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TO: C. N. Lee
FROM: John B. Drake

Grand Pacific Hotel

Chicago, Sept 17 1875

C. N. Lee

Gen Supt
Hannibal, Mo.

Dear Sir:-

<?> at hand Mrs. Walker Dexter & Smith's letter.

I do not know what defence the Company has to make. Mr. Morse insisted on fighting this claim against my advice. As I could not see that the Company had any defence we thought it useless to pay attorneys' fees for nothing. I advised the payment of this bill. But you said they had a defence. Perhaps Hilton knows what it is. I think it would be best to have it settled in the best terms that your attorneys could do. I advised Mrs. Walker Dexter & Smith at the time before the commencement of the suit and they said that the papers Morse sent would not do for a defence and advised the settlement at the time, but the decision was for a lawsuit and if you have no <?> <?> to, <?> then they will get a judgement against the Company.

Yours Truly

Jno. B. Drake

¹ FROM: 1875 Book of Letters to R.S.S.