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TO: R. S. Stevens
FROM: Joshua LaDue

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Gen. R. S. Stevens
Hannibal, Mo.

Dear Sir:-

Your esteemed favor came to hand this morning, for which please accept thanks. I can get \$1500 per annum to take charge of Mo. Pacific's business between Jefferson City and Warrensburg, but I would much prefer to work under you. I have had more than ordinary experience on Railroad litigation, and should like to get where I could settle down and make it a specialty. I went through the celebrated LaCrosse Railroad litigation, which was very protracted, and ably conducted and I think also Mitchell and Russel Sage will tell you I managed my part (in which I represented the city of Milwaukee's interest of \$1,700,000) with credit to myself and profit to the city. I am desirous of a broader field, labor and am satisfied that you and myself could agree and that I could manage the law business satisfactorily to you. I have been under duress ever since I have been out in this country, not satisfied with my location, and with no field for my professional ambition. Had it not have been for P.A. and A.D. who kept me in the background I believe I could have secured and maintained a position with you from the start. If you can manage for an opening for me I will promise you that the moment I do not satisfy your company I will "step down and out." I think Mr. Carver is a friend of mine as well as Mr. Craig.

Truly Yours,
J. LaDue

¹FROM: 1875 Book of Letters to R.S.S.