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TO: R. S. Stevens

FROM: J. G. Melville

Lawrence, August 25th '75

R. S. Stevens, Esq.

Genl. Mangr., H. & St. J. Ry.

Dear Sir:-

I have been out of employment so long that idleness has become a burden to me and seeing no prospect of anything to do here, I have decided to go to California. Feeling that a letter from you would be worth everything to me, I take the liberty of asking for it. Will you add to the thousand and one past favors by sending me a letter before I leave. I expect to get away some time next week. Hoping to hear of your entire recovery from the effects of your late accident.

I am Very Truly Yours,

J. G. Melville

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