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Schenck Green July 30. 1862

Gov. Curtiss
or Secy. Soper

Dr B. J. Wagonseller just returned
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in such a state that he desires to be kept in this
State for a month or two - If this can be done
we will all esteem it a great favor; if
not it will be exceedingly unpleasant to both himself
& family - Please try to accommodate us under
the circumstances - You doubtless need persons
at some of the encampments in the State where
we could take his wife with him -

Will you
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Truly
W. Wagonseller

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Selins Grove July 30, 1862

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of the encampments in the State where he could take his wife with him -

Will you

please write me immediately & oblige

Truly,
WF Wagenseller

Silvers Cross Aug 7, 1862

Mr. Ellis

Dear Sir

I wrote you last evening by Mr. P. Schuch and just now have a letter from Middlebury that Capt. Ryan will probably have 120 men - Please send transport for that number & if not needed it will not be used -

Our people are becoming wild with excitement & I think we will have another company up before 15th - our store is clerkless My son & other clerks all going -

In haste Truly
W. F. Maguire

I think Dr. B. F. Maguire could go as assistant Surgeon for the Regiment in which our Company is to go - We would also like to furnish a Chaplain

Will you not help us - The Company will leave here on Saturday morning

I expect to be down on Monday - can you send me a pass

Selins Grove Aug 7, 1862

Hon E Slifer

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Selous Green Aug. 8. 1862

Dear Col,

In reply of Mr B Schoch's letter yesterday relative to minors I went to Middleburg last night & returned about 12 o'clock at night - Our Company is more than full & must be weeded here

Mr Schoch said you desired ~~them~~ our Company to inform you on their arrival at Harrisburg for which we thank you and I now inform you that they will leave here tomorrow (Saturday) to be at Harrisburg by the regular A. C. Train -

We will depend on you to have them met at the depot and also please have quarters assigned them first because you drew it & next we knew not to whom else to apply

Truly yours
W. Magruder

Selins Grove Aug 8, 1862

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Truly yours
WF Wagenseller

Selous Grove Augt. 15. 1862

Ans. Eliza

Dear Sir

Last evening Fredk Gundrum
showed Capt Ryan & others of us a recommendation
for Quarter master of our Regiment signed by Geo Hill
Judge Jordan. Packens & myself being stating that he
was a man of good moral character &c &c
I presume you know Fred both as to drinking
& other bad habits and will not appoint him but
if you have any such idea let us know & we his neigh-
bors will show what his moral character
is for in more things than one & especially as
regards women & whiskey - He was so drunk
last evening that he was unable to stand straight
- I will not procure any names to this or take any
other steps in the matter unless you think it
necessary for us to do so to prevent his app't.

I will be glad to hear how you have fared our Regiment
If not yet formed please let us know when it is likely to be formed - for one of
us would like to be down to help make a chaplain - we do not
want Fred app'd under any circumstances

Truly yours
W. H. Magalloway

Selins Grove August 15, 1862

Hon E Slifer

Dear Sir

Last evening Fredk Gundrum showed Capt Ryan & others of us a a recommendation for Quarter Master of our Regiment signed by Geo. Hill Judge Jordan, Packers Darraugh &c stating that he was a man of good moral character &c &c I presume you knew Fred both as to drinking & other bad habits and will not appoint him but if you have any such idea let us know & we his neighbors will show what his moral character is ~~for~~ in more things than one & especially as regards Women & Whiskey - He was so drunk last Evening that he was unable to stand straight

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Truly yours
WF Wagenseller



Selous Gap Aug 18, 1862

Hon Esq

Dear Sir

I neglected to mention one fact that Mr Gumbeling recruited more men for our Company than any other man except Capt Ryan - He got at least 25 or 30 men which will according to your ^{regulations} ~~regulations~~ entitle him to a 2nd Lieutenancy in Capt Ryan's Company =

Moreover I learn that Jeremiah Snyder was under the influence of liquor on several occasions ^{at our camp & often upon} and had bought whiskey for the men on the day they were examined by the Surgeons - Mr Ben Schoch told me that Snyder had admitted ~~to him~~ that he did buy whiskey for the men on the day of examination - I mention these facts ~~that~~ for the consideration of the Dept -

How you
sent the names of the men to Marshall Mendenhall?
Truly
W H Russell

Selins Grove Aug 18, 1862

Hon E Slifer

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Have you sent the names of the men to Marshall Murdock ?

Truly

WF Wagenseller

Sevier Govr Aug 22. 1862
Honble Secy of Amrth

The bearer
Rev C W Sanders was appointed Chaplain
of the 131st Regiment by Col Allabach
and calls upon you for his commissions as
I believe they are all made out in your dept.
Should Col A. have ^{filed} overruled the papers in
the case that there can be no delay I state
that he appointed Mr Sanders to be Chaplain
in my presence - indeed I think you are aware
of the fact.

