimorean that the people of the Lucy valley really wanted the road and that Packer & Mr C Kunker 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 lost sight of or rather did not Know that it was the same person - The object is to get the fiver up here so as to induce the subscription  $\{?\}$  by the City Hospitality- I told him what Capt Matt had deni\_\_\_ & \_

As Ever yours WF Wagenseller