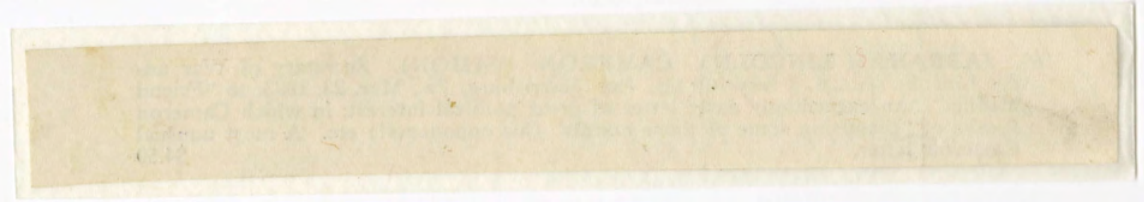


169. (ABRAHAM LINCOLN). CAMERON (SIMON) Secretary of War under Lincoln. A.L.S. 2 very full pp., 4to. Harrisburg, Pa., Mar 23, 1823, to "Friend Mifflin." An exceedingly early letter of great political interest, in which Cameron speaks of "chastising some of those rascals" (his opponents!) etc. A most unusual Cameron letter

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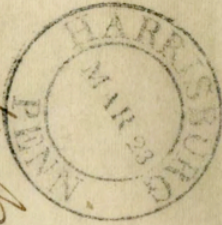
I have again been disappointed, in sending your letter by private conveyance. About two weeks ago, I entrusted a letter for you, to a gentleman that was about visiting the city from this place, and yesterday had it returned to me, that he had entirely forgotten it until after he had left the city. But it matters not much as it only informed you of my disappointment in not being able to succeed in getting you stated in Lebanon. I have been at that place since I heard from you last, & on consulting with some of the persons there, I found them completely changed in opinion. They said they were fearful that by establishing a paper, they would injure the election of their favorite candidate. It might, they were fearful, be said by our opponents that the paper was established by Mr. P and would have a counteracting effect. I could not agree to this doctrine, but had to give way to them, as a paper could not

live without their encouragement at this time. I
knew no other alternative than waiting some time longer,
perhaps their opinion may change. I am extremely sorry,
Neffler, as I had already fancied myself near you.
There can be no doubt, but there will be persons waiting
to conduct papers in some part of the state, during the
summer, and it is probable that I shall hear of them.
In case, I will remember your interests. I shall be in
the city in the early part of the summer, and will ac-
company you to Dice Town, and I hope will have an
opportunity of chastising some of the rascals there. I am
extremely anxious to have a conversation with you.
If you are not much engaged, would it not be well
enough to visit this place? I will accompany you
to Lebanon, and perhaps by your presence you might
do something to your advantage.

I am well acquainted with Mr. Shuffe* and
am convinced that he is the best choice that could
have been made at this time.

Remember me to all your friends in Bucks, and believe
me your

Friend
J. Cameron
(* Elected Governor
1823.)



Mr Benjamin Whipple,

Writer,

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