Respectfully
W Hagnselle

Selins Grove Aug 22, 1862

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WF Wagenseller

Selinsgrove Sept 22. 1862

Dear Sir

I send a letter from the wife of my father who is
well nigh distracted - I do not know where it will
reach him - Please send it to him -

Please say to
me when they are and when letters will reach them
and what prospect there is of their return soon
- What is their Regt & Company letters =

How you anything
further as Dr B. F. Wagners promotion

Truly yours
W. F. Wagners

Selins Grove Sept 22, 1862

Dear Sir

I send a letter from the wife of my partner who is well nigh distracted- I do not know where it will reach him- Please send it to him-

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further as to Dr B. F Wagensellers promotion

Please say to me where

Have you anything

Truly yours
WF Wagenseller

Salem Mass Oct. 18/62

Mr. Estlin

Dear Sir

Your telegram was recd yesterday -

I went to Middlebury immediately & had the promise of a considerable maj^y of the Judges to go for adjourning till Tuesday in Nov & soon after they met & did pass the resolution to do so - after which the President David Sewall permitted Jack Cummings to get up and make an inflammatory harangue as to subverting of the decisions of the Sup. Ct. - the result was after all we could do was that they signed the Returns or what ever they are called - after appointing return judges to meet at Middlebury next Tuesday for Representatives and also to meet at Surrency for Congress no time fixed for that - they passed a resolution to meet at Middlebury on 2 Tues of Nov to receive the Army Vote - what all this will amount to I do not know unless the return judges can be prevented from meeting - if this will you please inform Col Patterson & other interested so they may govern themselves accordingly - I presume you know when he is

In haste Truly
W. W. Bagwell

Selins Grove Oct. 18/62
Hon E Slifer

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In haste Truly
WF Wagenseller

Salem Nov Oct 21, 1862

Dear C. S. S. S.

Dear Sir

At the time that Capt Ryan's
Company was at Harrodsburg and certain charges were
made against Jeremiah Snyder 2^d Lieut Do you not
remember that you told me that if I could endorse
those charges in writing that Mr Snyder should not
be commissioned. ^{& he that recognized as an officer} ~~that a new election would be ordered~~

Your early reply will oblige me and
for I am sure you remember what I have stated
to be correct

Very truly yours
W. Maguire

Selins Grove Oct 21, 1862

Hon E Slifer

Dear Sir

At the time that Capt Ryans Company was at Harrisburg and certain charges were made against Jeremiah Snyder 2ⁿ Lieut do you not remember that you told me that if I would endorse those charges in writing that Mr. Snyder should not be commissioned & he not recognized as an officer ~~& that a new election would be ordered~~

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WF Wagenseller

Salem June 18. 1863

Dear Sir

We have various reports from our 131st Regt
one is that they are to be mustered out about the last of
the month at Leesylvania - Another that the Army
of the Potomac is in motion &c &c Will you
please let me have any information you may be
possessed of in the premises -

~~then~~ Some members
of our ^{Co} F of 131 Regt - (our Lynch County Co) write me
that they hear that those Companies are intended
as Post Guard in different counties & if so they
Co F, would like to protect our County. How is
this - We would like them to have it -

Truly yours
W. Maginnell

Selins Grove Apl 18, 1863

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Truly yours
WF Wagenseller

Selma Groen Sept 10. 1860

Dear Madam

I have been expecting to see you for some time past - but cannot as yet & must write - we wish you to plead all your influence with our friend Mr Butler to our meeting at Middlebury on Sunday the 29th inst we will want him if possible if he cannot come send us Mr ^{and} Johnson or some other Democrat - But Butler will do best - You should also urge up the payment of the ensalving & other officers fees for the first draft for many persons are interested who can ill afford to wait & it will hurt us; however unjust it will be to make Mr Justice suffer for it when he is not to blame we are to work here have a meeting at Mount (Perry ton) on Saturday - The Prince of Demagogues is hard to work doing his dirty work -

Truly
W. W. Maguire

Selins Grove Sept 10 1863

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I have been expecting to see you for some time past - but cannot as yet & must write - We wish you to please use your influence ~~with~~ to send us Gen Butler to our meeting at Middleburg on Tuesday the 29th inst we will want him if possible if he cannot come send us Gov Andy Johnson or some other Democrat- But Butler will do best- You should also urge up the payment of the enrolling & other officers fees for the first draft for many persons are interested who can illy afford to wait & it will hurt us; however unjust it will be to make Gov Curtin suffer for it when he is not to blame we are to work here have a meeting at Fremont (Perry tsp) on Saturday- the Prince of Demagogues is hard to work doing his dirty worst-

Truly
WF Wagenseller

Selins Grove July 11. 1864

Am. Step

Dear Sir

There is a diversity
of opinion here as to the 9 month men
both drafted & volunteers bringⁱⁿ the present
draft - Will you be pleased to satisfy us
on this subject

I oblige many friends
W. G. Wagoner & others

Selins Grove Feby 11, 1864

Hon E Slifer

Dear Sir

There is a diversity of opinion here as to the 9 month
men both drafted & Volunteer being liable in the present draft - Will you be
pleased to satisfy us on this subject

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Selma Ga Sept 14. 1864
Calhoun

Dear Sir

R. W Reed of Hartly township

one of your county Commissioners asks me to
ask his c^o (under the late act of the Leg^s)
an Commission to carry the papers to some
one of our Reg^s - any one but would prefer
51 or 53^d - You & he are of course acquainted
but as he is my brother in law I suppose in the
reason he got out of his own county to write
you.

Truly,
W Magruder

Selins Grove Sept 14, 1864

Col Slifer

Dear Sir

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Commissioners asks me to ask his appt (under the late act of the Sign) as
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WF Wagenseller

How near is our State quota of the 500,000 filled



Schenesbrom June 22. 1865

Wm E Shipw

Dear Sir

We have not yet heard of the app't of Bro Craver to the 2^d Lieutenantcy of Co D. 74th P^o and will be glad to hear that he has been app'd -

At the same time the officers ^{men} of same Co bring farmers (mostly) have asked repeatedly to be relieved from duty or rather that they may be discharged - Now you may know who is to be discharged & who not and if you can aid them in their discharge it will be a great favor to our friends -

At any rate write me and I will send that reply to them for they are very importunate -

How is it that Shreiner is the Rep delegate to the State Convention?

Truly
W B Maguire

Selins Grove June 22, 1865

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