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Selins Grove July 30, 1862

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Dr B. F Wagenseller just returned having passed a good Ex- but his family affairs are 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 Surgeons at some of the encampments in the State where he could take his wife with him -

Will you

please write me immediately & oblige

Truly, WF Wagenseller

Sclins from Aug 7., 1162

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### Selins Grove Aug 7, 1862

Hon E Slifer

Dear Sir

I wrote you last Evening by W.B. Schoch and just now have a letter from Middleburg 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 <u>clerkless</u> My Son & other clerks all going-

In haste Truly yrs WF Wagenseller

I think Dr B. F Wagenseller could go as asst 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 Gran Aug. 8. 1862 Mearbal. in nost of unBlahoch letter yesterday platine to minors I went to middleburg last night I returned about 12 oclock at hight - our Certany is mere them full & must be weeded here to inform you on their arrived at Harristresq In which we though you and I new inform you that they will leave here tomenew (Saturday) to be at Stamistrung by the regular Nor will depend you you to have them mut at the depot and also please have quarters assigned them fint brause you desent it I mixt eve Know not to whem clase to apply Tomby yours

Selins Grove Aug 8, 1862

Dear Col,

In receipt of Mr B Schoch letter yesterday relative to minors I went to Middleburg last night & returned about 12 oclock 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 N C. Train-

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

Truly yours WF Wagenseller

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#### 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

I will not procure any names to this or take any other steps in the matter unless you think it necessary for as to do so to prevent his appt-

I will be glad to hear how you have formed our Regiment If not yet formed please let us know where 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 apptd under any circumstances

Truly yours WF Wagenseller

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### Selins Grove Aug 18, 1862

Hon E Slifer

Dear Sir

I neglected to mention one fact that Wm H Gembuling 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 representatives regulators entitle him to a 2nd lieutenancy in Capt Ryans Company-

Moreover I learn that Jeremiah Snyder was under the influence of liquor on several occasions since in Camp & often before and had bought whiskey for the men on the day they were examined by the Surgeons - W Benj Schoch told me that Snyder had admitted it 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-

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

Truly

WF Wagenseller

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Selins Grove Aug 22, 1862

Hon E Slifer

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D Sir

The bearer Rev C W Sanders was appointed Chaplain of the 131 st Regiment by Col Allabach and calls upon you for his Commission as I believe they are all made out in your dept. Should Col A. have overlooked filing 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 WF Wagenseller

Selins Grown Sept 22.1862 I send a letter from the wife of my fartner who is well night distrooted - I do not Know where it will reach him - Please send at to him - Please Jay to me when they are and when letters will reach them and what prospect there is of their return som - What is then Regt & Company Settles = . How you anything further as & Or B: For Magnisellers promotion My yours My magniseller

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-

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

Have you anything

further as to Dr B. F Wagensellers promotion

Truly yours WF Wagenseller

Selvis Gran Act. 18/62 Am Esligh Hearfir Eun telegram was nod getterday I would to Midelleling immediately I had the promite of. a considerable may of the Judges to go for adjourning tits 2 Loundy in Nove & soon after they met & did pass the resolute to de so after which the President Wand Swengel permetted fack Commungs to get up and make an influenmentary haranger as to subouting of the decisions of the Sup Ch. I an Ithe result was your all we could do was that they signed the Return or What Ever they are called - after appointing return judy to mut at Med delay met True day for Representation and also to mut at Quilty for forgress no time fixed for that - they passed a resolution to must at Middlebrug on 2 Freed of Arms to receive the army (bate - What all the will amount to I do not know unley the return judges can be presented from muly - of this rule you please inform Cal Matterson t atter interested so they may govern themselve a countryly-I present you know when he is In harte Tout

Selins Grove Oct. 18/62 Hon E Slifer

Dear Sir

Your Telegram was read yesterday -I went to Middleburg immediately & had the promises of a considerable maj of the Judges to go for adjourning the 2 [one word illegible] in Nov & soon after they met & did pass the resolution to do so after which the President David Swaigel permitted Jack Cummings to get up and make an inflammatory harangue as to subverting of the decisions of the Sup Ct. 1 or 2 the result was after all we could do was that they signed the Return or what ever they are called- after appointing return Judges to meet at Middleburg next Tuesday for Representation and also to meet at Sunbury for Congress no time fixed for that- they passed a resolution to meet at Middleburg on 22 wed of Nov to receive the Army Vote- what all this will amount to I do not know under the return judges can be prevented from meeting - of this will you please inform Col Patterson & others interested so they may govern themselves accordingly- I presume you know where he is

In haste Truly WF Wagenseller

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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 2<sup>n</sup> Lieut do you not remember that you told me that <u>if I would endorse those charges in writing that</u>

Mr. Snyder should not be commissioned & he not recognized as an officer & that a new election would be ordered

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

vry truly yours

WF Wagenseller

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Selins Grove Apl 18, 1863

Dear Col

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

When some members of our Co F of 131 Regt - (our Snyder County Co) write me that they hear that those companies are intended as Provost Guards in different counties & if so they Co F. would like to Provost our County. How is this- We would like them to have it -

Truly yours WF Wagenseller

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Selins Grove Sept 10 1863 Dear Col

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 Iron Fely 11. 1864
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## 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

& oblige many friends WF Wagenseller & others

Selens Inn Sept 14. 1864
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Selins Grove Sept 14, 1864 Col Slifer

Dear Sir

R.W Reed of Hartly township & one of your county Commissioners asks me to ask his appt (under the late act of the Sign) as commissioner to carry the papers to some one of our Regt - any one but would prefer 51 or 53d - You & he are of course acquainted but as he is my brother in law I suppose is the reason he goes out of his own county to write you. Truly,

WF Wagenseller

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delegate to the State Convention;
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#### Selins Grove June 22, 1865

Hon E Slifer

Dear Sir

We have not yet heard of the appt of DW Crause to the 2 Lieutenancy of Co D. 74 Pa and will be glad to hear that he has been appt-

At the

same time the officers & men of same to bring farmers (mostly) have asked repeatedly to be relieved from duty or rather that they now 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 read that reply to them for they are very importunate -How is it that Shriner is the Rep delegate to the

State Convention?

Truly WF Wagenseller