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AUTOGRAPH LETTERS SIGNED, GROVER CLEVELAND as GOVERNOR AND PRESIDENT  
To EDWARD H. BUTLER, Founder and Publisher, The Buffalo Evening News

10 items, 1884-1886

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NOTES ON GROVER CLEVELAND LETTERS TO E. H. BUTLER

Individuals Mentioned:

- Ambrose-- J. Ambrose Butler, brother of E. H. Butler and business manager of *The Buffalo Evening News*
- Bissell-- Wilson Shannon Bissell (1847-1903), Cleveland's closet friend and former law partner; appointed Postmaster General during Cleveland's second presidential term and was also the fifth Chancellor (president) of the University of Buffalo (1902-03).
- Crowley-- James Crowley, Associate Editor of *The News*?
- Jones-- Cyrus P. Jones, City Editor of *The News*?
- Manning-- Daniel Manning, chairman of New York State Democratic Party, long-time political associate of Samuel J. Tilden; controlling owner, *Albany Argus*; served as Secretary of the Treasury during Cleveland's first presidential term. Manning was largely responsible for Cleveland's nomination for governor and also supported him for the presidential nomination after Tilden announced on June 10, 1884 that he was too frail to run.
- McIntosh-- William McIntosh, Managing Editor of *The News*.
- Scoville-- Jonathan Scoville, Cleveland's successor as Mayor of Buffalo; earlier served as U.S. Congressman.

Other References

Letter of July 14, 1884--acknowledges Butler's influential role at the Democratic Convention in Chicago which nominated Cleveland for president July 11, 1884.

Subsequent letters written in July and August refer to the scandal that arose when the **Buffalo Evening Telegraph** published on July 21 "A Terrible Tale" accusing Cleveland of fathering the illegitimate son of Maria Halpin. For details, see the biography of Cleveland by Allan Nevins (**Grover Cleveland: A Study in Courage**); also feature stories that have appeared in **The News**.

Letter of October 16, 1886 from the White House--the "terrific storm" referred to was a wind storm that destroyed the homes of some forty families and damaged the new Music Hall.

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