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TO: R. S. Stevens

FROM: H. H. Baxter

#19 Broad Street, New York

Dec. 9th 1875

My Dear Stevens:-

This will be presented to you by my nephew Mr. H. H. Baxter. It is very seldom I am obliged to ask any friend to do me a personal favor, but in this instance I do ask it, and shall appreciate anything you may do for him as a personal kindness to me.

He has for some years been engaged in the Mercantile business at Norfolk, Va., but business is so demoralized in the south, he has sold out his business thus, and now I want him to engage in the Rail Road business, being healthy and robust, together with industrious habits. I am sure you will find him a valuable man for you. In any of your offices, you can give him a responsible situation with perfect confidence. If you do, I shall appreciate it more than any personal favor you could do me, and as for his thorough business ability, entire honesty, & trustworthiness and good habits, I give you my personal guaranty.

He has a wife and two children that are now in this city and will remain here for the present. I trust you will take a personal interest in this young man for my sake, and give him a good situation, that I am sure he will fill to your entire satisfaction.

Very Truly Your Friend,

H. H. Baxter

To:

Col. R. S. Stevens
Gen^l. Manager
H. & St. J. Rail Road
Hannibal, Mo.

¹FROM: Book of letters to R.S.S., July 1875 to April 1876.